

BENJAMIN H. HILL'S TRIBUTE
Of the many tributes to General Lee that of the eloquent Hon. Benjamin H. Hill deserves to rank with the best...

ROBERT E. LEE.

Go, glory and forever guard Our Chieftan's hallowed dust; And, honor! keep eternal ward; And, fame! be this thy trust.

Go, with your brightest, emblazoned scroll, And tell the years to be The first of names that flash your roll In ours—Great Robert Lee.

Lee wore the Gray! Since then 'Tis right's and honor's hue, He honored it—that man of man— And wrapped it round the true.

Dead! but his spirit breathes; Dead! but his heart is ours; Dead! but his sunny, sad land wreathes His crown with tears for flowers.

A statue for his tomb! Mold it of marble white— For wrong, a specter of death and doom— An angel of hope and right.

But Lee has a thousand graves; In a thousand hearts, I woen; And tear-drops fall from our eyes In waves, That will keep his memory green.

Ah! Muse, you dare not claim A nobler man than he; Nor nobler man hath less of blame, Nor blameless man hath purer name, Nor purer name hath grander fame, Nor fame another Lee, —By Father Ryan.

THE GERMAN'S TRIBUTE.

More than two years ago when I was ill in Rome, I called to my relief a German physician and in the course of one of our conversations I remarked incidentally that I had served in the army of Lee. His face at once...

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lighted up with interest, and I was amazed at the critical knowledge and appreciation which he displayed of our Confederate chief. The name and fame of Lee is a wand to conjure with in foreign lands and under alien skies almost as readily as in the home of his nativity. Among the great lights of scholarship in Oxford and Cambridge and Geneva I discovered a knowledge of his character and a familiarity with his achievements that astonished me more than I am able to express. Several summers ago I came face to face in the metropolis of Scotland, on Princess street, not far from the world-renowned statue of Sir Walter Scott, with a life-size portrait of Lee, an admirable likeness, over which were the words in large letters, "The Great American General."

When I was in Geneva a foremost light of Swiss literature was charmed that I discovered a marked resemblance in the face of an eminent Swiss scientist to the face of Lee. In his great rapture he hastened to communicate my discovery to a son of the distinguished scientist. Several years ago I crossed the Atlantic in a September gale. The steward came into my stateroom and tendered its services, as everyone except myself was desperately sick. Upon my offering incidentally to Lee and mentioning that I had served under his banner, he lighted up with enthusiasm and said: "You can have anything there is in the ship." In every civilized land the mention of Lee's name or the expression of sympathy with his cause is a passport to favor and recognition. Prof. Henry E. Shepherd.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

I, Z. W. Crockett, Special Receiver, by virtue of the authority vested in me by a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Mercer County, West Virginia, in the chancery cause therein pending in the name of R. Carter Wolford, who etc., vs. United Banking & Trust Company, will, on the 2nd day of February, 1907, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the front door of the law office of Crockett & Crockett, in the City of Bluefield, County of Mercer and State of West Virginia, proceed to sell by way of public auction to the highest bidder all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the city of Bluefield, County of Mercer and State of West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake, a corner of the Wm. A. Harris lot and a corner of the lot hereby conveyed; thence North forty (40) feet to a stake, corner of a lot of W. J. Lusk; thence with the line of said Lusk and Trigg East eighty-nine (89) feet to a stake in the edge of Rees Street; thence South, with the line of said Rees street, forty (40) feet to a stake; thence the Wm. A. Harris lot; thence West forty (4) feet to a stake; thence North six (6) feet to a stake thence West forty-nine (49) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to the United Banking & Building Company (afterwards the United Banking & Trust Company) by H. L. Demoon and Herbert B. Hawes, Trustees, by deed bearing date on the 21st day of June, 1897, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Mercer County, in Deed Book No. 15, page 210. I will also at the same time and place proceed to sell the following lot or strip of land, which adjoins on the South the above described lot, this strip having been purchased by the United Banking & Trust Company from W. A. Harris and wife, owing to the fact that the building on the above described lot was constructed partly on the strip of land hereinafter described.

The said strip or lot of land is bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the West line of Rees street, N. 15 deg. 15 min. W. seven hundred and twenty-two (722) feet and six (6) inches from the intersection of the said West line of Rees street with the South line of Railroad avenue, said intersection being at the top of the embankment of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company's yard, and running from said beginning point, at right angles with the said line of Rees street, S. 74 deg. 45 min. fifty-four (54) feet to a point; thence N. 15 deg. 15 min. W. six (6) feet and four (4) inches to a point in the line of a lot deced by W. A. Harris and wife to one J. E. Kennedy, by deed dated the 25th day of August, 1895; thence with the line of said Kennedy lot N. 68 deg. fourteen (14) feet to a point in said line; thence S. 15 deg. 15 min. E. still with the line of said Kennedy lot, six (6) feet to a point; thence continuing with the said Kennedy line, N. 68 deg. E. forty (40) feet to a point in the West line of said Rees street; thence with the said West line of Rees street S. 15 deg. 15 min. seven (7) feet and six (6) inches to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to the United Banking & Trust Company by W. A. Harris and wife, by deed bearing date on the 15th day of April, 1900, and recorded in said Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 19, page 204.

TERMS OF SALE: One-third cash on day of sale, and the residue payable in two equal installments in six and twelve months respectively from day of sale, the purchaser executing his two bonds, bearing interest from date, with good personal security, for the deferred payments.

Z. W. CROCKETT, Special Receiver.

SEEING THE GOVERNOR

The expression "seeing the governor" used to have an evil significance. It suggested deals, dickers, barabais and the circulation of the constitutional boundaries between the executive and the legislative powers. Following the example of Gov. Hughes of Cleveland, Gov. Hughes has moved out into the public reception-room of the executive chamber. And so senators, assemblymen and the whole race of politicians will have to take their chance and their turn with ordinary citizens who may have business with the head of the state. It is a serious innovation, for a statesman is hardly able to talk business if he may not whisper in the ear of greatness.

The cabinet has been dissolved, the backstairs have been hauled up, all private keys to the innermost chambers have been called in, and no kitchen cabinet is to be formed in order that the work of government may be shared by influential nobodies who for some mysterious reason might succeed in thrusting themselves into a position of real concealed influence.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Mercer County, rendered at the February Term, 1905, thereof, in the Chancery cause of E. W. Hale, Committee, vs. John A. Bailey, et al.

The undersigned Commissioner, appointed for the purpose, will proceed to sell at the front door of the Court House of Mercer County, West Virginia, by way of public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 2nd day of February, 1907, the following described Real Estate, situate in said County, to-wit: A tract of land situate near the City of Bluefield, in the neighborhood called "Beaver Pond" containing something over 200 acres of land and owned by the late Carmack Bailey and upon which he resided in his lifetime.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH in hand on day of sale. B. W. PENDLETON, Special Commissioner, Dec 31, 1906.

I, W. B. HONAKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mercer County, do hereby certify that Special Commissioner...

papers because publicity is no part of his program—are planning to restore the old order, as if there had been no election last November, with its special lesson for all those who have the lead for it. These two can cannot conceive of our institutions being worked, but by means of middlemen and go-betweens. And they don't give a rap what the sentiment of the mass of the people may be on the subject. They hope to use the State in their power and stand ready to push it along in the wrong direction. To what extent this ambition of theirs is reasonable, events only will show. But one thing is certain: Mr. Hughes will always have it in his power to appeal to the people, who elected him, against the politicians, who are incapable of learning anything, as they are of forgetting anything.—New York Evening Sun.

BE AN ENCOURAGER.

It does not come within the range of every man's powers or opportunities to do the big and spectacular things that help the world along; but it is possible for you and me and all the rest of us to be encouragers. We may not have the change to score, but we cannot stand on the side lines and cheer. Where you see a good thing attempted, boost it, even if it gives the other fellow a little more prominence than yourself. If it is true that maledictions come home to roost it is also true that boasts have the same habit. You cannot help the

FIND THE BRIGHT SPOT

The man sat moodily brooding in his study. His dog lay sympathetically at his feet. Everything seemed to have gone wrong lately. Fate was laying at cross purposes with his plans, and the world looked indeed a gloomy place. Some little detail of discouragement whizzed in his ear, "Throw down your hands and quit the game." Just then the dog arose, stretched itself and walked slowly across the room. His master's eyes followed it unconsciously. A small spot of something had found its way through the half closed blinds and lay, a little yellow gleam upon the carpet. The dog curled itself up on this spot. The man pulled himself together. "I have not so much sense as my dog," he mused. "There may be a bright spot for me somewhere. I will go find it."

BETTER THAN GOLD.

I have no envy for the man Who is a millionaire; Such wealth of obligation I am willing he should bear; But I would not sell the pleasure For his gold in mountain pile; That I gather from the sunshine Of a happy, laughing child.

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