

Long Ago.

I sit beside the sinking fire,
Watch the weird faces in its glow;
All through the night I should not tire,
But they have faded long ago.

Ah—dust to dust!—the last repose—
Ashes to ashes!—well I know
How surely this hath been with those,
Those whom I loved, so long ago.

How surely this with me will be!
From every petty joy and woe,
From fancied slight from jealousy
Made free and safe—ah! long ago.

And yet may some things with us stay;
As, on the waters, lilies blow
In white and green—just as they lay
In white and green, so long ago.

'Tis pleasant now to think—"Perhaps
In Memory's light one's face may
glow,"
"Out upon Time!"—for all things lapse
In that sad, dreary long ago.

But when I'm dead, don't thou forget—
Thou whom I used to treasure so;
Yet may one tear thine eyelid wet,
Because I loved thee—long ago!

NO MISTAKE IN HERS.—At noon a girl, about 19 years old, and wearing a somewhat faded costume, came up to the delivery window of the post office, threw down a letter, and said to the clerk, "Is that air stamp all squee-gee?" "Yes, it seems to be all right," "An' is the address writ so's thar' kin be no show of its gittin' off'n the trail an' monkeyin' all 'round the country afore it gits to whar' its addressed?" "Oh, I guess so. The mail boys can manage to—" "I don't want no guess work 'bout it, for that's a matter o' life and death. If that letter'll go straight say so, and, if it won't, just unlimber your tongue and give me square music." "I'll guarantee that it will find the person to whom it is addressed," said the clerk, who had deciphered the hieroglyphics on the envelope. "Then, that's all right, but if it don't get thar on time I'll have you took up fur murder. That letter's fur my feller back in Illinois, an' he writ if I wouldn't marry him right off, he'd kill hisself, an' I've writ back that he can come on an' double up just as soon as he wants ter. If that letter don't git thar straight Jim's jest fool enough to swallow a dose of pizen or somethin' an' mind, young man that you are liable to be pulled any minute for murder if he does. My name's Roda Lumby, an' anybody knows I'm not to be fooled with when human life's at stake." And she shook a warning finger at the clerk and walked out.—Leadville Democrat.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS IN 1884. From the edition of Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s American Newspaper Directory, now in press, it appears that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds at present issued in the United States and Canada reach a grand total of 13,402. This is a net gain of precisely 1,600 during the last twelve months, and exhibits an increase of 5,618 over the total number published just ten years since. The increase in 1874 over the total for 1873 was 493. During the past year the dailies have increased from 1,139 to 1,254; the weeklies from 9,062 to 10,078; and the monthlies from 1,691 to 1,429. The greatest increase is in the Western States. Illinois, for instance, now shows 1,009 papers in place of last year's total of 904, while Missouri issues 604 instead of the 53 reported in 1883. Other leading Western States also exhibit a great percentage of increase. The total number of papers in New York State is 1,523, against 1,399 in 1883. Canada has shared in the general increase.

—John Knight who lives up in Eden, opened the craw of a sick chicken the other day, and extricated therefrom two possum ribs one inch and a half long, and a piece of the jaw bone an inch long with a tooth in it. He sewed up the wound and the chicken went to eating as usual.—Laurens Herald.

—A Strange story comes from Morgantown, N. C. During the war a Federal Captain named Livingstone was imprisoned at Salisbury, N. C. An affection sprang up between himself and a Miss Austin, daughter of a guard, who finally enabled Livingstone to escape. In 1867 Livingstone returned to Salisbury in fulfillment of his promise and was recognized as Miss Austin's betrothed husband. Livingstone suddenly disappeared and after hearing nothing from him for a year the girl married a former suitor named Bird. A few days ago after a violent quarrel with her husband Mrs. Bird informed the authorities that she had learned from him that he had murdered Livingstone and buried his body with the assistance of two negro men. One of the negroes who was found corroborated the story, and he and Bird were arrested. Mrs. Bird is said to be 35 years old and a very handsome woman.

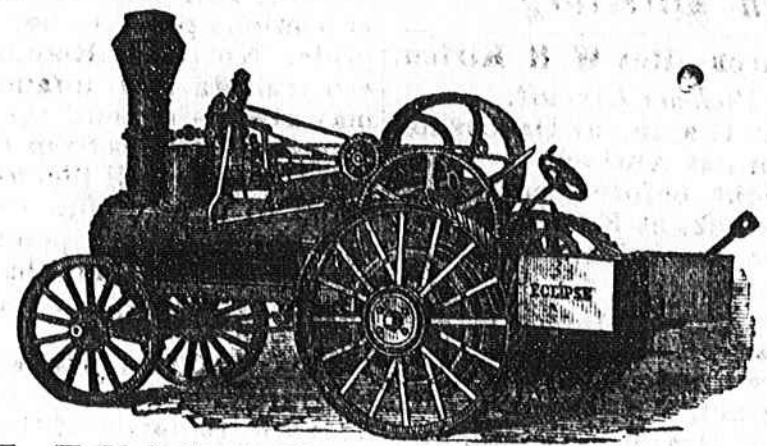
—Of the 27,000 tons of steel rail ordered by the Richmond & Danville Company a short time since, the first invoice consisting of 1000 tons, has arrived and is being hauled out of Richmond for distribution along the road. Every foot of iron rail between Atlanta and Washington city is to be taken up and an entire steel rail, rock ballasted tracks, is to be put down. Considerable attention is now being paid to the improvement of the road bed, and by time summer is fully upon us the Richmond & Danville will be running a 40 mile schedule. The route North will be over the Virginia Midland, and the trains will go through unbroken.—Charlotte Observer.

—A certain young man in the city called on his favorite girl a few nights since. He had not been long in the parlor before the young lady's little brother came in and climbed upon his lap. The young lady spoke to the little fellow, and told him he was too big and heavy to set on Mr.—'s lap. "No I ain't," retorted the little fellow; "I saw you sitting on his lap the other night, and I'm not near as big and heavy as you are." The little fellow was immediately hustled off to bed, with instructions to his ma to give him a flogging.—Anderson Intelligencer.

Laws of Newspapers.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.
2. If subscribers wish their papers discontinued, publishers may continue to send them until all charges are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their papers from the office or place to which they are sent, they are held responsible to settle their bills and give due notice to discontinue.
4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, they are held responsible. Notice should always be given of the removal.

Legal Advertising—Parties having legal advertisements to publish, are reminded that there is no law governing the matter, and guardians, administrators, executors and others, can have their printing done at any office they may designate. As THE MESSENGER offers a much lower rate for such work than has been the rule heretofore in this section, those having the interest of their charge in mind, will make a note of this fact.



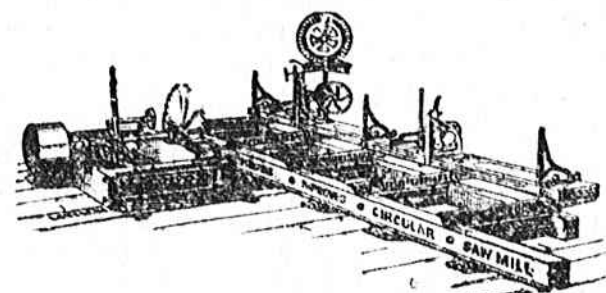
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Agents also for the celebrated Eclipse Engines, Gins, and Separators. Hege's Improved Saw Mills, with Independent and Simultaneous Head Blocks.



Jan 18—3m

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Staunch & Reliable.

IT NEVER FAILS!

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under his crop will smile all the Summer. The cotton will grow and the smile will come.

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Feb 15--tf

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OUR SPECIALTIES.

We keep Stoves, Crockery and Tinware, at hard times prices.

Thanking the public generally for their liberal patronage in the past, we hope by close attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.

Country produce bought at highest market price, for cash.

Remember our motto is quick sales and short profits. Give us a call.

Respectfully,

OWNBEY BROS.,

Easley, S. C.

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Pure Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Toilet articles, Patent medicines, the best brands of Segars and Tobacco, Notions, etc., at prices as low as can be found in the State.

Polite and attentive clerks, with a full and select stock of Goods is our Leading Inducement for patrons. Our line of

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for Presents, cannot be excelled, as we have useful, as well as ornamental articles, for your wife, husband, sweetheart, child or friend, and all at bottom prices. Don't fail to give me a call, and you are sure to depart happy.

I am sole Agent for this County for the celebrated

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Dec 21--tf

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JAMES ROSEMOND.

Easley, S. C.

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