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UNFULFILLED.

BY WILL H. KERNAN.

Once in my fair, fresh morning years I dreamed of a day to be,
When out of the infinite inner soul a passion would come to me,
As the day-spring comes to the dreary world, as the blossom to the tree.

When the one sweet soul of all other souls would certainly find my own.
When the one true heart of all other hearts would certainly find my own,
And never again in all the world would I wander its ways alone.

Oh! I was a boy in that bright old time, that seems like a dream to-day;
That seems like a dream of an alien life, in an alien land away,
A land in a star, in an orbit far, where gods in their glory stay.

Yes, I was a boy, and I thought our life was a beautiful life—ah, me!
The gilding drops from our gods divine, and the terrible truth we see,
That our world is a world of rot and dust—no matter how fair it be!

A touch of time in my raven hair, yet never the one rare thrill
Went out from my heart to another heart, and I know that it never will,
For age is coming apace, alack! and, oh! it is calmly chill.

Under a green magnolia tent, in the golden moon-rays, I
Saw the ghost of myself, one nameless night, in a summer that has swept by;
Saw the ghost of my old, old self, and I sank to the sod with a low, quick cry;

For I stood before me just as I was in the sparkle and bloom of life,
Before I had broken my battle sword in its cruel, uncanny strife,
Flushed with a rosy, immortal hope—instinct with a radiant life!

The vision vanished, but, oh! the dull, mad pain that it left with me,
As I thought of the thoughtless and thrillant boy—the boy who had once been me!
He was dead with all of his hopes divine—the boy who had once been me!

'Twixt my life that is, and my life that was, are the roses and frost of time,
The gods dethroned that I worshiped once, and festered with serpent slime,
The shrines despoiled where I brought my flowers in that old, old folly time.

'Twixt my life that is, and my life that was, is many a green, low grave
That marks the place where I bade good-bye to the beautiful and the brave;
Ah! The whole wide universe centers at last in the grave—in the cruel grave!

On through the empty and awful years I go where we all must go;
Back of me blossom the fairest field that my feet will ever know—
Still, here and yonder a star shines out, or a cluster of lilies flow.

Still here and there is a hand outreached, and a kind voice calls to me,
And a gleam of the olden glory falls like a flash on the sod and sea,
And my heart goes out with a glad, sweet throb to thee and to friends like thee!

—New York Mercury.

Poultry on the Farm.

Farming is made up of many home industries, and to neglect poultry as one of the sources of income is poor economy. At certain seasons, when most of the other products are disposed of, eggs and early broilers in the spring and summer, and roasters in the fall, are in the aggregate quite an item, and may furnish all the store supplies needed. We have always maintained that the farming class have facilities and advantages over the ordinary village poulterer in the way of range and keeping them cheaply at all seasons of the year. It costs very little to keep a flock of fowls on the farm. They usually provide the greater share of their own living from the stable, the orchard, the stubble field and the straw stack. The grain and the seed which they pick up, if left untouched, would be of no earthly use to the farmers, and the worms, grubs and insects they destroy would injure his growing crops, vines, fruit trees, etc.—Poultry Nation.

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"Look Up"

A little boy came to the foot of a ladder and looked up! He heard the hammers of the workmen, far up above him on the roof, and he wanted to climb up and see what they were doing He pulled himself slowly up, round after round, until he had reached a considerable height. He became alarmed then and began to tremble. His head became so dizzy. A man came along and exclaimed, "That boy is going to fall!" These words frightened him still more. He thought now that the ladder was reeling to and fro! He thought the house and street were rocking like ships in the sea. But suddenly he heard another voice, "Boy look up!" He did look up. "All right now come on!" The boy was no longer dizzy. He climbed a little higher, and the hand of a caapenter grasped his little hand. The cherry words had saved him! That boy became a man of genius, known all over America, and to the day of his death he believed that all he had done in life was to be attributed to those words, "Look up, come on."

Vermin on Turkeys.

Destroy all the vermin on the mother, or the young will soon look sleepy, dwindle and die. There are two kinds of lice that trouble turkeys: one is long and black, found usually on the wing and tail feathers; the other is somewhat like a bed bug. If the mother is thoroughly washed with warm water and carbolic soap on a bright, warm morning, she will be relieved and the lice destroyed. Kerosene will kill the lice and the turkeys, too. Turkeys don't eat much the first few days after they are hatched. I never feed with raw dough; baked bread, made of unsifted corn meal, crumbled fine and moistened with clabber or buttermilk, is the best food you can give. Cut up cabbage leaves very fine and drop to the little ones; don't use many at a time until they learn to eat them. They like everything fresh; feed often and just a little until they learn to eat, then three times a day as much bread and greens as they will eat. It is astonishing to see the quantity of greens they will consume. We have realized from $20 to $30 a year from the sale of turkeys, besides keeping plenty for family use. We found it more profitable to dress before marketing than to sell on foot.—Rural World.

Better Roads.

A county convention of the citizens of Jackson county was held at Indendence last Friday for the purpose of considering measures to secure better roads. So much has been said in the papers about the wretched condition of the roads all over the state for years past that it would seem our law makers ought to be alive to the importance of the question and be able at a very early period in the next legislature to pass a bill that will give the much needed relief. At the Jackson county meeting the following resolutions were passed:

"We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: A better road system is needed. The old one is inadequate to the wants of the people of Jackson county. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the next general assembly be urged to the enacting for all counties of over 50,000 inhabitants such a road law as is commensurate with their needs. In lieu of a better law we urge the county court to make every effort possible to secure better road work under the present road system. In the selecting of a new court and members of the next general assembly we will select such men as will stand by the interests of the people in this behalf."

SINCE compulsory vaccination was established in the German army eleven years ago not a single death from small-pox has occurred among the soldiers.

Sweet Home.

Something more than well arranged rooms and a well filled pantry is necessary, in order to secure a literally "sweet" home. The housewife with an untiring vigilance, which needs to be, must keep watch from the garret to cellar, lest disagreeable odors invade and take possession of the house—a domestic evil far too common among us. Many housekeepers would not be a little embarrassed if they knew how often the nostrils of visitors are taken silent, and unpleasant inventory of the fried meats, boiled vegetables, burnt fat, soapy, ill-dried floors, and even the steaming contents of the wash-boiler, all the varied scents from which thoroughly prevade the house, and too often the garments of the household. The kitchen is in a large measure responsible for the odors that creep into halls, chambers, and closets, finding lodgment in carpets and curtains, in bed and other clothing, and even among books and bric-a-brac. But it is not the kitchen alone which creates the unsavory atmosphere too common in many homes. Rooms not in constant use should receive at least a weekly airing to prevent the close, musty smell almost sure to gather in unused apartments. The ways and means by which the home air can be tainted are so many, and so greatly increased by modern conveniences, that every loop-hole, however small, through which bad air and bad odors my stealthily creep, needs to be carefully guarded to secure the health and sweetness of our homes. —American Agriculturist for April.

Had a billious attack and one of those indescribable cases of constant weariness. Took quinine and other remedies without relief. Took Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic; am strong and well. ASA THOMPSON, apr Logan, Ohio.

Worth of Education.

Carefully conducted investigation, instuted in 1870 and carried on by the bureau of education at Washington, established these strikingly interesting and important facts:

1. That an average free common school ecucation, such as is now provided in the common schools of the county, adds fifty per cent. to the productive power of the laborer, considered as a mere productive machine.

2. That the average academical education adds 100 per cent.

2. That the average collegiate or university education adds from 200 to 300 per cent. to his average annual producing capacity, to say nothing of the immense addition to his elevation.

Now, assuming that the labor of the 4,204,352 illiterates in the United States would reach only the minimum value of $100 each, the annual loss to themselves and to the country for the lack of simple common school education, at $50 each, would reach the immense sum of $210,000,000. Take the adult male illiterates of the thirteen distinctively southern states, numbering now over 1,250,000, place their labor at the minimum annual value of $120, add thereto the fifty per cent. which a common-school education would give to their productive capacity, and we have the sum of $75,000,000 as the pecuniary benefit to be derived for the individuals and states in which they reside, to say nothing of the private, the social and political advantanges that would also follow. Take our own state, with her 115,000 adult illiterates, assume their labor to be of the annual value of $120, add the fifty per cent. to their productive capacity which will result from a common-school education, and there will be a gain to those persons and to the state of $7,000,000 annually. Regarded from this lower standpoint, economy towards education is extravagant wastefulness in material benefits.—Senator Howell E Jackson, Tennessee.

Subscribe for the COURIER.

The Westville Institute.

The Teacher's Institute opened in due form, April 3, with quite a number of teachers present, although the weather was so unpleasant.

The president being absent on account of urgent business, the Institute elected Mr. Long vice-president

A motion was made and seconded that a collection be taken to get coal.

A lecture was given by Mr. R. Long on grammar and was discussed by all.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn for one hour's intermission.

The first study discussed afternoon was arithmetic, by Mr. Maurice Phillips, and was discussed by Stratton, Knott, Long, Withers and Mrs. Clark. Mr. Phillips handled his subject very well, and much interest was taken.

Word analysis came next taught by Fred Knott, and was discussed by Stratton, S H. Knott, James Green, R. Long and Mrs. Clark.

Theory and practice was taught by Mr. Stratton, and was discussed by Mrs. Clark, Withers, S. H. Knott, James Green, and Wm. McClure.

A motion was made that the Institute adjourn.

Received a card from the president, wishing the Istitute to continue, and would try if possible to be at the next. I therefore issue the following programme:

The Clark Township Institute will convene at Westville, May 1st:

10 to 10:30, A. M.—History, Wm. Parks, discussion.
10:30 to 11—Geography, Wm. McClure, discussion.
11 to 11:30—Composition, Wm. Stratton, discussion.
11:30 to 12—Spelling, John Porter, discussion.
12 to 1, P. M.—Intermission.
1 to 1:30—Civil Government, Mattie Veal, discussion.
1:30 to 2—Arithmetic, Lizzie Barber, discussion.
2 to 2:30—Physics, Emma Knott, discussion.
2:30 to 3—Physiology, James Green, discussion
3 to 3:30—Algebra, T. J. Shands, discussion.
3:30 to 5—Query-Box.

Our Institute has been going on for six months, and we hope it will continue and be as interesting in the future as it has been in the past. We extend our invitation to all the county teachers, knowing they will find it interesting if they will attend.

FRED KNOTT, Secretary.

From Clark Township.

I wish to say a few words in reference to the proposition to abolish township organization. The benefits obtained through this system are numerous, but consist chiefly in the assessment and collection of the revenue. The territory of each being so small it is presummed the assessor knows from personal knowledge the value of each tax-payer's property, as well as the whereabouts of those he wishes to assess, hence dodging the assessors cannot be successfully accomplished; neither can they evade the payment of taxes as the collector knows every name on his book, and for this reason, not a single taxpayer has a chance to slip through his clutches and get away without meeting the demands upon him. Often we have land located in the same section, one-fourth of which is very valuable and the remainder almost worthless. Unless the assessor is personally acquainted with the facts in the case, he is liable to mistakes that are some times grievous to the tax payer. Under a township system the assessor is able to discriminate from personal knowledge, which is not the case when the assessment of the whole county is left to one man.

Now, if the board of equalization costs so much, why not abolish the board? Having a collector and assessor in each township divides the pay, and scatters money through the county, that in the old way went into the pockets of two individuals.

We saw and account of the big fish feast. Perhaps some don't believe it; but we do. It reminds us of old times when our neighbors lived in the good old way and were sociable and honest. On one occasion a man named Hardin invited another whose name was Doughty to feast with him on big buscuit and honey. D accepted the invitation and sent word to H to have a half-bushel of biscuit and a large bucket of honey for the feast on a certain day, when he would be present and take a square meal with H.

The appointed day came and the guest repaired to his neighbor's house where he found the biscuits and honey awaiting him. The two heroes agreed to dispense with the table and took their seats by the half-bushel and bucket and commenced their task with a good relish. When they had devoured about half the contents of the vessels before them, Mr. H pushed back his chair, and said: "Old 'oman, I believe I have got enough." To which D paid no attention but continued to eat till he had devoured all the biscuit and scopped the bottom of the bucket for honey. Now, if any readers of the Courier don't believe this, let them ask some of the old settlers, John M. Davis or Ben Crawley. Now, if any of you think you have enough of township organization just push back your chair and say so, but old Clark township proposes to stay by it till she sops the bottom of the bucket.

I have a tax receipt twenty-eight years old, signed by B. F. Crawley as collector. It is not larger than a green back dollar bill, but it takes more paper to make it as well as more money to buy a tax receipt now. That tax receipt was given in the good old times, when coon skins and wolf scalps were legal tenders.

Wishing success to the "Chariton Courier," I close.

WM. RILEY.

Muscle Fork.

—Quite a number of our citizens attended circuit court at the Capital last week.....J. M. Wilkerson was reported in the Siftings, as assessor of Muscle Fork township. He is our collector and constable..... Messrs. Welch & McKittrick have planted a row of nice trees extending from the shop to their store, and are fencing in the lot on which their store is located.....Perry Stacy, of near Chraneville, is building a new barn.....The celebrated McCloud mare died last week, at the advanced age of 28 years. She raised 18 colts, the oldest one if living would be 25 years old.....After continuing 16 days the meeting at the hall closed a few nights since. Bad weather prevented a large attendance. No conversions so far as we learned.

S.

WESTVILLE.

—We have had all kinds of weather since this month came in, snow, rain and mud, but the sun is shining once more in all of his grand beauty, and the farmers begin to awake from their lethargy and are busy at work once more preparing for the summer's work. Some few are done sowing oats, while others have not yet commenced sowing.....We notice our blacksmiths are busy both early and late renovating farming implements, and our harness man, is kept constantly fitting up and repairing harness for the farmers who contemplate starting the plow soon. .....Mrs. Geo. Dearman who has been on the sick list for several weeks past is up again.....We regret to learn of Grandma Robinson's sickness and hope that she will recover soon.....Mrs. Dorrell, quite an aged lady, died and was buried at the Bell graveyard last Monday. .....Quite a number of our citizens attended circuit court last week, and as we see the deputy sheriff here again this week, we presume somebody else is wanted at the Capital.

JUMBLE.

Chraneville Siftings.

—At last we think we are safe in saying, winter has gone and spring has come, and as a matter of course, farmers are busy.....The girls all say they are sorry to learn that "Tanty" is married, and that his going so far away to get a wife is a good joke on the Chariton girls. They are threatening to retaliate the first good opportunity that offers. .....Miss Lucy Wren, is teaching at the Bell school house, and is getting along splendidly with her pets..... Died.—At her home four and a half miles northeast of Keytesville, of typhoid-pneumonia, Mrs. Calvin Shoemaker. She bore her sufferings with Christian patience. She was a good wife and tender, affectionate mother. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn their loss. As these stood around her dying couch with tear-stained eyes her spirit took its flight from its earthly tabernacle, and joined the host of the Redeemer. Deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist Church for nearly thirty years, ready to do, and suffer for her Master.

"Not as the world the Savior gives,
He's an unchanging friend,
Whom once he loved, he never leaves
But loves them to the end;
Else Satan might full victory boast
The Church might wholly fail
If one believer may be lost,
Then surely so may all.

Dr O. G. W. Adams

Richmond Democrat.

This really remarkably man who visited us last week absolutely depends for his practice on his ability to diagnose by a lock of hair cut from the head of the party afflicted and sent to him with three two-cent stamps. Of course, you will say this is impossible, but for six cents you can test it. Any afflicted individual who will write and send his letter from this office—allowing no one to handle the hair but himself—we will put in the postage if the diagnosis proves incorrect. Dr. Adams made diagnosis of several in our office last week, including two ministers, and invariably hit the nail on the head. If you write and the diagnosis proves incorrect you lose six cents; if he sends you medicine it costs from $2 to $4 a month.

He has a labratory and treats on the "Vitapathic System, or Life Principle." We are willing to give him the strongest editorial endorsement, as we have tested his power thoroughly, Last year he treated thousands of patients. If he cannot cure you he says so in his diagnosis. The proof of the pudding is in chewing the bag, and the Doctor's whole success hangs on his giving the proof of his power. He is a graduate of two medical schools, but follows none of them.

DIAGONOSIS.

The above editorial speaks for itself. We have heard a good deal about the "power of the press." It has often been the subject of discussion, which, wielded the greatest power the sword or the press. In speaking of the press we suppose the Richmond Democrat is counted in, and it has here lent its aid to deceive its pattrons; has given its "editorial endorsement" (big thing) to the most errant humbug and fraud ever advertised in a newspaper.

We have read of imposters who could deceive the "very elect," and it seems from this editorial that such had got stuck on this hair diagnosis. Clergymen have always considered it a part of their business to cast out devils and heal the sick; consequently we find their names as endorsers of all the patent nostrums in Christendom. The scriptures inform us that "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the wise." This scripture is verified right in Richmond by these two fools. As there will be no idiots in hell these two divines are safe.

We had thought it the duty of the press to keep its patrons posted on frauds and deceptions. But, alas! here is an editor who acknowledges that for a few dollars he gives his (and two ministers) editorial endorsement to the most ridiculous fraud ever attempted to be imposed on any community.

This editor says: "This advertisement will be kept standing." While it stands it will be a standing monument to his idocy or infamy. Which is it? If he believes in this hair business he is a fool, and if he don't and gives it his "strong(?) editorial endorsement" for money he is a scoundrel.

Judas sold out for thirty pieces of silver. Behold a greater than Judas is here. We have been told that Richmond people were tony; that the elite of Missouri lived there. If this be true, this "strong(?) editorial edorsment" of this hair fraud is an insult to every patron of his paper. This editor may be very "hard-up," (editors generally are) and have to resort to all sorts of knavery to make an honest living. Still, we doubt the propriety of his giving his "strongest editorial endorsement" to a scheme to rob his patrons of "from $2 to $4 a month."

Diagnosis is a big thing in medicine. The ability to diagnose correctly constitutes the chief difference among doctors.

Bald headed men need not apply to this doctor. Poor fellows! There is no diagnosis for you! If you can get a prognosis, take it.

Of all the fools beneath the sun,
None can eclipse Jim Anderson.

M. D.

Prohibition.

To the Kansas City Times:—

Liberty, Mo., April 9.—Somewhere from one-third to one-half of the Democratic party in Missouri are prohibitionists. If the party does not act unfairly towards prohibition these men will remain in the party; if it does, enough of them will leave the ranks of Democracy to destroy its ascendency. It is the belief and fear of many of these Democrats that the party is drifting into an attitude of unfriendliness to the cause of temperance. The election this fall will determine that matter for many of them.

This matter rests with the Democratic party. If they say "submit," it will be done; if not, it will not be done. This is the most important matter now before the minds of the people of Missouri and it will be decided within a few weeks. Let the Times take the lead in giving at least half a loaf to the hungry, "dry" children just to keep them in the family.

A. J. EMERSON.

The above comes from Clay county, one of the Democratic strongholds of the state. "Straws show which way the wind blows."

NEWS NOTES.

Democratic primaries are to be held in Ray county June 5.

Mr. Morrison thinks the chances for his tariff bill are improving.

At Clarksville, Tex., Henry Rosch shot and killed Fred Thomson Sunday

The Texas side of Texarkana has opened a vigorous war on gamblers.

Mattoon church people are agitating the Sunday observance question.

John H. Diggs was tried at Dixon, Mo., on charge of murder and acquitted last Saturday.

New York's prosecuting officers say the aldermanic trial will occupy all summer.

Mayor Rickman, of Sedalia, who was charged with bribery, has been acquitted.

Senator Ingalls denies that he asked a government position for his brother-in-law.

Coal miners of the Mahoning valley are going to make a general demand for an advance of wages.

Robert Smith, who was hanged at Nicholasville, Ky., on Saturday, sold his body to a doctor for $25.

At an election held at Trenton, Mo., the Democrats selected W. O. Garvin as their choice for postmaster.

They say now that Mrs. Thompson, the newly appointed postmaster of Louisville, is a Democrat after all.

According to the crop news printed in the Farmers' Review, prospects are far from bright in Kansas and Michigan.

In the Seventeenth Illinois congressional district the fight is growing warm between Eden and Moulton for the nomination.

At a conference held at Chicago, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company patched up a peace with the complaining switchmen.

Hon. John W. Jones, commissioner of Indian school of Idaho, has been indicted in Arkansas for larceny and embezzlement.

Thomas J. Mullen was arrested in the Church of the Nativity at New York for stealing an old lady's pocketbook while a prayer.

"A fancy politician, whose vanity is so strong and his principles so skaky that he cannot act with either party long and so jumps from one to the other," is the latest description of the mugwump, and it comes from Dedham, Mass.

Some of the boys in Paris are talking of organizing a brass band.

Uncle Davis Scott died at his home in Monroe county on the 4th, aged 91 years and 28 days.

The engines for the electric light plant in Hannibal have arrived. The boilers have not yet arrived, but will be in place in time for the towers.

In Monroe county M. N. James and J. D. Hollandsworth ran across a fox's den on Samuel North's farm last week and caught seven puppies. They killed three pole-cats the same day.

Mrs. Louisiana J. Mountjoy, mother of Elder J. W. Mountjoy, who, during the past three years resided with her son, Elder Willey Mountjoy, at Camdem Point, died on Wednesday, March 24, twelve hours after her son's death.

Mr. Reuben Harlow, of Young's Creek, Monroe county, is losing some of his fine cattle. Three of his steers, averaging 1,500 pounds, died a few days ago. The cause is supposed to be too much dry grass on the stomach.

There is another fraud on the road who professes to cure all eye, ear and head diseases by means of spectacles with electric attachment for which he charges $10, the sum of $5 to be paid at the time of the purchase and the balance when the patient is cured. The spectacles are worth about 25 cents.

William K. Vanderbilt is building one of the largest and finest steam yachts in the world—costing into the hundreds of thousands. Will a Vanbilt ever astonish the world by giving hundreds of thousands to some great public charity?

Paris Mercury: John Clark who lives on North river brought us a fish curiosity yesterday. While chopping wood near the river Tuesday he heard a terrible splashing in the water, when he went to the river bank and saw a large bass floating helplessly about. He took a stick and pulled the fish ashore, and was surprised to find in its mouth a good sized catfish. The horns of the latter were protruding through the gills of the bass, and thus both fish were curiously fastened together in such a manner that they cannot be separated.

Our Mexican War Veterans.

Hon. James H. Birch, of this city, wrote to Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, a short time ago, asking the Senator from Kansas whether he was friendly to the bill providing pensions for the veterans of the Mexican war, and also inquiring what would be the probable fate of the bill when it reaches the senate. To this inquiry the following answer was received yesterday:

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1886.

Hon. James H. Birch, St. Joseph, Mo:

My Dear Sir—In reply to your favor of April 6th, I would say; that I shall very cordially support the Mexican Pension bill as it passed the house, unless upon examination I findthat I have been misinformed as to its provisions. My impression is, that favorable action by the senate may be reasonably anticipated at an early day. Very truly yours,

JOHN J. INGALLS.

This is highly encouraging to the gallant soldiers who served their country in that memorable and glorious struggle. Tardy, indeed, has been the just recognition of their heroic services, but it is gratifying to know that it will come at last.—St. Jo Gazette.