

WIT AND HUMOR.

A good way to restore a man apparently drowned is to first dry him thoroughly, inside and out, and then clap a speaking trumpet to his ear and inform him that his mother-in-law is dead.

A Kansas farmer solemnly declares that a grasshopper sat on the gate post and threateningly asked: "William Bryant, where in thunder is the balance of that cold meat?"

With friends there should be no reverses, with acquaintances it is quite different; and how few friends do we meet with in our journey through life.

Some friend was remonstrating with Clarke, the actor, about his profanity, and quoted the scriptural injunction, "swear not at all." "I don't," said Clarke; "I swear only at those who offend me."

This brief chronicle was written by the editor of the Philadelphia Ledger: "Lowell—Saturday. Two little boys and a pistol. Now, only one little boy and a pistol."

"When you see a man so pertickler," says Mrs. Marrowfat, "was never to take a glass of water without looking through it for insects, don't trust him; he's on his way to a drunkard's grave."

A sharp-talking lady was reproved by her husband, who requested her to keep her tongue in her mouth. "My dear," she said, "it is against the law to carry concealed weapons."

SMYTHE was telling some friends about a wonderful parrot. "Why," said he, "that parrot cries 'stop thief' so natural that every time I hear it I always stop. Now, hang it, what are you all laughing at?"

ON being invited to attend a wedding, a young man, "illiterate but polite," sent a note in response, saying: "I regret that circumstances prevent me to the acquiesce will prevent my acceptance to the invite."

"Did anything about the defendant strike your eye as remarkable?" asked judge of the plaintiff in a case of assault and battery. "It did, yer honor." "And what was it?" continued the judge. "His fist, yer honor."

If a man is getting shaved in a barber shop, and a fly alights on his nose, and he gives his head a twitch to remove the fly, during which the barber removes a slice of the man's ear, who is to blame—the man, or the barber, or the fly, or the ear, or the razor?

A certain dæmon being accustomed to snore while asleep in church, he received the following polite note: "Dear son— is requested not to commence snoring to-morrow until the sermon is begun, as some persons in the neighborhood of his pew would like to hear the text."

A witness in a late divorce suit kept saying that the wife had a retaliating disposition—that she "retaliated for every little thing." "Did you ever see her husband kiss her?" asked the wife's counsel. "Yes, sir, often." "Well, what did she do on such occasions?" "She always retaliated, sir."

Origin of the Piano.

The piano began to make its appearance about the eighteenth century. Its invention, like many others, is disputed, and England, France, Italy and Germany claim to have a share in the honor. Pianos were certainly made for the first time in the four countries within a very few years of each other; but in Germany alone did they succeed. Silbermann improved upon the invention of Schroeter, and constructed pianos which met with Bach's approbation. From this dates the success of the piano in Germany. Frederick the Great had no less than forty of Silbermann's pianos in his palace at Berlin, and when Bach visited him he insisted upon the old man trying every one. Stein, of Augsburg, was also a celebrated maker, and Mozart, in one of his letters, describes the care taken by Stein in seasoning the wood, which was exposed to all sorts of weather, and afterwards had all the cracks filled up with slips of wood glued into them. In England the piano made no sensible progress until 1760, when twelve German workmen, afterwards called the "twelve apostles," arrived in search of employment. Diddin, at a concert in 1767, played on the first piano publicly exhibited, and after that the instrument became very popular, and harpsichords more and more in disrepute. Sebastian Erard made a great improvement in the touch, and Broadwood, who came to London from Scotland in 1751, introduced what he called his "grand action," which removed many defects. From that day until the present the piano in England has been improving.

A True Gentleman.

Show us a man who can quit the society of the young, and take pleasure in listening to the kindly voice of the old; show us a man who is always ready to pity and help the deformed; show us a man that covers the faults of others with a mantle of charity; show us a man that bows as politely to the poor sewing girl as to the millionaire; show us a man that abhors the libertine, who scorns the ridiculer of his mother's sex and the exposure of womanly reputations; show us a man who never forgets for a minute the delicacy and respect due a woman, as a woman, in any condition or class—and you show us a true gentleman.

Don't preach charity and leave others to practice it.

Humble Origin.

The late Senator Morton, of Indiana, the greatest man of the Republican party, was apprenticed to a hatter at the age of fifteen, and followed the business for four years. Andrew Johnson was a tailor. Grant, though not a statesman, was a rafter. Abraham Lincoln was a rail splitter. Millard Filmore, when fifteen years of age, was apprenticed as a wool carder and cloth dresser. Webster and how many others were farmer boys? Numbers of the most noted of our public men have risen from like stations to eminence, many of them having been mechanics, and others descendants of mechanics. Roger Sherman, of revolutionary fame, was a shoemaker, and the Shermans of today and Mr. Evarts are his descendants. Mr. Hayes said in one of his speeches that his grandfather was a mechanic. It did not require any labor parties or labor organizations to bring these men to the front. Nothing obstructs the way of the mechanic or other laborer in this country to the highest positions, if he has the capacity, the integrity and industry requisite to the performance of the duties involved.

A band of robbers lying in wait in Nevada for a stage in which a large amount of treasure was to be shipped, were informed of the departure of the vehicle from Eureka by a confederate's signal fire on the top of a mountain nearly thirty miles off. This fire also excited suspicion, and a guard was sent to protect the stage. A desperate encounter was the result, and the robbers were all killed or captured.

Man Without Occupation.

The man who has nothing to do is the most miserable of beings. No matter how much wealth a man possesses, he can be neither content nor happy without occupation. We were born to labor, and the world is our vineyard. We can find a field of usefulness almost anywhere. In occupations we forget our cares, our worldly trials and our sorrows. It keeps us from constantly worrying and brooding over what is inevitable. If we have enough for ourselves, we can labor for the good of others; and such a task is one of the most delightful duties a worthy and good man can possibly engage in.

The man who has character gets credit, and the man who has no character gets none. Credit, therefore, is a moral premium paid to men for character, and it is of transcendent importance both to individuals and to communities that are struggling from a low to a high degree.

Notice.

State of South Carolina, Kershaw County, In the Common Pleas.

R. J. Donaldson, as Receiver, vs. W. E. Johnson and others. Notice is hereby given to all holders of the bills of the Bank of Camden, S. C. (not heretofore proven and established before W. D. McDowall, receiver of said bank, under orders of the late Court of Equity), that by an order of his Honor C. P. Townsend, Circuit Judge, made in above stated case, and dated the 6th day of November, A. D. 1877, they are required to establish and prove same before the undersigned at his office, in Camden, S. C., on or before the first day of February next.

County Indebtedness.

The undersigned having been appointed by his Excellency Governor Hampton, under the act of the General Assembly, "A Commission to investigate and ascertain the true and bona fide indebtedness of the county of Kershaw," all persons holding claims against the said county, created prior to the first day of November, 1876, are hereby required to file and establish their claims before said Commission within thirty days from this date.

Estate Sale.

By permission of J. F. Sutherland, Judge of Probate, Kershaw County, on the second Monday in December next, I will sell at the plantation of the late Burrill Albert, deceased, all of the personal property of said deceased, consisting of Mules, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Household and kitchen Furniture and other articles.

Terms—Twenty-five dollars and under, cash; over that amount, one-third cash and balance in thirty, sixty and ninety days, with interest from date. No sale approved security with mortgage of property if required. BURRILL ALBERT, Adm'r Estate of B. ALBERT, dec'd.

Sheriff's Sale.

W. B. Albert, Adm'r, Execution on Agri. vs. Thomas Sessions, J. cultural Lien. By virtue of the above execution, I will offer for sale on the first Monday in Dec., at the Court House door in Camden, to the highest bidder, three bales of cotton for cash. Also, on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at the plantation of E. Albert, deceased, Mules, Cows and Calves, Sheep, Geese, 1000 head of band, 1 two-horse Wagon, Corn and Fodder. Leveled upon as the property of Thomas Sessions, at the suit of W. B. Albert, Administrator. Terms, cash.

Estate Sale.

By permission of J. F. Sutherland, Judge of Probate, Kershaw County, I will sell before the Court House in Camden, on Monday, the 3d of December proximo, four fine Mules, two very fine Oxen, Cattle, &c., Wagons, Carts, Ploughs, Tools and Utensils, Fodder, Hay, &c. Anything not sold on that day will be sold at the plantation on Tuesday, the 4th of December, at 12 m. Terms—Fifty dollars and under, cash; over that amount, one-third cash, balance in thirty, sixty and ninety days, with interest from date; note and approved security, with mortgage, if required.

Sheriff's Sale.

W. D. McDowall, Receiver of Estate of John Workman, vs. Cyrus Perry, Forfeiture of Mortgage.

In compliance with a judgment of foreclosure made in the above stated case by Hon. C. P. Townsend, presiding Judge, dated September 14th, 1877, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, on the first Monday in December next, before the Court House door in Camden, all that parcel or tract of land, lying and being in the eastern portion of the town of Camden, composed of four lots of five acres each, fronting west on Mill street, and bounded east by Rippen street, as will appear by reference to the plan of said town.

Terms—One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, to be secured by bond of purchaser with two good and sufficient sureties, and a mortgage of the premises, with interest from day of sale. Purchaser to insure, and keep insured at their expense, in some good and solvent insurance company, the buildings on the place and a sign the policy to the plaintiff; also to pay for all necessary papers.

JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. State of South Carolina, In the Common Pleas, Kershaw County, J. Pleas.

E. Barnes, Plaintiff, against Esaks Fletcher and Thomas Holland—Judgment for foreclosure of mortgage.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure in above case made by Hon. C. P. Townsend, Presiding Judge, on the 13th of September, A. D. 1877, I will sell before the court house in Camden, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the third (3rd) day of December prox.

All that tract or parcel of land, described in a mortgage from said Esaks Fletcher to said Edwin Barnes, as fifteen acres of land, on Harbor Branch, waters of Big Timber Creek in Kershaw county, bounded north by Edwin Barnes' land, east by lands of said Edwin Barnes, south by lands of the same, and west by lands of Thomas Holland. Terms, cash. Purchasers to pay for papers.

JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. W. D. McDowall, Receiver of the estate of John Workman, dec'd, plaintiff, against J. D. Kirkpatrick, defendant.

In pursuance of a judgment for foreclosure made in above case, by Hon. C. P. Townsend, Presiding Judge, on the 12th of September, A. D. 1877, I will sell before the court house in Camden, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the third (3rd) day of December, prox.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, described in the mortgage for sale, as all that lot or parcel of land, lying, being and situated in the town of Camden, known as western parts of lots numbered 635, 636 and 637, being 130 feet of the same, commencing on Fair street, and running eastwardly towards Mill street 120 feet, bounded north by York street, east by remaining portions of lots Nos. 635, 636 and 637, and south by lots known as Blodgett lots, and west by Fair street.

Terms—One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, interest from date secured by bond, mortgage and insurance of residence. Purchasers to pay for papers.

JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. Geo. W. Williams, assignee of Wm. Clyburn, plaintiff, against James Cook—Judgment for foreclosure of mortgage.

In pursuance of a judgment for foreclosure made in above case, on the 13th of September, A. D. 1877, by Hon. C. P. Townsend, Presiding Judge, I will sell before the court house in Camden, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the 3rd day of December, prox.

All that lot of land, described in the foreclosed mortgage, as being fifty feet of land on Broad street, in the town of Camden, and running westwardly to a small ditch, about 288 feet, being part of lot in said town, No. 998, bounded north by the remaining part of said lot 998, east by Broad street, south by lot No. 997, and west by small ditch aforesaid.

Terms—One-half cash, balance on a credit of six months, bond and mortgage, and assignment of policy of insurance. Purchaser to pay for papers.

JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. Jonathan Page vs. Isaac Scott and Sallie Scott. By virtue of a decree for foreclosure, made in the above stated case by Hon. C. P. Townsend, dated Sept. 13, 1877, I will sell, in front of the court house in Camden, on the first Monday, the 3rd day in December next, within the legal hours of sale, the following premises, to-wit:

All that lot or parcel of land, situated in the town of Camden, County and State aforesaid, known in the plan of said Town as Lot No. 190, bounded north by premises of Wm. Dear, East by lot of Joseph Adams, South by the corner of Broad and King streets, and west by Broad street.

Terms cash. JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. W. D. McDowall, Receiver of the estate of John Workman, dec'd, plaintiff, against J. P. Reed, Trustee—Judgment for foreclosure.

In pursuance of an order of foreclosure made in above case by Hon. C. P. Townsend, Presiding Judge, on 13th September, A. D. 1877, I will sell at public outcry on Monday, the 3rd prox., before the court house in Camden, within the legal hours of sale:

All that piece or parcel of land, lying, being and situate in the town of Camden, on the corner of Rutledge and Church streets, known and distinguished as lots numbered one thousand and twelve and one thousand and thirteen, (1012 and 1013) in the town of Camden, as set out in mortgage in said case.

Terms—One-half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, interest from date, to be secured by bond, mortgage and personal surety, and assignment of policy of insurance to amount of bond. Purchasers to pay for papers.

JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. N. B. Smith, administrator Mary A. Smith, dec'd vs. Samuel J. Yates, George Seny and Henrietta Seny, parties in interest—Order for sale of real estate.

By an order directed to me from his Honor J. F. Sutherland, Judge of Probate, in the above entitled case, I will sell, on the first Monday in December, at the Court House in Camden, the following town lots, consisting of lots No. 64, No. 65 and No. 66, the last being situated south of the residence of S. H. Blodgett, on King street, in the town of Camden.

Terms cash. JOHN DOBY, s. k. c. J. Ross Dye, Administrator, vs. Thos. Sessions, Wm. Dixon and Isaac Williams—Execution. I will sell on Monday, the 2d day of December, next, by virtue of the above execution, at the Court House in Camden, during the legal hours of sale, the following property, to-wit:

All that tract of land, comprising several tracts on Beaver creek and Waterloo river, containing nine hundred acres, more or less, known as the Dixon place, bounded north by Wilber's plantation, east by Mrs. Curson's land, south by Mrs. Curson's land and west by Waterloo river. Leveled upon as the property of defendant at the suit of J. Ross Dye, Administrator. Terms cash, purchaser to pay for papers.

HENRY WILSON, Harness Maker and Repairer.

Will do all work in his line promptly and satisfactorily. Will also repair and retie Saddles, &c. Shop opposite Leiner & Dunlap's in a building now vacant.

200 Sacks Liverpool Salt, For sale at \$1.25 per sack. nov20 2t BRASINGTON & NETTLES.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of South Carolina—Kershaw County—In the Court of Common Pleas. R. J. Donaldson, as Receiver, vs. W. E. Johnson and Others.

In pursuance of orders of the Court in the above stated case, dated the 13th of September, 1877, for cash, the following described property, belonging to the Bank of Camden, to-wit: The lot upon which the bank building is situated, in the town of Camden, having a front on Broad street of sixty-six feet, and bounded on the north by property of the town of Camden, known as the Market lot, east by Broad street, south by Rutledge street, and extending westwardly one hundred and ten feet.

Also, six other lots, lying immediately west of the above described lot, each with a front on Rutledge street of twenty-five feet seven and a half inches, and extending north sixty-six feet, a plat whereof may be seen at the office of J. M. Davis, Esq.

And also, the following assets of the said Bank of Camden:

Table with columns: Payer, Note or Draft, Acceptor, Security or Indorsor, Date of Paper, Time, When Payable, Amount. Lists various financial transactions and payments.

COLLATERALS.

Table with columns: Payer, Note or Draft, Acceptor, Security or Indorsor, On Paper of, When Payable, Amount. Lists collateral transactions.

REAL ESTATE. About fifty acres land on Gum Swamp—Mrs. Lewis' tract. Banking House, corner Rutledge and Broad streets. Balance December, 1877, (in bills of the Bank) \$9,574.00 JOHN DOBY, S. K. C.

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