

# Donaldsonville Chief.

## THE POET'S CORNER.

### Spring and Winter.

By OWEN MEREDITH.

The world buds every year:  
But the heart just once, and when  
The blossom falls off ere  
No new blossom comes again.  
Ah! the rose goes with the wind;  
But the thorns remain behind.

Was it well in him, if he  
Felt not love, to speak of love so!  
If he still unmoved must be,  
Was it nobly sought to move as I  
Pluck the flower and yet not wear it?  
Spurn, despise it, yet not spare it!

Need he say that I was fair,  
With such meaning in his tone,  
Just to speak of one whose hair  
Has the same tinge as my own?  
Pluck my life up, root and bloom,  
Just to plant it on her tomb?

And she'd scarce so fair a face  
(So he used to say) as mine;  
And her form had far less grace  
And her brow was far less fine;  
But 'twas just that he loved then,  
More than that he can love again.

Why, if beauty could not blind him,  
Need he praise me, speaking low;  
Use my face just to remind him  
How no face could please him now?  
Why if loving could not move him,  
Did he teach me still to love him?

And he said my eyes were bright,  
But his own he said were dim;  
And my hand, he said, was white;  
But what was that to him?  
"For," he said, "in gazing at you,  
I seem gazing at a statue."

"Yes!" he said, "he had grown wise now,  
He had suffered much of you;  
But a fair face to his eyes now,  
Was a fair face and no more,  
Yet the anguish and the bliss,  
And the dream, too, had been his."

Why those words, a thought too tender  
For the commonplaces spoken I  
Looks whose meaning seemed to render  
Help to words when speech came broken?  
Why so late in night, moonlight  
Just to say what's said by moonlight?

### Girls, Pass Along.

Bless me! what a row you  
Of girls at me their glances throw,  
The light, coquettish throng!  
Can't the darlings hear me say,  
"I have had my youthful day?  
Now, I put such things away?"  
Girls! pass along!

Ah, my Zoe! I pray desist!  
South, I care not to be kissed;  
Ask your mother if I list  
To Cupid's siren songs!  
She—but that is *entire* wrong!  
Knows what Love and I can do,  
Her advice you'd best pursue—  
Girls! pass along!

Laura! you would hardly guess  
How your grandma used to press  
Lips of mine—well—I confess—  
We didn't think it wrong;  
Look! she's coming! Tempt me not  
In gay saffron or shady grove;  
A jealous eye the dame has got;  
Girls! pass along!

You smiling too! you naughty Rose!  
I wonder now if you suppose  
I'm not aware what sort of beast  
Around your beauty throng?  
I know the husband-hunting crew,  
And all the pretty tricks they do;  
I'm old—but much too young for you!  
Girls! pass along!

Away—away—you maudlin—fly!  
Your rough arts why will you try  
To bind a graybeard—such as I—  
With Cupid's slender thong?  
Yet, like a powder magazine,  
My heart from flying sparks I screen,  
The sparks that shoot from wanton o'er;  
Girls! pass along!

## Proclamation by the Governor.

On the 13th instant Governor Kellogg issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, reliable information has reached me that certain evil disposed or misguided persons propose to combine, or have combined, into associations, for the purpose of resisting the payment of taxes due the State, with the avowed object of bringing the State government into disrepute, and with the further avowed evil purpose of overthrowing the said State government, by preventing it from receiving, through the collection of taxes, the means for its support; and

Whereas, it is of the first importance to restore the credit of the State and city, now impaired by the revolutionary conduct of certain pretenders to official station in this State, by the defalcations and derelictions of duty of tax collectors under the late State Administration, by the acts of the Tax Resisting Association of New Orleans, (an organization which has been in existence for more than eighteen months past), and by other causes; and

Whereas, experience shows that tax resisting associations result in the wealthier classes evading payment of their taxes, while poorer men are not only compelled to pay their taxes, but additional penalties and costs, and in addition thereto a much heavier rate of taxation than would be requisite if those better able to pay promptly met their just obligations to the State; and

Whereas, the delinquent tax lists of this State, as shown by the Auditor's books, amount to the enormous sum of \$2,311,321 60—the proportion of the city of New Orleans alone being \$1,492,255 85—said taxes having accrued and fallen due under the late administration, and the greater portion of them being due from those best able to pay; and

Whereas, it is but just and right that the burden of supporting the State government should fall as equitably as possible, under the law, upon all classes of the population, and that no one class should be allowed to evade the payment of taxes, either by combinations and associations under the guise of passive resistance, or by any other illegal means or pretences; and

Whereas, it is made my imperative duty to see that the taxes are duly and promptly collected, and that all persons who conspire in any way to injure the State credit, whether by passive or active resistance, shall be prevented from such unlawful acts;

Now, therefore, I, William P. Kellogg, Governor of the State of Louisiana, being desirous of avoiding, if possible, the prosecution of any citizen, and being anxious to restore the public credit, and to inaugurate an

administration of retrenchment and reform in the financial affairs of the State and city, and being determined, as far as in my power, to suppress all unlawful combinations, associations and conspiracies for the illegal purposes hereinbefore mentioned, do hereby direct the tax collectors in every part of the State to proceed forthwith with the collection of the taxes due the State, and to use all legal measures to insure obedience to this order; and to the end that the credit of the State may be restored, the much needed internal improvements be presented, and the burden of supporting the government be more equitably distributed than heretofore, and the present heavy taxation be reduced, I do hereby warn all citizens to desist from taking part in any combination, association or conspiracy having for its object the resistance, passive or otherwise, of the collection of the taxes due the State, and request them to comply with the law and with their duty, by the prompt payment of their taxes, and I do hereby direct the Attorney General and the district and parish attorneys throughout the State to prosecute, without delay, civilly, criminally and to fullest extent of the law, all defaulting tax collectors who are reported as such, after the publication of this proclamation.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State hereto attached, this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

WM. P. KELLOGG,  
By the Governor:  
P. G. DESLONGE, Sec. of State.

## Absinthe.

During the session of the medical congress at Lyons one day was set apart for the study of alcoholic stimulants. On that occasion the physician of Sainte-Anne asylum, Dr. Magnan, comparing the chemical action of absinthe on man, drew the conclusion that the former acts more slowly, gradually provoking delirium and digestive derangement, while absinthe rapidly results in epilepsy. Then, producing a couple of dogs, he treated one with alcohol and the other with essence of absinthe, this latter being the active principle of the absinthe liquor which is commonly drunk. The alcoholized brute could not stand up, became sleepy and stupid, and when set on his legs, trembled, in an inert mass; the other dog experienced at once frightful attacks of epilepsy. Analogous effects are produced in mankind. Surely the "absinthe duel" which is said to have taken place at Cannes, when both the combatants perished after drinking an extraordinary quantity, may be strictly denominated a duel with deadly weapons. In the south of France, it is said, one person sometimes invites another to partake of absinthe by the slang phrase, "Take a shovel full of earth," as if an American bar-room lounge, recognizing with grim humor the deadly quality of his liquor, should say, "Come and get measured for your coffin." The French expression has certainly, in view of Dr. Magnan's disclosures, a melancholy picturesqueness. This subject has to France a national importance, since, if the recent report of Dr. Bergeron does not exaggerate, the *absinthism* introduced amongst the French army in general by the Algerian officers did its part toward producing that inertness and lack of vigor which generals often complained of in their subordinates during the disastrous invasion of 1870.—*Lippincott for March.*

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