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THE GRUMBLER.

HIS YOUTH.
His cap was too thick, and his coat was too thin.
He couldn't be quiet; he hated a din;
He hated to write, and he hated to read;
He was certainly very much injured, indeed;
He must study and toil over work he detested;
His parents were strict, and he never was posted;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.
HIS MASHOOD.
His farm was too small, and his taxes too big;
He was selfish and lazy, and cross as a pig;
His wife was too silly, his children too rude,
And just because he was uncommonly good!
He hadn't got money enough and to spare;
He had nothing at all fit to eat or to wear;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.
HIS OLD AGE.
He finds he has sorrows more deep than his fears;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled for years;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled away
His life and his children, his life's little day;
But alas! 'tis too late! It is no use to say
That his eyes are too dim and his hair is too gray;
He knows he is wretched as wretched can be,
There is no one so wretchedly wretched as he.
—DORA READ GOODALE.

Natural Gas and the Expected End of the World.

[London Index.]
Recent events furnish ground for a new and very plausible theory in regard to the burning of the world, a theory that attributes the conflagration to well known natural agencies—agencies which at present threaten to get beyond human control, and by which the world, and possibly the universe, may be destroyed, not only in our own time, but in course of a few years or even months.

It will be remembered that within the past year what is known as "natural gas" has come into very general use in parts of Pennsylvania. This gas has been obtained by boring through the surface of the earth into cavities where the gas has been stored by the process of nature, and whence it escapes into the open air as soon as an outlet is offered.

Gas wells have been discovered in Ohio, New Mexico and California, and will doubtless, like oil wells, be discovered in many localities, perhaps in Europe and Asia as well as in this country. When we have a circle of gas wells extending from Pennsylvania through the Ohio Valley to the Missouri Valley, then to the Pacific, and via Alaska and Behring's straits to Siberia, and on through Russia in Europe to Germany, and even England, who knows what may happen?

Even with the few wells now running, what would occur if the fire by some chance should be conveyed to the great gas wells in the bowels of the earth? Might not the sea be dried up, and the mountains hurled from their foundation? Indeed, might not the earth be blown to fragments—converted, so to speak, into decillions of incendiary rockets for extending the conflagration to the rest of the universe! Who knows?

Butter Facts.

We cannot expect to export a very large amount of butter, as we have to compete with Denmark, Holland, France and Germany. These countries have pushed their sales in Great Britain until they have nearly monopolized this trade. They have established a high standard for their butter, especially Denmark, where butter is made a science. Holland ranks next and France follows. The truth is, our butter is at the bottom of the list, as only the poorest of our products are shipped abroad. The hard times in Great Britain will lessen the demand for butter, and we depend on a home market. This would be all right if it were not for the miserable fraud of bogus butter which is crowded in ahead of the real article. It is to be hoped that the dairy interests will not be paralyzed this year by this wholesale fraud, and that Congress will protect the many against the few—the half dozen who turn out the bogus article from their factories.

It will not pay this year any more than last to hold onto butter for winter prices, as the winter dairies and the creameries will provide nearly enough of fresh made. Make butter as good as possible, and sell it when made unless you have special facilities for keeping.

The famous horse, Leonatas, by Longfellow, was retired several years ago broken down, but is now about to reappear on the turf, and his owner, Jack Chinn, says he is as sound as a dollar.

Maud S. is to try her hand at breaking the record during the latter part of July.
Hopeful, the once famous trotter, recently changed hands for \$40,

DISORGANIZATION

In the Ohio Penitentiary Board.

[Special to the Enquirer.]
COLUMBUS, O., July 9, 1886.
The Managers of the Penitentiary at their session to-day rescinded their action of last night whereby the office of Auditor was created and George K. Jenkins, of Greene county, assigned to the position, and General Powell continued as Secretary, instead of Jenkins being given the place. Upon learning the action of the Board, Jenkins' friends raised a terrible howl, and to-day called upon Governor Foraker and threatened dire vengeance if the action of the Board was not reconsidered. Governor Foraker himself was not pleased with the Board's action, as he is determined to have a Republican put in Powell's place.

After examining the statutes, the Governor discovered that the office of Auditor was abolished by the Legislature in the act of last winter reorganizing the institution, and immediately saw a way out of the trouble. He sent for the Managers and informed them that they had no right under the law to create any offices, and they must undo their action of last night. Furthermore, it was his desire that Jenkins, who had been elected to position of Secretary, be given that position. There was nothing for the Board to do but undo their action of the day before, and Jenkins will assume the duties of Secretary August 1st.

Notwithstanding the determination of the Governor to have General Powell removed, there is a desire on the part of the Board to retain him, on account of his efficiency, and the Enquirer is informed to-night that a way will be found to do it. If Powell, Sec'y, and Lang, Clerk, both Democrats, should be retained, there will be music in the Republican camp in this country. For the position of Clerk there are fifteen candidates from this county alone, and as many more for Secretary from various parts of the State.

ANOTHER ROUND OF TROUBLE.

R. M. Rownd, Resident Manager, got knocked out in one round by the Board at this session. Ever since Bob's appointment he has "assumed the pressure" all himself and spends his entire time at the prison, never missing a day, giving orders and taking charge of things generally without consulting Warden Coffin or in fact paying any attention to him. Bobby is not only a Director, but Warden, Deputy Warden, Steward, Guard, and in fact every thing about the institution. The other members of the Board have been kicking vigorously for some time, and at the last meeting Manager Smead read Rownd the riot act, telling him he was but one of five and he was assuming entirely too much responsibility by being at the prison daily and virtually taking the management of the institution out of the hands of the officers. This friendly advice was not heeded by officious Bob, and he continued his daily visits to the prison and gave his orders to guards, foreman, prisoners and every body about the institution, regardless of the Warden.

HIS PERSISTENT ASSUMPTION

of duties properly belonging to all the members of the Board and the officers of the institution, at last became unbearable, and at the present meeting of the Board resulted in the adoption of the following by a unanimous vote:
Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board that it is unwise and not to the best interest of this institution that any one member of the Board of Managers spend any considerable time at the penitentiary, except to attend the meetings of the Board and such committee work as may be referred to him, it being the opinion of the Board that the efficiency of the various officials of the Ohio Penitentiary will be impaired by the constant presence of one or more Managers, except when especially required for consultation by the Warden. And further, the Board of Managers will hold the officials of this institution to a strict accountability for the efficient discharge of their duties, and desire that all work be performed through the regular and proper channels.

Rownd did not attend the present meeting of the Board, having gone to Minneapolis on the Board of Trade excursion, and as the authorship of the above resolution is

being kept strictly secret, no one having been able to learn which member of the Board offered it. In order that Bobby may know what struck him such a severe blow below the belt, the Enquirer takes pleasure in announcing that the first letter of his name is Smead, and he hails from Toledo.

There has been much comment here to-day upon the action of the Board, and it is the general opinion that Rownd will resign when he learns what has been done. This, your correspondent knows, is the opinion of the Board of Managers and some of the officers of the prison, and if Bob doesn't resign it will be a great disappointment to them. If Bob does resign on account of this, we miss our guess. Bobby knows a good thing and one that suits him when he sees it, and does any body know of Bob Rownd ever letting go of a good thing?

Reorganization of the penitentiary took place two months ago. Now disorganization has set in, and you may look for fun from now on, or as long as Bob Rownd remains on the Board.

To Young Men Who Want to Marry.

Select the girl.
Agree with the girl's father in politics, and with her mother in religion.
If you have a rival, keep an eye on him; if he is a widower, keep two eyes on him.
Don't swear to the girl that you have no bad habits. It will be enough for you to say that you never heard yourself snore in your sleep.

If there is a bothersome little brother who has a habit of coming in just at the time you don't want him most, and who takes great interest in you, and makes unfeeling remarks about the shape of your nose, take him regularly the latest "puck."

Don't put much sweet stuff on paper. If you do, you will hear it read in after years, when your wife has some especial purpose in inflicting upon you the severest punishment known to a married man.

Go home at a reasonable hour in the evening. Don't wait till the girl has to throw herself into a yawm that she can't cover with both hands. A little thing like that may cause a coldness at the very beginning of the game.

If you sit down on some molasses candy that little Willie has left on the chair, while wearing your summer trousers for the first time, smile sweetly and say that you don't mind sitting on molasses candy at all, and that "boys will be boys." Reserve your true feelings for future reference.

If, on the occasion of your first call, the girl on whom you have placed your young affections looks like an iceberg and acts like a quiet cold wave, take your early leave and stay away. Woman, in her hours of freeze, is uncertain, coy and hard to please.

In cold weather finish saying good night in the house. Don't stretch it all the way to the front gate, if there is a front gate, and thus lay the foundation for future asthma, bronchitis, neuralgia and chronic catarrh, to help you worry the girl to death after she has married you.

Don't lie about your financial condition. It is very annoying for a bride who has pictured for herself a life of luxury in your ancestral halls, to learn too late that you expect her to ask a bald-headed parent, who has been uniformly kind to her, to take you in out of the cold.

Don't be too soft. Don't say: "These little hands shall never do a stroke of work when they are mine," and "You shall have nothing to do in our home but sit all day and chirp to the canaries," as if any sensible woman could be happy fooling away valuable time in that sort of style; and a girl has a fine retentive memory for the soft things and silly promises of courtship, and occasionally if after years when she is washing the dinner dishes or patching the west end of your trousers, she will remind you of them in a cold, sarcastic voice.—Puck.

It is said there is not a single heathen to-day in Fiji. Out of the population of 112,000, no fewer than 102,000 are adherents to the Protestant Church; the others belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

In the first five months of the year we exported 42,000 cattle, at average value of \$96, against 58,407 in the same part of 1885, at a value of \$100.

Hocking County Service Pension Association.

LOGAN, O., July 3, 1886.
The Hocking County Service Pension Association met at Slisher's Hall pursuant to adjournment. J. H. Wolf, Pres., in the Chair, and F. A. Ricketts acting Secretary, in the absence of the regular secretary.

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

2d. Thirty-five members were added to the roll.

3d. Motion adopted that the by-laws be so amended as to read "to meet on the 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2 o'clock p. m."

4th. Motion adopted that a vote of thanks be extended to Hon. J. H. Outhwaite, M. C., for presenting the petitions of this Association, known as the Hocking County Pension Association.

Letter from Mr. Carver, of Maine, read and placed on file.

Motion adopted that we elect a Sergeant and Assistant Sergeant at Arms. Comrade Wade was elected by acclamation Sergeant at Arms, and Comrade Morehead was elected Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

F. A. RICKETTS, Sec. pro tem.

Uncle Esek's Wisdom.

[The Century for July.]
All political parties are made up of foxes and geese—about five thousand geese to one fox.

It isn't so much what a man has that makes him happy, as it is what he doesn't want.

The great beauty of charity is privacy; there is a sweet force even in an anonymous penny.

There is nothing so valuable, and yet so cheap as civility; you can almost buy land with it.

There are many comfortable people in the world, but to call any man perfectly happy is an insult.

My dear boy, if you must part your hair in the middle, get it even, if you have to split a hair to do it.

The great mass of mankind can only gaze and wonder; if they undertake to think, they grow listless and soon tire out.

I know of nothing that will test a man's true inwardness better than to feel like the Devil, and be obliged to act like a saint.

Independence is a name for what no man possesses; nothing in the animate or inanimate world is more dependent than man.

I am an uncompromising Radical up to date, but when I reach the other world I can be a Conservative, if it is the best thing to do.

All Conservatives have once been Radicals, and their virtue consists in having found out that half a loaf is better than no bread.

Men of great genius should not forget that their fallings or vices, are more apt to be noticed, and even admired, than their virtues.

The statistician of the Department of agriculture writes: "We certainly eat more pork than England consumes of beef, after duplicating the allowance of that prime article in the British nation; and we far exceed the French quota of all meats in pork product alone, and surpass by a still larger measure every other continental country. Iowa, Missouri and Kansas have larger numbers of swine than all of Russia with 60,000,000 people to feed. Indiana and Illinois have as many as Austria and Hungary, and with Kentucky and Ohio, more than all the swine of the German empire; and Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas more than the numbers of France. The wonderful elasticity of this industry is worthy of notice. As with corn, there is never a famine or a glut; a small crop will suffice; a large one only makes greater abundance and lower prices. In both cases the main assumption is at home. No good patriot can wish to export corn from the Missouri to Liverpool at a cost of 25 cents for a bushel, that may, perhaps, be bought for 20 cents when pork or lard can be sent from the farm to the same market for a tenth of its home value."

Beecher was invited to speak at the great Liberal meeting in Liverpool, England, on the 28th. What Gladstone needs to make him pull solid is to have one other noted pupil politician, Mr. Burchard, make a few remarks on the Tory side. That would settle the Irish question. It did in this country, at least.

A skeleton was unearthed in Nantucket the other day with a small copper coin under one hand. It was probably some editor who had just drawn his salary when death overtook him.

Paragraphs.

Cholera is spreading with great rapidity and deadliness in Southern Japan.

About \$3,000,000 worth of American made locomotives are sent abroad every year.

One hundred million oranges were grown in California during the season lately closed.

The Madeira nut, misnamed English walnut, is being successfully raised in California.

The pleasantest way to take cod liver oil is to fatten pigeons with it, and then eat the pigeons.

Samuel Jones objects to having "brass monkeys" in his audiences. He wishes to do all the monkeying.

Whenever you see a man with his chin in the air you may know there is nothing in the front of his head.—Beecher.

Havana, Cuba, turns out about 5,000,000 cigars a day, and of these about 500,000 a day are sold in the United States.

A Dakota farmer is reported to have produced seventeen bushels of wheat in three years, from a single grain originally sown.

The world uses 40,000 barrels of petroleum per day. America has enough on hand to supply the demand for three years.

It is said that the River Platte wool industry now represents a total probably equal to the entire Australian clip, and has more than doubled during the last twenty years.

Queen Victoria is the oldest reigning sovereign of Europe with two exceptions, Emperor William, who is in his 90th year, and King Christian, of Denmark, who has entered his 69th.

A sharp sighted observer is firm in the belief that a woman works harder and get madder in putting up a clothesline on a windy day than a man would do in building a telegraph nine miles long.

It Occasionally Happens.

Two residents of this Territory were talking to a young man, a friend of one who was coming out from the States. Said one of them: "What are you going to have him be when he gets there?"

"Well, I don't hardly know whether to advise him to set up for a doctor or a lawyer."

"Why not have him say he's a newspaper man?"

"I might of course—he really has had a little experience in that business—used to drive the dray that carried the paper over to the editor down there where he lived—but he always has been used to living pretty well and I don't know as he'd like it."

"Yes, that's so. Guess you'd better call him a lawyer."

"Yes, I reckon. Court will be in session here then, and he can stop in and get admitted to the bar while he's coming over from the depot."—Estelline Bell.

Local Option Election.

PORTLAND, ORE., June 29.—Yesterday the question of local option was voted on by the citizens of Washington Territory. In all the cities the measure was defeated by a vote of about three to two. In the small towns the measure was carried by the same proportion in vote. From the returns thus far received it is believed that local option has a majority in the Territory. Women did not take as much interest in the election as was expected, and in most places those who voted were divided as to their sentiments in regard to the prohibiting of the sale of liquor.

In the first eleven months of the current fiscal year immigrants numbered 284,274, and in the corresponding period of 1884-5, 306,902. In the year 1881 to 1885 the yearly arrivals numbered 518,592 to 788,592. The most notable decrease is in the German immigration, the total of 1885-86 being 76,288, against 110,292 in 1884-85, while the May arrivals from Germany were 11,456 in 1886 and 21,189 in 1885. The immigration from the British Isles is fully maintained, while the Swedish and Norwegian immigrations are materially increasing.

John Carothers, while burning brush near Akron, Ohio, caught his foot in a brush heap, and was in danger of being burned to death. His yells brought a man who said: "Pay me the \$5 you owe me, and I'll help you out." Carothers insisted that he didn't owe any \$5. "All right, then, burn," said the man, and he walked away. Carothers then by frantic efforts released himself, but not before he was badly scorched.

A so-called mad dog in Hebron, Ky., bit a cow. The cow in a few days showed signs of rabies, and about the same time a baby that had been living on the milk of the cow became similarly affected. It is said that the symptoms of hydrophobia are pronounced in the child, whose sufferings are very great.

Will 2,000 be beaten this season? is a question that many are interested in.

Ewing Items.

ED. DEMOCRAT.—We received the first number of your excellent paper last Saturday, and are delighted with it. Surely it is just such a paper as merits the patronage of our citizens, and especially the Democrats of Hocking County.

You promised to edit a straight Democratic paper, and we have every reason to believe that you will. This is what is needed. The time has come when Hocking county Democrats must be united in their efforts or suffer defeat. We are too lenient. We vote too many "scratched" tickets. There is an abundance of Democratic timber in this county, and our offices can be filled by Democrats, and it is our duty to see that they are.

There is a good prospect of a full crop of candidates this Fall, and already "the sound of their voices is heard in the land."

The excellent weather the last week has enabled the farmers to put up their wheat in fine condition, and it will not be long till they are busy making hay. The hay crop will not be very good this Summer, but owing to an abundance of rain it will be better than was expected this Spring.

Mr. John Hansel, one of the most prominent men of this township, has been hauling several loads of corn from near Sugar Grove. Several other farmers near here have also bought corn at the same place. Price, 30 cents per bushel.

Charley Brandt bought the north half of the Nixon farm, near Ewing, and will put up buildings on it after harvest.

Mr. J. J. Foltz closes his school at Scott's Creek, on Saturday, July 10th, and a nice time is anticipated by the young folks. This is Mr. Foltz's second Summer term in this school.

Several of the young people of this vicinity went to the Rock House, Saturday, July 3d, and many went to Logan and saw the "Bar-num parade."

We were glad to notice that you had items from different points in the county. "Old Hickory" seems to be a Democrat and no mistake; we need more Hickories.

We should be pleased to hear from the teachers. Will the editor kindly allow them a column at least, for the discussion of school work, and the questions and the solutions of problems? This could be made quite interesting and instructive.

The Teachers' Institute will begin about the first of August, and all the teachers are glad that Prof. Coler will be the lecturer.

Congratulating you on the good appearance of your paper, and wishing you unbounded success we are Respectfully,

T.M.

John Kelly thought Tilden too old and frail to run a second time for President. John Kelly is dead. The stalwart Chandler wrested the Presidency from Tilden. Chandler is dead. Grant, it is said, would have arrested and imprisoned Tilden if he had attempted to claim the office he had been elected to. Grant is dead. Hancock was chosen as a more likely man to live through the Presidency than Tilden. Hancock is dead. Hendricks seemed to have a long life ahead of him as compared with the man at the head of the ticket. Hendricks is dead. Seymour, McClellan, all the old candidates are dead. Meanwhile Tilden thinks there is nothing so invigorating as working away before the mast on his yacht. With a bevy of young girls with whom he is a great favorite he is having a gay time on the Hudson. It is not safe to scoff at Uncle Sam any more than it was for the biblical boys to make fun of Elijah. We believe it was Elijah—Pittsburgh Post.

Mrs. Catherine Wagner, aged 111, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rebecca Wagner, aged 109, live within sight of each other, near Bartersville, Ky. They have never seen a railroad, and have had for fifty years a silk dress laid away to be buried in.

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