

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD.

The turkey is an emblem,
In a way of bigger things,
We do not think of angels
When we measure up his wings.
But there's much that's human
In the way the fellow fares;
And if you will but listen,
I'll tell you how he shares.

The look of taller bipeds,
Who gobble as they go,
And whose usefulness and trouble
Together come, you know.

This not when he is walking
So grandly up and down,
As if he were a president,
Or thought he owned the town.

That we esteem him highest,
Of praise the loudest word
Of praise and commendation
For the proud and lordly bird.

But when they stop his gobble,
And pull his feathers out,
And all him full of bitterness,
And clothe him round about

With dress of persecution
That melt his grandeur down,
And bring his fair complexion
To a shade of russet brown.

When he cannot help himself,
But lift a solitary leg,
As if he gave the matter up,
And only cared to beg;

Then is it that his virtues
The bird is showing;
That he stands the highest
In your regard and mine.

Then full of admiration,
We stretch him on the plate,
And deem that any turkey
Shall glory in his fate.

W. D. Rodgers, in Boston Transcript.

The Guide-Post--A Fable.

[The Open Court.]

An innkeeper of Argolis, who had kept his tavern at the parting of ways for upwards of half a century, died; and his shade repairing, as the custom was, to the immortal gates of shadow, implored (for so the etiquette of the dead was, as with us now a matter of habit) high regard and honor from the gods at whose hands favor was.

"Nay," quoth the warder, helper to him called Hermes, messenger to the higher gods; "but say first what hast thou done to deserve favor at our heavenly hands? Speak and tell of thy good deeds and worthy."

The innkeeper, who was indeed worthy enough, was of a modest turn. Not used to dignities except, perchance on rare occasions to serve them at his hostelry, he stood abashed, eyes drooping, unable to command words to answer, fifty or even at first at all.

"Perchance thou hast built a temple in thy time?" said the door god, not without a touch of mockery in his tone.

"O no!" answered the new immortal. "O no, indeed! I never even thought of doing that."

"Hast ever sent a gift of jewels or of gold to Delphi?"

"Never!"

"Or of kind or kid?"

"Never."

"Not even a young dove?"

"No," answered the poor innkeeper sadly; "not even a young dove, nor any other thing."

"And what then in the way of good didst thou do in thy life? Canst think of ought?"

"I kept my tavern," the man said very humbly. "All people who passed that way used to relate how I kept it well, serving the best always and caring well for beast and man."

"And getting thy reckoning?"

"Sorely. Why not? 'Twas my due."

"The gods," was the reply, surly and scornful, "honor them not who for pay do their duty. Is that thy notion of the heavenly kingdom?"

Now was the innkeeper mightily put about at all this sharp questioning. In his heart he felt himself, not knowing nor asking why, to be very worthy, but unable to give account of himself, he was embarrassed and shamefaced, till, at last, and getting his brains, he ventured to speak aloud in his own behalf respecting one thing he had thought of that might be humbly deemed--be permitted to count for something.

"One thing I did," he said. "Another duty doubtless. If that alone spare thy breath."

here was one neither man nor woman, nor any other bodily shape, save as shape was taken because the eye was made to see. So also the being spoke (thought materialized), because in no other way was it given to the brain to hear.

"I am Themis," the being said, "and I have heard the contention betwixt ye two, warder of this eternal realm, and thou, oh new immortal."

"I am justice and knowledge. Fear not, for I tell thee that thou art well come to this my holy hill. Thou didst not know, but I know; thou didst not understand, but I understand; thou didst not see, but I see."

"In the way of our judgments, of a truth, this warder sufficient to judge of the results of duty, to tell the meaning of acts, and to reward according to the deeds done in the body. But 'tis mine, oh new immortal, to look deep into the heart, and into the mystery of motive."

"Now I look, and I behold, for all the fifty years of thy earthly life, keeping thy humble tavern in Argolis, that thou didst set up at the parting of ways beyond thy gate a simple guide-board. No law compelled thee to set it there, nor did law compel thee to keep it, with its two hands pointing, one north, one east."

"Dost know what came of this work, of thine?" Themis, gazed, friendly, into the new comer's eyes.

"I know not," was the answer, "save as I believe that from time to time it served to help some stranger."

"Stranger? Then 'twas not for thine own acquaintance and kinfolk thou didst set the guide-board?"

"Not so; for surely they know the way already."

"Hast thou enemies?"

"I have, some I know; more I am sure that I know not of, because in any way of livelihood I turned not aside to fawn for the favor of any mortal."

"Could it then be that this guide-board was of use, not only to the stranger but to be an enemy of thine?"

"That I cannot say; doubtless many such passed by the inn."

"Behold!" went on the angelic being, and so speaking drew forth a scroll. "Behold here writ the record of the work of good that unknown to thee, thy guide-board did."

Then he who of late had been but a simple citizen of Argolis, not learned in the script of Oedipus, felt his eyes opened so that he was able to trace the record.

And he saw there inscribed the names of a hundred three score and five, whose lives during all the fifty years, while the guide-board had been set up, were saved by it; some were old, some middle-aged, some young. Those journeying to the north would have taken the way eastward; or, on their road to the eastern town would have wandered else to the north.

The lives of part of this multitude (as was duly set forth on the scroll) were saved from the hand of the enemy; of others from wild beasts on a strange road; of others still, from storm or pestilence.

Good, too, of many another sort the record showed; of sons restored to mourning families; of husbands to their wives; of fathers to their needy children; and further, of renewed hope in many a breast; of kindled sparks of human sympathy for all humanity, in that one being had been found to feel and (unknowing of all the deep significance of feeling) to show the divinity of humanity.

And, before the new immortal's astonished eyes, the scroll unrolled, and the record grew and grew, telling of the vast results of each saved life, of each throb of hope, of each happy turn of fortune.

Then Themis, smiling, said, cheerily: "This was all thy work. Though then thou didst not know, I tell thee that though men judge by the act, and even at heaven's gate itself the warders call for gifts to Delphi and Diana, at my high court is nothing save motive reckoned."

"Because thou hast loved the right, and hast loved thy neighbor, and the stranger, and even thine enemy, and because thou hast done unto them as thou wouldst have had them do unto you, I bid thee come up higher."

So speaking Themis turned, and the new immortal, glad but yet wondering, followed on satisfied.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Now comes a case in which the minority candidate, against whom there is a popular majority of about 100,000, is elected by purchased votes in States which, selected for that work, will give a majority in the electoral college. The fact adds one more to the weighty reasons in the form of its practical workings which the people will urge for the abolition of the cumbersome electoral college and the substitution of a direct popular vote, for President.

Atlanta Constitution: "The Indianapolis Journal says that General Longstreet was treated with unusual distinction in that city because he is ostracized in the south. Bosh! The days of ostracism for political reasons have gone by here. General Longstreet is as well treated in Georgia and as highly esteemed as any other Confederate general."

"I am Themis," said the being calmly, and then at once both knew that

Medicine. Advice to Everybody.

who has a diseased liver is at once to take proper means to cure it. The function of the liver is to secrete bile, and on the regular secretion of which depends not only the general health of the body, but the power of the stomach, pancreas, spleen, and the whole nervous system.

NO HUMAN BEING.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF OUACHITA, CLERK'S OFFICE, FIFTH DISTRICT COURT.

BE IT KNOWN THAT ON THIS 3TH day of December, 1888, the undersigned members of the Jury Commission, in and for said parish, being a quorum thereof, by their duly authorized clerk, have this day met at the clerk's office of said parish for the purpose of drawing a jury to serve at the January Term of the Fifth Judicial District Court, to be held on the FOURTH day of January, 1889, and after having complied with the requisites of the law, W. L. MORRIS, one of the commissioners, in the presence of the others, proceeded to draw fifty ballots, with the names of persons living, from the census taken to serve the first week of said term of court, as follows:

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| WARD 1. | WARD 2. |
| John Badger. | 3 Travis McClelland. |
| H. Lewis. | 4 Henry Smith. |
| N. L. Wingo. | 5 A. S. Sney. |
| W. F. Callaway. | 6 J. H. Young. |
| John Mallard. | 7 E. C. McGee. |
| Sykes Duncan. | 8 J. R. Kautledge. |
| A. C. Nichols. | 9 Hunter Worley. |
| A. T. Fowler. | 10 Wm. Averett. |
| Wm. Mayfield. | 11 R. T. Goodlett. |
| Oliver Dunt. | 12 W. E. Morris. |
| James Meyer. | 13 H. E. Dore. |
| H. McKinnis. | 14 W. B. Custer. |
| J. W. Woodland. | 15 W. L. Leonard. |
| J. T. Camp. | 16 J. A. Clark. |
| J. W. Gelson. | 17 W. E. Hoggar. |
| Sashon Jones. | 18 J. B. Rogers. |
| John Good. | 19 H. G. Gola. |
| Joseph Bros. | 20 Geo. L. Wood. |
| Dani. Gies. | 21 Amos Chambers. |
| John Ross. | 22 Ben. Hagler. |
| Chas. Charleston. | 23 J. A. Oden. |
| W. Jones. | 24 Henry Ingram. |
| Augustus Love. | 25 J. D. Goodson. |
| WARD 3. | WARD 4. |
| Z. Murphy. | 6 W. R. Finkles. |
| John T. Darr. | 7 J. R. Browning. |
| S. W. Sheppard. | 8 J. C. Camp. |
| J. K. Smith. | 9 J. Thompson. |
| J. M. Smith. | 10 S. T. Lewis. |
| Jack Young. | 11 J. E. Rooster. |
| Wash Tucker. | 12 Nathan McGowan. |
| S. N. Sautberry. | 13 Robt. Gray. |
| W. L. Griggs. | 14 J. J. Grant. |
| Joseph Bunn. | 15 Julius Schilling. |
| A. P. McCormick. | 16 James Williams. |
| C. H. Harrison. | 17 Nathan McKinnis. |
| G. W. Cator. | 18 W. W. Connella. |
| Geo. M. McCallum. | 19 J. D. Goodson. |
| J. M. Simpkins. | 20 W. T. Lawler. |

And the same commissioner proceeded to draw thirty additional ballots containing the names of persons living in farms at the second week of said term of court, as follows:

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| WARD 1. | WARD 2. |
| John T. Darr. | 6 W. R. Finkles. |
| S. W. Sheppard. | 7 J. R. Browning. |
| J. K. Smith. | 8 J. C. Camp. |
| J. M. Smith. | 9 J. Thompson. |
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And I, the undersigned clerk, made the list and record as above written, and in the presence of J. E. HANNA, W. L. MORRIS, A. WILLIS, R. R. BENTLEY, AUSTIN GREEN, CLK.

MONITOR.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH CIRCUIT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

MRS. JANE C. REEVES VERSUS A. S. CALDWELL, ET AL--No. 173--IN EQUITY.

ON MOTION OF MR. WALTER YOUNG, solicitor for complainant, in the above entitled and numbered case, and on showing to the Court that it is a suit commenced in this court, on the equity side thereof, to set aside as illegal, null and void, a certain pretended mortgage executed by complainant's husband, to one Thomas S. Shanks, for the sum of \$100,000, said bill of complaint, and that the defendant, Holmes Ivory, is not an inhabitant of the Western District of Louisiana, but is a resident of Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is ordered by the Court that the said Holmes Ivory, one of the defendants in said bill of complaint, do appear, plead, answer, or demur to the said bill of complaint, on or before the first Monday of January, A. D. 1889, at the Court house of this office, and that the defendant, Holmes Ivory, do show cause, at Shreveport, La., on the first day of December, A. D. 1888, why a preliminary injunction should not issue as prayed for in said bill of complaint, and that this order be served on said defendant, and, if practicable, and be published in the Ouachita Telegraph once a week for six consecutive weeks.

ATTEST: A. ROCK BOARMAN, Judge. Nov. 18th, 1888. A true copy. Attest: J. B. BEATTIE, D'y Clerk.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY. LAND OFFICE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 4th, 1888.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or, in his absence, the clerk of the District Court at Monroe, La., on Monday, January 21, 1889.

Thomas S. Shanks, who made Homestead entry No. 5782, for the west half of north-east quarter, section 18, township 17 north, range 2 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Davis Golsen, Charles Wilder, Charles Coates, William Golsen, all of Ouachita parish, La. T. J. BUTLER, Register.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS. TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, MONROE, LA., October 1, 1888.

TAXES DUE THE CITY OF MONROE as set forth in the assessment rolls for 1888, on file in this office, are now due, and will become delinquent on personal or movable property October 1, and on immovable property on December 31, 1888, and incur a penalty of 1 per cent per month from said date until paid.

CHAS. SCHULZE, City Tax Collector.

NOTICE. MONROE, LA., COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, November 23, 1888. The office hours of the City Tax Collector are from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. at the corner of Debar and Hall streets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays and at Calaboose on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

CHAS. SCHULZE, Collector.

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