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THE FERN AND THE PALM.

AN EASTER HYMN.

Swift from the gloom of the rocky tomb,
Where the angels fair are keeping
Their watch in the grey of the early day,
Whilst Magdalen is weeping;
Doth Jesus rise to his angels' eyes,
More brilliant than the sun;
Clothed in the might of eternal light,
True God, true man in one.

Back has been rolled from that prison cold,
It's ponderous gate of stone,
Fit emblem given that the doors of heaven,
From thence shall be open thrown.
Here the cherubs sang and the ivy clung,
With a last, long lingering grasp;
For the lonely grave, like Bedlehem's cave,
Is locked in the ivy's clasp.

And the fern leaves, too, whose emerald hue
Was dyed with the saving shower
Which Scriptures tell, from Jesus fell,
In the passion's first dark hour.
It hath been said, initials red
The fern plant won that day;
That it's stem of green, was graven keen
With the royal sign—C. J.

For, that it spread an odorous bed,
'Neath the sorrowing God that night.
Each screaming pore, dread witness bore
To that agony's fathomless height;
That it softly crept where Jesus wept,
And there compressed lay,
As the startled air bore high his prayer:
Let this Chalice pass away.

But oh! tis the palm, the regal palm,
Emblem of His renown,
That waves o'er the brow of the Saviour now,
Bright gem of the martyr's crown.
The angel band to Jesus' hand,
Have given the glorious prize;
Hence the sacred tree reserved shall be
For him, who, like Jesus dies;
His warfare past, he shall rest at last,
'Neath the regal, spreading palm.

ANON.

GOD BLESS THE WIVES.

God bless the wives,
They fill our hives,
With little bees and honey;
They ease life's shocks,
They mend our socks,
But—don't they spend the money!

When we are sick
They heal us quick—
That is, if they should love us;
If not, we die,
And yet they cry,
And place tombstones above us.

Of roguish girls,
With sunny curls,
We may in fancy dream;
But wives—true wives—
Throughout our lives,
Are everything they seem.

....It is suggested that Gov. Nicholls send a commission to investigate Washington.

....What two counties in Ireland would you suppose to be lighter in weight than the rest? Cork and Down.

....Wheeler is supposed to be a good man to put on an investigating committee, because it is known that he is good for nothing else. Hayes wants to make him useful.

....Winter which strips the leaves from around us, makes us see the distant regions they have formerly concealed; so does old age rob us of our enjoyments, only to enlarge the prospect of eternity before us.

....A modest young lady desiring a leg of chicken at the table, said: "I'll take the part that ought to be dressed in drawers!" A young gentleman opposite immediately said: "I'll take the part which ought to wear a bustle!" Hartshorn was immediately administered to the lady.

THE VOICE OF NORTH LOUISIANA.

NO COMPROMISE—EITHER NICHOLLS OR A MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

SHREVEPORT, March, 23.—At a large meeting of the business men and citizens generally of Shreveport, held at the Cotton Exchange this evening, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously, and the undersigned were instructed to communicate the same to his excellency Gov. Francis T. Nicholls by telegraph:

Whereas, it is proper at all times for a free people to meet together and discuss the political issues that agitate their country, it is more than ever important, when their liberties are threatened, that they should, in some appropriate manner, declare their convictions and the principles which actuate them. A crisis has arrived in the affairs of Louisiana which will test, to the utmost extent, the patriotism of her people.

Encouraged by the inaction of the government at Washington, S. B. Packard, who fraudulently claims to be the Governor of Louisiana, threatens to install himself as such with force and arms; therefore, be it

Resolved, That knowing Francis T. Nicholls to have been elected Governor of Louisiana at the general election held on the 7th of November, 1876, we pledge to his support our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Resolved, That under no circumstances will we recognize or tolerate any government of which S. B. Packard is the head, and if necessary to prove it will use every means with which God and nature has provided us.

Resolved, That we have learned with consternation that a commission of distinguished gentlemen are soon to visit Louisiana to adjust our political differences; that whilst we are willing for the world to know our condition, and will give facility for investigation, yet we know our rights and will not compromise them at the dictation of any person, be he ever so high in authority.

Resolved, That the rights of the people, as expressed at the ballot-box, are too sacred for compromise, and that we will have the government chosen by the people, or force, as we have the means of doing, a military government.

Resolved, That the delay resulting from the slow process of settlement through the means of the proposed commission is operating the most severe injury in our planting and commercial interests, and we appeal to those in authority to bring about, as soon as possible, a final settlement in favor of the government which has the confidence and will receive the support of the people.

WM. H. WISE, Chairman.
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WARMOTH.

A special from Washington to the Cincinnati Enquirer says:

Gov Warmoth, who has been here for the past week, returned to New Orleans to-night. He is, by all odds, the ablest politician in Louisiana, and will co-operate with Pinchback in the movement to break up the Rump Legislature and extinguish the pretensions of Packard. He corroborates the statement that the President intends to withdraw the troops from the State office and send them into barracks after the adjournment of the Senate. He sneers at the Packard government and tells how he has to break up a quorum in the Legislature by carrying off five or six members to his house. When the Sergeant at-Arms came after them he would tell him that the authority of the Packard Government did not extend that far, as his house was fully a square from the walls of the State-House. Warmoth, from his talk evidently meditates a decisive movement which will put an end to the Packerd imposture. During the past three weeks he has been investing heavily in Louisiana State Securities, in anticipation of a rise from the recognition of the Nicholls' government. Dispatches from New Orleans received here state that there is a very confident feeling there already manifested in the attitude of capitalists towards the Nicholls government. Yesterday warrants of the Nicholls government sold at fifty-five cents upon the dollar, and to-day seventy-five cents is offered, but holders will not sell at that price. Taxpayers are coming forward in large numbers. In one district yesterday $19,700 was paid in. Southern Representatives have frequent interviews with Hayes, and are satisfied of his good faith.

CUBA.

A special dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, dated Washington, March 13, says: There is no doubt that the Cuban agitators are about to renew their efforts for recognition. The withdrawal of Fish from the State Department and the appointment of Evarts is to be made the basis of agitation. Fish was resolutely opposed to any measures looking toward the independence of Cuba, or to the disturbance of friendly relations with Spain. He, on two or three inportant occasions, used the conservative power which restrained the President and undoubtedly prevented our Government from taking a position which might have resulted in a war of conquest. The National Republican says upon this subject:

After eight years of struggle for precisely the same principles which caused the great uprising of the people of the North, the war still goes on between the poorly-fed patriot of Cuba and the gilded minion of Spanish despotism. The irrepressible conflict is waged without one word of sympathy from the government which has proclaimed the emancipation of a race, or from the people who fought to obtain it. Our late Secretary of State on this question seems to have been lulled into apathy by some sugar-coated anodyne, and even the promises of the Spanish Government, reluctantly made after the brutal massacre of unarmed men, and the insult to the American flag are yet unfulfilled. Burriel struts through Spain in all his native insolence, defiant and unpunished. Ryan and Fry still lie in desecrated graves at Santiago de Cuba. The salute to the American flag never has been fired, and the war of desolation on the Island of Cuba goes on unrebuked. For all the forbearance on the part of the Government we have Tweed. The policy of Spain has been violent even to blind madness. She promised years ago to strike the fetters from the slaves, but she deceived us. She promised years ago that they should have a fair and just representation in the Spanish Cortes, but she has never kept her word. She agreed to furnish the island with rulers who would be just and honest, and instead she sent it mercenary men who turned homes into graveyards, and hopes into sorrow.

It is with great rejoicing that the American people welcome the incoming Administration and its patriotic Secretary of State, whose love of the eternal principles of justice and right will, we believe, in due time bring relief to the struggling Cubans, whose independence we now believe is near at hand. The position of President Hayes upon the Cuban question is not known. If he was as earnest for Cuban independence as Grant at times was and had in his Secretery of State as strong a sympathizer for Cuba as Evarts is reported to be, there might be something in the movement.

A significant remark was made by a noted Louisiana Conservative here to-day with respect to the Cuban question. He said that if Hayes's Southern policy proved successful, nothing would be more apt to establish it in the South than a lively Cuban breeze.

....A sparrow hawk has been seen to sit for several days in one position on the vane of the Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa., and it is apparent that it is dead and frozen to the vane, having alighted there during a recent severe ice storm.

LOSS OF THE STEAMER GOVERNOR GARLAND.

[*Memphis Avalanche.*]

The destruction of the Memphis and Arkansas packet Gov. Garland turns out to have been a more serious disaster than was at first reported. The vessel took fire near 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday last. A furious gale of wind was blowing at the time, and in less than five minutes she was enveloped in a sheet of flame. Pilot E. Evans, who was at the wheel, at once pointed her for the shore but lodged on a sand bar, where the water was three feet deep, some distance away from the main bank. The pilot held the boat in this position until the chimneys were melted by the flames and topp'ed over; then he left the pilot house, and leaped into the water. Nearly all of the people on board had previously jumped overboard and made the shore in safety. One, a Mr. W. D. Brent, of Mud Lake, Ark., a merchant and member of the firm of Brent & Hynum, was swept away and drowned. He is supposed to have had a large sum of money in his possession, which, of course, was lost. Mr. Brent was a gentleman of integrity and is highly spoken of by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. Two other cabin passengers, besides Mr. Brent, were found to be missing after the disaster, and it is supposed they were also lost, as nothing has since been heard of them. The names of the missing pair could not be ascertained, the cabin register and the boat's books and papers having all been destroyed. The engineer, who arrived in the city yesterday by the steamer Ruth, saved himself by leaping overboard. He stood at his post until driven away by the flames. Capt. Ed. Nowland, the boat's commander, remained upon the roof of the burning steamer until he was forced to leave by the flames, with which he was almost surrounded. Upon reaching the lower deck Capt. Nowland got into the river and aided his wife to the shore. He was compelled to leave his two children on the deck of the burning vessel, and but for the heroic conduct of one of the hands, their lives would have been lost. The brave fellow turned back to save the children, and conveyed they to shore in safety.

Mr. Nuckles, one of the boat's clerks, is slightly burned about the head and ears. He also jumped into the river and made a narrow escape. Several other persons are reported scorched, but none are seriously so All lost their surplus clothing, only saving what was on their persons.

Mr. Elisha Cannon, the barkeeper of the vessel, lost his gold watch, having left it in his stateroom in his haste to get away.

Between seventy and eighty people were on board at the time of the disaster. These included a pleasure party on their way down from Pine Bluff. They had been indulging in dancing and revelry, and when the cry of fire was sounded, the dinner table had just been cleared from the cabin, preparatory to resuming the dance. Instead, however, of indulging in a festival of pleasure, the passengers and crew soon after reaching shore started through the timber across the country to the banks of White River, thirteen miles distant, where they boarded the steamer Ruth. The steward and a part of the crew came up from the mouth of the Arkansas on the Thompson Dean. The engineer, second clerk, barkeeper and several passengers arrived here on the Ruth. The latter having lost their funds, were forwarded to their destinations yesterday through the aid of friends. Capt. Nowland, Clerk Thompson and remainder of the passengers are expected to arrive here to-day by the steamer A. J. White.

NEWS ITEMS.

—Donaldsonville CHIEF:—Messrs. Rodolph Braud and E. Esnault have purchased an apparatus capable of turning out from two to four tons of ice daily, which they propose to put in operation at the Braud sawmill, just below town, on the 1st of May next.

—Baton Rouge ADVOCATE: We learn it is reported in the country that there are a large number of cases of small pox in town. This is not true. There has been only six cases of small pox in town during the past few months and there is only one case here now.

—Port Gibson REVILLE: A difficulty occurred at Grand Gulf last Saturday night, between Dr. Miller and Mr. T. S. Hawkins, both armed with double-barreled shot guns, in which Mr. Hawkins was seriously, though we are glad to learn, not fatally shot. We have heard various versions of the affray, but as it will probably undergo investigation we forbear giving any account of the difficulty. It was reported on Sunday morning that Mr. Hawkins had died of his wounds, but he is said to be rapidly recovering.

—Greenville TIMES: On the arrival of the Grand Republic here last Sunday, Mr. Howe, a clerk, and two of the porters of the boat were arrested, to be investigated as to their knowledge of the disappearance of Mr. Tim O'Conner, of Greenville who when last seen alive, was on that boat, on the 23d of January last, a passenger to Arkansas City. After a patient and thorough investigtaion, lasting through several days, all were honorably discharged, there being not the slightest evidence that they knew anything in regard to his disappearence. So his fate must still remain in mystery.

—Woodville REPUBLICAN: On last Saturday night about 1 o'clock, the residence of Mr. N. Cropper was discovered to be on fire. The fire originated in the kitchen, and the back gallery of the dwelling and the roof were in flames when the fire was discovered. The children of Mr. Cropper made a narrow escape as the roof was burning over them and they would have suffocated in a short time. So rapidly was the building consumed, that but a portion of the furniture was saved; other valuables were destroyed. Mr. E. H. Wailes owned the house. It was insured for $2850, and we are informed, will immediately be rebuilt. We are glad to say also that the outhouses and beautiful young trees which surrounded the house were not injured.

Natchez DEMOCRAT: A most daring robbery was perpetrated on Thursday night last on the premises of Mr. C. C. Clapp, on Montrose plantation. During the night Mrs. Clapp discovered a smell as of smoke, and on awakening her husband and examining the pantry it was found that it had been opened and everything in it taken out. The flour barrel, the molasses barrel, even the coal oil can was emptied, and not enough of the contents of the pantry was left to make a breakfast for the family. The thieves, after clearing out everything, had piled together a number of boxes and other combustibles and set them on fire, and but for the waking up of Mrs Clapp the house would in a short time have been destroyed by flames. The atrocity of this daring robbery and attempt at arson is really alarming.