

THE NEXT LAUREATE

SWINBURNE, WILLIAM MORRIS, LEWIS MORRIS OR SOME OTHER.

From Ben Jonson to John Dryden—After the Depression Came Southey, Wordsworth and Tennyson—One Candidate Too "Beastly," Another Too Radical.

Poet laureate is a vague title to most Americans. General readers know that historically the place began with the appointment of Ben Jonson in the reign of James I; that he was reappointed and the post made permanent by Charles I; that at the start the office was made glorious by Jonson, Davenant and Dryden; that at the last it was again made illustrious by Southey, Wordsworth and Tennyson, and that between there were some rather "poor sticks."

Now that the place is vacant it may be well before considering the candidates to recall the days of mediocrity and worse. Dryden turned Catholic to please the court of James II, and was promptly turned out as soon as William of Orange became king.



WILLIAM MORRIS.

Thomas Shadwell being appointed in his place. If Dr. Dix should be turned out of the Trinity rectorship to make room for Bob Ingersoll, there would be some fun in the performance, as both are talented, but Shadwell after Dryden was quite as absurd, without being amusing. As a dramatist Shadwell really had some talent; as poet laureate he was ridiculous.

Nahum Tate succeeded and wrote some poetry "so bad that it was good." He had previously been almost an average poet, but writing to order spoiled him, and it is likely to do with genius. Colley Cibber came next, and though a dramatist of ability was totally unfit for poet laureate. And so the line of succession went on among the mediocre till in 1813 Robert Southey was appointed. This remarkable genius had swept around the whole circle of beliefs—religious and political. He began life as a radical democrat and semi-socialist; at the age of thirty-two—in 1813—he had become a high churchman and extreme monarchist. When he left college he entered into a scheme to establish a "pantisocracy" in Pennsylvania, where men should live on terms of equality. Byron refers to this in a satirical dedication, thus:

Bob Southey, you're a poet—poet laureate—And representative of all the race; And though it's true you turned out a Tory at last, you're by no means an uncommon case. And now, my epic renegade, what are you at? With all the Lakers in and out of place? A nest of tuncful persons, to my eye, Like four and twenty blackbirds in a pie!

He was succeeded in 1843 by William Wordsworth, who also began life as a radical democrat, but maintained his views much longer than did Southey, and never became so intensely conservative. He left France "just in time to escape the guillotine," as he said in giving account of his travels there, and vigorously opposed the action taken by England against the revolutionary movement in Europe. In 1869 he began to be known as a Conservative or Tory. He died April 23, 1850, and on the 21st of November following the appointment was conferred on Alfred Tennyson.

Enough has been presented in this historical sketch to show that the politics of the candidate are all important. There is therefore a deal of inquiry into the exact views of Algeon Charles Swinburne, William Morris and Lewis Morris—the three chiefly spoken of. The first two are, as the current phrase is, "tainted with socialistic ideas," and it is no secret that Queen Victoria is very much opposed to both. Swinburne she thoroughly detests. Her favorite is the second Morris—Lewis—who is no akin to William, and is a Welsh gentleman of severe morals equally in life and in verse. As to Swinburne, she is said to give her opinion of him in the course but expressive English phrase—"beastly."

Forty years ago Swinburne's "Lans Veneris" would not have been allowed circulation. Indeed the first edition issued in the United States was for awhile suppressed by law. The poet was well born, being a son of Admiral Swinburne, and had fine social and educational advantages, but kicked against all conventionalities from the start. Born April 5, 1837, his school studies were very irregular, and he left Oxford without taking a degree. He went to Florence, associated with Walter Savage Landor and avowed the most murderously revolutionary sentiments. His "A Song in Time of Order" avowed these sentiments, and quite recently he wrote a similar one in which he urged the nihilists to kill the czar!



EDWIN ARNOLD.

An inquiry was suggested in the house of commons, but the speaker cut off discussion by a slightly sarcastic ruling to the effect that "this house has no control over the poet Swinburne." In 1864 he published "Atalanta in Calydon," which convinced the critics that he was a poet. In 1866 his "Poems and Ballads" excited a storm of rage and disgust, but the critics found in them much of the pure gold of poetry. The publication of his portrait

had an adverse effect, which now seems ludicrous. "Weak, sensual, effeminate"—such were the main phrases applied to it. In fact the poet seems to have no chin. There seems to be no firmness in any part of the face, and the lips are simply "babyish." But he has become older and very much stronger since then, and has grown a beard, and now his face is described as "almost masculine in its vigor." He soon showed his critics that he was anything but weak in sarcastic rejoinder. They learned to dread him, and he is no longer called "Swin-borne." In literary finish he is first of living English poets, but the conviction is general that he is not to be poet laureate. "It really wouldn't do, you know," is the English of it.

"William Morris, poet and socialist," is the common application of the most popular candidate. He was born near London in 1834, the son of a rich merchant, and was educated at Oxford. In 1863 he "went into trade"—that is, to selling artistic wall papers designed by himself and Walter Crane, and soon his designs were all the rage among the fashionable and wealthy. Reversing the career of Southey and Wordsworth, he has steadily grown more radical, and is now known in both hemispheres as the poet of the poor. The queen does not like a socialist any too well, but she would a thousand times prefer him to Swinburne.

Lewis Morris was born at Carmarthen, Wales, in 1837, was graduated from Jesus college, Oxford, in 1855, and until 1880 earned his living as a conveyancer and real estate lawyer. He then retired to a small country place near Carmarthen and is little known in the active world. For many years he amused his leisure with poetry and has published two small volumes—"The Songs of Two Worlds" and "Epic of Hades." He is conservative in politics, exclusive in society and decorous in language, and his works are greatly admired by the queen—all strong points in his favor.

There is another very conservative candidate whose name in this connection has thus far excited little more than a smile, and that is Alfred Austin, who has made two unsuccessful attempts to enter parliament as a Tory. He was born at Headingley, near Leeds, May 30, 1835. His parents were both Roman Catholics, and he was educated at one of the Catholic seminaries. His only work of any importance, entitled "The Seasons," appeared in 1861. It was intended to lash the foibles of the age. "The Seasons" is now only remembered by one line, in which the author in describing a ballroom calls it a place

Where the half drunk lean over the half dressed. This almost forgotten production and a few light album verses are all that is reported of him, and it really is not easy at this distance to understand why he is spoken of for laureate at all. Perhaps the real reason is that in prose he is decidedly keen and sarcastic, and has a happy knack of "doing" the Gladstonians in political pamphlets. One that is much spoken of is his "Tory Horrors," which consists largely of abuse of Gladstone for describing the Bulgarian atrocities. During the Franco-Prussian war he represented the London Standard in the military district.



LEWIS MORRIS. EDWIN ARNOLD.

Of course Edwin Arnold is spoken of, but only as a final alternative. The chances against his appointment are very many and those against his acceptance if appointed still more numerous. The strong point of the poet laureate would seem to be that he must on such occasions as a monarch's birthday or death, a great victory or some such affair, be able to write to order, and if there is any one man more than another who could not write to order it is Sir Edwin. To sum up, it looks just now, what with socialists and "fleshy fellows," poets who would not accept and poets whom the queen won't have, as if the office would have to fall into "innocuous desuetude." J. H. BEADLE.

A Valuable Concession. The concession granted to the New York and Honduras Steamship company, of New York city, by the government of Honduras is an important one. The company agrees to establish plantations in the department of Santa Barbara for the growth of sugar cane and the production of sugar, alcohol, rum and vinegar; to enter upon the cultivation of wheat on a grand scale; to cultivate various grades of tobacco and purchase the product of the native farmers for exportation; to engage in the manufacture of soap, candles, clothing and shoes, and to organize a canning establishment for fruits, meat and fish. They also agree to bring in 5,000 or more families of colonists from Europe; to establish a line of steamers between Puerto Cortez and New York, and to found a bank for the convenience of merchants and others of the country.

In consideration of these works the company is granted the free introduction of the necessary machinery and material needed for their operations, and the exclusive privilege for ten years of exporting to Europe only is given to the company. The company is permitted to construct the necessary railroads to carry their products. The exclusive right for ten years for exporting manufactures of soap, candles, canned goods and foot wear is granted them. The colonists introduced by them will be allowed the free importation of materials for the construction of their houses, and the necessary food to maintain them for six months. They will also be exempt for five years from all municipal charges. The banking privilege is to be exclusive for ten years.

A Cemetery Notice. The following notice was found posted at the gate of a rural cemetery near Dieppe, in France: "Owing to the crowded condition of this cemetery only those living in the commune will hereafter be buried in it."



A. O. OF H.

Portrait and Sketch of Cornelius Ryan, of Atlanta.

Mr. Cornelius Ryan, president of the Atlanta branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is one of the most prominent among the fraternity men of Atlanta. He was born in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1833, but for forty years he has been a citizen of the United States. Mr. Ryan was living in the north before the war, and consequently was found in the Federal army during the conflict, being severely wounded in the second battle of Bull Run. For thirteen years past he has been chief clerk in the office of the United States army quartermaster station at Atlanta. He has a wife and six children and resides on Stonewall street, to which he was attracted by its name, he being a warm admirer of Stonewall Jackson.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Report of the Endowment Bank—Notes of the Pythian Sisters. The report of the board of trustees of the endowment bank states that on July 1 the endowment fund consisted of 1,417 active sections, comprising 39,407 members, with endowments in force amounting to \$93,922,000, and an increase since the last biennial report of 500 sections, 8,000 members and \$17,000,000 endowments. The resources of the bank are stated to be \$87,861,000, and the liabilities, representing death losses accruing before July 1, \$187,600. Much of this liability is represented by profits in process of completion and adjusted and which will be met by the usual assessment. The report recommends a thorough revision of the constitution of the bank, by which the maximum limit of age of new members may be decreased and by which the bank may be freed of liability in case of success.

There are 215 temples of Pythian Sisters in 27 states of the Union, with a membership on Dec. 31, 1891, of 5,334 Sisters and 3,613 Knights.

Official communication with the Pythian Sisterhood is prohibited.

The Order of Pythian Sisters in Iowa is having a remarkable growth.

RED MEN.

Membership of the Great Councils of the Order—Short Talks. Among the great councils the largest membership is found in Pennsylvania, with 30,495, followed by New Jersey, with 15,644; Massachusetts, 14,601; New York, 11,110; Indiana, 8,632; Ohio, 5,111; Maryland, 4,110; Illinois, 3,401; Virginia, 2,678; California, 2,636; Delaware, 2,536. With 5,123 adoptions during the year Pennsylvania increased its membership only 1,887, while Indiana had 3,331 adoptions and 2,539 net gain; New Jersey, 3,277 adoptions, 2,017 net gain; New York, 2,933 adoptions, 1,888 net gain; Maryland, 1,139 adoptions, 724 net gain; Massachusetts, 1,129 adoptions, 668 net gain; Alabama, 735 adoptions, 573 net gain.

At the recent great council a recommendation to set apart a day for Red Men to celebrate at the World's fair in Chicago was passed and action taken to make arrangements for same.

The reports of the councils of Pochontas show the following: Council receipts, \$45,644.68; paid for relief of members, \$1,873.50; burial of dead, \$1,400.20; other purposes, \$24,021.98; worth of councils, \$42,783.54.

The degree of Pochontas on June 20 had a membership of 16,813. The net increase of new councils was 54.

A. O. U. W.

Growth of the Order in New England. The Relief Fund Balance. The membership of the order in New England Sept. 1 was as follows: Massachusetts, 16,749; Connecticut, 6,787; Maine, 4,794; Rhode Island, 1,127; New Hampshire, 1,333; total, 30,789. New York, having 31,278, leads this jurisdiction 400 members. Grand Master Workman Farren expects to take the lead by Nov. 1.

The opposers of fraternal societies are those who are ignorant of the principles and designs of these orders.

The balance in relief fund Oct. 1 was \$4,500.30.

New members admitted in August, 3,661.

Texas has a special tax of \$2, which is used alone for the purpose of building up old lodges and organizing new ones. Money spent in this way is more than repaid in reduced rate of assessments for the beneficiary fund.

It is estimated that during the current year \$7,000,000 will be paid to beneficiaries by the A. O. U. W. What a magnificent sum! What a gracious object!

Tennessee had two assessments in September.

National Union. The officials of the National Union say: "If societies can flourish for centuries in the Old World, is it not reasonable to suppose they can endure with equal permanency in America? There never was a failure of a society on the plan of the National Union, while of 917 life insurance companies organized in the United States less than 100 are alive today. Of these failures 143 were the so-called old line companies and the balance were local mutual companies."

The officers of Advance council, National Union, of Jersey City, are I. G. Sutterlin, president; N. Roberts, vice president; J. A. Bumstead, secretary; J. M. Lane, Jr., ex-president; S. V. Howell, secretary; J. I. Taylor, financial secretary; F. O. Van Winkle, treasurer; W. J. Norden, chaplain; H. W. Post, U.; I. H. Freeman, sergeant-at-arms; J. Nealis, doorkeeper.

United Friends. To Aug. 29 there had been paid to living members on account of total disability the sum of \$178,100, and to the beneficiaries of the deceased members there had been paid to Aug. 29 \$2,708,808.53, making a total of \$2,886,908.53. This had been paid on 1,315 deaths and 171 disabilities among United Friends.

GEORGE GRAYVATT ASSIGNS.

George L. Bennett Has Been Appointed Assignee.

George Gravatt, Jr., made an assignment yesterday morning of all the stock of goods, books, pictures, stationery and all debts and accounts due him to George L. Bennett. The deed alleges that said George L. Bennett shall take an inventory of the stock and sell it out at retail prices, the proceeds of which will go to the creditors; it further alleges that the debts of each class shall be paid pro rata and that no debt of the first class shall have priority over any other debt of the first class. The said trustee shall notify all creditors, who are required to notify the trustee in writing within forty days if they accept the provisions made for them in the deed. All who fail to notify the said trustee shall be debarred from recovering any of their debts.

The creditors of the first class are: Note at Commercial National Bank, \$150.

Negotiable note, payable to Fidelity Loan and Trust Company, \$200.

One note payable to the First National Bank, D. H. Matson as security, \$200.

Money borrowed of J. P. Flippo \$1,295.

Money borrowed of A. R. Bowdrie, \$50.

Money borrowed of E. R. Gravatt, \$295.

Amount due T. D. Gravatt for money borrowed and salary, \$239.

E. W. Tinsley for salary, \$95.

Amount due I. T. Bryant, \$2,215.

Rent of store house to October 31, \$125.

There are a large number of creditors of the second class, the amounts ranging from \$6 to \$127, with the exception of J. B. Lippincott & Co., whose amount is \$1,411.11. If the trustee thinks it expedient he is authorized to sell the goods, as a whole or sell them privately or at public auction.

Two Horses Burned to Death.

A barn belonging to Harry James, about three miles southeast of Vinton, was totally destroyed by fire Friday night about 10 o'clock. Two horses, a couple of wagons and a lot of farming implements, hay and feed were also destroyed. One of the horses and wagons were the property of R. W. Craig, at Vinton. The fire was the work of an incendiary and the loss will amount to several hundred dollars, with no insurance.

Work of an Incendiary.

Between midnight and daylight yesterday morning a barn belonging to the Consolidated Mining Company about two and a half miles southwest of the city was totally destroyed by fire. Five very fine horses, a large amount of corn, a new buggy and several wagons, besides a large amount of hay, were burned up. The loss will probably amount to \$2,000, with no insurance. The fire was of an incendiary nature, but no clue has been found to identify the perpetrator.

A Million Friends.

A FRIEND in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottle free at Christian & Barbee's drug store. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Elicoric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell so well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. Christian & Barbee, Druggists.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fover Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Gouls, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Christian & Barbee.

LIFE WITHOUT HEALTH.

IS A burden; you should therefore resort to every means to regain your health—disease, inflammation of the blood and tissues caused by microbes. Radam's Microbe Killer removes the cause, giving nature a chance to cure. It will pay you to investigate. On application we will present you with a 50-page book giving history of microbes and the Microbe Killer. Johnson & Johnson, agents.

Old papers, 10c per hundred, for sale at this office.

OUR line of ladies' shoes this season is the handsomest ever shown in this city. At J. Moyer's.

BRUSSELS carpets at 50 cents yard at the E. H. Stewart Furniture Company.

Adams Bros. & Paynes, DEALERS IN Building Materials of All Kinds. LUMBER, LIME, LATHS, SHINGLES, SLATE, CEMENT.

A specialty made of Paving, Ornamental and Building BRICK.

SEWER PIPE AND FIRE CLAY PIPE. Brick works at Roanoke, Lynchburg and Chilhowie, Va. Roanoke office: Room No. 405 Terry Building. 811 1/2

Roanoke Artificial Stone Works Guarantee all their pavements for five years or longer. See pavements that passed through winter in front of Bell Printing Co.'s office, front of Catogni's grocery and elsewhere. Also dealers in curb stone, steps, platforms, dimension stone, &c. Address, WILLIAM MCCARTY, Roanoke, Va. Jan 15-17

CIDER! CIDER!! CIDER!!! CLARET CIDER, CRAB APPLE CIDER, PIPPIN APPLE CIDER, -AT-

R. J. Eckloff's, No. 21 Jefferson Street.

Finest assortment of Canned Goods in the city. Shafer's Hams, finest in the city. Call and see me.

PROPOSALS.

CITY OF ROANOKE, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon November 2nd, 1892, for furnishing all the labor and materials necessary for the construction and completion of the following lines of sewers in the city of Roanoke: Section (6) six, Putting in place a 12-inch terra cotta pipe from the point where the present sewer discharges near the gas house to Lick run at or near Nicholson street, and there connecting with the main outfall sewer by means of an iron pipe with flange across Lick run. Section (7) seven, Putting in place a 12-inch terra cotta pipe in Shenandoah avenue from the sewer now in Jefferson street at its intersection with the north side of the N. & W. R. R. track near the Randolph street bridge, Section (8) eight, Putting in place a 24-inch terra cotta pipe from the point where the present sewer empties into Lick run near the junction of Campbell with Norfolk avenue along Lick run a distance of about 2,500 feet connecting with the sewers from the Roanoke Machine Works and across Lick run by means of an iron pipe siphon to connect with the main outfall sewer.

Each bidder must submit with his bid a certified check for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). All work to be done in accordance with plans, drawings and specifications on file in this office.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part of a bid; to compare or complete the work upon any of the sections enumerated, or any part of any section named.

The City Council reserves the right to waive any defect or informality in any bid, if it be deemed in the interest of the city to do so. Within ten days after the award of the contract the successful bidder, or bidders, must furnish bond with approved securities, resident in Virginia, in a penalty of forty per cent. of the contract price, for the faithful performance of the work. All bids received after the time stated will be returned to the bidder. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "Proposals for the construction of sewers on sections 6, 7 and 8 in the city of Roanoke," and addressed to the Board of Public Works, Roanoke, Va.

J. D. RINK, CLARENCE WILEMAN, J. S. SHEEHAN, Board of Public Works, 10-21-23

CITY OF ROANOKE, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, 14th, 1892, for furnishing all the necessary labor and materials for the construction of a vitrified brick sidewalk alongside the Greene Memorial Church, on Campbell avenue and Roanoke street, to include the necessary stone curbing. The space to be covered amounts to about 1,500 square feet. All bids must be accompanied with certified check for \$100.00. Bids must be enclosed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Bid for vitrified brick sidewalk."

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bid if it is deemed in the interest of the city to do so. Plans and specifications can be seen at this office. Address bids to this office.

J. D. RINK, CLARENCE WILEMAN, J. S. SHEEHAN, Board of Public Works, 10-15-20

ROANOKE DRESSED BEEF CO.,

STALL NO. 8, CITY MARKET, N. RENSCH, Proprietor.

We buy and butcher Southwest Virginia stock. Our's is a home enterprise, and our meats are butchered at Roanoke, Va. in Kansas City, St. Louis and other Western cities. Give us a trial. 18 1/2

ROANOKE STREET RAILWAY SCHEDULE.

Table with columns for VESTIBULE, No. 11, No. 13, No. 15, and No. 16, listing departure and arrival times for various routes.

THROUGH CAR ARRANGEMENTS. No. 11 and 12 are Vestibule trains, consisting of Pullman Drawing Room Buffet Sleeping Cars and elegant day coaches, and run solid between St. Augustine and Cincinnati. Leave Cincinnati 11:30 a. m., arrive Chattanooga 6:30 p. m. Return leaves Chattanooga 4:30 a. m., arrive Cincinnati 8:30 p. m.

No. 15 carries Pullman Buffet Sleepers, leaving Cincinnati at 6:00 p. m., to Atlanta, thence to Jacksonville by No. 23 p. m.

No. 24 carries Pullman Buffet Sleeper, Jacksonville to Marion, thence by No. 16 to Cincinnati.

No. 13 and 14 carry Pullman Buffet Sleepers, between Atlanta and Savannah, Atlanta and Brunswick, Asheville and St. Augustine, also coach between Atlanta and Birmingham, via Atlanta.

No. 11 and 12 carry Vestibule Sleepers between Knoxville and Atlanta, via Chattanooga. W. W. WREN, Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent.

NATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE Roanoke, Va.—The regular session of this popular institution, which has been partially suspended during the heated season, resumed yesterday, September 1st, with a full corps of instructors. Remember that over 75 per cent. of the two hundred students who entered the school and completed their course are to-day filling positions successfully and most of them in this Magic City of progress and enterprise. Young men, come here and prepare for business. Send for our new illustrated college journal containing full information. Address as above. 111 y

ROANOKE PAPER STOCK AND METAL COMPANY.

Holdings of paper, R. & S. Paper, and all kinds of paper, R. & S. Paper, old papers, iron, brass, copper, lead, etc., etc. 100 y 17