

For the Huntsville Democrat.
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ANNA SPRAGINS.

The flash of sunset like gold
With crimson winding through its glow,
Till blent in one resplendent fold,
The royal radiance seems to throw
A robe of glory o'er the earth,
Like that which fell in Paradise,
On the first day of Time's new birth,
And glowed to wondering Angel eyes.
Nor fairer could that sunset be
Than this which glows so peacefully.

Man lost his estate, but Nature—no—
Her gems are fair as at the first,
And golden light which lies below,
The same that o'er Eden burst
Man wrought his chains, but Nature still
Reflects a glory rare and high,
And purely all the mandate fills,
Spoke from the far eternity.
And now, as then, the mystic power
Falls down and glorifies the hour.

The fairy city lies below,
Aladdin-like from spire to steeple,
Till, like white palaces of snow,
The vision brightens at my feet.
Beyond it, Monte Sano lifts
Its bow of beauty in the light,
And o'er it a set halo drifts,
The last, best brightness ere the night.
The very Jewels of the sky
Have clasped the scene all radiantly.

The golden fields, in the rich rays,
Smile to the gentle, knightly kiss,
And lift the sheaves of Autumn's days
As shining gifts of plenteousness.
Even old hills, rock-ribbed and gray,
Lift up its hoary head, as glad
To feel the coming of the day,
Like hands of blessing on its laid,
Grows radiant in the golden mist,
Like planet cheek when first time kissed.

The "old Pike," stretching straight and far,
Like silver thread long drawn and white,
The pathway of the thundering car,
As though the hearts, which o'er them pass,
Might draw a brightness from their touch,
Which would, from eyes of pilgrims, chase
The shades of toil, which sadden much.
Would it were so, and beauty gave
The real truth it seems to have!

But better charm lies yonder, where
There glows so grandly Autumn's crown,
On radiant forest, tinted rare,
With beauty, only Autumn's own
Not fairer, not the path,
Which winds so sweetly from its breast,
Gives beauty as the forest bath,
Yet, eloped by one mysterious power,
They glow and thrill this sunset hour.

And further sweeps the golden light
Where distance loses its fold and wood,
"Till we feel that rays, as bright,
Sleep in the bending river's flood;
Then turn, with eyes of fondest pride,
To see, fair and clean,
The river, prouder scene."

And chain, for memory, this one hour
Which claims the gold as Sunset's dower,
Well might the Indian Fathers hold
The grays of Alabama bare,
When they step off the Wapum-fold,
And say, "My brothers, here we rest!"
Well might the heart be glad and thrill
In the last luminous light of day.
For Love, which veils the sunset, will
Flout through its kindly gold for aye;
And grant the glorious path to thee,
Broad valley of the Tennessee!

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ROMANTIC AND IMPROMPTU WID-
DING MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS, March 13, 1874.
"O, do not say that love is a dream,
Or think the soul-inspiring theme
Crests alone containing
All the gifts the world can give,
And all its joys and blessings,
Will not reward you with its life,
Without love's sweet caresses."

The above lines are addressed to a
marriage celebrated in this city last
Monday evening. That the days of
chivalry are not over, none who are
acquainted with the circumstances of
the marriage referred to can doubt.
In Tuesday's papers appeared the fol-
lowing:

"MARRIED.—MARTIN—MARTIN.—At
St. Mary's Church, in this city, Mon-
day, March 2, 1874, by Rev. Geo. C.
Harris, Mr. F. B. Martin, of this
city, and Miss Sallie Bell Martin, of
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Very plain, very proper and very
fortunate, was what all who saw the
notice and were acquainted with the
parties, thought of the affair. Among
the more intimate friends of the hap-
py couple considerable surprise was
manifested, as it was well known that
the two had never met but a few
times, save in the street.

The circumstances connected with
this really romantic affair are given
below. Last Monday afternoon, Mr.
Jo. Stone, a well-known young man,
met Miss Sallie Bell Martin and a la-
dy friend, on Main Street, proposed a
walk to the bluff, from which point a
fine view can be had of the mighty
river, which leaves their base, and the
Arkansas shore, already piling on the
beautiful, fresh grass of Spring. It
was a lovely afternoon, and the trio
spent a half hour on the bluff, watch-
ing the hundreds of steamboat laborers
at their feet, all busily engaged in
loading and unloading the floating
palaces, and commenting on the varied
scenes in the panorama stretched be-
fore them. During back-and-forth com-
ing down Madison Street, a gentleman ac-
quainted was met, who, after a few
minutes' chat walked away with the
lady friend referred to, leaving Mr.
Stone and our heroine together.

Walking down Main Street, Mr. Stone
purchased a pocketful of nuts, with
which he and Miss Martin, going into
Court Square, gave the frolicsome
squirrels a feast.

Thinking that the two walked up
Second Street, laughing and chat-
ting, until opposite the Cavalry church,
when the conversation changing to

turn on things matrimonial, Mr. Stone,
in a tone of raillery, said:
"Miss Sallie, I dare you to go across
the street and get married!"

The banter was promptly accepted
in the same spirit, and in high glee
the two crossed the street and entered
the church, in which service was be-
ing held at the time. Not seeing any
manifestation of faltering on the la-
dy's part, Mr. Stone whispered:
"I give up; you have beaten me;
let us go;" and the two retraced their
steps to Court Square, where they met
the couple previously referred to.
They had a package of candy, and Mr.
Stone asked for some which they joy-
fully refused.

Very well, Miss Sallie, we will go
and buy a package for ourselves.
They accordingly went to Specht's
on Madison Street and bought the con-
fections. Coming out, they saw a
milk wagon standing in the alley
alongside of the store.

"Is not that Mr. Martin's wagon?"
asked Miss Martin.

"Yes, I believe it is," responded Mr.
Stone.

"I would like to see him," said Miss
Sallie. "I thought him such a nice
gentleman the other night at a party,
and would like to see him again."

Retracing their steps they went into
the store and inquired for Mr. Martin.
Being told that he was somewhere
near, they again went into the street,
and met the gentleman sought on the
sidewalk. He is our hero. A few
minutes of social conversation ensued,
when Mr. Stone said:

"Fred, Miss Sallie here has just
bought me out on a proposition to get
married."

"Well," replied Mr. Martin, turning
to the lady, "you can't back me out!"

"Yes, I can," laughingly responded
Miss Martin; and then for two or
three minutes the parties indulged in
laughter, finally closing with the pro-
posal of Mr. Stone to go off and get a
license.

This was agreed to by all parties,
and the two set off for the office of the
County Clerk, where the coveted docu-
ment was to be had. Arriving there,
they fortunately met Mr. John Over-
ton, Jr., who acquiesced in the pro-
posal to go on the marriage bond, and
in ten minutes the license was signed,
sealed and delivered by the smiling
clerk, Mr. James Reilly. Coming out,
the question was put by Mr. Martin:

"Where shall we go to get mar-
ried?"

In that obliging manner which ren-
ders him such a favorite, Mr. Stone
proposed the nearest "Squire (Hall)"
That official was not in.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Martin pro-
posed to walk up the street. In pass-
ing along Second Street, they took a
carriage and drove out to St. Mary's
on Poplar Street, as the most conven-
ient place for the ceremony.

The pastor, Mr. George L. Harris, was not
in, and the trio, still on matrimony,
went, despite the cruel fate which
seemed opposed, started back down
town. When, near Fourth Street, Mr.
Martin espied Mr. Harris on the street,
and at once accosted him, asking his
services. With a profound bow the
obliging rector expressed himself
ready and willing, and the quartette,
taking a street-car, again proceeded
to St. Mary's, being joined en route by
two young ladies, friends of all parties,
who happened along at the time.

Arriving at the church, it being dark by
this time, the lights were turned on,
and the rather strange looking bridal
party—Mr. Martin being in his every-
day working clothes—proceeded at
once to the chancel, where, in his
clerical robes, awaited the reverend
gentleman who was soon to unite them
forever.

Neither the lady nor Mr. Martin, by
this time very sober in the expression
of their countenances, felt under the
impression that they were about to be
the man of God. When the question was
asked Mr. Martin:

"Will you have this woman to thy
wedded wife?" he, in low, firm tones
answered, "I will." To the question:

"Will you have this man to thy
wedded husband?" Miss Martin
promptly responded, "I will." And
to the question:

"Who giveth this woman to be mar-
ried to this man?" Mr. Stone stepped
forward (as next best friend) and tak-
ing the lady's hand gave it to the
minister.

When that part of the ceremony
was reached, where, after plighting
their troth, the ring is given, it was
found that neither of the parties had
the necessary golden circlet. One of
the young ladies mentioned, noticing
the step, slipped a ring off her finger
and handed it to the parties, and in a
few minutes the minister said, "pro-
nounce them man and wife," and the
name of the Father and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost, Amen, and the
romance was completed.

The bridal couple, after congratula-
tions, proceeded to the house of the
relation where Mrs. Martin and Miss
Martin had been stopping. It requir-
ed a little time to explain matters, af-
ter which wine and cake were brought
in, and in company with a few friends,
all went as merry as a marriage bell.

That this marriage, so romantically
brought about, may prove one of real
unalloyed joy, and that their voyage
through life may be always as cheer-
ful and happy, and as free from dis-
turbances as their first lesson, is the wish
of all their many friends, none of
whom knew them but to respect and
love them.

The bride is the acknowledged belle
of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a quietly, laugh-
ing winter in this city, where her
beauty and accomplishments have
turned the heads of scores of the gal-
lants, young and old. She is of one
of the best families, her father, prior
to his death, being a leading and well-
known lawyer.

The groom is a young man, a de-
scendant of one of the best known and
most highly respected families of Mid-
dle Tennessee. Before the war, his father
was a gentleman of affluence, but at
its close, like thousands of others,
found himself penniless. Our hero,
like many young men in similar cir-

cumstances, too proud to be supported
by others, he was not too proud to go
to work like a true man, and make an
honest living for himself. Coming to
this city, he purchased a dairy, and at
once went to work, not trusting to
others to do his business. As a natu-
ral consequence, he has, by close ap-
plication, not only secured a comfort-
able competence, but has won the re-
spect and esteem of all.

A Quaker Printer's Proverb.

Never sendest thou an article for
publication without giving the editor
thy name, for thy name oftentimes
secures publication to worthless arti-
cles.

Thou shouldst not rap at the door
of a printing office, for he that an-
swereth the rap sneereth in his sleeve
and loatheth time.

Never do thou loaf about, or ask
questions or knock down type, or the
boys will love thee like they do shade
trees when thou leavest.

Thou shouldst never read the copy
on the printer's case, or the sharp and
hooked container thereof, or he may
knock thee down.

Never inquire thou of the editor
for the news, for behold it is his busi-
ness at the appointed time to give it
to thee without asking.

It is not right that thou shouldst
ask him who is the author of an arti-
cle, for it is his duty to keep such
things unto himself.

When thou dost enter his office, take
heed unto thyself that thou dost not
look at what may lay open and con-
cerneth thee not, for that is not meet
in the sight of good breeding.

Neither examine thou the proof-
sheet, for it is not ready to meet thee
eye that thou mayest understand.

Prefer thine own town paper to any
other, and subscribe for it immedi-
ately.

Pay for it in advance and it shall be
well with thee and thine.

Baltimore has wisely decided not to
receive in her high schools for girls
any children under twelve years of age.
This timely step will do much toward
discouraging the forcing system, for it
is no gain to cram the heads of little
girls with adverbs and prepositions,
vulgar fractions, definitions of learned
polyglots, and the area of Afghanis-
tan, when the young brain cannot be
crowded with high school honors. A rule, like this,
might, with profit, be applied for the
benefit of lads of the Monumental City.
And what is good for children of Bal-
timore, in this respect, would be bene-
ficial for little boys and girls all over
the land. There is too much cram-
ming and forcing in all our schools.

Learning is an excellent thing, so is
eating, but there is a mental as well as
a physical dyspepsia, and the former is
by far the worse disease of the two,
and it is absolutely barbarous to make
helpless children the involuntary vic-
tim of brain diseases.

The Cost of Iron.—At the conven-
tion of the iron manufacturers held last
week in Philadelphia, a tabular state-
ment, prepared by the Secretary, was
submitted showing the average cost of
producing pig-iron from 1850 to 1871.
The lowest point reached during that
period was in 1851 when the cost was
as follows: Cost of ore to the ton of
pig-iron, \$5.44; coal, \$3.66; limestone,
56c; labor, \$1.61; contingencies, in-
terest, &c., \$1.93; total cost of pig-
iron per ton of 2,240 pounds, \$13.95.
The highest point reached was in 1865,
when the above items footed up \$32.21.
In December, 1872, the cost was
estimated as follows: Ores, \$13.30; coal,
\$7.15; limestone, \$1.97; labor, \$2.79;
contingencies, \$2.75; total, \$28.07.

We would be glad to have an esti-
mate from some of our Alabama iron
manufacturers of the cost of producing
pig-iron in this State. It is quite sure
that Alabama can present a better price
in this subject than Pennsylvania has
made.—Mont. Adv.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Gen. Gor-
don, it is said, will take charge of a
bill to establish banks on a specie ba-
sis in the South.

A comprehensive financial measure has
been agreed upon in committee, and
will be reported next Monday. It will
fix the amount of circulation at \$382,
000,000, including the \$44,000,000 legal
tender reserve. The amount re-
issued and now outstanding is \$26,
000,000. The bill will also authorize
free banking on the national system,
and require the retirement of legal
tender notes proportionally as the new
National bank notes are issued.

This latter is a concession to the con-
servative, but the provision with respect
to the \$26,000,000 is regarded as a
victory for the inflationists, who will
claim that the principle having thus
been admitted, the whole of the \$44,
000,000 should be placed in circulation.

Fred. Douglas is a Past President
and Purvis is a Vice President, of
Frederman's Savings Bank, which
has branches all over the South. For-
tunately out of seventy-five clerks are
colored. Douglas says he wants to
make the bank an exclusively colored
institution.

Dr. Scott A. SKEWER.—The Spring-
field (Mass.) Republican says: "One
may be pardoned for sneezing under
any circumstances, in view of the ex-
perience of a woman from this city in
Westfield, recently. Being in company,
and attempting to suppress a
sneeze, she felt a queer sensation in
the left side of her face, which soon
began swelling and drawing out of
shape. A physician was called, but by
the time he arrived her mouth and the
left side of her face had become
drawn up, disfiguring her so that her
most intimate friends could scarcely
recognize her features, while she found
it impossible to close her left eye.
The physicians say it is a kind of pa-
ralysis, caused by the great effort she
made in suppressing the sneeze, and
gave but faint hopes that her features
will ever resume their natural ap-
pearance. She is now in the city seeking
medical advice."

General Items.

The newly-elected, Lord Mayor of
London is a practical printer.

Rhode Island has passed the law
giving discharged convicts one-tenth
of their actual earnings.

Queen Victoria is now in the 37th
year of her reign and the 55th year of
her age. She has 9 children and 21
grand-children.

Iowa juries hold that in case a mar-
riage engagement is broken the par-
ties must return all presents or their
worth in money.

The Spring bonnet will be very
large, and will turn up on one side
and down on the other, something in
the cavalry style, they say. Of course
the girls will look killing in them.

The lower house of the legislatures
of Iowa and Michigan have declared
in favor of amending the constitutions
of these States so as to extend the
suffrage to women.

Charity suffeth long and is kind.
A young lady in Georgia allowed three
hundred men to kiss her, at twenty-
five cents a head, and gave the pro-
ceeds to an orphan asylum.

The manufacture of imitation but-
ter from suet has become a consider-
able mercantile interest. In Albany
a company has just begun operations
with a capital of fifty thousand dollars.

The ballot system, just employed
for the first time in England at a gen-
eral election, has given much satisfac-
tion, not perhaps, to politicians as a
class, certainly not to defeated candi-
dates, but to large numbers of persons
who are glad to find elections taking
place quietly and without the least in-
terruption to business.

Paddy and the Echo.

"Patrik, where have you been this
hour or more? You must not absent
yourself with at my permission."

"Och, never more will I do the like,
sir."

"Well, get an account of yourself,
you seem out of breath."

"Faix, the same I am, sir; I never
was in such a hurry since I came to Amer-
ika. I'll tell ye about it, sir, when I
get my breath worst again."

"I heard ye telling the gentleman of
the wonderful hee, sir, over in the
wood, behind the big hills, and I thought
by what he said ye it that it went all
the way back of old Ireland, sir; and
so it does, by the powers! Well, I
just run over to the place ye was speak-
ing of, to converse a bit with the won-
derful creature. So said I—'Hillo,
hillo, hillo!' and, sure enough, the
heeo said—'Hillo, hillo, hillo—you
noise rascal!'"

"I thought that was very
quarre, sir; and I said hillo again. 'Hil-
lo yourself,' said the heeo, 'you begun
it first!'"

"So said I—'But your mouth,'
said the heeo. So said I—'Ye blather-
in scoundrel, if ye was only flesh and
blood, like an honest man, that ye isn't,
I'd hammer ye till the mother of ye
couldn't know her impudent son!'"

"An what do you think the heeo
said to that, sir? 'Scampye, ye baste
of a Paddy,' said he, 'or faith, if I
catch ye, I'll break every bone in your
jogly body!'"

"An he hit my head with a
big stone, sir, and was nigh killin'
the poor brain out of me. So I run as
fast as my legs could, and praised be
all the saints, I'm here to tell you av it,
sir."

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It is now
ascertained beyond a reasonable doubt
that Secretary Richardson's resignation
will be finally accepted within a very
few days. The name of his successor
has not been made public, but there is
every reason to believe that the Pres-
ident has made his choice. The con-
tract under which Mr. Richardson has
come is a made in the French banking
house of John Munroe & Co., goes in
to effect on the 1st of May. This con-
tract was made some time since, prob-
ably about the time that the agree-
ment between the President and Rich-
ardson that the latter would retire,
was arrived at.—Cin. Com.

The Democratic party is gaining
substantial victories in every count-
y where a square fight is made. Its vol-
ume of strength is increasing, and yet
there are men calling themselves Dem-
ocrats who are even prouder about a
"new party" and the "dead Democra-
cy." These people are generally men
who have failed to get office in the
Democratic party, and desire a fresh
cut, shuffle and deal, so that they may
possibly turn up a jack, or they are
preparing the road for a plausible ex-
cuse to desert and go over to the ranks
of a party which holds out to them al-
lurements of office.—Mem. Reg.

A farmer who wished to invest
the accumulation of his industry in the
United States securities, went to Jay
C. Clark's office to obtain treasury notes.
The clerk inquired:

"What denomination will you have
them in?"

"Having never heard that word used
except to distinguish religious sects,
the farmer, after a little deliberation,
replied:

"Well, you may give me a part in
Old School Presbyterian, to please the
old woman, but give me the 'heft on't
in Free Will Baptist."

MORTUARY PREVENTIVE.—The following
recipe for keeping moths out of cloth-
ing is a favorite in some families:—
Mix half a pint of alcohol, the same
quantity of spirits of turpentine, and
two ounces of camphor. Keep in stone
bottle, and shake before using. The
cloth or fur is to be wrapped in
linen, and crumpled up pieces of blot-
ting paper dipped in the liquid are to
be placed in the box with them, so
that it smells strong. This requires
renewing about once a year.

A negro woman in Dallas county,
aged 103 years, drowned herself in a
creek because her daughter abused
her.

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to be known as the "Tukaloosa Blade,"
to be published weekly, except on
Sundays and public holidays.

The "Blade" will be devoted to the
people of this and surrounding localities.
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