The Author of Dixie Dead.

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From Mt. Vernon, O., Daily Republican of June 29, 1 04.

"Daniel Decatur Emmett, of national note because of his authorship of the famous song, 'Dixie,' died suddenly at about 9 o'clock, standard, Tuesday evening, at his home on the Mansfield road, a mile north of the city, in his 89th year.

"For some time 'Uncle Dan' had had trouble with his stomach, and had been complaining considerably in the past year. His last illness, however, really dated only from Sunday, and was not of great severity, as he was not confined to his bed all the time. Tuesday evening he arose, but soon complained of faintness. When his wife reached his side he was dead. Death was due to acute heart disease, the result of the stomach trouble.

"It was in Mt. Vernon that 'Uncle Dan' first saw the light of day on October 29, 1815. The country was new and his early life was spent in clearing the forests and making way for civilization. He worked a while in a printing office, and while thus employed learned to play a few, old-fashioned tunes upon the fiddle and when eighteen years of age started out to make his way independently of his parents. His first experience in show life was with a one-ring, wagon circus, which showed in towns in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and on south. With this show there was a band composed of six men, one of whom was Dan. He was the violinist. But one member could read music and it fell upon his shoulders to pick out the parts upon his clarinet for the others. However Dan soon learned to play by note. For several seasons Emmett traveled with this circus and he grew to love the South and its warm-hearted people. He loved to tell of his experience in the South, and, in relating how he came to write 'Dixie,' he said:

"'I remember that when I was a boy with a circus the performers always spoke of 'Dixieland' when winter approached and the season for a tour in the south drew near. This grew from the fact that a man named Dixie owned a great plantation on Manhattan island. When he was compelled to abandon slavery, he moved to Maryland. Thereafter, when a slave owner was compelled to leave the north, it was remarked that he was going to Dixie's land.

"'When ministrel performances were inaugurated I was among the first to take up with the black-face art. In the spring of 1859 I was playing with Bryant's minstrels in New York city. Niel Bryant came to me, one Saturday night, and asked me to write a new walk around. 'Uncle Dan,' he said, 'I want one that the boys will whistle and the bands will play in the street, something with lots of melody in it.'

"'Sunday, it rained incessantly, and I was compelled to remain indoors. I was standing by the window, gazing out at the drizzly, raw day, and the old circus feeling came over me. I hummed the old refrain, 'I wish I was in Dixie,' and the inspiration struck me. I took a pen and in ten minutes had written the first verse with music.

"'I involuntarily increased the time until it developed the stirring rhythm of the march. I then took my old fiddle and arranged the orchestra parts. The next Monday evening I sang the song, and it met with such favor that I sang no other song during the seven remaining years I was with Bryant. Bands took up the air, and the south adopted it as its own. When the war broke out, southern bands played it as a rallying air on muster day, and just before Pickett made his famous charge at Gettysburg, he ordered the bands to play 'Dixie.'

"Uncle Dan quit the life of the ring and stage in 1888, after an experience of fifty-five years. He returned to Ohio to spend the sunset of his life and purchased a small piece of land and erected a little dwelling house. Here he lived apparently unnoticed by the outside world until 1896, when Al G. Field secured his service for a tour of the South. While in the South on that trip Uncle Dan was given an ovation wherever he appeared. The trip did not, however, cause the old minstrel man to have any desire to remain before the public, and he returned again to his little home, since which time he has not been away for more than a day or two at a time.

"Two years ago at a local performance he made his last public appearance before the footlight for the Elks. He was to sing his own version of 'Dixie.' The hall was crowded and when he walked on the stage he was given an ovation, the audience rising. This mark of esteem was too much for the old minstrel, and the tears coursed down his cheeks. The orchestra played the introduction, and played it again, but 'Uncle Dan' was all unmindful of the situation, and stood with tears streaming down his face. It was a pathetic spectacle. Finally, a tenor caught and hummed the refrain, and then 'Uncle Dan' picked up the verse and sang it.

"Mr. Emmett is survived by his second wife. He never had any children. He had a brother Lafayette, out in Kansas,' said Mrs. Emmett to the reporter, Tuesday night, 'but I think Lafy is dead. My husband was the last of the Emmetts.'

"The funeral will be held on Friday at 2 p. m., from St. Paul's Episcopal church, the Rev. William E. Hull officiating. Interment in Mound View, where Uncle Dan's first wife and many members of his family are buried. Mr. Al G. Field is expected to be present at the obsequies."

It seems singular that almbst coincident with the death of its author an effort was made in the South to change the words of the song, but was not successful. The Newberry, S. C., *Evening News* copies an article from the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle, which tells the story of the effort and its failure. The Chronicle says:

At one of the reunion meetings, at Nashville, an effort was made to change the words of "Dixie," but it met with almost universal refusal. The appeal came from Alabama Daughters of the Confederacy, but was turned down promptly by the old Confederate soldiers at the assemblage.

That a negro medley, utterly worthless and trash considered from an artistic or poetic view-point, should cling thus is a kind of literary paradox, but such is the case. Dan Emmett wrote the jingle for his minstrel troupe, before the war, with not the remotest idea that it would be adopted as a sectional battle-ballad; but somehow, it was picked up, made intensely popular and remains so to this day. It is the music and the environment that perpetuate it. Nobody cares much, if anything, about the rag-time words, but as they were assimiliated to the war-spirit and traditionally continue, no change seems possible.

Mrs. I. M. P. Ockendon, of Montgomery, Ala., cleverly re-wrote "Dixie," and submitted her version. She was highly endorsed by some of our prominent Southern men, several Georgians among them, but met with no success, though, on general principles, she deserved it. Here are her proposed substituted verses:

In Dixie cotton loves to grow,
With leaf of green and boll of snow,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!
Here waves the golden wheat and corn,
In Dixie-Land where I was born,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!

Chorus.—Then I wish I was in Dixie,
Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie-Land I'll take my stand,
To live and die in Dixie.
Away, away!
Away down South in Dixie

In Dixie reddest roses bloom;
The Jasamine yields its rare perfume,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie Land!
And here the sea-breeze haunts the South,
With orange blossoms in its mouth,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!
Chorus.—Then I wish I was in Dixie, &c.

The Dixie skies are Bonnie Blue,
And Southern hearts are warm and true,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!
Let there be love throughout the world,
The pure white flag of peace unfurled!
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!
Chorus:—Then I wish I was in Dixie, &c.

In Dixie Land 'tis sweet to rove,
Thro' piney-woods and sweet-gum grove,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie-Land!
And hark the rebel mocking bird,
With sweetest song you ever heard!
Sings away, sings away,
Sings away, Dixie Land!
Chorus:—Then I wish I was in Dixie, &c.

In other lands 'tis sweet to roam
But Dixie-Land is Home, sweet Home,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie Land!
And Southern maids with merry song,
Love Dear Old Dixie RIGHT or WRONG.
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie Land!
Chorus:—Then I wish I was in Dixie, &c.

Whatever our private or personal opinions may be and, however meritorious the change of words, it is certain that, while the Veterans remain, "Dixie's" words, though trashy and unworthy, will remain as they are, a kind of reminiscential consecration. What may happen, when the Confederate soldiers pass away, need not now be discussed.

The original words of Dixie, as written by Emmett, are as follows:

I wish I was in the land ob cotton,
Old times dar am not forgotten,
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.
In Dixie land, whar I was born in,
Early on one frosty mornin',
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.

Den I wish I was in Dixie,
Hooray, hooray.
In Dixie land I'll take my stand
To lib an' die in Dixie.
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.

Ole missus marry "Will-de-weaber,"
William was a gay deceaber.
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.
But when he put his arms around 'er,
He smiled as fierce as a forty pounder.
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.

Den I wish I was in Dixie, etc.

His face was as sharp as a butcher's cleaber,
But dat it did not seem to greab 'er.
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land

Den I wish I was in Dixie, etc.

Dere's buckwheat cakes and Ingen batter,
Makes you fat or a little fatter.
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.
Den hoe it down an' scratch de grabble,
To Dixie land I'm bound to trabble.
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land.

Den I wish I was in Dixie, etc.

God made dis worl' in just six days,
And finished it in various ways;
He den made "Dixie" trim an' nice,
When Adam called it "Paradise."

Den I wish I was in Dixie, etc.

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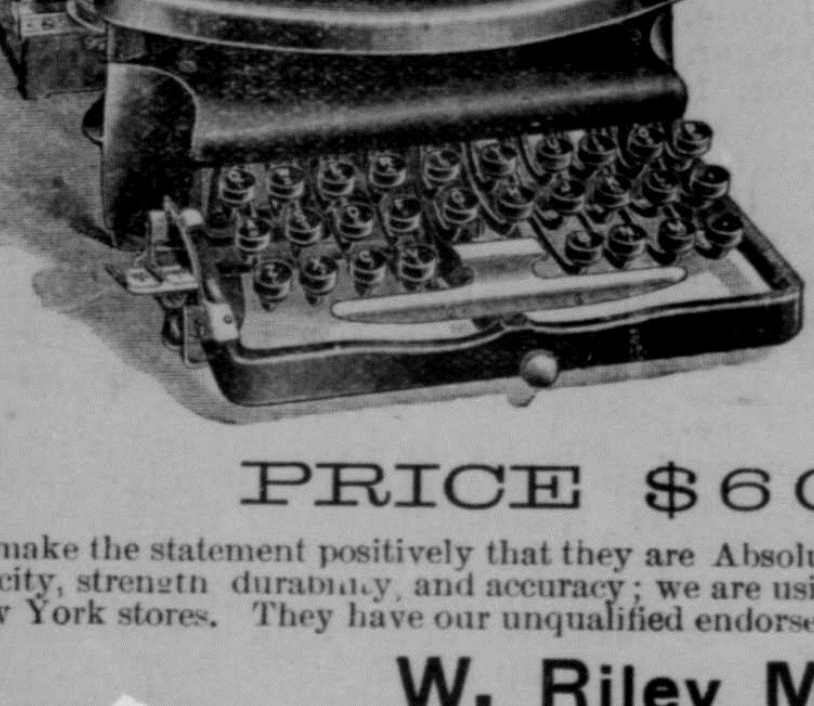

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B. & O. Railroad at Hagerstown and Cherry Run; Penna. R. R. at Bruceville, and Hanover; and P. W. & B., N. C. and B. & P. Railroads at Union Station, Baltimore, Md.
Taking effect Sunday, JUNE 19th, 1904.

TRAINS WEST.

STATIONS.	FM	W E	Ac.	TPs	Ac.	Ac.
	AM	A M	A M	PM	PM	PM
Hillen Station	4 30	8 00	10.12	4 15	5 00	6 15
Union Station	4 35	8 05	10 17	4 20	5 05	6 20
Penna. Ave.	....	8 09	10 21	4 24	5 08	6 24
Fulton Station	4 41	8 12	10 24	4 27	5 11	6 27
Walbrook	4 43	8 14	10 31	4 30	5 13	6 30
Arlington	....	8 22	10 38	4 37	....	6 37
Mt. Hope	....	8 25	10 42	4 40	....	6 43
Howardville	....	8 27	10 46	4 43	....	6 46
Sudbrook Park	†455	8 30	10 48	4 48	5 28	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 33	10 50	4 51	5 30	6 51
Greenwood	....	8 35	10 52	....	....	6 55
Owings Mills	....	8 45	11 03	5 00	....	7 07
Glyndon	....	9 02	11 15	5 15	5 45	7 17
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, ar	....	....	1 25	....	....	....
Hanover, ar	....	....	12 57	....	....	....
Gettysburg, ar	....	....	1 30	....	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 10	11 26	†521	5 53	7 30
Finksburg	....	9 12	11 28	†523	5 55	7 33
Carrollton	....	9 23	11 41	†534	6 08	7 51
Westminster	5 39	9 40	11 55	5 51	6 25	8 10
Avondale	....	9 47	12 01	†557	6 31	8 19
Medford	....	9 49	12 04	6 00	6 34	8 22
New Windsor	5 52	9 57	12 11	6 10	6 41	8 39
Linwood	....	10 01	12 16	6 15	6 46	8 45
Union Bridge	5 59	10 05	12 20	6 20	6 50	8 48
Middleburg	....	10 11		6 27		
Bruceville	6 05	10 18		6 33		
D. P. Creek	....	10 22		6 37		
Rocky Ridge	....	10 30		6 50		
Emmittsburg, ar	....	11 00		7 20		
Loy's	....	10 34		6 53		
Graceham	....	10 38		6 57		
Thurmont	6 13	10 43		7 02		
Deerfield	....	10 55		7 16		
Sabillasville	....	11 00		7 22		
Blue Ridge Summit	6 48	11 05		7 30		
Highfield	6 50	11 13		7 35		
Buena Vista Springs	6 52	11 15		7 38		
Pen-Mar	6 55	11 20		7 42		
Blue Mountain	6 58	11 23		7 45		
Edgemont	7 05	11 33		7 55		
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 26	11 50		8 12		
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	12 27		8 48		
Shippensburg, ar	8 35	12 55		9 17		
Smithburg	7 11	11 38		8 00		
Cavetown	....	11 39		8 02		
Chewsville	....	11 45		8 07		
Potomac ave	....	11 52		8 17		
Hagerstown	7 30	11 55		8 20		
	AM	A M	P M	P M	PM	PM

TRAINS EAST.

STATIONS.	Ac.	Ac.	Tr's	Ac.	WE	FM
	AM	AM	AM	P M	PM	PM
Hagerstown			7 00		2 10	4 05
Potomac ave			7 04		2 4	....
Chewsville			7 10		2 21	....
Cavetown			7 15		2 26	....
Smithburg			7 28		2 28	4 22
Shippensburg, Pa			6 00		1 10	2 55
Chambersburg, Pa			6 3		1 45	3 30
Waynesboro, Pa			7 05		2 18	4 10
Edgemont			7 38		2 38	4 35
Blue Mountain			7 5		2 45	4 42
Pen-Mar			7 4		2 48	4 45
Buena Vista Springs			7 53		2 53	4 50
Highfield			7 55		2 55	4 52
Blue Ridge Summit			7 58		2 58	4 55
Sabillasville			8 04		3 04	....
Deerfield			8 08		3 08	....
Thurmont			8 20		3 20	5 18
Graceham			8 23		3 23	....
Loy's			8 26		3 26	....
Emmitsburg			7 15		2 55	....
Rocky Ridge			8 30		3 30	....
D. P. Creek			8 37		3 36	5 27
Bruceville			8 44		3 45	5 42
Middleburg			8 46		3 48	....
Union Bridge	5 10	6 20	8 52	12 20	3 55	5 50
Linwood	5 17	6 23	8 56	12 51	4 00	....
New Windsor	5 25	6 28	9 01	12 59	4 06	6 00
Medford	5 36	6 36	9 17	1 06	4 16	....
Avondale	5 40	6 38	‖9 09	1 08	4 17	....
Westminster	6 00	6 45	9 18	1 15	4 30	6 13
Carrollton	6 15	6 57	‖9 32	1 30	4 43	....
Finksburg	6 30	7 06	‖9 40	1 42	4 54	....
Glen Falls	6 32	7 08	‖9 42	1 44	4 56	....
Gettysburg	....	6 29	....	....	....	....
Hanover	....	6 54	....	....	....	....
York, le	....	....	....	....	....	....
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
Glyndon	6 44	7 25	9 48	1 55	5 03	....
Owings' Mills	6 56	7 35	9 57	2 03	‖512	....
Greenwood	....	7 43	....	2 12	....	....
Pikesville	7 07	7 46	10 05	2 14	‖520	....
Sudbrook	7 09	7 49	10 07	2 17	‖522	....
Howardville	7 11	7 51	10 09	2 18	‖524	....
Mt. Hope	7 14	7 54	10 12	2 21	‖525	....
Arlington	7 18	7 58	....	2 24	‖528	....
Walbrook	7 25	8 06	10 20	2 30	5 35	7 07
Fulton Station	7 30	8 08	10 23	2 33	5 38	7 10
Penna. Avenue	7 33	8 16	10 26	2 36	5 41	....
Union Station	7 37	8 20	10 30	2 40	5 45	7 17
Hillen Station	7 42	8 25	10 35	2 45	5 50	7 22
	AM	AM	A M	P M	PM	PM

†Stops only to take on passengers for points west of Union Bridge.
‖Stops only to land passengers from points west of Union Bridge.

Blue Mountain Express.

Leaves a. m., Hagerstown at 6.40; Blue Mountain, 7.12; Buena Vista Springs, 7.18; Blue Ridge, 7.25; Thurmont, 7.42; Rocky Ridge, 7.50; Bruceville, 8.00; New Windsor, 8.1; Westminster, 8.25; Glyndon, 8.51; Sudbrook, 9.07; Walbrook, 8.16; Fulton, 9.19; Union, 9.25, arriving at Hillen at 9.30. Leaves p. m., Hillen at 3.2; Union, 3.30; Fulton 3.35; Walbrook, 3.38; Westminster, 4.30; New Windsor, 4.42; Bruceville, 4.58; Thurmont, 5.08; Blue Ridge, 5.43; Highfield, 5.45; Buena Vista Springs 5.47; Blue Mountain, 5.54, arriving at Hagerstown at 6.20.

The Owl. Week Days.

Leave Hillen 11.25, p. m., Union 11.30, Pa. ave. 11.34, Fulton 11.37, Walbrook 11.39, Arlington 11.45, Mt. Hope 11.48, Howardville 11.50, Sudbrook Park 11.52, Pikesville 11.54, Greenwood 11.55; Owings Mills, 12.08, Glyndon 12.14, Emory Grove——, Glen Falls 12.20, Finksburg 12.23, Carrollton 12.33, Westminster 12.47, Avondale 12.53, New Windsor 1.02, Linwood 1.07, ar. Union Bridge 1.10 a. m. Leave Union Bridge 4.50 a. m., Linwood 4.53, New Windsor 4.59, Avondale 5.06, Westminster 5.12, Carrollton 5.24, Finksburg 5.41, Glen Falls 5.43, Emory Grove——, Glyndon 5.50, Owings Mills 6.00, Pikesville 6.10, Sudbrook Park 6.13, Howardville 6.15, Mt. Hope 6.17, Arlington 6.20, Walbrook 6.25, Fulton 6.28, Pa. ave. 6.31, Union 6.35, ar. Hillen 6.40.

Frederick Division Pennsylvania R. R. (daily except Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8.38, 9.38 and 10.40 a. m. and 5.00 and 6.36 p. m. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and Columbia leave Bruceville 9.47 a. m. and 3.45 p. m. Trains leave Frederick for Baltimore 7.18 a. m., 3.00 and 4.55 p. m. Trains leave Hanover for Columbia 5.56, 8.20 and 10.46 a. m. and 2.25 and 4.35 p. m.; for Littlestown at 8.40 a. m. and 3.50 and 9.02 p. m.

Through trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore, daily, except Sunday, at 7.00 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday, at 10.12 a. m.

Sunday Trains.

On Sunday trains will leave Hillen Station at 9.30 a. m. and 2.30 and 11.25 p. m., Westminster 11.15 a. m. 4.12 and 12.47 midnight, arriving at Union Bridge at 11.45 a. m., 4.45 p. m. and 1.10 a. m. Leave Union Bridge at 6.10 and 8.30 a. m. and 4.00 p. m., Westminster 6.50 and 8.55 a. m. 4.30 and 6.13 p. m., arriving at Hillen Station at 8.35 and 10.20 a. m. and 6.15 p. m.

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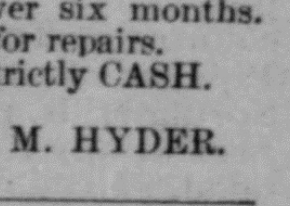

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