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Maryland! My Maryland!

The following account appeared in the Savannah Press of December 12. Mr. Oglesby was private secretary to Alexander H. Stephens, and last year delivered an address on the life of Stephens before the U. D. C. at Winthrop, stopping with friends in Columbia for several days on his way to Savannah.

"I was pleased to read, some days ago, the editorial in which the Savannah Press corrected a statement quoted from Frederick J. Hastings as to the authorship of 'My Maryland,'" said Mr. T. K. Oglesby, in talking to the Press about the famous Southern war poem and its author, James R. Randall.

"I knew Mr. Randall intimately," said Mr. Oglesby, "and had from his own lips the history of the poem—telling how he came to write it, and when and where it was written. He was a native of Maryland, and was educated there and at Georgetown college, in the District of Columbia, but when the War Between the States began in 1861, he was a professor at Pryor college, Pointe Coupee, Louisiana; and it was there, one night in April of that year, when he was but little past 22 years of age that 'My Maryland' was written, under the inspiration of the feelings aroused by the news of the passage of Northern troops through Baltimore, on their way southward, and the clash there between them and citizens of that city. It was a sleepless night for the young poet—the 'exiled son' of Maryland—and daybreak found him at the little desk on which he wrote the words that were soon to be ringing through the land. One of the stanzas, you remember, begins with the words: 'Come, 'tis the red dawn of the day!'"

"The poem was first published in the New Orleans Delta, and was soon republished all over the South. Miss Jennie Cary, of Baltimore, set it to the music of 'Lauriger Horatius,' and first sang it with a chorus of her friends, in a drawing room in that city, which was the poet's birthplace. She and her cousin, Miss Constance Cary, afterwards sang it to the soldiers of the Maryland Line at Manassas. It is surprising, though, that Mr. Haskins has never learned, in all these years, that James R. Randall, and not Miss Cary, was the author of the song.

"Francis Browne, the late editor of that excellent periodical, The Dial, of Chicago—himself a Northern soldier—said of 'My Maryland' that it is probably the most famous, as it is the most stirring in its martial tone, of all the poems that the war evoked; and Oliver Wendell Holmes said it is only wished that he had done for Massachusetts, in the way of a martial lyric, what Randall had done for Maryland. I have, by the way, a 'scrap of paper' that has one side a verse of 'My Maryland' in its author's handwriting, and on the other side, in Dr. Holmes' own hand, a verse from his poem, 'The Last Leaf.' The verse which Dr. Holmes said was an especial favorite of Abraham Lincoln's.

"Alexander H. Stephens put 'My Maryland' into his great book, 'The War Between the States,' and tells of its popularity as a song of the period, and how 'then tender voices of young maiden were often united with the full tones of hardy warriors in giving increased effect to the soul-inspiring chorus.' 'The despot's heel, however,' Mr. Stephens impressively says, 'pressed none the lighter!' This was an allusion to the words with which the poem begins.

"Mr. Randall never told me so, but I think that 'My Maryland' took its form from Mangan's 'Karamanian Exile:'

"I see thee ever in my dreams,
Karaman!
Thy hundred hills, thy thousand streams,
Karaman, O Karaman!
As when thy gold-bright morning gleams,
Karaman!
As when thy deepening sunset seems
With lines of light thy hills and streams,
Karaman!
So now thou lookest on my dreams,
Karaman, O Karaman!

"The form is a very effective one

for a battle song, and the fact of its having been used before does not lessen the merits of what Mr. Stephens calls 'the ever memorable stanzas' of 'My Maryland.'

"Mr. Randall, as the Savannah Press said, wrote other good poetry, by the historic associations of 'My Maryland,' as well as its poetic excellence, make it the poem through which his name is and will always be most widely known. It was the Marseillaise of the Southern Confederacy. Of other poems by him, one of a devotional character, written in his later years and called 'Resurgam' is considered by Hon. William H. Fleming—a gentleman of fine literary taste—to be comparable to Cardinal Newman's 'Lead, Kindly Light.' I believe it was set to music by Prof. Wiegand, of Savannah.

"About the close of the War Between the States Mr. Randall made his home in Augusta, where he was long engaged in journalistic work, as editor of one or the other of the papers there, and when he died in 1908. He had lived a little more than 67 years, and at the end of that time was as pure in life as he was poor in purse. He had accomplished a glorious consummation of a pilgrimage fuller of mortal perils to the soul than to the body. He was a devout communicant of the Catholic church, and religion, with him, was more than a mere rhapsody of words. He kept the whiteness of his soul. His name and memory are perpetuated on a handsome monument, with lines from 'My Maryland' carved on it, erected in a conspicuous locality on the most beautiful street in Augusta, by the munificence of Mrs. Cole, of Nashville, Tenn., who was formerly Miss Russell, of Augusta.

"I am sure the Savannah Press would give pleasure to many of its readers by republishing the poem which placed its author, at the age of 22, among the immortals, and linked his name forever with the annals of his beloved Southland and the cause whose champions were Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson."

"My Maryland."

The despot's heel is on thy shore,
Maryland!
His torch is in thy temple door,
Maryland!
Avenge the patriotic gore
That tacked the streets of Baltimore,
And be the battle-queen of yore,
Maryland, My Maryland!
Hark to an exiled son's appeal,
Maryland!
My Mother-State, to thee I kneel,
Maryland!
For life and death, for woe and weal,
Thy peerless chivalry reveal,
And gird thy beauteous limbs with steel,
Maryland, My Maryland!
Thou wilt not cower in the dust,
Maryland!
Thy beaming sword shall never rust,
Maryland!
Remember Carroll's sacred trust,
Remember Howard's warlike trust,
And all thy slumberers with the just,
Maryland, My Maryland!
Come, 'tis the red dawn of the day,
Maryland!
Come, with thy panoplied array,
Maryland!
With Ringgold's spirit for the fray,
With Watson's blood at Monterey,
With fearless Lowe and dashing May,
Maryland, My Maryland!
Come, for thy shield is bright and strong,
Come, for thy dalliance does thee wrong,
Maryland!
Come to thine own heroic throng,
Marching with Liberty along,
And ring thy dauntless slogan-song,
Maryland, My Maryland!
Dear Mother, burst the tyrant's chain,
Maryland!
Virginia should not call in vain,
Maryland!
She meets her sister on the plain—
"Sic semper!" 'tis the proud refrain
That baffles minions back again,
Maryland!
Arise in majesty again,
Maryland, My Maryland!
I see thee blush upon thy cheek,

THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Rev. and Mrs. Nabers Leave for Alabama—Hail Storm—Residence Burned—Lecture Postponed.

Special to The Herald and News.
Prosperity, May 3.—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Nabers leave this week for Tuscaloosa, Ala., their future home. Rev. Nabers will be greatly missed, not only in this section, but throughout the State, as he gave most interesting lectures on his travels in Egypt; also he is such an active church worker and very popular with the young people.

About 9:30 Friday night the fire alarm was given and it was discovered that the dwelling of Mr. J. Ben. Black was in flames. The family, having already retired, the fire had gained such headway that the house could not be saved, only a few household articles were saved.

Our community was visited by an electric storm, followed by a hail storm, on Sunday night. The hail stones falling were as large as hen eggs, however, it has not done much damage to the crops.

Mrs. E. W. Werts will entertain the U. D. C. chapter Tuesday afternoon at 4:30.

Mr. Henry C. Tillman, of Greenwood, will address the U. D. C. chapter on Memorial day, May 10th, at 5:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited and special attention to all veterans.

Children's day will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

On account of the storm Sunday night, Prof. S. J. Derrick, of Newberry college, was prevented from giving his lecture, "The Ideal Congregation," in Grace church.

Mrs. Roy Kohn is in Columbia, visiting her mother, Mrs. Ballentine.

Mesdames A. N. Crosson and Janie Reagin spent Monday in Newberry.

Mrs. J. Sidney Wheeler has as her guests Mesdames Gaffney, of Greenwood, Griffin, of Columbia, and Howard, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Mr. D. B. Miller, of Columbia.

Mr. W. B. Wise has returned from the Columbia hospital.

A party composed of the following spent Sunday at Parr Shoals: Misses Bell, Curlee and Singley, Messrs. Aumerle Singley, Jake Singley and Bur Barnes.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor have been visiting in Batesburg.

Mr. Pat Mitchell has returned from Batesburg, where he attended the wedding of his cousin, Miss Bessie Mitchell.

Rev. David S. Oyler, of Central Africa, was the guest Friday of Rev. C. H. Nabers.

Miss Gertrude Simpson spent the week-end at St. Pauls.

Miss Lena Lester has returned to Columbia, after a short visit to her mother, Mrs. Rosa Lester.

Mrs. A. H. Karkins spent last week with her sister in the St. Luke's section.

Mr. V. P. Workman, of Timmons-ville, has been elected policeman, and Mr. J. A. Counts will still be town clerk.

Mesdames Henry Parr and Jim Wheeler, of Newberry, have been visiting Mrs. J. P. Wheeler.

Mr. H. J. Rawl spent the week-end in Swansea.

Miss Kate Eleazer has returned to Spring Hill, after a visit to Mrs. P. C. Singley.

Mr. James Calmers, of Augusta, visited his uncle, Mr. A. G. Wise, Sunday.

Maryland!
For thou wast ever bravely meek,
Maryland!

But, lo! there surges forth a shriek,
From hill to hill, from creek to creek,
Potomac calls to Chesapeake,
Maryland, My Maryland!

Thou wilt not yield the vandal toil,
Maryland!

Thou wilt not crook to his control,
Maryland!
Better the fire upon thee roll,
Better the shot, the blade, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soul,
Maryland, My Maryland!

I hear the distant thunder hum,
Maryland!
The "Old Line" bugle, fife and drum,
Maryland!
She is not dead, nor deaf, nor dumb—
Huzza! She spurs the Northern scum!

She breathes—she burns! she'll come!
Maryland, My Maryland!

NEWS FROM EXCELSIOR

School Closed—Fruit Not Killed—Finished Planting—Chain Gang Doing Good Work.

Special to The Herald and News.
Excelsior May 3.—Excelsior school closed Friday afternoon.

Cotton planting is about finished up. Rain is needed to finish planting and bring corn and cotton to a stand.

The grain is suffering for rain and if the rain holds off a little longer the grain will be short.

The chain gang has done some good work on the Columbia road between Prosperity and Little Mountain the past week.

Mr. John Kinard, of Anderson, has been visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. P. S. Cook and family have moved to Columbia.

Mrs. J. H. Sease and daughter, Miss Carrie, spent a few days with relatives in Columbia last week.

Miss Jessie Singley has returned from a few days' visit to relatives at Chapin.

Messrs. Johnnie and Jacob Bedenbaugh, of Saluda county, spent Sunday with Mr. D. B. Cook's family.

A bunch of our men folks spent Thursday at Parr Shoals to see the works there and catch a fresh mess of fish.

Miss Louise Shealy, of Little Mountain, is visiting Mrs. Carrie Hartman.

Prof. Aumerle Singley, who has been teaching school near Union, has returned home, his school having closed.

Capt. H. R. McDonald and wife have been spending the past week with relatives up at his old home near Anderson. Capt. McDonald is one amongst the best section masters on the Southern railroad and he knows how to enjoy a short rest when he takes one.

Mr. G. W. Kinard is still running his saw mill every day.

VILLA AND CARRANZA CLAIM TO HAVE WON VICTORIES

Washington, May 2.—Both Mexican agencies here were claiming successes today in fighting south of Abasco Calientes, where Gen. Villa has begun a new offensive against Gen. Obregon's Carranza army. All reports reported severe skirmishes preliminary to the big battle for supremacy in central Mexico.

The Carranza agency had a Vera Cruz dispatch announcing that Obregon entered Leon yesterday and had resumed his march northward, while Gonzales had occupied the suburbs of Monterey and the Zapata forces had been driven back to their base within 20 miles of Mexico City.

Late tonight, however, the Villa agency received a dispatch stating that in the fighting yesterday Obregon's forces were driven back to Hacienda de Romita, south of Leon.

"The enemy has lost in these last fights more than 800 dead and many wounded, eight machine guns and much war material," the Villa message adds.

"In the burning of a storage house near Trinidad many Carranza troops were now without provisions.

"We are receiving ammunition in large quantities every day."

RURAL MAIL SERVICE FOR ONE MILLION MORE PEOPLE

Washington, May 2.—Plans for a general readjustment of the rural postal service through the country by July to provide mail facilities for a million persons not included in the present routing system, were announced tonight by Postmaster General Burleson. Motor vehicles will be provided under the new plan where highways will permit.

"Rural service will be extended to every farmer reasonable entitled to it," said Mr. Burleson, "as rapidly as the new adjustment can be made.

The average woman knows the ins and out of flirtation. She first draws a man out, and then she pulls him in.—Anderson Mail.

We believe that all these stories about Japan's nefarious designs are fakes. If they were true, Cap'n Hobson couldn't have held himself in so long.—News and Courier.

No government job is ever considered superfluous by the patriot who holds it.—Houston Post.

PROGRAM MAY FETE PAGEANT BOUNDARY ST. SCHOOL MAY 7

Everyone is looking forward with great pleasure and anticipation to the may fete and pageant at Boundary Street school May 7th. The entertainment will take place promptly at 8 o'clock in the evening and will be a brilliant show.

It is always a delight to see the children act and the entire performance is beautiful from beginning to end. The gorgeous butterflies, the bright-winged fairies and all the other multi-colored costumes, with the many sparkling lights turned on will produce a magnificent spectacle.

Cake, ice cream and candy will be sold during the evening.

The following program will be carried out:

Music, selection by Newberry Concert band.

Herald of the May Queen.

Grand pageant.

Escorts to the queen on ponies.

Escorts to the queen walking, sailor boys.

May queen's float, drawn by eight butterflies.

Queen's maids.

Fairies.

Brownies.

Farmer boys.

Lads and lassies, right from Tipperary.

May pole dancers.

After the crowning of the May Queen the pupils of the school will entertain the queen and her maids most royally in the following manner.

Parade and song, selected from "Spring Maid," by school.

Court of Spring, first and third grades.

Brownie drill, first and third grades.

Crocus song, second grade.

Farmer boy drill, second grade.

Life is a See-Saw, fourth and fifth grades.

Tipperary, fourth and fifth grades.

Garland drill, sixth grade.

Maypole dance, seventh grade.

Music, selection, Newberry Concert band.

COMP. GENERAL GIVES RULING ON INCOME RETURNS

The Record, 2nd.

"Under the provisions of section 359 of the code, if any person fails or refuses to make a return of his income for the purposes of taxation, you, as auditor, are required to assess on account of said income tax such amount as appear such tax-payer is liable for from the best obtainable information by you, either by examination of the defaulting tax-payer or other evidence, you are to add thereto a penalty of 50 per cent, and charge the aggregate upon your tax duplicate," said Carlton W. Sawyer, comptroller general, in a letter addressed to the auditors of the various South Carolina counties. Mr. Sawyer is determined that income tax returns will be made and there will be no divergence from the law. There has been a prevalent opinion among the people of the State that the income tax law was killed by the last legislature, but this is not so. The bill passed the House, but not the senate.

The letter says that, in order for a proper record to be made, the auditor can summon the party to be taxed before him at a date fixed in the notice and examine him under oath. Witness also can be summoned. If it is found that a return should have been made and was not, costs shall be charged against the tax-payer. If the auditor knows what the tax-payer's income is, the party need not be put under oath, says Mr. Sawyer.

The letter says: "I desire again to call your attention to the fact that in stating the income of the tax-payer, the gross profits or income from his business or profession must be taken, less necessary expenses incurred in carrying on such business, occupation or profession, not including any remuneration to tax-payer for his personal services in the conduct of the business and without deducting the amounts of any losses of property or capital which he may have sustained."

Oftimes, says the letter, a tax-payer thinks himself exempt from an income tax because he may have made deductions from his gross income that the law does not allow. For this reason a full examination should be made. Mr. Sawyer advises the auditors to put all persons examined under oath, "so

STRAIT WILL TELL PEOPLE OF THE ASYLUM MUDDLE

The Record, 2nd.

Announcement that he would probably enter the political arena next year and tell the South Carolina public fully of the details of operation of the State hospital for the insane, at Columbia, of what changes and improvements were made by him and of the treatment accorded him by the present State administration was made by Dr. T. J. Strait, of Lancaster, recently removed superintendent of the asylum, shortly before he left yesterday afternoon for his former home after being succeeded by Dr. C. Fred Williams, of Columbia.

Dr. Strait said his mind was not fully made up as to what effort he would take to make public his views upon the situation at the asylum and upon the actions of the administration with regard to him. He forecasted a political upheaval in 1916 with the asylum as the center of the vortex. Dr. Strait said he did "not know whether he would run next summer for governor, or lieutenant governor, or for congress from his district."

That "some of the leading lawyers of this State hold the opinion that a superintendent of the asylum can not be summarily removed without cause, and that such action without cause would be illegal" was mentioned by him during the interview. He did not express his own opinion.

Dr. Strait said he had not brought partisan politics into the government of the asylum, and that he had brought about a considerably more efficient government at a less aggregate expense to the State than that which I found there." He declared a comparison of the monthly expenses of March, 1914, and March, 1915, showed he had saved \$7200 for that month. He also asserted the installation of bread cutters saved the State the cost of 82,000 loaves of bread since he assumed charge. Giving strict care to the amount of meat cooked for each meal resulted in a daily saving of 175 pounds, he said.

Dr. Strait told of how he had become very friendly with the patients not wholly demented and "they shed tears when told I was to leave." He was informed, he said, that the staff of nurses had petitioned the governor not to remove him.

As he closed the interview, Dr. Strait said he had assured Dr. Williams that he would gladly assist him in any way possible.

Dr. Strait left Columbia in mid-afternoon for Lancaster. He said he would resume the practice of medicine at Lancaster after a rest of 10 days.

"CLEAN-UP WEEK" IN ROSEMONT CEMETERY

It is desired to observe the first week in May in each year as "Clean-up Week" in Rosemont Cemetery, and all lot owners and persons interested in the cemetery are hereby earnestly requested and urged to clean their lots some time during the present week. It is especially desirable to have all lots cleaned and in good order before Memorial day, May 11th.

Mrs. L. W. Floyd,
Mrs. James McIntosh,
Mrs. J. Y. McFall,
Mrs. E. M. Evans,
Cemetery Committee
of Civic Association.
I. H. Hunt,
W. F. Ewart,
Committee on Grounds,
Rosemont Cemetery Co.

A feminine philosopher in Washington has remarked that it is the mental attitude one wears and not the clothes that makes one look well. That may be true, but isn't a mental attitude rather cool in the winter?—Newburg News.

Mr. Root says he doesn't want to be president, but Gov. Whitman, Mr. Burton and Mr. Mann are discreetly and ominously silent.—Knoxville Sentinel.

Why all this fuming and fretting about getting dyes? White is good enough for a pure and sinless people, anyway.—Savannah Press.

that if their statements are false, the parties making them can be indicted for perjury." Mr. Sawyer then detailed the expenses to be deducted from a tax-payer's income.