

**A SCHOOL POEM.**

When I was young and went to school  
To teachers strict, as was the rule,  
They only common studies taught;  
No higher branches being sought.  
The village school house, small and neat,  
Contained one room, which was replete  
With benches, desks and black-boards  
chaiked,  
Where we did "sums" and often  
balked.  
On "master's" desk lay rod and rule,  
Which were the terrors of the school;  
And books were laying all around,  
Some for young brains were to pro-  
found.  
In center, stood a heater prime,  
'Round which we warmed in winter  
time;  
When "master" felt ill-humored,  
though,  
Half warmed, we to our seats must  
go.  
From pail of water and tin cup,  
We drank all the water up;  
We liked to drink it all, you know,  
Because for more we'd get to go.  
The people interest did profess  
In public schools and their success,  
We pleasure gave when we could tell  
That we were good and learning  
well.  
How it my childhood's pride did stir  
When questioned what my studies  
were:  
"Readin' and spellin'," I replied,  
And "writin' and cipherin'," too, be-  
side."  
We trouble for the "master" made,  
When his stern laws were disobeyed;  
His rod was vigorously applied,  
Making sore both heart and hide.  
Some scholars were for play more rife,  
Disliking study and school life;  
When found out they did truant play,  
They took their punishment next day.  
We'd teachers mean, though some  
were good,  
Few, their true calling understood;  
While some were grave and others gay,  
Yet all were bound to have their way.  
One teacher, who was tall and slim,  
Wore stove-pipe hat; black suit so trim,  
With polished boots and fine white  
shirt,  
And on his clothes no speck of dirt.  
The back and seat of his school chair,  
In muslin he had dressed with care.  
At times, amid school hours of toil,  
He'd sit there and his clothes not soil.  
Three of us girls together got  
Around that chair one day to plat.  
Then bent a pin, and it we stuck  
Into the muslin with point up.  
When he came in and there sat down,  
He acted like a circus clown;  
Gave a sudden leap into the air,  
And looked as though he'd like to  
swear.  
He, like some other bachelors we find,  
Seemed prejudiced 'gainst woman-kind;  
The boys went home; the girls stayed  
in;  
Now don't you think that was a sin?  
He said, "if any of you know  
Who did that deed and tell me so,  
The guilty one has cause to fear,  
I'll deal out punishment severe."  
In vain were all his threats and fuss,  
For not a girl would tell on us,  
Not learning who stuck pin in chair,  
He let us go. It ended there.  
Another teacher, short and fat,  
Wore a gray suit and broad brimmed  
hat.  
He scolded oft, dealt many a blow,  
Was why we all disliked him so.  
When he was angry, well we knew  
How he would shake and stutter, too;  
He'd tremble like an aspen leaf,  
Then some of us must come to grief.  
When that long term of school was  
done,  
We sent him packed to leave some fine  
Outside the school house formed a line  
In soldier style, with rifles fixed.  
While marching past the open door,  
These words to him he loudly roared:  
"We are glad there's no more of you,  
Good-bye master, you're a boor."  
This, from our parents, we did hear,  
Fearing the rod would be applied,  
Soon "master" went beyond our reach,  
And never came back there to teach.  
Our loving parents ever yearned  
To have their children good and learn-  
ed,  
That we be wise and whippings save,  
The following advice they gave:  
"Never come home with tales to tell,  
But always nide your teacher well;  
Study in school with all your might,  
And then I know he'll treat you well."  
But as we pupils older grew,  
Grew more seditate and wiser, too,  
Through application and through care,  
Obtained an education fair.  
Still some became dissatisfied  
That other studies are denied;  
So off to higher schools did go,  
To deeper knowledge gain, you know.  
Dear friends my pen could travel on,  
Upon this theme, already long;  
And fearing I have tired you,  
Will bid you all a kind adieu.  
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**LABOR NEWS.**

Street railway employes at Philadel-  
phia are again dissatisfied and are talk-  
ing strike.  
The Lake Carriers association will  
advance wages 12 1/2 per cent over  
April, 1895.

**RELIGIOUS MATTERS.**

A branch of Ballington Booth's new  
American volunteers has been organized  
in Chicago.

Miss Frances E. Willard authorizes  
the statement that the national conven-  
tion of the W. C. T. U. for 1896 will  
probably be held at St. Louis.

William Phillips Hall, a wealthy  
New Yorker, has organized a new  
evangelistic movement to be known as  
"The American League of the Grand  
Army of the Cross."

At the Southwest Kansas Methodist  
Episcopal conference Bishop Andrews  
created a sensation by declaring that a  
minister should not meddle with the  
temperance question.

**THE DEATH RECORD.**

Francis R. Fava, son of the Italian  
Ambassador, is dead.

The death of President Hippolyte of  
Hayti is officially affirmed.

Brigadier General Casey, retired,  
for many years chief of engineers, U.  
S. A., died suddenly at Washington.

Frank Sweeney, for many years  
grand master of the Switchmen's Na-  
tional union, died of consumption at  
his home in Chicago.

Francis R. Fava, son of the Italian  
ambassador and professor of civil en-  
gineering at the Columbian university,  
Washington, died Friday.

W. J. Edbrook, the well known Chi-  
cago architect, is dead, aged 53. He  
was supervising architect under Har-  
rison's administration, and supervised  
all the buildings at the world's fair de-  
signed for government exhibitions.

**FINANCE AND TRADE.**

The treasury department has raised  
the premium on gold bars, the desire  
being to keep gold in this country.

The property of ex-State Treasurer  
Taylor's bondsmen sold at auction at  
Redfield, S. D., was bid in by the state.

A government contract for making  
250,000 brick at Rosebud Indian agency  
was awarded to W. P. Alsip of Grand  
Forks, N. D.

The Berlin bourse committee has  
granted the special quotation of certifi-  
cates of 6 per cent for first Northern  
Pacific bonds.

It is announced that a large car  
factory to be known as the Union Car  
works and to be run on the co-operative  
plan, will be put into operation in  
North St. Louis during the coming  
summer.

**NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS.**

Miss Alice Rothschild's collection of  
roses is valued at \$50,000.

Professor Roentgen was long looked  
upon as being a "little cracked."

Mark Twain has recovered from his  
illness in India and has sailed for South  
Africa.

Nicola Tesla believes he has an in-  
strument by which he can telegraph  
without wires.

The duke and duchess of Marl-  
borough have arrived in London after  
their extended wedding trip.

George B. McClellan of Cincinnati,  
a nephew of the late general, announces  
the birth of a daughter. His wife is  
Pauline Hall, the actress.

According to a London weekly paper  
the total amount of the fortune of the  
Rothschild family there and on the  
continent is \$380,000,000.

Mr. Gladstone has been reading  
"Robinson Crusoe" and "The Arabian  
Nights" as an antidote to the hard  
work in editing his new edition of Bal-  
zac's works.

Ex-President Harrison celebrated the  
last Sunday before his marriage to  
Mrs. Dummick by giving a dinner to  
his son Russell and daughter Mrs. Mc-  
Kee and the latter's two children.

**POLITICAL NEWS.**

Senator Davis has withdrawn from  
the presidential contest.

Reed delegates were elected in Mas-  
sachusetts, amid great enthusiasm.

The National Reform convention has  
been called to meet in Pittsburg  
May 25.

Morrison sentiment seems to be  
growing among Democratic leaders in  
congress.

South Dakota and Minnesota state  
conventions instructed delegations for  
McKinley.

The first Democratic convention in  
Iowa, at Webster City, endorsed Boies  
for president.

The Texas Republican convention  
broke up in a row. Contesting dele-  
gations will be sent to St. Louis.

The complexion of the Texas dele-  
gation to the St. Louis convention is 14  
for Allison, 10 for Reed and 6 for Mc-  
Kinley.

Dennis T. Flynn, who is serving his  
second term as delegate from Okla-  
homa to the lower house of congress,  
has been renominated by the Republi-  
can territorial convention.

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