"I'll Be a Bachelor, When I'm Old."

Said our bright-eyed boy with hair of gold,
"I'll be a bachelor when I'm old,
And always stay with mamma and you,
As sure as sure, as true as true;"
But he fell a prey to cupid's dart,
For tiny Bess stole his tiny heart.
Next day he announced with a solemn air,
"He loved dear Bessie, he did, so there—
Bessie was pretty, Bessie was good—
He'd marry Bessie—yes he would."
Reminded of what he had said before
He pondered a moment the problem o'er,
Then softly said, in his bashful way,
"I hadn't seen Bessie yesterday."

Oh, boy of mine, 'tis vain to plan
"I'll be a bachelor when a man."
Some fairy creature with golden hair,
And sweet blue eyes like your mother's there,
With rippling laugh like the song of bird,
Or voice the sweetest we ever heard,
Makes us forget the word long spoken,
Half unconscious the spell is broken,
And then, like you, we simply say,
"I hadn't seen Bessie, yesterday."

EDITH PERRY.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29, 1886.

ED. FREE PRESS:—The president continues to astonish every one about him by the remarkable amount of labor he performs daily. No man probably has ever before given any thing like as much intellectual strength and steadiness of application to the duties of the presidential office. He studies closely even the minor questions that come before him for official action, and every document that goes from his hands, if it be only a letter to an office holder, is carefully prepared.

Mr. Jordan, the United States Treasurer, under the new regime, is another practical worker and thorough business man. A short time ago a congressional committee asked him to appear before them and impart his views on financial topics. He responded that he was too busy during the day, but would be pleased to meet the committee at night, and so he did.

A short time after Mr. Jordan was installed in his new office, he went to the government printing office and asked to have a small job of work done that day. He was assured by some of the officials there that it could not be furnished before the next morning. "I must have that printing tonight," insisted the treasurer. "It is impossible," remonstrated the others. Mr. Jordan threw off his coat, went to a desk, and began setting type rapidly himself, while the clerks looked on in astonishment. He finished a third of the work in fifteen minutes, and turning to the officials, he said; "Now when I ask to have a certain job of printing done by a certain time, please remember that I know what I am taking about." It is useless to say the work was ready for him at the specified time.

When his resolutions finally got through the senate by a mere majority of one, senator Edmunds breathed a sigh of relief. Even this barren victory was better than he expected. He was nervously apprehensive that a sufficient number of his republican brethren would vote against him to cause his defeat. Mr. Edmunds' sudden anxiety to force a vote is easily explained. Had he allowed the debate to continue until the new California senator, then en route for Washington, reached here, his little game would have failed, for the senate would have been tied.

The political effect of the discussion will not be profitable to the republican party, and the whole contest can have no practical result. No displaced official will be restored. No personal papers will be furnished and no reasons will be given. It is well known here that the republicans feel no elation or satisfaction in carrying through these resolutions by this meagre majority of a strict party vote.

There is a bill before the United States senate to increase the postage on fourth-class mail matter from 16 to 32 cents per pound. We see no benefit to be derived from this bill by anybody, unless it be the express companies. The doubling of the rate would certainly be a tax upon the people, especially those living remote from railways, with whom the U. S. mail is the only method of receiving small packages. Fourth-class mail matter includes an almost endless variety of articles, among which may be enumerated: Articles of merchandise, models, sample cards, samples of metals, minerals, cuttings, bulbs, roots and scions, labels, address tags, patterns, photographs, bill-heads and letter-heads, printed envelopes and letter envelopes, and paper containing no printing. To increase the rate would be a hardship to a very large number of citizens, with no compensating benefit to anyone. The bill should be killed.—Frankfort News.

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Real Estate Transfers

From February 24th to March 16th:

Thos G McGehee to Geo T McGehee, lots 36 and 37, subdivision of R H Williams cedar-brake, containing 17 acres, $100.

Isham Good and wife to Iola Nance, 232 acres of Chas Wilcox survey, $1,050.

Iola Nance to Christian Frederick Hofheinz, 232 acres of Chas Wilcox survey, $800.

W W Woolfolk and wife to R Fromme, farm lot No. 25, comprising 11 acres, $2,700.

Barnes & Wetmore to B Hellman, lots 8, 9 and 10, blk 29, Kyle, $183 50.

Kauffman & Runge to M Dreier, the northwest part of lot 5, blk 13, San Marcos, $5,000.

N O Sneed and wife to E Sunderland, ½ acre lot John Pharas league, $70.

A M Moore to A S Bunting, 15 2 5 acres Z Hinton survey, $616.

C W and G S Gilmore and Mrs M W Massey to J F Massey, half-interest in J W Gilmore pre-emption (160 acres) and half-interest in 105 acres S H Reed survey $100.

J H and Alf H Robinson to W W Davis, 2 tracts—180 acres T Carolina survey and 100 acres Enoch Moore survey, $1,500.

Chas Wolf to W R Puryear, 640 acres of David G Williamson survey, $1,060.

Barnes & Wetmore to J M, J A, E F and W P Thompson and J E Tucker, lots 1 and 2 in blk 5, Kyle, $200.

Barnes & Wetmore to J A and Jennie Thompson, lot 5, blk 17, Kyle, $75.

Thos H Sevey to Tucker & Co, lot 2 blk 20, Kyle, $250.

W M Henson to J T Lewis, 100 acres, Hays county, $400.

J C Martin to Martin McCarty, 1 acre in town of Kyle, $400.

Jas W Nichols and wife to Henry W Kelly, 45 acres, part of southwest quarter Eggleston league, $550.

Thos J Horan, Francis G Morris and Fred Carleton to C M Monroe and J B Jackson, 640 acres Marcus B Raper Patent, $1,000.

Wm Herndon to C S Graham, 5,000 superficial feet survey in Dripping Springs, and another tract in W T Chapman's 1st addition to Dripping Springs, $500.

W A & Z A McMillan to Geo W Dickey, 93 acres situated on Archer's Creek, $600.

Ernest Hohenberg to Antonia Hohenberg, 200 acres of the Riley Hughes survey, $1.

D A Young and wife to J Y Stephenson, blk 5 of Young's addition to Kyle, $140.

State of Texas to Samuel Morgan, 160 acres patent land on Onion Creek.

Albert Friedenthal to W H Robbins, 24 acres T J Chambers league, $400.

L W Mitchell and wife to M B Ownby, the northern portion of lot 5, block 8, San Marcos, $2,400.

E W Kyle and wife to M E Ownby, lot in C C Mitchell addition, $400.

J F Ellison and wife to C W Thomas, lots 1 and 2, blk 1, Enoch Moore addition, $150.

M Ellen Moore to Louis McMahon, lot 16 blk "A", Moore's addition to Kyle, $60.

M Ellen Moore to Francis Espinosa, lot 17, blk "A", Moore's addition to Kyle.

Richard H Johnson and wife to T B Rector and J C Carpenter, part of S J Whatley league, on Bear Creek, $4,200.

Jesse R Jones to Wm H Cundiff, 640 acres Young survey, $1,000.

W H Cundiff to W D Wood, 640 acres Harrison Young survey, $100.

Eloped With Her Pastor.

MILTON, W. VA., March 22.—Great excitement prevails in town to-day, especially in religious circles, by the discovery that the Rev. N. A. Ramsey, of this place, had eloped last night with his cousin, Miss Rosa S. Hanley. The affair is rendered more shocking by the fact that the reverend gentleman, who stood most high in the estimation of his congregation, leaves an excellent wife and three small children. Miss Rosa Hanley was a social belle here, 18 years of age and very beautiful. She was regarded as an especial friend of her paramour's wife. Mr. Ramsey was a Presbyterian, and has expounded the gospel here for ten years, and the fall of the heavens could not have created a greater shock than this insane action of his. Mrs. Ramsey, it is thought, will die from the blow. The family of the young lady vow summary vengeance on her seducer. The whereabouts of the guilty pair is unknown, but it is believed they have gone over the Chesapeake and Ohio to Cincinnati.

A Matter of Gratitude.

Months ago I had occasion to publicly testify to the rare curative properties of Swift's Specific in the treatment of rheumatism, from which I had suffered for several years. I am again constrained to bear testimony to the virtue of this famous medicine in the treatment of another and quite a different disease.

During my late visit to the North I was stricken down with malarial fever, and at times my recovery was extremely doubtful. At this period of my sickness, however, a copy of an Atlanta paper came to hand in which was a certificate from some person who had used with success Swift's Specific in a similar case. Having a bottle with me, I immediately commenced taking it, and am proud to say that good results followed at once. I then procured a few bottles from Boston, and continued to take three doses daily until I recovered my health perfectly, a result largely due to that valuable preparation, S. S. S.

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She Did the Running.

Boston Record.

There was a wedding last week from a certain rather famous home on the Back Bay, and the church ceremony interested the small sister of the bride immensely. A day or two after the husband and wife had gone away on their wedding journey, the little sister interupted her doll-playing to ask: "Grandma, what church were you married in?" "I wasn't married in a church, my dear; your grandmother was a naughty girl, and ran away with grandpa; we were married at a minister's house." "Oh, ho!" laughed the midget, "how did you ever manage to make such a fussy old fellow as grandpa run?"

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