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A YOUNG MAN SAVED.

What Started Julius May on a Successful Career.

Julius May was a lawyer—that is, he was going to be one—spending more or less hours every day in Reed & Tappan's offices could produce the arranged-for result. At first the prospect had been pleasant enough to him, but a course of winter amusements in New York must have some effect upon a young man, and the effect in Mr. May's case had not been, in a legal sense, satisfactory.

Music and the drama, libraries both in Russia, instead of the ladies and fancy calls, London tailors and Fifth avenue boarding-houses—these, and many other splendid things, had become very agreeable to the new-bred, and he had never got but one answer—"Marry!" At first he had met the suggestion with a negative shrug, and a muttered "Nonsense!" but it had come back every time with a more persuasive appearance. Finally, one cold, windy night in March, he determined to devote an hour or two to a consideration of his chances in the matrimonial market.

After a careful and honest review, he was compelled to admit that among all the rich and splendid girls whom he had habitually spoken of as crazy about him, only two were likely to be worth his attention. The thought of marrying him—pretty little Bessie Bell and the exceedingly clever Nora St. Clair. He was quite sure both of these lovely creatures adored him, the only point to settle with him he liked better, or rather, which it would be best for him personally and commercially to choose; and—

First he thought this, then he thought that. Next he thought, "Bessie was the daughter of a rich widow, who lived in excellent style, and who was perfect mistress of her income. She was a sweet, dainty little blonde, always irreproachably stylish in dress, always ready to dangle into smiles, and never at a loss for just the most agreeable thing to say."

Nora was a close friend of Bessie's, but in all respects a contrast. She was no tenderly nurtured heiress, but a poor, brave girl, who had by the force of intellect, study and hard work gained an enviable position in the literary world. Her income from her writings was very handsome; she was in the money, and she had a few shares in the stock of a publishing house, and dressed like the rest of the fashionable world. But then Julius felt that in every sense she would not only be the "better half," but probably the four-fourths of the house, and that his personality would sink simply into "Mrs. May's husband."

So Bessie won the decision, and he determined, if his new suit came home to-day, to tell Miss Bell that he had chosen her. He was a handsome person, who it is needless to say, was a great success in the literary world, and if this work-a-day world had only been a great drawing-room, with the usual social and musical conservatories, why, then Mr. Julius May would have been no undesirable companion through it.

The new suit came home, and fitted perfectly; the tonsorial department was equally effective in results; and precaution had been taken, and he felt an earnest of success in the very prospect of these preliminaries. He rang at Mrs. Bell's door before the footman could open it, to tell Miss Bell that he had chosen her. He was a handsome person, who it is needless to say, was a great success in the literary world, and if this work-a-day world had only been a great drawing-room, with the usual social and musical conservatories, why, then Mr. Julius May would have been no undesirable companion through it.

The incident scarcely attracted his attention until, upon entering the parlor, he saw pretty Bessie watching the disappearing vehicle with tearful eyes. She gazed into his usual beaming, pretty manner, and very soon Mrs. Bell came in, and asked him to remain to dinner.

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after his rejection by Bessie Bell he had so far composed and encouraged himself as to determine upon a visit to Nora, though whether he should offer himself to her or not was a point he left to the development of circumstances.

He found Nora at home, and moreover, she seemed disposed to welcome him with extra cordiality. In a little while he managed to catch the conversation drift toward Bessie.

Would she be married when the professor returned from Europe?

"Oh, dear, no; not that is twenty-one!"

"Is it not rather a mesalliance?"

Nora's eyes grew darkly bright. "Certainly not. Prof. Mark Tyler is a wonderful chemist and geologist—a man of world-wide fame. It is a great honor for Bessie to be loved by such a great soul."

"Will you be glad when she marries?"

"Very."

"Yet you will lose your friend?"

"I have no more. She will remain at home, and the professor and I are very old friends; he knew me when I was a little girl."

"Indeed! Perhaps you may marry before Mr. May comes?"

"I may do so. I have no specific against doing such a thing eventually; but I am quite sure I shall not do so immediately."

"Why not?"

"Because I cannot afford it. I am just one of those women who would be likely to make a *mesalliance* in money matters, and I repeat, I cannot afford it just yet. I have at present another engagement before me, a great deal nicer than a husband."

"I should like to know what it is."

"A long European tour, with, perhaps, a peep at the Pyramids and a rummage in the desert."

"Oh, dear!" said Julius, in a tone half serious and half mocking. "I should have no chance, I suppose, against such a temptation?"

"None at all," she said, positively; and though she kept up the bantering tone, it was quite evident to Julius that if he asked her in sober earnest she would answer just the same with a slightly different accent.

But Nora, with a woman's ready wit, turned the conversation, and gradually led it into a more practical channel—the nobility and the necessity of labor. The glowing thoughts, the plain yet hopeful truths that fair young woman uttered, Julius heard for the first time in his life that night. Never before had he realized the profit and the deep delight which might spring—and only spring—from an honest career, no matter how humble.

He had risen to go, and they stood with clasped hands—"Then you may come again." Nothing more was said, but they went into the clear starlight, and Bessie said, with a pride worthy of a good woman's acceptance before he offered himself again.

Next evening Bessie and Nora sat in the freight, sipping their after-dinner coffee; it was an hour for confidence, and Bessie said, with a slight smile:

"Poor Julius May—he asked me to marry him last night."

Nora turned quickly, but said nothing.

That is, he wanted to marry my money, everybody knows that; if he loves anybody really, it is you, Nora."

"He called on me, too, last night," said Nora, "and I saw he was in trouble, so I gave him something to do. Nothing like that, though, for all the work when you're in trouble. When he had done it, I told him he might come and see me again."

"Surely you would never marry him! You will just have him to dress and take care of."

"All men need women to care for them; else why were women made? But I think Julius will do very well yet. These elegant carpet-knights sometimes don armor and take the world by surprise."

"Remember how England's 'curled barbers' stormed the Malakoff and battered down Sebastopol. I am going to take Julius May for a year or two; I think he'll do."

"We shall see. Time proves all things."

Time proved in this case what has often been asserted, that if a woman influences every man she comes in contact with, either for good or bad, Julius went steadily to work, used with economy the remains of his patrimony, became known among lawyers and a hard-reading, clear-headed, steady young man, and in a little more than two years he ventured to call again on Nora St. Clair and ask her a certain question, to which she answered, with pride and confidence:

"Another evening Bessie and Nora sat sipping their coffee together in the gloaming of an early summer evening. 'Bessie,' said Nora, 'Julius May asked me last night to marry him.'"

"Going to do so, Nora?"

"Yes, dear, I am going to take care of him, and he is going to take care of me."

"THE SCENTED GARDEN."

Lady Burton's Destruction of a Manuscript Left by Her Husband.

The late Sir Richard Burton, translator of "The Arabian Nights," was one of the most profound oriental scholars of his time. Some years ago, a few days preceding his death, were spent in translating from the Arabic another book, "A Scented Garden," which he had almost completed. He left hardly any property; the work he felt would provide amply for his wife, and in that expectation he died. The manuscript upon which he had lavished so much care and labor and which he had expected would be a monument to his name, never reached the printer's hands. It was burned by his wife, who told the story in a letter to a London paper:

"When I looked myself up in his room and looked at the manuscript manuscript I read this one. No promise had been exacted from me, because the end had been so unforeseen, and I remained for three days in a state of prostration as to what I ought to do about it. During that time I received an offer from a man of six thousand guineas for it."

"I sat down on the floor before the fire at dark to consult my own heart, my own head. How I felt, I do not know. My heart told me that sin is in the rolling stone that gathers moss; that what a gentleman, a scholar, a man of the world may write when living he is very differently to what the poor soul would see standing naked before its God, with its good or evil deeds alone to answer for, and their consequences visible to it for the first moment of its life after death."

"What would I care for the applause of one thousand five hundred men now—for the whole world's praise—and God offered? My heart said: 'You had been six thousand guineas; your husband worked for you, and he died in his happy home, with honor and respect for thirty years. How are you going to reward him? That your wretched love for a few minutes of fame should be the cause of his ruin?'"

"I felt that and clothed and warmed for upon which I had spent my life. I felt that that soul which is part of your soul be left out in cold and darkness till the end of time, till all those sins which may have been committed on account of reading those writings have been expiated, or passed away forever. Why, it would be just parallel with the original thirty pieces of silver!"

I fetched the manuscript and laid it out on the ground before me. The large volumes' worth. Still my thoughts were, 'Was it a sacrifice?' It was his magnum opus—his last work, that he was so proud of, that to have been in his hands, the awful thought that he had labored for you, and he died in his happy home, with honor and respect for thirty years. How are you going to reward him? That your wretched love for a few minutes of fame should be the cause of his ruin?"

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MICE IN THE PIANO.

How Costly Musical Instruments May Be Greatly Damaged by Rodents.

A mouse and a piano are seemingly of no associated interest, yet they are often given joint consideration. This little-headed creature is a pest in a large amount of damage to the musical instrument. He sometimes finds his way into a piano, and then woe unto the action and the hammers. The intricate and complicated action impedes his progress and he gnaws through it. The little straps and felt hammers are chewed into bits. The reason is obvious. They make soft and downy nests. A piano used frequently is not so often visited, but on standing in quiet corner of the parlor, its use being merely that of an ornament, is a retreat never overlooked by mistress mouse if she happens to pass by. No sign "For Rent" is needed. It is dry, quiet and roomy, and the materials are near at hand. The first intimations of the little rodent's presence are the numerous little squeaks emanating from the parlor. The entire household turns out on a crusade, courageous Bridge taking the lead, and the commanding housewife constituting the rear guard. Every corner is searched, furniture moved, and things turned upside down. No mouse is found, and the piano is overhauled, and in conventional it is decided that the disturbing element is under the floor and the search is given up. Some observing member of the household finally discovers the home of this terror of the mouse, and many are the expressions of astonishment as to how it reached its new home, for the piano is apparently a tightly-closed instrument, front, back, top and bottom. The little rodent crawls in under the pedals. There is an opening below each for a piano to allow room for play. Naturally, when not pressed down by the foot, it rests against the top of the opening, leaving the vacant space below through which the mouse crawls. The majority of pianos have no covering for this opening, which seems of no consequence, while others have blocks of felt, but sharp little teeth soon remove this obstacle. Not only does the mouse enter a piano, but he is apt to get in and find that he can not get out. He dies in there, and the result is an unpleasant and sickening odor in the parlor. When the odor is ascertained to the account of sewer gas.

A gentleman in this city recently had an unpleasant experience with a mouse. It had found its way into the piano, and in its search for food it gnawed under the keys. One day he was sitting at the piano, and he noticed a small mouse crawling out from under the keys. He was startled, and he called for his wife. She came, and she saw the mouse. She was angry, and she said to him: "What a nuisance! It has got into the piano, and it is eating the keys!"

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USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

—A handful of flour bound on a new very cut will often stop the bleeding.

—If pork is young the lean will break on being pinched; the fat will be white, soft and pulpy.

—People who are subject to attacks of giddiness or faintness, and those who suffer from palpitation and other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe.

—When the ankle has been severely sprained, immerse it immediately in hot water, keeping it there for fifteen or twenty minutes. After it has been taken out of the water, keep it bandaged with cloths wrung out of hot water.

—Maltre of Hotel Sauce—Half pint of melted butter, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, one lemon, cayenne and salt to taste; mix the butter, add to it the parsley and lemon juice, and the parsley and seasoning and let it just boil.

—To remove black spots from plate, boil the articles in three pints of water, soaked with an ounce of calcined borax. Drain dry to suit. Bake in polish with soft linen rags that have been soaked in the water then dried. Polish with whiting and chamolis.

—A good harmless blacking is made of one-half pound of sweet oil, one-fourth pound of castile soap, one pint; of castile soap, two ounces of lard, two ounces of aloes, two tablespoonsful. Boil together, and pour into an earthen jar. Put a few drops of oil of rosemary in the jar, and shake well.

—Fatties—Twelve ounces of sugar, eight of grated coconut, six of butter, the sugar and butter being beaten together and the coconut gently stirred in, adding then the beaten whites of four eggs, and mix well. Bake in patty pans, and sprinkle with granulated sugar when taken from the oven.

—Good Housekeeping.—To four well-beaten eggs add four tablespoonsful of sweet rich cream, a little salt and a few chives mixed fine. Put two ounces of butter in a hot omelette pan, set it over a slow fire, pour in the eggs, place a cover over with red coals on the cover, and cook for five minutes. When nicely risen turn out and serve immediately.—Detroit Free Press.

—Baked Bananas.—Allow one tablespoon of sugar and one teaspoon of hot water for each banana. Peel the bananas, cut them in half lengthwise, and place in a shallow dish or platter. Melt one tablespoon of butter in the hot water, and pour it over the fruit. Mix a little salt and spice or lemon juice with the water, and pour it over the fruit. When nicely risen turn out and serve immediately.—Detroit Free Press.

—Cold Tomato Catsup.—One peck of ripe tomatoes, skin and press through a colander, and add one quart of vinegar, one tablespoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of celery-seed, one-half cup of mustard, one tablespoonful of cayenne pepper, one tablespoonful of white pepper, one tablespoonful of grated racine, once ounce of cloves and two ounces of cinnamon. Put in a large-mouthed bottle; it needs no boiling, and is excellent.—Democrat's Monthly.

—Tar and Feathers.—An ancient fable preserves an incident of a dame who, wishing to punish a cure, a provost and a forester for persecuting her with their dishonorable white, and their contrived the punishment. It was finally traced as they thought to the piano. The front was accordingly taken out and a close investigation made, but nothing was visible. The back was then taken out, and a mouse having been gnawed by a mouse, and a piano-repairer sent. He took out the key-board, and underneath was the fast-decaying remains of the fated mouse. It supposed that some member of the family contrived the mischief on the piano while the mouse was under there, and it was crushed or disabled, so that it could not get out.—Kansas City Star.

—Wheat Crisps.—Sift a quart of Graham flour into a bowl. Make a hole in the center and stir into it gradually a pint of water, a pint of cold water—that is, water to make a bit of dough with each teaspoonful of water before more is added. After the water is all added in this way, mix very thoroughly, or beat with a mallet to incorporate more air. To do this, beat into a thin sheet; sprinkle on more flour; double over half, and pound quickly in a hot oven. Turn carefully, and brown upon both sides. It is an excellent crisp and tender. These are very nice for people who are either dyspeptic or diabetic.—Good House.

—Size of the Pinchion.—The pinchion is no longer the piece of resistance of the toilet table. From beneath size it has gradually dwindled to a mere dainty accessory, sufficient to hold up a pair of gloves, but no longer forcing itself on the attention. Sometimes the cushion is pendent and hangs on the wall beside the toilet table. In this case it is in the shape of a small, round, cushion, and is placed in graded sizes, made

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Mr. Editor.

We have the finest country on the globe and it is so bountifully supplied with everything good and evil that man can take choice and live happy or wretched at his option. He need not like the old philosopher light a lamp to hunt a man in broad day light, no, he only has to raise the lid from Pandora's Box and wish for what he wants, and it is there. If he looks for a good man he will find him. If he looks for happiness it comes forth, and if he hunts for misery he will never be disappointed. Then it follows that happiness and misery are both creatures of cultivation, and my observation is that the most of the trouble of this life is imaginary, dreading something in the future that is never realized. It is proper then for every man to look and hope for the better instead of the worse and while some men may depict hard times in the future and look for terrible calamities I look forward with confidence to the good time coming.

Mr. McDowell said in his speech before the State Alliance at Nashville. "If the Alliance should fail degraded servitude would be the result for them and their posterity."

This has been the howl of the professional politician ever since I was a little boy. If this, or that pet scheme should fail the country will go to the bad, but in spite of all such predictions we still survive, and I want to say right here, (for the good of the order), and I hope every member of the Alliance will remember it, the Alliance will fail! It will fail for the want of honest and capable leaders but the farmers will still live, degraded or honored as they may individually elect. The wild and reckless speeches made by McDowell and his kind, to discourage the farmers are doing more to demoralize the agricultural interests of the country than all the vicious legislation the government has ever been guilty of. When a man gets sick the quickest way to kill him is for all the neighbors to come in and every one tell him that his case is hopeless, that Mr. A who died last month was afflicted just like you, and that John Smith who died last year had the same disease, of course the doctor would close the door if he expected his patient to live.

The Editor of the Alliance column talks sense, when he tells the farmer there is more good in improving the farm than in talking about the sub-treasury, and one of your "Cranks" from Gravel Hill is right also when he insists that ignorance is one of the crying evils of the day. Why there are men howling about the sub-treasury that could not tell the difference between it and one of Jerry Simpson's free trade speeches laid side by side. But one of the most laughable things I have ever seen was in a communication from out West, from the land of DeSh(e)a.

The writer claims that the farmers are all ignorant, and advises the Alliance Editor to copy from papers friendly to the farmers' cause instead of writing. He says we are all (the farmers) in the same boat together and have not time to study and still less time to write. We are deficient in education and cannot write for the press to come under the critical eye of the public. He says we cannot give facts and figures, etc., but in spite of all his ignorance he can criticize the Nashville American. Oh, forever! Now my dear brother criticize who you please, but to be consistent, don't preface your criticisms with a boast of ignorance.

J. A. ROMINE.

SUB-TREASURY OR DEMOCRACY.

A great deal is being written and spoken on the subject of farmer's wrongs and the way to right them. The farmers of the United States are beginning to realize that they have to bear an unjust proportion of the burdens of the government, and there is a general outcry against "class legislation." This is well and if the Farmers' Alliance will adhere to its original declaration of principles, "Equal justice to all," it is one of the best organizations in

existence. The farmers need to be enlightened on questions of political economy more than any other class of people, because their ordinary work requires less reading and less association with each other than other occupations. It is time the farmers were thinking and investigating for themselves and if they do that work patiently and carefully they will find the evils in our government and when the evils are found they may be corrected.

The investigation seems to have gone far enough to ascertain that within the last twenty-five years the masses have become poorer while the few were made rich, and here some one leaves off the investigation and jumps to the conclusion that we need the sub-treasury to enable farmers to borrow money on their farm products. Do not the advocates of this plan know that there are hundreds of commission men in every city who are willing to lend money in that way without the intervention of the government? But let us look farther into the subject. Suppose the government should establish ware houses and employ agents to take charge of them and carry out the provisions of the sub-treasury plan. Who would supply the money for these expenses. The Government has no money except as it is collected from the people. And this brings us to the subject of taxation.

Taxes are collected directly and indirectly. The State collects taxes directly, that is, the trustee collects an amount from each man in proportion to his taxable property. The National Government collects taxes indirectly. That is, the man who brings merchandise into the country must pay for the privilege of doing so. Then he adds that amount to the selling price. The manufacturer adds an equal amount to the price of his goods and so the consumer pays the manufacturers in this country more money annually than is collected by the United States Government. When we think how much is needed to pay the necessary expenses of the government and then add the amount fraudulently collected for pensions and other claims we see readily how the manufacturers are made richer while all other producers are made poorer. The tradesman need not be considered here, for his selling price is regulated by his buying price. Then what is to be done? One of two things, either our people must engage in manufacturing and so share the benefits of our system of taxation, or our existing tariff laws must be so modified as to secure justice for the farmer.

The Democratic party is the champion of tariff reform and as I stated in the outset, if the Farmers' Alliance will adhere to its original principles only good can come to the country. For if the farmers of the United States once see clearly the result of our present system of taxation they will desire no other political organization than the old time Democratic party with its platform of "Tariff for revenue only."

FARMER'S FRIEND.

Gainesville Texas.

FONDNESS FOR READING.

Parents are often heard to complain because their children have no taste for reading and usually they attribute the fault to the children.

There is no question about reading being beneficial; though in some instances it does lead to misfortune, in the same manner that learning to write is the cause of forgery.

I believe that almost every child may be so trained as to be fond of reading, not driven but induced to read. To do this, some knowledge of books and a perfect knowledge of the child's nature and disposition are indispensable to the one who has charge of its training.

If you have none of this knowledge, you may be no more successful than if you were to attempt to have a horse trained to pace by a man who knows nothing of pacing or horses. In some instances children show a fondness for books as soon as they learn to read, just as we sometimes see natural pacers, but these are the exceptions. All children like to hear stories and fairy tales, especially on rainy days and long winter evenings. At such times you can tell them stories of this kind, or read them and explain to them the meaning. Be satisfied if they listen only a few minutes at first. If you can find true and instructive

stories which are interesting of course you should have them to read then. Converse with them about the books which they read; this is half the pleasure of reading and in this way you can teach them to discriminate between the good and bad; but do not be forever thrusting the moral of the story upon them. The novels that have worked the greatest reforms kept the moral in the background.

These remarks apply to young children; a little more circumspection is requisite in selecting books for those who are older, but for all ages avoid force and prohibition if you really wish your child to become fond of reading.

BIRDIE.

CHEWALLA NOTES.

Mr. Editor.

Here comes your correspondent one more time.

Our ten months school began here the 7th of this month.

Miss Lizzie Nelms the lady principal of this school has been very sick for several days, but we are glad to learn that she is improving.

We, the people of Chewalla had the pleasure of attending a nice concert last Friday night at the Jones school house about four miles south of Chewalla.

Miss Dash Bennett was in town visiting relatives last Wednesday.

The young men of this vicinity organized a young men's prayer-meeting here to meet every Thursday night. We hope all the young men will come and take part.

BURTON.

John Richards et al

vs.

John M. Hamm et al.

In Chancery at Selmer, Tenn.

In this cause on motion of complainants solicitor and it appearing from the bill which is sworn to that the defendants Lucy A. Richards, Wm. H. Richards, J. J. Richards, the children of T. A. Richards deceased, the children and heirs at law of Elizabeth and John Redding deceased, the children and heirs at law of Sibba Catha deceased, and James L. Richards are non-residents of the state of Tennessee and are residents of the state of Texas, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on them and that defendant Catharine Carter is a non-resident of the state of Tennessee and is a resident of the state of Miss, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on her. It is therefore ordered by me D. A. McDougal, C. & M. of the Chancery Court for McNairy County, Tenn., that each of said defendants above named, viz: Lucy A. Richards, Wm. H. Richards, J. J. Richards, the children of T. A. Richards, deceased, the children and heirs at law of Sibba Catha deceased, the children and heirs at law of Elizabeth and John Redding, deceased, James L. Richards and Catharine Carter, they and each of them enter their appearance herein and make defense to complainants bill within the first three days of the next term of the Chancery Court for McNairy County to be held at the court house in the town of Selmer on the third Monday in October next or the allegations of said bill will be taken for confessed as to said defendants and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to them. It is also ordered that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Pepper Box a newspaper published at Selmer, Tenn. This Sept. 17, 1891.

D. A. McDougal, C. & M.

By John Stephenson, Dept. C. & M.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

W. C. Yarbrough, et al.

vs.

Mary McAllister, et al.

In Chancery at Selmer, Tenn.

In this cause it appearing that defendant James White is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee and a resident of the State of Arkansas so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him. It is therefore ordered by me, D. A. McDougal, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of McNairy County, Tennessee, that said defendant James White enter his appearance herein on or before the third Monday in October 1891 and plead, answer or demur to complainants bill or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

Vincent E. Swain

vs.

T. E. Swain

In Chancery at Selmer, Tenn.

In this cause on Motion of Complainants Solicitor and it appearing from the bill which is sworn to that the residence and whereabouts of defendant T. E. Swain is unknown so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him. It is therefore ordered by me, D. A. McDougal, C. & M. that said T. E. Swain enter his appearance herein on or before the first Monday in Oct. 1891 and make defense to complainants bill or the same will be taken for confessed and set for hearing ex parte as to said T. E. Swain.

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D. A. McDougal, C. & M.

By John Stephenson, Dept. C. & M.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

Carter Dunbar & Co. et al.

vs.

J. J. Prince et al.

In Chancery at Selmer, Tenn.

In this cause on motion of complainants solicitor and it appearing from the bill which is sworn to, that Defts., J. J. Roach, S. E. Roach, and J. J. Prince are non-residents of the State of Tennessee and the said J. J. Roach and S. E. Roach are residents of the state of Texas and Deft. J. J. Prince is a resident of the State of Arkansas, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on them, it is therefore ordered by me, D. A. McDougal, C. & M. of the Chancery Court of McNairy County, Tenn., that said defendants, J. J. Roach, S. E. Roach and J. J. Prince and each of them enter their appearance herein at my office in Selmer Tenn., on or before the first Monday in Oct. 1891, and make defense to complainants bill or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said defendants.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

W. L. Morris, Guard.

vs.

Lillian Landreth et al.

In Chancery at Selmer, Tenn.

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Sixth tract is composed of two several pieces of land. The first piece lying in the 11th civil district of McNairy County, state of Tennessee in ranges 4 and 5 and section 5 and granted to N. C. Riggs by virtue of entry No. 1494 and containing 184 acres more or less.

The second piece is part of entry No. 1609 in the name of W. S. Wisdom and W. B. Terry for 200 acres lying in the 11th civil district of McNairy county Tennessee in ranges 4 and 5 and section 5 and containing 25 acres more or less. These two pieces amounting in the aggregate to 369 acres more or less.

Fifth tract lying in the 12th civil district of McNairy County, state of Tennessee in range 5 and section 5 known as the John W. Tidwell old place and the place on which Elizabeth Tidwell now lives. Containing 200 acres more or less.

Ninth tract lying and being in the 12th civil district of McNairy County Tennessee in range 5 and section 5 and bounded on the north by the lands of the estate of R. B. Riggs deed, on the south by C. C. Wallace, on the east by the lands of the R. B. Riggs estate and on the West by the lands of S. A. Ledbetter and said to contain 70 acres more or less.

Tenth tract lying and being in the 12th civil district of McNairy county Tennessee in range 5 and section 5 and bounded on the north by the lands of R. B. Riggs' estate; upon which Elizabeth Tidwell now lives, on the south by Jeter on the east by Nick Cheatham and on the west by C. C. Wallace and said to contain 50 acres more or less.

Eleventh tract lying and being in the 16th civil district of McNairy County Tennessee in range 4 and section 5 and bounded on the north by Lawson Spies on the south by W. J. Hardin, on the east by A

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Time Table.	
M. & O. R. R.	
South.	
Passenger	12:55.
Accommodation	7:40.
North.	
Passenger	2:35.
Accommodation	12.

County Directory.

County Court Clerk—J. R. Adams.
Circuit Court Clerk—J. C. McConnell.
D. A. McDugal.
Sheriff—W. J. Oiler.
Register—J. M. Ham, Jr.
Trustee—T. M. Darnall.
Tax Assessor—W. H. Stone.
County Supt. of Public Schools—M. R. Abernathy.
County Surveyor—R. F. Beard.
Chancery Court convenes the 3d Mondays in April and October. A. G. Hawkins of Huntington, Chancellor.
Circuit Court convenes the 4th Mondays in February, June and October. L. S. Woods of Lexington, Judge, and T. C. Muse, of Jackson, Attorney General.

County Court 1st Monday in each month, and Quarterly terms 1st Monday in January, April, July and October. Jno. B. Joling, Chairman.

Old papers for sale at this office.
Excursion rates on railroads to Henderson during the fair.

Dr. A. C. McDugal of Sallito, Tenn., was here this week.

Just received at P. H. Thrasher's a car load of fine Michigan Salt, \$1.50 per barrel.

There will be tournament riding on Wednesday of the Henderson fair.

Just received a large lot of Clothing and Hats at P. H. Thrasher's. Low prices. Come and see them.

Dr. J. F. McDugal, of New Castle, Ark., was in Selmer last Saturday and Sunday.

For premium list or other information regarding the Henderson Fair address W. J. Oiler, Cor. Sect., Henderson, Tenn.

S. W. Hawkins U. S. Dist. Atty. will be at Guys next Monday to investigate the charges against Clem Lea.

Just received my Fall stock of boots and shoes. Some cheap bargains in them. Wholesale boots \$2.00 per pr. Ladies Sunday shoes \$1.25 per pr. P. H. Thrasher.

When in need of job work call on us, we have a first class job office and can give you as good and cheap work as you can get anywhere.

When you need a hair cut, shave or shampoo call at the Selmer Barber Shop, where you will be served by one of the best barbers from Jackson.

Prather & McCullar have just received a new lot of Black Lace, Straw Hats and wreaths to suit.

The premium list of the Henderson Fair has been enlarged and includes nearly all articles entered for exhibition. Competition in all the classes is cordially invited and is open for all.

The Ramer Cadoos and the Falcon Doodlebugs played a match game of Base Ball at Falcon Thursday morning on the Doodlebug grounds, which resulted as follows: 59 scores for Cadoos, 37 scores for Doodlebugs.

J. D. NELL.

FOR RENT.

Hill & Simmons store house at Bethel. It is located near the Depot, is suitable for both Dry goods & Groceries, has large water house attached and side rooms. For terms apply to Mrs. E. Simmons, Bethel.

Bring us some wood on subscription quick. We are cold.

A nice line of Shoes at Prather & McCullar's and they defy competition in prices.

We have in stock a nice assortment of Ladies Black Dress Goods &c. Prather & McCullar.

Pictures of Mason group, Purdy Institute and McNairy County Union sold at a gallery for 25cts. each on 5x8 cards. Send stamps if you wish under \$1. worth.

P. J. HUGGINS
Ramer Tenn.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Executive Committee met and resolved that it was expedient to postpone the Convention from Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. to Friday and Saturday the 2nd and 3rd of Oct. To meet in Selmer at that time. Programme will be published next week.

The third annual meeting of the Chester County Fair will be held at Henderson, Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 13, 14, 15, and 16. The grounds are well supplied with all conveniences for the comfort and pleasure of both exhibitor and visitor. Ample accommodations have been provided for a stock of all kinds.

Purdy Correspondence.

The Pepper Box is fast becoming a model newspaper. Now and then it is remarked that the correspondence is not worth reading, or something of the kind to indicate a certain feeling of dislike. It is the mission of the local newspaper to give the happenings in the county. It puts the home reader, as well as the reader abroad in close relation with the history of the county as it is making every week. The local newsgatherer is an important factor in the make up of a good home paper. He should write to the point, and give as many items as come within his reach.

From the success attending the protracted meetings this summer in the county, it is safe to hope, at least, that the devil is losing his grip in some of his favorite strongholds. There seems to be a general movement against sin all along the line. Let the new converts remember that they must adhere to their faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity.

Mr. Matt McKinzie's son, of Stantonville, enrolled as a student of Purdy Institute Wednesday morning.

Miss Lucy Harris closed a successful summer school Friday and will begin her studies again Monday in the Institute.

D. A. McDugal was in Purdy Tuesday and Wednesday.

The colored school here has been a great success. Mr. Alexander of Jackson is the teacher. He is well educated and understands the work of the true teacher. He is a student of Fisk University at Nashville.

Rev. Stockard is conducting a good meeting at the church near J. G. Combs.

Harry Combs returned to Purdy last week from Mississippi.

Terry Abernathy closed school at Good Hope Friday, and has since been confined to his bed from an attack of bilious fever.

Wm. Harris of the 8th district will move to Henderson this fall. Sam and John, the great union loyal orators, as usual, failed to arrive at the reunion Thursday. They are regarded as the only men worthy to be announced as orators on occasions where the stars and stripes flourish. A motion to retire them would be in order.

Henry Smith has rented his mill and farm to James Caruthers, and will move to Henderson this fall. Miss Pattie Dalbey and Mrs. Annie Turner Stewart visited Purdy Monday, and left Monday evening for the latter's home at Florida Alabama.

Messrs. Carman and Burks have held an interesting meeting this week at Sardis.

LA GRIPPE.

DOTS ABOUT TOWN.

The court house will be complete by the October term of the county court.

Now is the time to get bargains in lots from the company. Every day new men come to Selmer with a view of locating and a majority of them make an investment.

Selmer never had what is known as a "boom," but has had a healthy steady and permanent growth from the first.

One year ago from 10th inst., the land sale was held by the company. The thousands who visited the place, one year from that day at the soldiers' reunion were astonished at the city which has to them so magically sprung up, during the twelve months.

W. A. Gooch has almost completed his large two story store house near the depot.

A. C. Williams is piling up the material for a large store room on

the Avenue.
R. H. Freeman will break dirt on his lot in a day or so.

Shylock's drug store fills a want which every town needs. Though from a sanitary standpoint neither drug stores or doctors are in much demand as yet.

The Company has but a few lots left for sale on the Avenue.

Hodge Davault intends to soon begin a two story adjoining his present house.

New houses are going up all over Thrasher's addition to the town.

Four churches and a fine brick college will supplement very appropriately the elegant new Court House.

The painter's brush and plasterer's trowel are putting the finishing touches on the handsomest little court house in the state.

Selmer within the past twelve months has entertained four of the largest crowds of people ever assembled in the county.

Work will begin soon on the streets. Such as grading and tree setting.

No one denies but what McNairy county now is the coming county of all this section. This fact is shown by the number of men from adjoining counties locating here and either buying or renting land and going to work in earnest.

A new planing mill is one of the probabilities of the near future.

Building material and labor are as cheap here as any man can desire, and at no time can one hope to build cheaper than this fall.

The citizens of Selmer have no time to sit on goods boxes and discuss politics. We are doing work in the interest of McNairy county and our own, in a much more profitable manner.

Selmer has been visited by more wagons loaded with what farmers have to sell and gone away empty than any town in the county during the past summer.

When you come to Selmer call on me and I will take pleasure in showing and pricing to you any property owned by the Company and if you are not ready to buy you will learn what bargains are still to be had.

Respt.,
J. W. PURVIANCE.

ALLIANCE COLUMN.

J. G. ANDERSON, - ED.

All persons sending communications for the Alliance column will direct the same to J. G. Anderson, Falcon, Tenn.

I wish to say to the brotherhood that I do not purpose to be responsible for all the ideas that are being set forth in this column. I want everyone to have a chance to advocate what they believe. Beginning in about three weeks from now we expect to try to write a series of articles on how to improve worn out land. This is something of more importance than the Sub-Treasury.

J. G. ANDERSON.

MR. EDITOR.

We have been sick for the past two weeks, but haven't missed reading the interesting communications in the Pepper Box. Glad to see the people taking so much interest in the discussion of those great public measures that are at this time being so thoroughly discussed throughout the land.

Some time ago you lamented the want of an article for the Alliance column and we came to the rescue with a short communication so as to give the boys a starter, and they are coming thick and fast as we see the Editor announces several communications left over for want of space.

We see some highly esteemed gentlemen who are opposed to the Alliance are trying to kick up a big dust in the fight against the sub-treasury and in order to give force to their arguments boast of their democracy as if they were the embodiment of Jeffersonian doctrine itself, and although not openly charging, they seem to want the impression left on the readers that those who advocate the sub-treasury are Republicans or something worse. Now we wish to inform these gentlemen that there are as true Democrats advocating that measure as there are in the county, or State, or nation as for that. But thanks to an enlightened understanding, we are able to take a liberal view of this subject. We haven't bowed the knee to the political bowl nor kissed the golden calf nor received the mark of the party beast in our

forehead. We are learning the truth and the truth has made us free to work and vote for such measures as will be of the greatest good to the greatest number. This is Democracy pure and simple. The Alliance has several demands among which are the free coinage of silver, tariff reduction, the election of president and vice president by popular vote, also the election of U. S. senator by direct vote of the people of the several states. Why don't these gentlemen attack these demands, schemes they call them. Oh you scheming farmers and laborers, how dare you make demands. Demands are made by free men. You should petition, slave like and beg for a few of the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table. You scribble, return to your respective abodes, produce more, economize and restrict in your family government that the favored class may reap the fruits of your toil, become immensely rich and live off the fat of the land. We often reflect on the words of Goldsmith in his beautiful and sympathetic poem, "The deserted village," and think if he were here now and take a glimpse of our country and what has transpired within the last twenty-five years, he would write a companion piece to these beautiful lines:

Ill fairs the land to hastening,
His prey where wealth accumulates and men decay,
And trembling, shrinking from the spoiler's hand,
Far far away thy children leave the land.

Yes these last lines may at this moment be applied to our own good state. Men with their families are almost daily passing my place going west. Having nothing against the state of their birth only the want of a fair opportunity of earning a livelihood. And now the legislature of our state is in session, the main object of which is to patch up some sort of a law to govern the convict slave system, which is worse than the African slave system in anti-bellum days, yet some men favor clothing the Governor with dictatorial powers in order that he may call out the militia at a moment's notice to shoot down men who only demand an opportunity of making an honest living for themselves wives and children and provide some little comforts for their humble homes.

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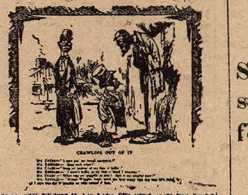
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It was a rattling looked down. The man saw some tiny grains of rice. This discovery broke the chain of his reverie. He looked up again with a highly interested expression. He saw the young man half turn his head as if he had heard the patter on the paper. The man was very pretty. She exchanged a glance with the young man that made Chilling under the left-hand upper side of his vest front. Then she leaned over to the young man.

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