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POETRY.

A LYRIC FOR THE TIMES.

AFTER BYRON.

The assessors came down like the wolf on the fold,
And the notices read, "payable only in gold;"
And the printers were busy by night and by day,
And the papers "chock full" of "amesements to pay."

Like the leaves of the forest their numbers was seen,
Like the leaves of the forest, their victims were "green;"
For they thought but of dividends—doubting when told
That to "work well a silver mine, takes one of gold!"

But the Angel of Work spread his wings on the blast,
And whispered for "money to pay" as he passed;
And the picks of the workmen waxed polished and bright,
As they delved underground in the deep gloom of night.

And there were the tunnels, their openings all wide,
(But somehow the "pay rock" didn't come up their side.)
And the workmen went deeper and "drifted" about;
That they'd soon "strike it rich" there was scarcely a doubt.

And there sat the brokers, dejected and sad,
Their coats "awful seedy," their hats "shocking bad;"
Their lunches untasted, their "smiles" now all gone,
Their glasses unlifted, their "feet" all "unblown."

And the widows of Washoe are loud in their wa'l,
And the sound of their weeping is borne on the gale,
For the "tens" and the "twenties" of each hidden hoard,
Have melted like snow at the calls of the "Board."

EVENING SHADOWS.

Surely the day is done!
'Tis set of sun.
Long fall the shadows from the snowy hills;
Not yet have waked the sleepy little rills:
But softer air
Floats everywhere—
Although the day is done.

Ah, yes! the day is done!
And one by one
The ghosts of starlight flit across the sky;
In doors, the fire-elves on the carpet lie,
Tired of play,
The children say,
Because the day is done.

We know the day is done!
Our feet have run
Unresting in the path that duty made,
Treading on thorns, of dangers not afraid,
And rest is sweet
Through night-hours fleet,
And day again comes on.

The day of life is done!
And set the sun!
Eyes dim to fairest sights that earth can show,
Ears heedless, though entrancing music flow,
And marble brow,
Unwrinkled now;
Indeed the day is done!

But *is* the day yet done?
And set the sun?
When seas of amber light transfuse the air,
And Paradisal flowers bloom everywhere,
O'er purple hills
The sunrise thrills,
Heaven's day has just begun!

WEAPONS.

Both swords and guns are strong, no doubt,
And so are tongue and pen,
And so are sheaves of good bank notes,
To sway the souls of men;
But guns and swords, and gold and thought,
Though mighty in their sphere,
Are sometimes feebler than a smile,
And poorer than a tear.

Grant, Junior.

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These are all the President's family, I believe, except another boy who is at school in Massachusetts somewhere, and his first-born, Frederick D. (supposed to be named after the President's well known poor relation and doorkeeper, Dent), who is just completing the second year of his probation here.

Hereditary genius has not broken out in that youth, by the by, so as to occasion any alarm about the combustion by him of the adjacent Hudson. When you ask the officers about *him* they shake their heads and laugh, or look grave, according to their way of thinking. Not that he is incurably stupid, either; but it is possible he relies too much upon his father's influence to shield him from the consequences of any errors into which he may fall, and I have seen enough of the Point to be assured that that will not do.

Last year he was a little more than half way down in mathematics, and at the very bottom in French. These are the only studies reported in the register. The last report shows the same standing. Young Grant is No. 8 (the lowest number) in the fifth (the lowest section) in *French*, and No. 4 (the middle number) in the third (the middle section) in mathematics. In that branch of science known at West Point as "Demerits," however, his prominence is startling. Last year he was marked 175, 25 below the *limit*, at which forbearance ceases, to the official mind, to be a virtue, and 75 beyond the point attained by any other member of the class. This year it is not quite so bad, for three of his classmates have managed to misconduct themselves beyond him.

Pennsylvania Politics.

There is an exciting race between the various aspirants for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania. The leading candidates are George W. Case, Asa Packer and General Hancock. The friends of the first two are anxious to keep Hancock out of the field, because it is believed he will be the most popular man before the nominating convention. They have asked the friends of General Hancock to have him write a letter in advance declining the nomination on the ground that he wishes to retain his place in the regular army. Hancock's friends refuse to do this, believing as they do that he stands a good chance not only of being nominated but elected. The leading Republican politicians admit that Hancock would be the most formidable antagonist that could be brought into the field against Geary. His friends seeing the opportunity, are determined to push the claims of their candidate before the Democratic Convention.

In one Southern State alone, it is said, there are sixteen hundred ladies who have promised General E. Kirby Smith, proprietor of the Military Academy, at Newcastle, Ky., their sons as pupils, and many of the ladies have only been married a few months.

THE DEATH OF A REMARKABLE INVENTOR.—Joseph Dixon, who lately died in Jersey City, aged 71, was a most remarkable, not to say extraordinary man. He made a machine to cut files before he attained his majority, learned the printer's trade, afterward that of wood engraving, then lithography, and afterward studied medicine, and in that connection became interested in chemistry, becoming, finally, one of the most accomplished and comprehensive chemists in the country. He was a thorough optician, and had no equal in the knowledge of photography. He took up the experiments of Daguerre in 1839, and was probably the first person to take a portrait by the camera. He showed Prof. Morse how to take portraits by means of a reflector, so that the subjects should not appear reversed. Morse tried to get the plan patented in Europe. Mr. Dixon built the first locomotive, with wooden wheels, but with the same double crank now used. He originated the process of photo-lithography, and published it years before it was believed to be useful. By his process of transferring, the old bank notes were easily counterfeited, and it was to guard against the abuse of his own process that he brought out the system of printing in colors on the bills, and had the method patented, but never received any benefit from the patent, all the banks having used it without pay. He perfected the system of making collodion for the photographers, and assisted Mr. Harrison in getting a true system for grinding the lenses for camera tubes. He originated the anti-friction metal, that has been for a great many years known as "Babbitt metal;" and he is the father of the steel-melting business in this country.

The following is a list of cadets appointed by President Grant to the United States Military Academy at large for the year 1870: Joseph F. Crane, of Ohio, son of the late Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Joseph G. Crane, United States army, recently murdered at Vicksburg, Miss.; Bernard M. Byrne, son of the late surgeon Byrne, United States army, and grandson of the late General Albert, Chief of the Corps of Topographical Engineers; Lewis Morris, of New York, son of the late Colonel Morris, killed at Cold Harbor, Va., during the late war, and grandson of Major Morris, United States army, killed in the war of 1812; James H. Johnson of Pennsylvania, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. Johnson, United States volunteers, who died from the effects of wounds and exposure during the late war; Robert Paige Wainwright of New York, son of the late Commodore Wainwright, United States Navy, killed in action on the deck of the Harriet Lane, in Galveston Bay, during the late war; John M. Robinson, of New York, son of General John C. Robinson, United States army, who lost a leg during the late war; Charles M. O'Conner of Iowa, son of Major O'Conner, United States volunteers; John M. Clem of Ohio, a drummer boy in the army of the Cumberland during the late war; H. B. Febiger of Ohio, son of Captain Febiger, United States army; Nathaniel D. Pendleton of West Virginia, who rendered important service to the army of General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley during the late war, (transferred from the appointments heretofore made for the present year).

A SEA OF NAPHTHA ON FIRE.—The Pall Mall *Gazette* mentions the recurrence of an extraordinary phenomenon, recorded by Herodotus as having been observed in remote times by the tribes inhabiting the shores of the Caspian Sea. That huge salt lake is dotted with islands from which enormous quantities of naphtha are yearly taken. Early last month, owing to subterranean disturbances, the naphtha wells on those islands overflowed, and the inflammable substance spread over the entire surface of the lake. It accidentaly took fire, and for forty-eight hours burned furiously over a surface of many thousands of square miles, presenting a magnificent and terrifying spectacle to the inhabitants of the surrounding country, who imagined the end of the world was at hand. The fish in the lake were entirely destroyed, and for miles around vegetation was parched, and the country made like a desert.

PROJECTOR OF THE PEACE JUBILEE.—Gilmore, the projector of the Peace Jubilee, arrived in Boston twenty years ago, and obtained a situation as clerk in Ordway's music store. He was then a good cornet player, and soon became a leader of a Charlestown brass band. He then began to give concerts, and in time started a band of his own, becoming in Boston what Dodsworth is to New York. During the war he, with his band, entered the service, and for a while was stationed at New Orleans. Since the war he has been residing in Boston, where he has managed a variety of musical entertainments. As a composer he is known by the songs "Good News from Home" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and a large collection of military and dance music. Mr. Gilmore is an Irishman, having been born in Dublin in 1829.

ASTRONOMICAL.—An English physician has just discovered that the moon passes successively, during its different phases, from a temperature of molten lead to that of the congelation of mercury. While the sun darts its rays upon it a thermometer suitably constructed would indicate a temperature of nearly 300 degrees. While, on the contrary, upon the side opposite the sun, the instrument would descend to 70 degrees below zero, thus giving a fortnight of Siberian winter, followed by a fortnight of equatorial summer.

A clergyman who was consoling a young widow on the death of her husband, spoke in a serious vein of his many christian qualities. "You know," said he, "you only lived his equal, perhaps as long as you will." To which the fair one replied, disconsolate-hearted, "I'll bet I will."

THE WEST.

Colorado proposes a big Fair this autumn.

Denver has an invoice of Chinese at last.

A $150,000 hotel is to be built at Omaha.

Hendricks, of Indiana, will visit California this month.

The Langrishe troupe were still at Cheyenne, July 10th.

"Ned Buntline" is to lecture on temperance in Cheyenne.

The California Pacific Railroad is graded to Knight's Landing.

Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, is in the blooded stock business.

Hon. D. D. Belden has resigned his seat in the Colorado Legislature.

San Francisco intends to build a ship the size of the Great Eastern.

Harry Richmond, an old favorite, is with Langrishe's company again.

In anticipation of Quaker inspection the Indians are scouring the border.

About twenty lives were lost by the great freshet at Junction City, Kansas.

It is proposed to build a railroad between Monterey and Salinas, California.

Two of Castello's circus men were shot in Salt Lake City by mid-night angels.

Captain Stitwell, Adjutant of the 1st Colorado volunteers, has returned to Denver.

Sacramento, Vallejo and Napa, California, are all talking of building mammoth hotels.

Senator Pomeroy of Kansas, is running a muck against Masons and Good Templars.

Henry Everett will be a candidate for State Senator from Nevada county, California.

Jacob Fernace, of Kansas City, is 118 years old. That Furnace must be at a white heat.

A street fell down in Kansas City, July 6th, and buried a span of horses, wagon and driver.

Stephen B. Dilley is appointed Deputy District Court Clerk in Alturas county, Idaho.

In Oregon crops are greatly in excess of any previous year, except in the Walla Walla region.

The Pennsylvania Central railroad has contracted to send 5,000 Mormons over the line this season.

The forerunner of Castello's circus was stabbed recently in a Chinese house of prostitution at Elko.

Robert Chew, of Red Dog, has a thirty-two year old horse which carried him through the Mexican war.

A number of Indians from the Uintah Reservation are about Boise City. *They have horses for sale.*

A White Pine ice house consists of a huge pile of snow, closely packed and thickly covered with pine boughs.

The Denver Mint has been started again, Mr. Schirmer's bonds having been approved by Secretary Boutwell.

They have had hot weather in California—so hot as to melt the honey and drown the bees—in Suisun Valley.

The Sonoma county Agricultural Society will hold its third annual exhibition at Petaluma on September 29th.

When Seward was a Whig he visited the "Coon"-eries—Now he is visiting "Cocooneries" in Sacramento.

The largest income returned this year in Sonoma county, California, is that of John Sroufe, of Petaluma—$12,482.

A man named Isaac Garrett was murdered at Wasatch June 30th, and then hung to a telegraph pole to hide the crime.

The American flag was torn down and burned at Pueblo, California, July 4th. Insanity alone could excuse such a deed.

The *Overland Monthly* of California has been sold to John H. Carmany & Co. It is already a pecuniary and literary success.

L. Hitchcock, of Jackson, Michigan, fell from the fourth story window of a hotel in Omaha on the night of July 1st. Dead.

The Salt Lake City branch of the Union Pacific Railroad has been located at the Hot Springs, a short distance only from the city.

C. C. Clements has been appointed Surveyor General of Utah. That is Grant's style of executive Clements-ass toward B. Y.

The Mission of Santa Barbara, California, was founded under Carlos III of Spain, December 4th, 1786. It is therefore, nearly 83 years old.

The California State Fair, at which premiums amounting to $20,000 are to be given, is to commence at Sacramento on September 6th.

The Salt Lake *Telegraph* is informed that Wells, Fargo & Co., have sold their stage line from Uintah to Salt Lake City to Gilmore & Co.

Governor McCook delivered the Fourth of July oration in Denver. Where, Oh! where, and why tarryeth beyond his realms, Governor Ashley?

The St. Joseph *Herald* has decided to issue Messrs. Williams & Powers' circus and giving them to Messrs. A. K. Bangs and J. L. Bittinger.

Mail service has been discontinued on the Sandy River route. The Denver *Mirror* says the contractor is to compensate himself by the Colorado mail [illegible]

A fire broke out on the United States receiving ship Independence, at San Francisco, California, recently. By prompt efforts the valuable old ship was saved.

"[illegible] flowers, and a wilderness [illegible] are all the [illegible] place of [illegible]

"Colonel Walker [illegible] will be discontinued, and a [illegible] gun, on the Niagara river, [illegible] Bagnell.

The legal rate of interest in California was changed by the act of March 30th, 1869, from ten to seven per cent. per annum; but by express contract, any higher rate may be charged and collected.

A Vigilance Committee in Bryan, Wyoming, waited on a man they call "Wild Bill," and gave him fifteen minutes to leave the town. "Bill" got on his cayuse and said: "Gentlemen, if this mule don't "buck," I dont want but five."

The Republican Sacramento County Convention nominated A. A. Wood for Sheriff; M. C. Tilden for District Attorney; Joseph Hill for County Clerk; T. H. Russell for Treasurer; J. W. Norvall, Recorder and Auditor; F. R. Dray, Assessor; S. W. Butler, Public Administrator; J. W. Beaver, Jr., Coroner; James H. Shannon, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and John Prentice as County Surveyor.

A Leavenworth daily has recently set up what it calls "Our Gopher Column." After defining the little rodent quadruped of that name, the editor thus attaches a secondary meaning with an orthographical difference: "Go-For (verbative) to get after, to haze, to hustle, to worry." He announces: "What we want for this column is personalities, as mean as possible. Expense of libel suits to be defrayed by the writer—*funeral expenses by us.*" Information is given that "beer is down to *two* cents a glass, and *stained* soda-water is sold at infantile figures."

Idaho city had a terrible murder on the 4th, as we learn from the *World*. A man named James Porter took lunch at the Idaho Brewery with James Collins, John Moore, M. Anderson and Hans Peter Hanson, eating and drinking with them. Rising, almost without a word he drew his six-shooter, shot and instantly killed Hanson, dangerously wounded Moore, fired three shots at the others and fled. Going to his cabin he reloaded his pistol and started up Elk creek. He snapped his pistol at Harry Bennet and Mrs. Dooley, and asked several others "if they wanted any of it?" He was overtaken and captured by ex-Sheriff Crutcher, whom he tried to shoot, but a ball that stuck in the mouth of the chamber prevented the cylinder from revolving. He was put in jail. Porter is an Irishman, aged 30 years. Hanson was a Dane, aged 31. Moore is a native of Holstein.

Nova Scotia Annexation.

The Nova Scotians seem to be somewhat in earnest in their desire to withdraw from the Dominion of Canada. At least that inference might fairly be drawn from the following resolutions adopted by a Convention of the Repeal League, recently held at Halifax:

"WHEREAS, In the opinion of the members of this Convention, the further continuance of Nova Scotia in the Canada Confederation will be but daily progress to ruin; and whereas, our only hope of commercial prosperity, national development, and permanent peace lies in close relation with the United States. Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That every legitimate means should be used by the members of the Convention to sever the connection with Canada, and bring about a union, on fair and equitable terms, with the American Republic.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention recommend the formation of leagues throughout the province, for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolutions into effect."

E. S. Higgins is building two large hotels in New York. One is the Grand Central Hotel, which replaces the late Southern Hotel, on Broadway, opposite Bond street. It will be one of the largest houses in the United States, having a front of 125 feet on Broadway, a depth of 200 feet, and a front of 150 feet on Mercer street. The lots cost $780,000, and the alterations in the buildings will cost $250,000. The other house is the Grand Hotel, now nearly finished, at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-first street. It is of marble, eight stories high, with a front of 105 feet on Broadway, and 125 feet on Thirty-first street. It will have two hundred bedrooms, and is intended for a family hotel. It will cost $300,000.

This is an age of progress. In Green county, Kentucky, for instance, a Grand Jury, recently, "presented" an aged woman of that place, on the charge of being a witch—which she says she is not. It is alleged that she cast an evil eye upon her neighbor's cattle, so that they sickened and died by the score, and, further, that she so effected the waters of the wells upon which she looked that all who partook of them languished and eventually followed their fathers to dream-land. Such an unmitigated set of fools as these jurors were born out of time. They should have flourished a century or two ago. As it is they have lived too long to have lived at all.

Florida is the twenty-fifth State which has ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. Iowa and Vermont will follow, making twenty-seven. It requires twenty-eight. Texas, Mississippi and Virginia think they can do without a ratification. [illegible] of the members of Congress. [illegible]

WHIFFS.

—Sheet music—Snoring.

—A Hub-bub—A Boston boy.

—Maggie Mitchell is paralyzed.

—4,000,000 Germans in America.

—Croquet—Presbyterian billiards.

—Shower of brass—Reigning belles.

—Isabella is going to Prague to live.

—New York built 2,112 houses in 1868.

—Skylights—The sun, moon and stars.

—Grant is going to the White mountains.

—A water spout—A temperance oration.

—Man is the source of all a horse's whoas.

—A loan-some place—A pawnbroker's office.

—How to stick to your oath—Swear by gum.

—The Crown Prince of Russia wears paper collars.

—Borie intends compiling a classical dictionary.

—Susan Denia has married an English nobleman.

—Porter continues on draught in the navy department.

—"A woman's rights store" is the latest Boston idea.

—There are 6,000 printing houses in the United States.

—Flora Temple's latest colt is baptised Prince Imperial.

—Poetry and consumption are the most flattering diseases.

—Jockey tats form a part of the dinner toilet at West Point.

—The Sexton—An errand boy to carry doctors work home.

—More money is spent in New York for tobacco than for bread.

—Anna Dickinson is worth her weight in gold—Silver Bow dust.

—Disgusting meanness—To tan a dog's hide with his own tail.

—Chicago is to appropriate $80,000 to dredge the Chicago river.

—"Carleton" says the trip around the world can be made for $1,554.

—Secretary Rawlins is said to be a strong friend of Cuban independence.

—Three thousand duels were fought in the German Universities last year.

—The *Point of Honor* is the name of a new journal to be published in Florence.

—Dr. Ogden says, "hell is full of dyspeptics, and dyspeptics are full of hell."

—Henry J. Raymond's son is to be the future editor of the New York *Times*.

—Two million dollars are invested in circuses, menageries, etc., in this country.

—As late as June 6th, travelers in Northwestern Maine were delayed by deep snow-drifts.

—In the language of flowers, if you wish for "heart's-ease," never look to "marigold."

—At Fall River, Massachusetts, the cotton mills manufacture 65,000 miles of cloth yearly.

—Josie Russell, a typoess on an Iowa paper, has got a "fat take." It weighs 11 pounds.

—Colonel Elliott, from Kentucky, has been nominated by the Democracy of Texas for Congress.

—The taxable value of St. Louis city and county property, for the present year, is $145,176,740.

—S. T. 1869 X. Drake returns an income of $82 for last year. He must have invested largely in rum.

—A brute in New Jersey recently beat his wife nearly to death because it was a girl instead of a boy.

—An ice house laborer being killed by a lump of ice falling on his head, the verdict was "Died of hard drink."

—The metal for the new statute of Palmerston was obtained by smelting down that of Sir Robert Peel. Such is life.

—Victoria has just appointed a clergyman Companion of the Bath. "Our Jim" says that this is better than preaching."

—The Hon. John Covode has been appointed Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Pennsylvania.

—Mrs. Bell A. Manafield, aged twenty-four and married, has been admitted to the practice of law at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

—George Peabody was 74 years old last February. He has given away at the rate of over $34,000 for every year of his life.

—A lodge of "Eternal Progressionists" has been established in Buffalo. One of "Everlasting Backsliders" should come next.

Hon. E. A. Rollins, late Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is acting President of the National Life Insurance Company in Philadelphia.

—Northern Iowa, it is said, favors the election of Congressman William B. Allison to the United States Senate, as successor of Mr. Grimes.

—Children born in France on the 15th of August next, Napoleon's centenary, will be under local public protection of the government.

—Ex-Governor Green Clay Smith has commenced stumping for the Republican ticket in Grayson Kentucky paper. "While the lamp holds out to burn" [illegible]

[illegible] admitted to the bar in Lewisburg. The Republicans hold [illegible] Smith, and in the summer of 1867 fell a victim to the yellow fever. His wife, now left alone, [illegible] the extreme verge of poverty, applied for and obtained a situation in a beer saloon in this city, where she now is.

It is a strange episode in real life, but a true one, and nothing so romantic could describe the vicissitudes of fortune. She is now perhaps twenty-two years of age, small in stature, with an [illegible] and [illegible] in manner, with a [illegible] and [illegible] of the country. She has a [illegible] with light brown curls, and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]