

A Famous Old Whistle.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Republic under date of Washington, September 12, says: The silver boatswain's whistle with which John Brown, the famous abolitionist, piped orders to his men while they were at Harper's Ferry, has been discovered in Washington. It is an ordinary boatswain's whistle, about nine inches in length and shows the polish given it by long use.

When John Brown gathered his men around Harper's Ferry and began his preparations for seizing the arsenal, he instructed them to hide themselves in the forests of the mountains, with the understanding that they should listen at sunrise and sunset for their orders, which would be piped through the boatswain's whistle. The men carried out his instructions to the letter, and for some days the people of Harper's Ferry, already in a state of intense excitement and fear because of the abolition movement, heard the mysterious pipings at Brown's headquarters. The notes would be taken up by the nearest of his followers and sent on over the mountains, until the last of the band had received his shrill instructions. Nobody except John Brown's men understood the import of the signals.

When Brown was captured the whistle was taken from him by Lieutenant Stewart, who afterwards became a lieutenant general in the confederate army. Stewart presented the whistle to a Colonel Washington, who, in turn, gave it to his friend, John Cassin, then a well-known lawyer in this city. The whistle is now in the possession of Mrs. Mary A. Cassin, who lives in Georgetown.

John Brown told Lieutenant Stewart that he had had the whistle a long

time and that he had used it in Kansas in his fights with the Missourians before he went to Harper's Ferry for the purpose of arming the negroes of Virginia. The officials of the Kansas Historical society are endeavoring to obtain this relic of the great abolitionist, but Mrs. Cassin does not wish to part with her historic treasure. The whistle is in good condition, and its authenticity is not to be doubted, as Mrs. Cassin has letters from several persons who took part in the capture, prosecution and execution of John Brown to attest the truth of its history.

The Currency Question.

In his speech at the opening of the Ohio campaign, Hon. John J. Lentz, referring to the currency question, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: No one could be better pleased with the selection of Groveport for the opening of our county campaign, for it was here that I addressed one of the best meetings of my first congressional campaign in 1896, on the occasion of the third debate between myself and Mr. Watson on the money question. At that time the democrats of the country asserted that the money question was the paramount issue. That was seven years ago, and as the physiologists teach us very particle of our bodies is replaced by new matter in seven years, so we find that within a period of seven years the paramount issue of the democratic party has been replaced by the paramount issue of the republican party. When we take into consideration the fact that President Roosevelt some two months ago had Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and others, meet him at Oyster Bay to discuss the question of financial legislation, and the time for calling an extra session of congress to deal exclusively with the money question, it is quite apparent that the money question is not a dead issue.

"When we consider that Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, has had a long conference at his home, lasting many days, in which Senator Allison of Iowa and many others, participated in the work of preparing a currency bill which would provide for an increase in the volume of money; and when we consider that it is now substantially determined by the president that an extra session of congress shall be called to convene on the 9th of November for the sole purpose of legislating on the money question, it must be apparent to every intelligent voter that the money question is again the paramount issue.

"The republican papers are full of editorials proposing an increase of currency, but they undertake to disguise their real purpose by speaking of their financial legislation as a bill for 'a more elastic currency,' when they really mean a bill for more currency. Most of us democrats would prefer a more adhesive currency so that it would stick to us a little longer than it has in the past. If we are to read the caption of their bill literally, we would be justified in charging the republican party with an intention to coin money hereafter out of rubber instead of silver, as the democrats proposed.

"When one takes into consideration the fact that those republicans who bought United States steel preferred at \$97 a share, and are now selling it at \$63 a share, and those who bought steel common at \$40 a share, and are now selling it at \$16 a share, it would seem that there are some republicans who are much more in need of an adhesive currency than they are in need of an elastic or rubber currency. Seven years ago the democrats were denounced as anarchists and lunatics because they proposed to make money

out of a metal which the republicans admitted was worth at least 50 cents on the dollar, but today the republican party proposes to make money on the paper assets of the banks, or the bonded indebtedness of states, railroads and municipalities. In other words, instead of a currency based on 50-cent silver, we are to have a currency based on debts, or something worse than nothing."

Books Received.

The Travels of John Wryland, being an account of his journey to Tibet, of his founding a kingdom on the island of Palti, and of his war against the Ne-ar-Bians. The Equitable Publishing Co., 317 N. Fourth st., Allentown, Pa.

The Bible in Shakespeare, a study of the relation of the works of William Shakespeare to the Bible with numerous parallel passages, quotations, references, paraphrases and allusions; by Wm. Burgess; the Winona Publishing Co., 195 State st., Chicago, Ill. Price \$1.50 net, postage 20 cents.

The One Woman, a story of modern Utopia, by Thomas Dixon, jr.; Doubleday, Page & Co., publishers, 34 Union Square, New York. Price \$1.50.

The Call of the Wild, by Jack London; the Macmillan Co., New York.

His Pseudoic Majesty of the Knights of the Fleece, by William Augustus Smith; the Liberty Publishing Co., 18 Wall st., New York.

The Wind Flower, a novel, by Caroline Atwater Mason; A. J. Rowland, publisher, 1420 Chestnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

Life of John C. Calhoun, being a review of the principal events of his career and an account of his contributions to economic and political science, by Gustavus M. Pinkney; Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., publishers, Charleston, S. C.

Seven Jewels from Our Savior's Lips and How to Set Them, by Rev. Jos. O'Reilly; Benziger Bros., New York.

New Harlem Past and Present, the story of an amazing civic wrong now at last to be righted, by Carl Horton Pierce; New Harlem Publishing Co., 24 East 23rd st., New York.

"The Widow" in the South, a series of letters by Teresa Dean; the Smart Set Publishing Co., New York.

The Man in the Camel Cloak, by Carlen Bateson; the Saalfeld Publishing Co., Akron, O.

The Monarch Billionaire, by Morrison I. Swift; J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., 57 Rose st., New York.

Temporal Dominion of the Pope in the Divine Plan, by Rev. Francis Dent; M. A. Butler, 466 Fourth ave., New York.

Wally Wanderoon and His Story-Telling Machine, by Joel Chandler Harris; McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

The Adventures of Gerard, by A. Conan Doyle; published by McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. \$1.50.

In Babel, stories of Chicago, by George Ade; McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

Falk, Amy Foster, Tomorrow, three stories, by Joseph Conrad; McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

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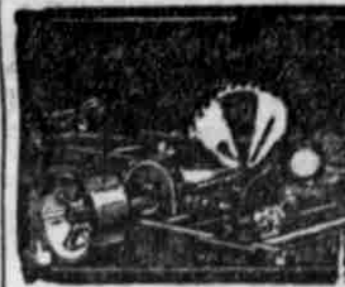


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