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BILL SNORT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Abuse of Cleveland by Hill Makes Harrison Apprehensive—Bill Snort Devises a Plan to Dispel His Melancholia—An Alleged Friend Agrees to Help Him—The Phonograph as a Political Boomerang.

By Alex E. Sweet, in Texas Siftings.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.

MY DEAR JOHNNY:—Sam Doozenbury's Mastodonic Mammoth Minstrel Aggregation has been giving performances to crowded houses here in Washington. Doozenbury is an old friend of mine. I have known him for years, but I'll give you our conversation, which will explain things quicker:

"I suppose, Doozy, you know that a tepid friendship exists between myself and President Harrison," said I, thinking to awe Doozy.

"All right, Snort. I'll keep quiet about it. I'll not give you away, but you ought to drop him and go into some legitimate business," replied Doozenbury, who leans toward the Democracy.

"Doozy, I want you to do me a favor."

"Snort, I'll make any sacrifices for you, except I don't want you to bring Harrison around here and try and introduce him to me. I draw the line at Indiana Presidents."

"You know, Doozy, one of my duties is to cheer up Harrison when he has the blues, and now that Dave Hill has been sneering at Cleveland and making him unpopular, Ben feels pretty bad."

"So Cleveland is the source of Ben's depression?"

"Yes, Ben is not like the sky. It is most cheerful when it is bluest. It is not that way with Harrison."

"You ought to keep him out of the Blue Room."

"That wouldn't help him. What he needs is some sort of an ovation. He hasn't heard anybody say 'Hurrah for Harrison!' in a long time now."

"Well, Snort, if I can help you in getting up some bogus Harrison enthusiasm, I'll do it for your sake."

"You can. A feature of your minstrel show is a trick phonograph, from which you grind out sayings of distinguished men."

"Well, what of that?"

"I'll blacken my face and work that phonograph. I'll say: 'Listen to the voice of that pure patriot, Benjamin Harrison.' Then I'll grind out something about civil service reform. Simultaneously a large portrait of Harrison will appear on the stage, the band will strike up, 'Hail to the Chief!' The vast audience will rise as one man, and the cheers for Harrison will be deafening. Then the old man will smile once more like a Florida alligator."

"I'm not so sure of that," replied Doozenbury. "At Indianapolis I got off something favorable to Harrison, and in consequence we lost so much money that the end men had to sell their very bones to raise money to pay their board bills. If I had said anything more in favor of Harrison, I might now be hunting for rail splinters in my legs and smelling of tar. That's the sort of popular idol Harrison is where they know him. That's why I despise him."

"But, Doozy, it's different in Washington."

"I'm not going to take any foolish chances, but you can say what you please in favor of Harrison on my phonograph."

The National Theatre was crowded. In a box sat the entire Blaine tribe, which struck me as a little peculiar. The phonograph specialty was the last thing on the programme. Doozenbury sang a touching ballad that brought tears to many eyes. It was entitled "O, where did Mother Hide the Pie?"

Then I came out and smiled on the audience. I have not snickered since, Johnny. I said:

"Ladies and genermans, dis am Edison's miraculous phonograph, what reproduces the human voice. I simply turns de crank, and you will hear de words ob dat great statesman and pure patriot——"

"Blaine! Blaine! James G. Blaine!" roared about half the audience, while the rest cheered for Grover Cleveland.

As soon as I could catch my breath and there was a pause, I yelled back: "No, that good man is Ben Harrison!"

Harrison's picture appeard and the band struck up, "Hail to the Chief!" Simultaneously an egg, that must have been laid by a hen that had something the matter with her, hit me on the tire of my ear. Doozenbury told me afterwards that for a moment there was a bright golden halo around my head, and I looked like a picture of one of the middle-aged saints. There was, however, a smell strong enough to drive a dog out of a slaughter-house. Harrison's picture was a blessing to me, as it intercepted some of the missiles. As I dodged a dead cat, I saw Mrs. James G. Blaine, Sr., who don't like me, grin sardonically, like a gleam of sunshine on some ancient ruin.

The audience kept on cheering for Blaine and Cleveland. Then I tumbled. I perceived the fine Italian hand of Blaine. I also perceived another aromatic testimonial that exploded on my person and made me wish I had not put on my best suit. Then I adjourned E. Pluribus Unum, as it were. My friend Doozenbury was evidently a tool of Blaine. Such a friendship.

Next morning I called on Harrison. At first I thought he was sneering, but I discovered that he was merely turning up his nose at the aroma from the aromatic testimonials I had been presented with, and which I had been unable to eradicate. In the language of the poet:

"You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang 'round it still."

"Col. Snort," said Harrison," you will oblige me in the future by neglecting to get up any negro minstrel demonstrations in my favor."

"It didn't seem to be much in your favor, Mr. President."

"You failed ignominously, Col. Snort. Dear me, what a peculiar smell there is in this room. It must be the miasmatic vapors from the Potomac flats," said Harrison.

The colored stenographer entered. When he saw me he exploded with laughter, and retreated.

"Mr. President," said I, "if you were to fire that nigger out of a cannon loaded with carbolic acid, maybe the miasmatic vapors from the Potomac flats would be less vociferous. But to return to the ovation last night. None of your friends seemed to be there."

"Col. Snort, why didn't you ask Mr. Wanamaker to detail some of his government employes to attend the performance and cheer for Harrison and reform?"

"I did ask Wanny to send down a lot of postal clerks to cheer for Harrison, but he refused to do so."

"Did he give any reason for refusing?"

"Yes, the fall clothing trade is booming now, and the government clerks in his department are busy sending out his business circulars about overcoats, gentlemanly underwear, etc."

"Did he, himself, attend?"

"No; he said it was his prayer meeting night. He said, moreover, it was wicked to attend minstrel performances for political purposes."

"Where were your Southern Republican office seekers, who infest Washington and bore me for fat offices?" asked Harrison angrily.

"Mr. President, I gave more than forty of them fifty cents apiece to pay admission to the performance, and I told them to yell the lining off their throats howling for Harrison and reform, but they didn't show up."

"Why didn't they?"

"Because they spent the fifty cents for something to eat. Most of them haven't had a square meal in months."

Our Lige entered. He, too, snickered, and said something about my not being as black as I was painted. He opened all the windows, and remarking phew! went out, holding his nose. Then I got up, said phew! and went out, too, holding my nose.

Harrison is small potatoes. When he crawls out of office he will leave a hole not as big as is made by pulling a knitting needle out of the Atlantic ocean. Like the figure one on a ten-dollar bill, he is next to nothing.

A beetle can draw twenty times his own weight, and so can a mustard plaster, but Harrison can't draw one of Watts' hymns for infant minds down hill.

You would suppose that this Indiana clam would be popular here in Washington, but he ain't. I have found it out to my sorrow. Verily, I feel like donning a jaunty suit of sackcloth and ashes and casting myself upon the earth with the force of a red-headed stepmother's arm.

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