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Out of the night that covers me
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fall clutch of circumstance
I have not wept or cried aloud,
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley.

Editorial Notes.

The strike at the Carnegie mills has been settled and work resumed. Concessions were made by both sides.

WHENEVER the Parisian populace gets hungry for a riot, it goes to the Place de la Concorde. There is nothing in a name.

THE wheat crop of Sumner county at 65 cents a bushel will bring a total of \$1,930,000, or \$60 for every man, woman and child in the county.

THE meanest man in Kansas lives in Cowley county. His wheat yielded 48 bushels per acre and now he is growling because there are worms in his cabbage.

THE REGISTER is indebted to John Alden, the New York publisher, for "Poor Richard's Almanac" by Benj. Franklin. It is something of a rarity in these degenerate days.

THE Lawrence Tribune says it "wants the majority to rule." The chances are it will have its wishes gratified. The majority is in the habit of doing that sort of thing.

In 1880, before prohibition the Kansas penitentiary had one prisoner for every 1,400 of the population of the State. In 1889, after prohibition the proportion is but one for every 2,000.

THE middle of July and not a breath of the hot winds yet. It is now in order for Mitt Reynolds, who first invented the idea that the opening of Oklahoma would fence off the simoon from Kansas, to rise up and say "I told you so!"

THE last of the State debt of Iowa was paid off last week by the treasurer and now that great commonwealth does not owe a dollar it cannot pay on demand. Astonishing how this thing of Republican rule and prohibition does ruin a State.

THE police records of Kansas City show that twenty-seven saloon keepers were arrested in that city last Sunday for keeping their saloons open contrary to law. "A high-license law can be enforced so much better than prohibition," you know!

Paola Republican: Farmer Funston is peacefully engaged raising corn, calves and "sich" and "flin" fences on his fine Allen-co., farm while a few would-be Second District Congressmen are sweating and worrying this hot weather. Keep cool and calm, fellows!

Paola Times: Harvard College, at its last commencement, conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon Prof. W. H. Carruth, of our State University. The honor is not unworthily bestowed, as Prof. Carruth is one of the most accomplished educators and best scholars of the State.

If there be any simple minded among you, inclined to believe that the people of Kansas want re-submission because the Kansas City Times says they do, let them remember that the same paper said last fall that the people wanted Martin for Governor and not Humphrey.

AT AN election in Iowa the other day to fill a vacant county commissionership, a Mr. Sauerwein, the prohibition candidate, was elected over Mr. Drinkwater, the whiskey candidate. It really doesn't seem to make much difference to some men what kind of a name they have.

It must be that some men are born office holders, just as some men are born actors or artists. There is Tom Kavanaugh, for instance: Held office in Kansas as long as he lived here, and now appointed Surveyor General of Washington Territory before he has got fairly warm in the new nest.

THE silliest story that has yet floated out from Washington is that Senator Ingalls is displeased with Harrison "because Preston B. Plumb is capturing all the appointments." When one of the Kansas senators goes gadding it may be pointed out that the other, if out of sight, is only on the other side of the brush heap, watching for the same game.

THE Leavenworth Times says that a majority of the prisoners in the penitentiary are serving terms for horse-stealing. It is very evident that the law against horse stealing makes thieves of men and cannot be enforced and should therefore be repealed. It is understood that the Kansas City Times and the Topeka Democrat will begin the crusade next week, as soon as they get prohibition resubmitted.

THE royal waxwork show in Westminster Abbey—closed to sight—since 1839 and wellnigh forgotten—will be described by John Lillie in Harper's Magazine for August. The most important of these "lively effigies," as the old chroniclers called them will be shown in illustrations.

CONSIDERING that "he is an absolute nonentity," that "nobody ever hears of him" and that he "has no strength or influence," it is really surprising to note how the representative from the Second District keeps the Ottawa Republican worked up all the time. Uneasy lies the head that wants to wear a crown.

ONE of the fool things done by the South Dakota Constitution makers was to fix the salary of the Governor at \$1,000. Everybody knows that the Governor of a great State cannot live on \$1,000 a year; and this provision of the Constitution is simply a declaration that no poor man needs apply for that office.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, in the Editor's Easy Chair of Harper's Magazine for August, will consider the words that rumor has put into the mouth of President Harrison, that his rule of action was to please himself. Mr. Curtis maintains that, understood in its true spirit, this remark contains the highest rule of conduct.

"What evil have I done that they should praise me?" must have been the sorrowful exclamation of Charlie Finch, of the Lawrence Tribune, when he found the Kansas City Times and the Topeka Democrat and all the pack of their small imitators covering him all over with honey. Honey sometimes draws flies, dear boy.

We heard a well posted Kansas Republican say last week that not more than one of the seven Kansas Congressmen would be re-elected next year.—El Dorado Republican.

Then there is a large sized surprise in store for the aforesaid Republican. Every member of the Kansas delegation that is alive and wants the office, will be re-elected next year.

We are pleased to note that our friend L. J. Perry, formerly of the Paola Republican, has been appointed as one of the civilians required on the board which has in preparation the rebellion records for publication. The position is one for which Mr. Perry's long newspaper training peculiarly fits him, and carries with it moreover a right handsome salary, so that congratulations are to be extended both to the department and to Mr. Perry.

THE frantic controversy between the Lawrence Journal and the Lawrence Tribune, on the question of re-submission, is particularly diverting when it is remembered that the editors of these papers occupy the same sanctum and draw their salaries from the same man. Could anything be funnier than the spectacle of the dignified Col. Greene and the genial Charlie Finch busily engaged in making faces at each other across the table which they jointly use?

Forty years ago a personal friend of the writer of this paid 35 per cent interest on money which he borrowed to buy land with in Illinois. Twenty years ago western farmers who borrowed money and gave a mortgage for security paid 15 and 18 per cent interest. Any amount of money can be borrowed today on Kansas real estate security for 7 and 8 per cent. The poor man now has a better chance than he ever had. The rich man's wealth brings him a smaller return now than it ever did. Think of these things.

THE Western farmer is joined to his mortgage. Let him alone.—Courier-Journal.

Yes, "let him alone," and see how well he is able to take care of himself. He is "joined to his mortgage," but he knew exactly what he was doing when he tied the knots, and he knows exactly when and how they are to be untied. He bought land and borrowed money to pay for it, for the simple reason that if he hadn't borrowed the money he couldn't have bought the land, if he hadn't joined himself to a mortgage he couldn't have joined himself to a farm. The farm is growing faster than the mortgage is and after a while he will strike off the mortgage and have the farm left. Let him alone.

THE World sent a skilled investigator to Arkansas to explore the condition of things there in connection with the assassination of John M. Clayton. He was instructed to find out the truth and report it without bias, prejudice or favor. His report has been published in the World and it is one that should make every self-respecting citizen of Arkansas ashamed. That report does not show who the murderers of Clayton are, but it does show that the people of the State in which the crime was committed have made themselves morally accessories after the fact. These are unpleasant things to say. But they are true.—New York World.

Coming from the leading Democratic paper in the United States, this is decidedly interesting testimony. Only if the World wanted to be absolutely accurate it should have said "the Democratic party" instead of "the people" of Arkansas.

THE forthcoming (August) number of the Century will contain a chapter on "Lincoln and the Churches" in the Lincoln History, by Messrs. Hay and Nicolay, from which the following is an extract from advance sheets:

He was a man of profound and intense religious feeling. We have no purpose of attempting to formulate his creed; we question if he himself ever did so. There have been swift witnesses who, judging from expressions uttered in his callow youth, have called him an atheist, and others who, with the most laudable intentions, have remembered improbable conversations which they bring forward to prove at once his orthodoxy and their own intimacy with him. But leaving aside these apocryphal evidences, we have only to look at his authentic public and private utterances to see how deep and strong in all the latter part of his life was the current of his religious thought and emotion. He continually invited and appreciated at their highest value the prayers of good people. The pressure of the tremendous "problems by which he was surrounded; the awful moral significance of the conflict in which he was the chief combatant; the overwhelming sense of personal responsibility, which never left him; his high and noble contributions to produce, in a temperament naturally serious and predisposed to a spiritual view of life and conduct, a sense of reverent acceptance of the guidance of a Superior Power. From that morning when, standing amid the falling snowflakes on the railway car at Springfield, he asked the prayers of his neighbors in those touching phrases whose echoes rose that night in invocations from thousands of family altars, to that memorable hour when on the steps of the Capitol he humbled himself before his Creator in the sublime words of the second inaugural, there is not an expression known to have come from his lips or his pen but proves that he held himself answerable in every act of his career to a more august tribunal than any on earth. The fact that he was not a communicant of any church, and that he was singularly reserved in regard to his personal religious life, gives only the greater force to these striking proofs of his profound reverence and faith.

GIVE IT TO THE INMATE.

The recent appropriation of \$50,000 or more for continuing work on the Hutchinson reformatory has again attracted attention to that white elephant, and a good many of our exchanges are figuring it out as a dead loss to the State. If used for the purpose originally intended it doubtless will be. The whole theory of reformatory prisons is based, in our humble judgment, on a mistaken idea of human nature. There can be but two classes of criminals: Those who are by nature depraved and vicious, and those who commit crimes under the pressure of unexpected or unusual temptation or of great provocation. The first class, men who, given the opportunity, commit crime as naturally and inevitably as they perform any other function of life, are irremediable, except by the grace of God. There is no patent process, devised by man, by which they can be poured in, vile, at one end of the machine to come out, clean, at the other end. The only thing for society to do with such men is to shut them up, and one place—provided always that a due regard for the humanities is observed—is as good as another. The second class do not need reformation. That is to say, it is not necessary in order to restrain them from future crimes, to work any radical change in their moral natures. Their crime was the result of sudden passion, not the outgrowth of a vicious nature, and it is not likely to be repeated. For these reasons briefly, we agree that as a reformatory, the Hutchinson institution is likely to be of little benefit to the State.

But what is to hinder the next Legislature from striking out the word "reformatory" and inserting the words "Insane Asylum"? The State needs it badly and at once. We do not know what legal technicalities may stand in the way; but if there are none—and it would seem that the Legislature should have power to devote State property to whatever public use it thinks best—then it would certainly be well to make this change.

HIS LIFE HIS PUNISHMENT.

Maybe it is a cruel judgment after all on old Jeff Davis and not a mercy that he has been allowed to live so long. He might have died twenty-five years ago, a hero and a martyr, proud of the great part he had taken in the mighty struggle to establish a separate Nation, firmly believing that the "cause" would eventually triumph and that the political principles he had advocated all his life would be vindicated. But he has been permitted to live on and on, through slow years that have brought him only deeper defeat and humiliation. Instead of dying a hero and a martyr, he has lived to be despised and contemned as has no other man since Benedict Arnold. He has lived to see the case he championed lost, lost, and the political principles he advocated sealed with the black seal of lasting condemnation. He has lived to see the slaves he tried to keep in bondage sitting, free men, in the councils of the Nation and helping to frame laws that he must obey. He has lived to see the Union he strove to dismember re-united in bonds that grew every day stronger, increasing daily in wealth and majesty, the foremost power on globe today by very reason of the fact that he failed.

Verily, verily, the judgments of the Lord are holy, just and righteous altogether.