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All things are wrought of melody. Unheard, yet full of speaking spells. Within the rock, within the tree. A soul of music dwells

A mute symphonic sense that trills The silent frame of mortal things. Its heart beats in the ancient hills. And in each flower sings.

To harmony all growth is set. Each seed is but a music note. From which each plant, each violet. Evolves its purple note.

Compact of melody, the rose Woos, the soft wind with strain on strain

Of crimson; and the lily blows Its white bars to the rain.

The trees are peans; and the grass One long, green fugue, beneath the sun; Song is their life, and all shall pass. Shall cease, when song is done.

—Madison Cawein, in Truth

STAFFORD.

Horses Injured—Liquor Licenses—Personal, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.) Stafford C. H., Va., May 8, 1900.

Mr. Jas. Wardlaw has recovered sufficiently to ride out.

Mrs. A. K. Brent returned from Washington last week, where she has been visiting.

Mrs. J. M. Green and family have moved to the Court-house, and are living in the old Conway house, which she purchased several years ago.

Dr. H. J. Payne was one of the callers at the Court-house this week.

Armistead Dishman had two horses badly injured last week, owing to the carelessness of the driver they were thrown on a harrow, and neither of them are expected to recover from the effects of their injuries.

Mr. W. H. Carter and both of his sisters are prostrated with grip at their residence near Tidewater. Mr. C. is one of our best citizens, and has the sympathy of the neighborhood.

The cold snap of the last few days, with lack of rain, has thrown a blight on vegetation, which was so promising about ten days ago, although it is thought the fruit crop is not injured in this locality.

Mrs. J. K. Gilbert left here last week on a visit to relatives in Highland county. Mr. Gilbert went with her as far as Orange C. H., but returned in time to fill his appointments at Ebenezer and Antioch Sunday.

Next court-day will be the 16th. The Board of Supervisors will meet the 21st. The only thing on docket court day of interest is the fight over liquor licenses in Palmyra.

Mrs. Florence Evans, who has been visiting friends in Washington, D. C., returned home yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Mueselman has opened a general store here, with Mr. R. L. Fritter in charge.

The run of fish in the Potomac this year has been unprecedented; the fish were finer and larger than known for years.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. England, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. English and Mr. Marics Shreshley paid the Court-house a visit on business this week.

Mr. B. Milton Lowry, of Quantico, accompanied by his little son and Mr. J. A. Lowry, of Brooke, paid the Court-house a pleasant visit Sunday.

Mrs. C. G. Leary, of Quantico, is visiting her father, Mr. W. L. Lunsford, at "Two Oaks."

Mr. L. F. Scholer and family, of Washington, D. C., have rented the old Lowry homestead, near Brooke, for 6 months. Mr. S.'s health is not good and he has come to the country to recuperate.

Mr. L. Y. C. C. Cooper paid the Court-house a flying visit Sunday.

Delia Strother, who was a slave of Dr. Walter Hoop, is now living with Lewis Alexander, near Bellefair Mills, Stafford county. She is now, according to the family Bible, 103 years old, and is bright and still has a good memory.

Scribbler.

There was a wealthy widow of 58 summers in Richmond who became enamored with an Orange county youth of 18 winters and about one year ago they were wedded in wedlock, but soon love's young dream began to lose its golden lustre and the hydra-headed demon of hate usurped the throne of con-nubial bliss. Next came a divorce suit on the part of the once happy wife and also a suit to recover the small fortune which in her adolescence she had transferred to the juvenile husband, and these cases are now pending in the Circuit court of this county. Efforts were made to compromise the affair this week, but without success. The winsome wife relented and wanted to wedge her dear little hubby, but he hardened his heart and wilted not.—Orange Observer.

An Ancient Belief.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demonic enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

KING GEORGE.

Poultry Raising on a Large Scale—Personal Notes, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.) King George C. H., Va., May 8, 1900.

Hon. Thomas H. Bevan and Commonwealth's Attorney William A. Rose are visiting Col. R. J. Washington, at "Cambleton."

Mr. B. C. Gwynne has purchased from the Messrs. Ashton, of "Waterloo," their large flock of sheep and lambs, which added to his large flock on his "Berry Plain" farm, makes him the largest sheep owner in the county.

Mrs. Rose T. Hunter, of Washington, is visiting her relatives at the Court-house.

Your correspondent visited "Bedford" not long since the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fitzhugh, "Bedford" farm has been in the possession of the ancestors of Mr. Fitzhugh for two hundred and fifty years. Mr. Fitzhugh is largely engaged in the poultry business. He has four hen houses 60 feet long by 12 feet wide, and a large hatchery with every convenience attached; his flock of hens will reach one thousand in number.

Judge John E. Mason and family have returned to "Shelburne," their handsome country residence, for the summer. Their many friends gladly welcome them back.

Mr. Thomas L. Hunter, of Washington, D. C., spent last Saturday and Sunday with his relatives at the Court-house.

Miss Margaret Stuart, of "Ocotar Grove," is visiting her sister, Mrs. Allen Smith, at "Danning."

was not heard again. It was a ludicrous incident, and was enjoyed by Speaker Henderson, for as soon as he could escape he gave vent to a hearty "Ha! Ha!" The only person mad is Mr. Grosvenor, who does not take kindly to the suggestion that he "get off the earth."

It was a decidedly daring prank on the part of the joker, and none but an expert could have carried it on so successfully. Had he continued he would have difficulties been discovered. He just said enough and no more.

Trying to Find the Murderer of Goebel.

The most important testimony yet introduced in connection with the Goebel assassination was brought out in the hearing at Frankfort for bail in the Fulton case.

Assistant Secretary of State J. J. Matthews and McKenzie Todd, private secretary to Governor Taylor, were star witnesses. Matthews stated that pardons were issued to Charles Finley, John L. Powers, Harland Wittaker, and possibly W. H. Culton.

Assistant Secretary of State J. J. Matthews testified:

"I was in the Governor's room when the assassination occurred. The first shot sounded to me as if it came from between the two buildings. As I opened the door I met Henry Youtsey, who was coming in. He had a revolver in his hand. We tried to get in the Secretary's office to get some guns there, but the doors were locked and I had to crawl over the transom to get in. A rifle was lying by one of the windows with the butt toward the east. There was also a rifle in each corner of the left side of the room. Two were of .38-caliber.



PLAN OF THE LANCASTER NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

to be erected in Irvington, Lancaster county. The building will be 36x50 feet, of pressed brick, with glass front. The second story will be fitted up for a town hall and lodge room. The contract has been let to Frank P. Stearns, builder, of Fredericksburg, who will begin the work of construction shortly and complete the building within 90 days. The brick will be furnished by L. T. Buck & Co., Weems, and such lumber as needed secured of dealers in Lancaster and Norfolk. For the present Dr. Newbill's drug store is being used for banking purposes. A 12,000 pound burglar-proof safe has been purchased. Judge Jan. C. Ewell is president of the new institution, Mr. Frank G. Newbill cashier and Edgar M. Young, Jr., assistant cashier. Messrs. A. Handolph Howard and W. McDonald Lee are members of the Board of Directors. The bank was opened April 18th, and already the business done by it has far surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its proprietors.

Ventriloquist in the House.

A ventriloquist, and an expert at that, managed to interject some rather startling remarks into the dialogue in the House, says the Washington letter of the Philadelphia North American.

The identity of the joker was not discovered, but he was probably located somewhere in the gallery. His presence was made known, or rather he was first heard, when Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, arose with due dignity to make some observation, when he was greeted with:

"The gentleman from Ohio will get off the earth."

The official stenographers nearly twisted their necks of looking for the speaker who seemed to have uttered the startling sentence. Mr. Grosvenor looked aghast, and glanced at Speaker Henderson, but he discovered that the latter was in conversation with the clerk. The Speaker had not heard the words that he seemed to have uttered. He was oblivious of the joke, and of the ludicrous position of Mr. Grosvenor, who for once in his life found speech impossible.

He seemed to arrive at the conclusion that his imagination had played him a trick, but the laughter of those who had heard the voice convinced him that there was something wrong. Speaker Henderson at this point rapped, and drawled out:

"The House will be in order." "The House will be in order," came an apparent echo.

It was the Speaker's turn now to be amazed. The stenographers turned to look at him and were greeted with:

"Rubber, rubber."

The voice came from nowhere in particular. It seemed to come from all parts of the chamber, up through the register or through the window. It rebounded about, and might have been uttered by any one. It was too much, and the members broke into a roar. Then came the voice again:

"Good bye, boys; the war is over."

It was thought possible to discover the offender by a little quiet detective work, and messengers were distributed throughout the gallery, but the voice

I am positive that two of them were loaded, but am not sure as to the other one. It stilled my hands, but I do not know that this was caused by powder. The extreme west window was raised about four inches when I inspected the room."

Ex-State Auditor L. C. Norman testified that prior to the assassination he was in Judge George Denny, of Loudoun, say:

"Somebody ought to kill Goebel, and Governor Taylor ought to pardon the man that did it."

McKenzie Todd, private secretary to Governor Taylor, testified he saw two guns in the office of the Secretary of State on the Saturday prior to the murder. Youtsey was in the room, and later took up one of the guns and took up a position near the window.

Ed. Steffe saw Goebel fall. Looking up, he thought he saw the barrel of a rifle pointing out of the window of the Secretary of State. The rifle, according to the witness, was drawn in and the window closed.

On cross-examination Steffe said that after the shot was fired he thought he saw a little smoke rise above the window.

Wade Watts said he heard somebody run down the steps into the basement after the assassination, and then saw Youtsey running through the basement.

At Indianapolis, Ind., General Fitzhugh Lee has been elected a member of Franks-Clard Post, veterans of the Spanish-American war.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it a constitutional disease, and therefore required a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses of two to four teaspoonfuls. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

Jennie—"Mr. Penn writes very touching poetry, don't you think?" Ben—"I should say so. I got this from him yesterday: 'Dear Ben! Lend me ten? Yours, Penn.'"

That the Methodist Episcopal Church has grown and flourished in the first 100 years of its activity in the United States was impressed upon the General Conference at its second day's session, at Chicago.

A dispatch from Chicago says that all the leading book paper mills of the West closed Monday for an indefinite period and in a few weeks all Eastern factories may follow the example on account of over production.

President Alcala, of Luzon, has been tried by a military commission on a charge of conspiring with guerrillas. He was found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labor, and to pay a fine of \$2,000.

The American troops have occupied Marinduque Island, off the southern coast of Luzon, without resistance. After the Americans had taken possession, an elaborate series of concealed trenches were found, indicating that the insurgents had intended to make a vigorous fight.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company completed a deal for the lease for five years of rolling stock costing \$1,162,356, owned by the Pullman Palace Car Co. At the end of the five years the stock is to become the property of C. & O. road. Included in the transfer are 597 flat-bottom cars and 901 hopper-bottom cars.

Professor Stone, of the University of Virginia, and director of the Leander McCormick Observatory, is at Winsboro, S. C., where he has selected a location for observing the eclipse of the sun on the 28th instant. He will begin work at once on a great photographic camera, 39 feet in length, with a lens 5 inches in diameter.

The annual contest for the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Association was held Friday night at Lee Memorial Chapel of Washington and Lee University. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the excellent speech of Mr. J. W. Shackleford, of Randolph-Macon College. His subject, "The National Crisis" was awarded the medal.

The President has resolved that in selecting the jurists who shall represent the United States on the permanent Board of Arbitration, provided for by the Hague treaties, he will consider only the names of persons of the highest character and of national reputation. Such as Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland and Richard Olney.

The Commonwealth Club, of Richmond, and their feminine friends, numbering 500 in all arrived in Newport News Saturday morning on a special train as the guests of President Stevens of the Chesapeake and Ohio. They took a trip to the Capes on the new steamer Pennsylvania, and returned to Old Point Saturday night, from there to Richmond by train.

A woman who had ignored a subpoena to appear as a witness in a case recently tried in Westmoreland, Kan., was brought before the court by the sheriff to answer for contempt. "What reason, madam," said the Judge, severely, "have you for not obeying the summons of the Court?" "I hain't got none, Mr. Judge," she replied, "only we have smallpox down at our house, an' I thought you might be sorter prejudiced ag'in it." Court was instantly adjourned, and the judge, sheriff and onlookers stampeded for the outside.

Governor Mount, of Indiana, has sent to Gov. Tyler a copy of his proclamation designating July 1st next as a day when the people in several counties of Indiana should assemble to discuss the early incidents connected with each county. This is the centennial year of Indiana's territorial organization, and the people of the Hoosier State will be told in words of burning eloquence of the achievements of her pioneers in the days of the old time corn huskings, quilting and wool picking, when Indiana was not what she now is.

Cattle Had Rabies.

Several weeks ago Mr. C. W. Houser, living not far from Ashburn, lost several cows from a peculiar disease which he could not understand. When taken the animals would rush madly against any obstruction, and it was extremely dangerous for a person to go near them. The animals died in a short time after the disease developed. Dr. H. S. Drake was called, and after an examination pronounced the disease rabies. He took a portion of the brain substance from one of the cows and sent it to the Bureau of Animal Industry for examination and experiment. The following letter of Mr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau, confirms Dr. D.'s diagnosis. The letter is dated April 27th and is as follows:

"Dr. H. S. Drake:

"Sir: I beg to inform you that the inoculations on rabbits with brain substance from a cow owned by Mr. Houser, Loudoun county, Va., have confirmed your diagnosis of rabies.

"Kindly inform me if any more cases have developed since your visit to this office, and, if so, please describe the course, symptoms, etc."—Lesburg Mirror.

REMARKABLE TALE.

Alleged Correspondence Between Christ and Abgarus V of Edessa.

A remarkable story comes from the Rome correspondent of the Daily Express, who sends an authentic facsimile of a wonderful Doric Greek inscription, the discovery of which on the gateway of an old place in Ephesus was announced to the members of the Archaeological Congress in Rome by Professor Bahrmann, of Vienna University. The facsimile was submitted to Professor Murray, of the British Museum. He declares it to be of the highest possible importance, tending as it does to establish the authenticity of the correspondence alleged by Eusebius to have passed between Abgarus V, of Edessa, and our Lord. The letters are written in Syro-Chaldae characters. The letter from Abgarus runs as follows:

"I have heard of Thee, of the cures wrought by Thee without herbs or medicines; for it is reported Thou restorest sight to the blind, makest the lame walk, cleansest the leper, raisest the dead, castest out devils and unclean spirits and givest health to those tormented with disease of long continuance. Hearing all this of Thee, I am fully persuaded Thou art the very God come down from heaven to do such miracles, or that Thou art the Son of God that performest them; wherefore, I have sent thee a few lines entreating Thee to come hither and cure my disease."

Besides hearing the Jews murmur against Thee, and continue to do Thee mischief, I invite Thee to my city, which is but a little one, but beautiful and sufficient to entertain us both."

Christ's reply is thus translated: "Blessed art thou believing in Me whom thou hast not seen, for in Me thou art Me, they that have seen Me shall not believe; they that have not seen Me shall believe and be saved. But concerning the latter thou hast written about, this I have sent thee all things for which I was sent hither must be fulfilled; then I shall be taken up and returned to Him that sent Me; but after my ascension I will send one of My disciples, that shall cure thee of thy distemper, and shall give life to all of them that are with thee."—Baltimore Sun.

Census Supervisor Pearce, of Columbia, S. C., is likely to get into considerable trouble over the appointment of negro enumerators, and the chances are that he may lose his position.

INDIGESTION

If you have it, you know it. You know all about the heavy feeling in the stomach, the formation of gas, the nausea, sick headache, and general weakness of the whole body.

You can't have it a week without your blood being impure and your nerves all exhausted. There's just one remedy for you—