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WHOLE NO. 1466

THE "PRIMARY" \$2,500 DAMAGES EXCEEDING TIME

All the Actors in this Little Drama are Dead but one--And He Don't Care.

"I'll tell you, boys," said Uncle Ben as he took a fresh look and spat indignantly at the box of matches used for a snuffbox in the post office; "this here country has got her blood up and she thinks there ain't no country on earth can lick her, and I'm dazed if I don't think she's about right. Now here's these Alabama claims, 'till well you just how they ought to be settled; etc., etc., until everybody was but one light and that was glimmering when Uncle Ben would reluctantly wend his way homeward.

There are a few old fellows who actually remember the sentiment of the people of this part of the country in 1865 or thereabouts when the war was about over and the thought that Great Britain had materially assisted the Southern Confederacy towards gaining their independence was rankling in the hearts of those who had stood by Uncle Sam, then came this question of the "Alabama Claims".

The Alabama was a privateer fitted out by the confederates and their English sympathizers in British ports, and was the other vessel of like design had made such a menace against our merchant marine that our trade with foreign countries was practically abolished for any vessels flying the stars and stripes.

After the close of the civil war, Uncle Sam thought there were a few little scores he would like to settle up while he had his fighting harness on, and add that to Mr. Johnny Bull that he must settle up for the losses caused to our merchant vessels and our foreign trade by the Alabama, or there would be just such another scrap as there was in 1776, and Johnny knew what that meant.

But there was a diversity of opinion on the subject. The president of the North who had sympathized with the South, was of course, against it; "there had been enough war, better let it go, etc.," and the others were equally insistent that a very large indemnity should be paid--and it was. Everybody remembers the fee of the Alabama of the coast of France, and everybody has read the ultimate and wise disposition of these claims, but at the time of which we write, it was "hot stuff" around the stove in the post office in the way that Frank Higerman is now located in his grocery and dry goods store and here were argued night after night the pros and cons of the celebrated Alabama claims and the different opinions held by Andrew Wallace, Benjamin Davis, Dr. Ebenezer Keynald, Kolb Mitchell, Jimmy Hatton, etc. were varied and lurid.

On the particular night first quoted in this "over true tale" there were a few who lingered about even after the high water mark had been reached. It was not so much as that, possessing the bright and erudite opinions which characterized the massive brain of Uncle Ben, he was not considered eligible for the board of arbitration to settle the claims in question. In fact, it was decided that it would be proper that to have him settle the whole business all by his lonesome, and accordingly in due course of mail there came a letter signed by Zachariah Candler, the U. S. senator from this district at that time, authorizing Uncle Ben to waive his rights and settle the Alabama claims and incidentally to tell John Bull just what his opinions of the affair were.

And at that time there were great preparations in the tents of Benjamin, and it was said that he even went to the extent of buying an extra shirt and putting in a few tallow candles with the other necessities in his carpet bag because "those big hotels charged extra for lights and it was altogether probable that he would have to set up a night or so, or that things up before he could get home again."

"This was going a little farther than even the arch conspirators had considered at all," they were in their wildest dreams and it was to them to tell Uncle Ben that "it was all a put up job and only done for a little joke etc. and they never considered for a moment that he would take the matter seriously etc.," and it took the greatest amount of will pulling and the personal efforts of Hon. R. E. Trowbridge, who was at that time our Representative in Congress, to smooth matters over and save our then postmaster from losing his official head if not appearing to make some serious charge of forging the name of so illustrious a person as the Hon. Zachariah Candler.

We have often thought, when the elder fellows talking of the extreme manner in which the youth of today ought to be disciplined, that the boys of today should cut us up such a ruck as that, that there would be striped slugs worn by some of them in less than thirty days.

For Oakland And County Officers Will Be Nominated by the Good Old Method.

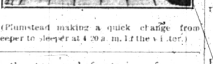
Saturday was the last day for filing preliminary petitions for the nomination of county officers by ballot under the new law, and the files show that the proposition failed by 95 names. The advocates of applying the primary principle to the nomination of county officers could not have worked the territory well. They could have secured the 40 names of enrolled Republicans in about as many minutes almost any day over here.

The primary election of June 12 will have to hold just the same to nominate governor and lieutenant governor, which is provided for without preliminary submission of the question to a vote. The proposition to nominate a congressman from this district and state senator will probably be voted on June 12 as it is expected that enough signatures have been secured. Both state representatives from this county will be nominated by the old method.

Only three newspapers filed Democratic petitions, Waterloo, Rose and Troy, and these made a total of 109 names. The total party enrollment in the county was Republican 3556, Democrats 1745, Prohibition 99.

UP THE PLATFORM LADDER.

At the tender age of six, Ellsworth Plimstead, the character delineator, made his first public appearance as "Little Willie" in "The Lyman". He was not used to the stage, however, and when the heroines snatched her disservice while he was up on the platform instead of flinging himself into her arms as was clearly his duty. This unfortunate contretemps, however, did not lessen his "dred in the bone" look.



For the stage, and after trying a few years as school-boy, cash-boy, messenger boy, news-boy, bell-boy, and several other sorts of boy, he left his home in Detroit 1888 with an extra collar and "dicky" and a suit of spangles, and entered "the profession" as "The Boy Sampson" and "end-man" in a variety show.

So for two years he was engaged to and fro at the theatres, with job shows on the Mississippi, at the fairs, and with a trunk and 20 cents and lots of experience. Married man, hardware man, drummer and then by easy transition from unprofessional to professional entertainer, he, at last reached the goal towards which he had tended since his first appearance twenty five years before. And no one is sorry he was there. As Sam Jones says, "He pines just because he pines."

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Accident, All Right!
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Pleasant.
Wife--I wish you'd emigrate, dear. Husband--What for?
Wife--Why, you know the Chaps who used to live next door to us? Well, they emigrated five years ago, and now the six just died and left her £10,000.

Received by Mrs. Aurey Smith From J. S. Lett on the Battle Fields of old Alabama--Pistol Shots and Blood Shed.

After considering the evidence for two hours and a half the jury in the damage suit of Mrs. Aurey J. Smith, of Birmingham, vs the Detroit Unitedway, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,500.

Mrs. Smith, her husband and three children visited his motor car on the rear seat of Mrs. Aurey J. Smith, of Birmingham, vs the Detroit Unitedway, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,500.

Dr. Keynald was called the next morning. His testimony was that Mrs. Smith had a sensitive nose and pain in her spine extending to her shoulders which has continued to the present time and other witnesses stated that she has been subject to sinking spells or nervous collapse, which continue and which she was not subject to previous to the accident.

Dr. Campbell, who had been their family physician, examined Mrs. Smith with Dr. Keynald and his testimony was substantially the same. The most sensitive part was on the small of the back.

The defense claimed that the conductor called "Royal Oak" when the car entered the village and did not call it again on that trip. When Mrs. Smith fell the conductor was at the detainer and could not see her. The motorman testified that he looked out of the vestibule but did not see any one trying to get off.

Aaron Perry and George Caswell appeared for the plaintiff and James H. Lynch for the defendant. It is reported that the case will be carried up to the supreme court.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in and to-wit: on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1906, before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ELLEN SMITH, Deceased.