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Humor in Congress.

It Often Turns Toward Poetical Effusions of a Sort.

Quotations From Some of the Jingle Presented During the Closing Days of the Session-One Way Representatives Gain a Reputation For Classical Education.

Washington, D. C., July 10--It is no unusual thing for members of congress to intersperse their speeches on the floor of the senate and house with poetical quotations. Especially is this true in set speeches, most of which are never delivered, but which are incorporated in the Congressional Record that they may later be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to admiring constituents. A few apt quotations from the classics, either English or other, is well calculated to impress the aforesaid admiring constituents with the idea that his senator or member is erudite and familiar with the poets of all ages. The books of reference and compilations of quotations come in very handy on such occasions and at the expense of a little time and trouble a member can work up a first class reputation as a scholar. Occasionally a member of the house--it is not often done in the senate--will work off on his colleagues some more or less original alleged poetry. Sometimes it is very good and at others quite the reverse. In the closing hours of congress were marked with the appearance of many such effusions. Representative Cushman of Washington, whose reputation as a wit is second to none in the house, in the course of a political speech, read some poetry which he said should be dedicated to the democratic party, or at least to Representative Cokeran, of New York, "who is its orator and prophet." The lines he read were:

Keep out of the past, for its highways are damp with malarial gloom; Its gardens are sere and its forests are drier, And everywhere molders a tomb. Keep out of the past, it is lonely And barren and bleak to the view, Its fires have grown cold, its stories are old; Turn--turn to the present, the new. Today leads you up to the hilltops That are kissed by the radiant sun; Today shows no tomb, life's hopes are in bloom, And today holds a prize to be won." This caused Representative Gaines to come back at Mr. Cushman with a dainty little piece of poetry, which he attributed to one of his constituents, entitled "When Democracy Will Die." These lines have a reminiscent flavor and by changing the last four of them it can be made most applicable to most any old thing. They read:

"When the lion eats grass like an ox, And the fishworm swallows the whale; When the terrapin knits woolen socks, And the hare is outrun by the snail; When the serpents walk upright like men, And doodle bugs travel like frogs; When the grasshopper feeds on the hen, And feathers are found on hogs; When Thomas cats swim in the air, And elephants roost upon trees; When insects in summer are rare, And snuff never makes people sneeze; When the fish creep over dry land, And mules on velocipedes ride; When foxes lay eggs in the sand, And women in dress take no pride. When Dutchmen no longer drink beer, And girls get to preaching on time; When the billy goat butts from the rear, And treason no longer is crime; When the humming bird brays like an ass, And limburger smells like cologne; When plowshares are made out of glass, And hearts of Tennesseans are stone; When sense grows in Republican heads, And wool on the hydraulic ram; Then the Democratic party will be dead, And this country not worth a cent." Representative Hefflin, of Alabama, lived up to a speech on the tariff question, always dry, with an extract which he applied to the failure of the republicans, to carry out their pledged duties to the people, and who are now apprehensive, according to Mr. Hefflin, of the result of the approaching election. His contribution was:

"Freeze, freeze, oh, bitter sky That dost not bite so nigh As benefits forgot; Though thou the waters warp, The sting is not so sharp As friends remembered not." This effusion appears to be original with Mr. Hefflin but the next is not. Referring to his charge that the republicans had failed to "lay the hand of destruction upon the trusts that corrupt the electorate of the country and rob the people," Mr. Hefflin said: "You have turned your thunder into showers of gold, whose silent courtship wins securer joys, taunts by degrees and ruins without noise." William Wolf Smith

VALATIE

Mrs. J. R. Fotheringham and daughter, of Tarrytown, are guests at the Methodist parsonage. Benjamin Williams is now working behind the counter in the store conducted by his brother, Myron F. W. Smith and Miss Mary P. Pulver, of Bridgeport, Conn., have been guests of Miss Anna Mesick. Mrs. J. M. Gillette has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. L. H. Lent, of Middletown. The baseball game in this village on July 4, between a local nine and a team from North Chatham, resulted in a tie, 3 to 3. Albert Callan has gone to spend a few weeks of camp life on the shores of Catlin lake, in the Adirondacks. Peter Williams and Miss Clara M. Van Zandt, both of Valatie were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage on Sunday evening. Three hundred and sixty one excursion tickets to Electric Park were sold at the depot on July 4, a higher number than on any similar holiday in former years. At the meeting of the Lafayette Engine company, last Saturday night, Abram Mixted was elected a delegate to attend the State Firemen's convention in Jamestown, next month. O. E. Carvin claims \$81 for damages to horse, wagon and harness, caused it is alleged, by a defective sewer in Mechanic street. A large number of friends and relatives were present at a birthday party given on the Fourth of July by Miss Loreta Dunn. A delightful luncheon was served and the latter was presented with some handsome gifts. The new Catholic church will be constructed by Simmons and Hester of Hudson Warsaw bluestone will be the material used in the construction, and the edifice when completed, including all furnishing will cost about \$14,000. One of the officers elected by the Columbia County Veterans' association last week was John H. Miller, of Valatie G. A. R. post, who was chosen fourth vice-president. The contract for furnishing the village with 400 feet of new hose has been awarded to the Eureka Fire Hose company, of New York city. The brand is the "U. S. Mill Fire Hose," and will cost 49 cents per foot. Sealed proposals were received from twelve firms. The following elective and appointive officers of Valatie lodge No. 115, I. O. O. F., were installed on Monday evening, by District Deputy Grand Master Kline, of Germantown N. G., G. G. Whitbeck V. G., B. R. Healey; secretary, B. Howe; treasurer, Spencer Rockefeller R. S. to N. G., H. E. Hicks; L. S. to N. G., J. T. Dennis; warden, T. J. Mixed; conductor, Frank Rossman; R. S. B., Martin Schermerhorn; L. S. S., Frank Walker; I. G., Henry Gillette O. G. Abram Mixed; chaplain, O. H. Becker; L. S. to V. G., Thomas Burnett; L. S. to V. G., Joseph Liepschutz. President Reynolds, of the New York State Lumber League will make an address at the convention of the National Lumber League to be held in Canton, Ohio, next October.

NORTH CHATHAM

Mr. Charles Buell, of Cohoes, is a visitor at the home of William Balentine. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walker's two children of Albany, who are summering here, sang very nicely in the Epworth League meeting last Sunday night. Miss Beulah Kranz, who recently graduated from the Jamaica Plain college will teach in Brooklyn next school year. She is now spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kraft. It is expected that next week the work at the gravel-pit at Center Berlin will begin in earnest. A complete outfit from the main line of the Rutland road will be sent there for the work. Miss Beulah Kranz, who recently graduated from the Jamaica Plain college will teach in Brooklyn next school year. She is now spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kraft.

CHATHAM

JUNE ROSES AT TWENTY, O, red June roses! Rich red roses! Blaze of color and sweetest air! The only short summer days of pleasure I have watched your beauty fair! Lavishly giving your rare perfection Flushing the earth with your passionate bloom-- O, flaming roses! Proudly ye crown the month of June. AT FORTY O, white June roses! Pale June roses! Ye come again with your sweet perfume Grandly ye meet the sweetest now summer And greet the earth with your pallid bloom Long have I watched ye bloom to wither Giving your treasure of beauty fleet! Now o'er a grave your petals are drifting! White June roses! Sad as sweet!

Uncle William Shaver celebrated his 92d birthday Thursday. Dr. Whitbeck, of New York, has been visiting Stephen Becker. Mr. and Mrs. Corrie Pulver, of Jamaica, are guests at Mrs. Bell's. Mrs. Burdick, of Bridgeport, Conn., has been visiting at Wm. Shaver's. Miss Lucy White is entertaining her friend Miss Lucie Howe of Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Alger Powell, of New York, is a guest of her father, O. H. Mason. The Woodmen will initiate three candidates next Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served. Dr. W. R. Starks comes out in a new Moyer, physician's style carriage, purchased yesterday of Bailey & Tracy. Druggist, Fellows, wife and daughter and Miss Anna Muzzey leave today for a two weeks' camp at Copake Lake. S. I. Husted was splitting wood when the axe caught on a wire clothes line, rebounded and made quite a wound on his head. Dr. Mosher, of Albany was called on Wednesday in consultation with Drs. Maxon Sr. and Jr., for D. H. Angell, who is critically ill. Mrs. Ferguson, of Bayonne N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. John W. York, of Yonkers, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Way on Kinderhook street. Rev. E. G. Moore Brown of New York Conference, has been appointed Pastor of A. M. E. church here for this conference year. Mrs. Robert Swift has sold her residence on the corner of Washington Avenue and Hoffman streets to Mrs. Goodwin who will occupy it Sept. 1st. An up-to-date tennis court, perfect in all conditions, has been constructed, by Mr. Underwood in the rear of his residence on Hudson avenue. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tracy, George McClellan and C. E. Abrams left this morning in Mr. Tracy's automobile for Saratoga where they will spend Sunday. It will do your eyes good to look upon the vegetable and flower garden of J. W. Boright on Hudson Ave. We'll put it against anything of the kind in the county. Prof. Frank H. Wood, Chief of Inspection Division State Education Department, is enjoying his annual mid-summer vacation on his farm east of this village. The Hudson River Telephone Co. have been distributing new directories this week and gathering up the old ones. There are now 23 telephones in the Chatham exchange. Chatham grange will meet on Monday evening and there will be an interesting programme with refreshments. It will probably rain as usual Monday evening but the meeting will be held.

The last sermon in the course on "The Model Prayer" will be given Sunday morning, subject, "Lead us not into Temptation." The regular monthly meeting of Epworth League after prayer meet on Thursday evening. Roy Mallory, a young man in the employ of Mr. Taylor on the Hogeboom farm, met with quite a serious accident Wednesday by having one side of his face blown full of powder, by the premature explosion of a shell that he was putting in a breechloading shot gun. His right hand was also quite badly burned by the charge. The Boston-New York fast freights are getting to be one of the most valuable features of the railroad business. The train north and east last Friday night had 51 loaded cars. One train recently had 19 cars of bananas all consigned to one Boston fruit firm. As each car contained 15 tons of the fruit, they must eat banana sandwiches with baked beans. Chatham is getting to be more of a railroad center every day. It has even gotten so that the side tracks are not long enough. Recently a car from the Soo line got on the air line a car length or so toward the town, and a few days ago a car started off the siding across the roadway and touching a Kinderhook street garden line. Let 'em come; there's lots of ground in Chatham. Last Friday Miss Jones organized for some of her younger pupils, a Mendelssohn Music club to meet monthly. The following officers were elected: Helen Gorman, president; Lottie Green, vice president; Jones C. Wood, secretary; Agnes Soules, treasurer; Nellie Simmons, critic; Margery Pratt, reporter; Vernon Barker, chairman of circulating committee. The purpose of the club is to study the composers and give recitals and recitals. The Commercial Department of Business Course of the Chatham school is proving a valuable feature for boys and girls who are obliged to finish their education at home. Prof. Erskine has received six requests for young men to fill first class positions but he has not graduates enough to meet the demand. Here is certainly a grand opportunity for young men in this section to fit themselves for lucrative business positions in their home school. The Rogers-Grillely concert was by no means as well attended as it deserved to be. Under the adverse circumstances, with street piano obligations and freight train accompaniments which interrupted the programme several times during the evening, they nevertheless succeeded in presenting a most enjoyable programme. Only the highest commendation can be given these artists and if they ever consent to come this way again we trust they may receive a more auspicious welcome.

Mr. Hewitt of the Main line has been appointed acting supervisor of tracks for the Chatham Bennington division of the Rutland road owing to the illness of Mr. Ladeau. Reformed Church. Usual service at 10.30 a. m. and the annual offering for Arabian Missions will be taken. Union service at the Lutheran church tomorrow evening. Methodist Church. The last sermon in the course on "The Model Prayer" will be given Sunday morning, subject, "Lead us not into Temptation." The regular monthly meeting of Epworth League after prayer meet on Thursday evening. Roy Mallory, a young man in the employ of Mr. Taylor on the Hogeboom farm, met with quite a serious accident Wednesday by having one side of his face blown full of powder, by the premature explosion of a shell that he was putting in a breechloading shot gun. His right hand was also quite badly burned by the charge. The Boston-New York fast freights are getting to be one of the most valuable features of the railroad business. The train north and east last Friday night had 51 loaded cars. One train recently had 19 cars of bananas all consigned to one Boston fruit firm. As each car contained 15 tons of the fruit, they must eat banana sandwiches with baked beans. Chatham is getting to be more of a railroad center every day. It has even gotten so that the side tracks are not long enough. Recently a car from the Soo line got on the air line a car length or so toward the town, and a few days ago a car started off the siding across the roadway and touching a Kinderhook street garden line. Let 'em come; there's lots of ground in Chatham. Last Friday Miss Jones organized for some of her younger pupils, a Mendelssohn Music club to meet monthly. The following officers were elected: Helen Gorman, president; Lottie Green, vice president; Jones C. Wood, secretary; Agnes Soules, treasurer; Nellie Simmons, critic; Margery Pratt, reporter; Vernon Barker, chairman of circulating committee. The purpose of the club is to study the composers and give recitals and recitals. The Commercial Department of Business Course of the Chatham school is proving a valuable feature for boys and girls who are obliged to finish their education at home. Prof. Erskine has received six requests for young men to fill first class positions but he has not graduates enough to meet the demand. Here is certainly a grand opportunity for young men in this section to fit themselves for lucrative business positions in their home school. The Rogers-Grillely concert was by no means as well attended as it deserved to be. Under the adverse circumstances, with street piano obligations and freight train accompaniments which interrupted the programme several times during the evening, they nevertheless succeeded in presenting a most enjoyable programme. Only the highest commendation can be given these artists and if they ever consent to come this way again we trust they may receive a more auspicious welcome.

John C. Mahoney formerly fireman on the Rutland switch engine and who recently moved to Pittsfield, died in that city yesterday. Lutheran Church. Divine worship and Holy Communion at 10.30 conducted by Rev. Myron E. Shaffer, B. D. Union services tomorrow evening commencing with Young People's outdoor service at 7 o'clock, led by Dr. Leggett, Topic, "True Friendship." Proy. 18:24, John 13:34. Rev. F. H. Deming will preach at the regular service at 7.45. Theme, "Stumbling Blocks." Remember the regular prayer service Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Off For a Grand Trip. Mrs. J. T. Wheeler, Mrs. Ada Hamm and Miss Beesse Bain left on the night boat from Albany last Thursday with Mrs. Abbott's party for New York and Philadelphia. On Friday they sailed for Europe on the American line steamer Priesland. During the remainder of July the places to be visited are Liverpool, Lincoln, Ely, Petersburg, Cambridge, and London. In August, Rouen, Paris, Cologne, river Rhine to Mayence, Heidelberg, Lucerne by way of Basle, St. Gothard to Milan, Venice, Padua and Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples. Sundays will be spent at London, Paris, Heidelberg, Venice, Florence and Rome. The return will be made on the Prince Albert, of the Hamburg-American line, arriving in New York September 22.

Horse Rears and Comes Down in Automobile. Last Tuesday afternoon W. L. Decker and sister of Red Rock were driving to Chatham and were passed by an automobile on the Paynville road near the junction of Locust and Spring streets. The autoist started up Locust St. hill in front of C. J. Wood's residence, stopped and commenced to back his machine to turn into Spring street. Mr. Decker was not anticipating any movement of this kind, stopped, but the auto did not. The machine backed toward the horse which frightened the animal and it sprang up the bank, overturning the wagon and threw the occupants out. The horse reared and came down on top of the automobile. One of the occupants of the automobile in the rear seat, a young lady, sprang out and one wheel of the machine passed over one leg, not seriously injuring it. Mr. Decker was thrown down in the mixup and the horse got away, running with the overturned wagon to the Patterson school house before it was stopped. Miss Hattie Decker bruised one of her knees badly. The automobile belonged to a Mr. Howard of Providence, R. I. It was a very careless exhibition of an inexperienced driver operating an automobile.

KINDERHOOK Mrs. Geo. H. Brown is suffering from an affection of the eyes. Miss Alice L. Morrell entertained the Thimble club at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Manton Van Schnack and family, of Chicago, are visiting at their old home here. Mrs. John Eaton is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Geo. Finkle, of Ghent. The many warm friends in this village of Mrs. Onas Frisbee, Jr. of Shuysant Falls, are very pleased to hear she is recovering from her recent severe illness. Before her marriage, Mrs. Frisbee was Miss Harriet Van Alstyne of this place. Frank Palmer and family have returned from their vacation which was spent at Lake Buel. A number of the employees of the Kinderhook Knitting Co., are enjoying a week's vacation. Stephen Gaffney, who was struck on Tuesday by an A and H. car and received quite severe injuries, is recovering. Edward Van Valkenburgh and wife and son, Edward, of New York, are guests of his parents, Clinton Van Valkenburgh and wife. Mrs. Clinton D. Fowler is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

CLIVERBACK The next regular meeting of the grange will be held on Friday evening, the 14th, when further arrangements will be made for the picnic which will be held at Electric Park about August 22nd. H. C. Spangler has been appointed in charge and under his direction a good time is assured.

MELLENVILLE Chas. Miller and bride returned from their wedding tour last week. Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Saugerties, was in town Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter of New York, are spending their vacation with Mrs. D. March. Louise Miller is visiting in Red Hook. John Horton has gone on a trip to North Carolina.

CANAAN FOUR CORNERS An ice cream sale, under the joint auspices of the O. E. society and the Boys Club, will be held on Mrs. Hemenway's lawn next Wednesday evening, July 16. An enjoyable evening is anticipated. Come and bring your friends. Ice cream and cake 15 cents. Girl of Thanks Mrs. Maudie N. Russell and family of Jersey City, N. J., desire to express through the columns of this Courier, their sincere thanks and appreciation to their relatives and many friends for their kind sympathy and assistance during their recent bereavement. Chatham, N. Y., July 11, 1906.

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS Should any one receive this paper who is not a subscriber at present, it is sent you for examination and with the view to induce you to subscribe on a short term proposition. Kindly look it through carefully. Note the town correspondence we carry. Read the interesting miscellany, the general news, the county news on the first page and "Uncle Jonathan's Letter"--an occasional feature written only for the Courier. Our proposition is to send to you the Semi-weekly Courier (Wednesdays and Saturdays) every week from now until Oct. 1 for two DIMES. Thus you will have all the county news twice a week for 24 issues at about ONE CENT per copy. Slip two dimes in a carefully sealed, strong envelope, with your name and address. We'll do the rest.

MARTINDALE Charles E. Snyder and wife, of Lakewood, N. J., have been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Snyder. W. B. Hand and daughter, Annie Belle, of Hudson, were recent guests at the parsonage. Roy Hovey and Norman Michael, of Pittsfield, and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Springfield, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller. The fair held on the church grounds the fourth was a decided success, the proceeds amounting to \$115. Mrs. C. Scutt was called to Glendale, Mass., on Tuesday, by the serious illness of her niece. P. Aken and family, of Philmont, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of E. E. Michael.

STATE LINE MASS Mrs. Esterbrook, son and daughter of Brooklyn, are boarding at C. M. Baldwin's for the summer. Mrs. Corrie Smith, who has been spending a few weeks at Mrs. L. E. Smith's, returned to her home in Fall River Saturday. Mrs. Olmstead and daughter, Miss Lizzie, are both still in very poor health and confined to the house. Mrs. C. A. Hamilton, of Bogota, N. J., has been spending a few days at her brother's, W. B. Preston. Patrick Daley, who has been on the sick list the past two weeks, is now able to be out, but not strong enough to yet take up his work at the N. Y. N. H. & H. B. freight office.

RED ROCK Miss Pearl Burrows has been visiting her sister in North Egremont. Maxon Bemis, of Milldale, Conn., spent last week with his brother, Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bemis have returned to their home in Plantsville after having spent four weeks with his son Samuel. Miss Jennie Jenkins and Mrs. Harvey Howes and son, of Pittsfield, are visiting at U. H. Jenkins'. David Bemis had a narrow escape from death Tuesday while raking hay. A pole broke throwing him under the horse.

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