

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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A SUDDEN SHOWER.

The noon is tropical. The rose
Leans like a yearning mouth to meet
The kisses that the zephyr blows
Full-flavored with the fragrant heat.

The breezy maples seem to quaff
The shade like wine, and filled with glee,
Toss up their leafy hands and laugh
And lip and whisper tipsily.

As in the sight the air aloft
The meadow glimmers on to us,
A glimmered murmur, high, remote,
Falls on the hearing tremulous—

The pent-up anger of the storm!
The dust grows sabbat, as with fright,
And, rising, reels in phantom form,
And passes in convulsive flight.

With petulant and gusty breaths
The winds come waiting as they may
Till on the sunshine vanishes
As it were whirled and blown away.

Dandfooted boys scud up the street,
The skirts under shuffling sheds,
And school-girl faces, pale and sweet,
Glean from the shawls about their heads.

Doors bang; and mother-voices call
From alien homes; and rusty gates
Are slammed, and high above the fall
The thunder rips and scintillates.

And then, abrupt, the rain! the rain!
The earth lies gasping; and the eyes
Behind the streaming window-pane
Smile at the trouble of the skies.

The highway smokes; sharp echoes ring;
The cattle howl, and cowbells clank;
And into town comes galloping
The farmer's horse, with steaming flank.

The swallow dips beneath the eaves,
And flirts his plumage and folds his wings;
And under the eaves he leaves
The caterpillar curls and clings.

The tumble-bee is pelted down
The wet stem of the hollyhock;
And sullenly, in anger galloping,
The cricket leaps the garden-walk.

Within, the baby claps his hands
And crows with rapture strange and vague;
Without, beneath the rosebush stands
A dripping rooster on one leg.

—James W. Riley, in *Indianapolis Journal*.

THE CHINESE RIP VAN WINKLE.

In Shan Tung there is a mountain in whose side is a mysterious hole or pit, from the mouth of which smoke may be seen to issue previous to rain.

But that is not the strangest thing about it. They say it is so deep that it is impossible to sound it. All people at present alive in China are content to let it rest at that. If truth lies at the bottom of a well, there it may lie, for all them. They would neither care nor dare to go after it.

But once upon a time there was a man who did not feel so. He lived on the mountain, and the pit was daily before his eyes. He was a rich man; but not satisfied. He was a reading man; but his books did not tell him all he wished to know. So he kept on pondering and wondering till he was forty years old. Then, though the bottomless well was as great a mystery to him as ever, he had taken the first step to find it out; he had resolved to investigate.

Well, when Li Ch'ing, for that was the philosopher's name, approached his fortieth birthday, he made a feast, and invited all his friends. Now, this Li Ch'ing being rich, of course all his friends were in the habit of making him expensive gifts. But this year he said them notice that the only presents he wished to receive were coils of rope and little bells. They brought them, wondering and questioning. But Li Ch'ing only looked mysterious, and said he might find a use for them sometime.

And so it happened every birthday until the eightieth. He had been busy some time before this day in preparing for it. The feast was unusually fine and the theatricals were performed in the best manner; but that was only preliminary. When this was all over he led his guests to the mouth of the pit and showed them how he had been preparing for the day. There was a booth of mats at the mouth of the cave, and over it he had erected a windlass. The building was nearly full of the ropes he had been collecting all these years, all joined together, and at each knot a bell. He had also prepared a car for himself. Then he told them he meant to go down and fathom this mystery. His friends tried to dissuade him. But he said that when he was forty years old he had made a vow that if he lived to be eighty he would go and find out for himself.

So arming himself with a package of candles and a paper lantern he got into the car and ordered his sons to let him down slowly; but if he should encounter any horrors on the way he would pull on the rope, and when they heard the bells ring, they were to draw him up very fast. (Now you mustn't interrupt to ask how he could pull a rope when his own weight was hanging from it several leagues down a well; or how the sons above, paying out the rope with bells attached could hear above that ringing the tinkling of the little bells deep in the earth. You forget that this was in China, where everything is queer.) The sons, of course, had to obey their father. So bidding him a farewell, they let him down, feeling as if it were into a grave.

His lantern was soon all they could see of him; first a bright star, then a glimmering speck, like a firefly; then it was lost altogether. And still they played out the jangling rope.

Well, and what of the old philosopher? The descent was at first perpendicular; but after a mile or two it took a turn, and he went sliding down an inclined plane. After a long, long time the car stopped, and he found himself on even ground; but still in the darkness. East, West, North and South were lost in this blackness. But, nothing daunted, our philosopher takes his lantern and sets out to explore the gloom. By and by he sees ahead of him a glimmering light which he knows does not come from the reflection of his lantern. So he eagerly follows that. Soon he can sniff out his candle; for a wide plain lies before him. Very beautiful, indeed, it seemed to his eyes, so long accustomed to the darkness; fields and rivers, fruit-trees and flowers. He seemed to be in a garden. He followed one of the paths, and it brought him to a little arbor. Inside he heard the rattling of chessmen, and coming nearer, he saw two old men seated playing chess, and two boys waiting on

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—General Butler has given \$5,000 to Williams College for a gymnasium.

—The Georgia State University expects to create a separate department for military drill and discipline, and place a first class man at the head of it.

—Mr. John B. McMaster, author of the "History of the American People," has been elected to the professorship of history in the University of Pennsylvania.

—The census of missions to be taken next year will, it is said, show an increase of 200,000 native Christians in India, Ceylon and Burmah for the last ten years—500,000 in all.

—The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, which has been reporting a decline in numbers for several years, will this year be able to report a large increase. The net gain is between 1,700 and 1,800. This gives the denomination the largest membership it ever had.

—Religious services in Arkansas are sometimes attended with incidents. A party of visitors with Winchester rifles walked into a church in the west part of the State last Sunday, stopped the sermon, made the minister read a paper, threatening the lives of several men in the congregation and quietly departed. The sermon was then resumed.—*Chicago Journal*.

—Mr. John Thorne, son of the late Colonel James Thorne, of New York City, returned recently from China after an absence of twenty-three years. For five years Mr. Thorne has been in the service of the American Bible Society, and in that time has traveled more than twenty thousand miles, chiefly on the Yangtze River and its tributaries, going as far west as the province of Sze-Chuen.

—During the month of June the missionaries of the American Sunday School Union in the Northwest under the direction of F. G. Ensign, Superintendent, Chicago, organized ninety new Sunday-schools and brought 333 teachers and 2,774 scholars with them. Since March 1, the beginning of the new year, they have established 274 new schools, with 1,047 teachers and 8,809 scholars, and added 361 old schools, which contain 2,001 teachers and 19,589 scholars, held 796 meetings, visited 3,306 families, distributed 1,352 Bibles and Testaments, circulated \$2,648 worth of good reading, and traveled 45,231 miles.—*Chicago Tribune*.

—The New York *Tribune* says: "Some time ago it was stated in these columns that a novel experiment was about to be tried in the Nebraska Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Omaha. The semi-deaf children of the institution were to be taught to hear by the use of the audiphone. Recent reports show that the experiment has been a complete success. The method consists mainly of object-teaching and an exaggerated plain pronunciation of words by the teacher, whose pupils gradually become accustomed to the sounds or words used to designate various objects; and in time they succeed in hearing and pronouncing these words themselves."

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—A no-table event is a picnic where one must sit on the ground to eat.—*N. O. Picayune*.

—A boy says in his composition that "Onions are the vegetable that make you sick when you don't eat them yourself."

—"Ma, which milkman gives the most cream, the one that has the best cows?" "Hardly, my child! It is the one who has the best conscience."—*Yonkers Gazette*.

—A London oculist says that culture diminishes the size of the eyes. Now, just listen to that. Everybody knows that small eyes are a sign of the entire absence of culture.—*Chicago Tribune*.

—Several cases of burglary have recently occurred at seaside resorts, and the sojourners for the summer now have the satisfaction of looking out for breakers by night as well as day.—*Boston Courier*.

—A New York darkey who furnished blood for transfusion and so saved the life of one Okenberg, who was at death's door, now sues for \$250 damages. A nice little bill to pay for being re-pulsed.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph*.

—Longfellow said: "In this world a man must be either a devil or a hammer." Longfellow was wrong, however. Lots of men are neither the active hammer nor the sturdy anvil. They are nothing but bellows.—*Philadelphia News*.

—A Peruvian living in Milan has made a clock entirely out of bread. In this country many persons are trying to make bread out of paper, but they have only been partially successful. They complain that subscribers won't pay up.—*Norristown Herald*.

—"Who held the pass of Thermopylae against the Persian host?" demanded the teacher. And the editor's boy at the foot of the class spoke up and said: "Father, I reckon he holds an annual on every road in the country that runs a passenger train."—*San Francisco Argonaut*.

—When the minister is pretty severe upon human shortcomings in the pulpit, every man leans back in his pew, smiles, and says to himself, "Now he's giving it to 'em." Satisfying thought, isn't it, that the minister always has reference to somebody else?—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

—Speak gently; especially to the big man with a round head and a square neck and two big fists like ancient stone hammers. Speak gently to him. You may touch some long hidden chord of sympathy in his hardened breast that may cause him to pass you by uncrushed. But the little white-faced man on crutches—oh, you may sass him all the way round the block.—*Burlington Hawk-Eye*.

—A fashion item says that "swallows now decorate many articles of feminine attire. They appear painted or embroidered on dresses, enamelled on buttons and jewelry, and the real article is seen on bonnets." Heretofore "swallows" have principally decorated the masculine nose, and in some cases have garnished the windows of homes with old hats. The new usage to which they are devoted is a gratifying change.—*Norristown Herald*.

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Legal Notice.

Whereas, default has been made in the conditions of a certain chattel mortgage, given by Jacob Ester to me March 13, 1883, and duly filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Webster county, Nebraska. Said mortgage being given to secure the payments of two certain promissory notes given March 10, 1883, to me by said Jacob Ester. One of said notes calling for the principal sum of thirty dollars, due April 11th, 1883, with ten per cent. interest from date, one of said notes calling for payment of the principal sum of forty dollars, due January 1st, 1884, bearing interest at ten per cent. from date, and whereas default has been made in the conditions of a certain chattel mortgage given by Fred. L. Chalfee, November 10th, 1883, to me, and duly filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Webster county, Nebraska. Said mortgage being given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, given by said Fred. L. Chalfee to me, November 10, 1883, calling for the payment of the principal sum of forty and forty-two one-hundredths dollars, with interest at ten per cent. from date, and due January 1st, 1884.

And whereas default has been made in the conditions of a certain chattel mortgage given by Fred. L. Chalfee, December 4th, 1883, to G. E. McKeby, and since assigned to me by said G. E. McKeby, said mortgage being duly filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Webster county, Nebraska, December 4th, 1883. Said mortgage being given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note calling for the payment of the principal sum of fifty-five dollars, and ten per cent. from date of note, said note being now owned by me.

Notice is therefore given that I will sell at public auction on Monday, February 11, 1884, at one o'clock p. m., one frame dwelling house, 18x18; one frame carpenter shop, 12x18; one frame hen house, 10x10; one frame stable, 12x16; all being situated on the south-west one-fourth (1) of section number one (1), in township one, Range eleven, Webster county, Nebraska.

Dated at Red Cloud, Nebraska, January 16th, 1884.

WILLIAM E. JACKSON,
By his Attorneys, Case & McNeny,
Jan 18-Feb 1

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Legal Notice.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Webster county, Nebraska, held in and for the Eighth Judicial District of said State of Nebraska.

John W. Schwamer, Plaintiff,
vs.
Elizabeth Schwamer, Defendant.

Elizabeth Schwamer, the above named defendant, with notice that on the eighth day of January, A. D. 1884, the plaintiff, John W. Schwamer, filed his petition in the District Court of Webster county, Nebraska, against said defendant, Elizabeth Schwamer, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from said defendant on the ground of desertion for more than two years last past. The defendant, Elizabeth Schwamer, will therefore take notice that she is required to answer said petition on or before Monday, February eighteenth, A. D. 1884.

JOHN W. SCHWAMER,
By Case & McNeny, his attorneys.

ATTENTION TEACHERS.

Notice is hereby given that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the common school of Webster county, at my office in Red Cloud on the third Saturday of each month. Examinations to commence at 9 A. M. Do not ask for special examinations.

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Final Proof Notices.

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb. Dec. 15, 1883

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 Clerk of the District Court of Webster county, at Red Cloud, Neb., on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1884, viz: James W. Bryant, Hd No. 692 for the S W quarter sec 22 Town 1 N R 10 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Noah B. Wagoner, Francis Housh, Dallas Richardson Samuel P. Martin all Red Cloud, Neb.

dec21-jan25 S. W. SWITZER, Register.

Land Office at Bloomington Neb. Nov. 20, 1883

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 Clerk of the District Court of Webster county, Neb., at his office in Red Cloud on Saturday, February 2d, 1884, viz:

HENRY C. WOLF on h'd entry No. 9234, for the west half N W 1/4 Sec. 34 T 1 N of R 10 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Louis Baunert Leopold W. W. W. Wendell H. H. Mathias Benker all of Thomastown Neb.

dec21-jan15 S. W. SWITZER, Register.

Land Office at Bloomington Neb. Dec. 28, 1883

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 Clerk of the District Court of Webster county, at Red Cloud, Neb. on Monday, Feb. 18, 1884, viz:

John Baunert on H'd No. 482, for the north-east quarter sec. 24 town 3 S 5 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Louis Baunert Leopold W. W. Wendell H. H. Mathias Benker all of Thomastown Neb.

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