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BACHELOR BARWICK AS A NURSE.

How He Silenced a Brace of Crying Twins.

What One Sees in the Far West.

A host of friends in both Kent and Queen Anne's counties, doubtless remember the affable weather-prophet of the Pacific coast, James A. Barwick. Mr. Barwick, as a young man, left his hearth and native heath, at Millington, and cast his fortunes in the great West, and is now located at Sacramento, California, where yellow oranges, yellower gold, fragrance-laden breezes and beautiful women, with the genial Eastern Shore bachelor as their inspiring genius, hold undisputed sway. The weather prognosticator has been a splendid success in arranging favorable weather reports for the California orange crop and the charming complexions of the California belles, and having given such general satisfaction, has in all probability become a permanency in the far West. The writer has delightful recollections of courtesies extended by Mr. Barwick several years ago, and read with no small degree of interest in the Sacramento *Union* an account of a novel experience of Mr. Barwick during the return trip from a recent visit East. Writing to the *Union* he says:

"The first night out from St. Paul, Minn., our car was burdened with a lone woman with twins three months old, that howled and yelled unless they were walked or 'toted' in their mother's arms all the time. I got tired of their squawking, and told the mother that if she would accept and use a remedy which I would suggest, her babies would not be any bother to her or to anyone else, and she gladly accepted my offer. I told her to get some sugar, and of it made two sugar-teats, and with a little good cognac (which I always carry in my grip for medicinal and other purposes), greatly reduced and weakened with water. They were moistened in this soothing decoction, and in a very few minutes the babies were nursing them and were also sleeping.

"I was very much thanked for my most appropriate and well-timed remedy, while the ladies wanted to know if I was a married man and used to babies. My reply was, no: that I was a bald-headed bachelor, 52 years old, and 2,500 miles from home, but the potent remedy recommended by me was the kind used by my mother in the raising of her family of eighteen children. I was voted the thanks of all, but was told that I ought to be a benedict instead of a bachelor.

"On my homeward trip I found Western Washington and Oregon beautiful countries, with well-studded timber, but it is too moist for me.

"Next year, during my trip East, I certainly will not ask for more than thirty days, which is the longest time I desire to be away from the glorious climate of the finest State in the Union.

"On the trip over the Northern Pacific road one already sees houses with double windows and doors, and storm-protectors to business and public houses, built on the plan of turnstiles to the entrance of our State Fair, only these here are solid with the edges studded with heavy rubber which comes in contact with the frame-work of the door-casing as the turnstile revolves while being passed through. One sees the people who travel much out doors using heavy coats made of material from the skins of all the wild beasts imaginable, such as buffalo, bear, coyote and prairie wolf, while occasionally some well-to-do and nobby merchant will be encased in a coat reaching from ear to heels made of nicely trimmed skins from that valuable animal, the Alaskan seal.

"Such is midwinter life in the great Northwestern States from Illinois to Idaho, and from Canada to Colorado, while at the same time in our own State you are all being kissed by soft southern breezes with never a prospect or sign of blizzard, winds or snow-chilled soil. Certainly California natives cannot appreciate what a glorious heritage they have to enjoy, unless they visit the States east of the Rocky Mountains during the winter season, to see naught but snow-covered ground, and quite often bunches of freezing and frozen cattle as they are huddled together under the hillsides of the treeless and cheerless plains, while the sight of the poor suffering dumb beasts appeal most strongly to the sympathies.

"While at Parkersburg, Va., in October, I visited the celebrated Island of Blennerhassett, and ate some of the Blennerhassett nuts and paw-paws which grow so plentifully on the banks of the celebrated island on the Ohio river a few miles below Parkersburg. There are but three stones now standing of the once lovely Blennerhassett Mansion, on a once beautiful (but now unkept) island.

"It is a good thing I am getting so near home again, for I begin to think I need a 'gardeen.' I have been dubbed 'California Barwick' in Maryland, a 'baby doctor' on the cars in Minnesota, and was wheedled out of $5 by a psalm-singing preacher. What next may occur to me before November 23d, I am unable to guess."

Queen Anne's Road System.

A letter from the commissioners of Queen Anne's to the Talbot County Road League, says the *Ledger*, states that they do not find it satisfactory to let out roads to the lowest bidder by election district, but that the most satisfactory work is done by giving one good man all the roads in one district, from 150 to 200 miles, and allow him to work out a certain sum at so much per day.

Accompanying this letter is a sample of the road contract used. It stipulates that all work done in excess of the levy must be by special order of the commissioners, unless actually necessary. It also fixes the rates to be paid for teams, hands, bridge material, etc., and one of its requirements is that the supervisor and hands shall be on the road at 7 o'clock A. M.

Last week the Queen Anne's commissioners decided to award the roads of the county by districts to contractors, abolishing the system of apportioning a few miles each to many different supervisors.

The commissioners will consider the suggestions made by the Road League.

Teachers Will Endorse It.

Senator Sloan, of Allegany county, has introduced a bill into the State Senate to secure a more frequent payment of school teachers' salaries. At present the instructors in the public schools of the State are paid only at the end of every school term, and the proposed law is to secure the payment of monthly salaries.

OYSTER LEGISLATION.

The Subject of Barren Bottoms Discussed.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The first stage of the game of robbing oyster tongers of their livelihood and their rights has begun, as shown by the following resolutions published in the Baltimore *Sun* from Crisfield:

"*Resolved*, That the General Assembly of Maryland, now in session, is hereby respectfully petitioned and urged to pass a law providing for a commission to lay out and define the natural rocks and bars of oysters, so that they shall be kept inviolable forever for the exclusive use of our oystermen, and to permit the immense body of water not covered by the natural rocks, beds or bars to be located and appropriated by individual residents of this State for the purpose of bedding, sowing and propagating oysters thereon, and to limit such location to five acres for each male resident, and to require each owner of said five acres to pay a stipulated reasonable sum for each of said lots per annum, so that the threatened destruction of our oyster beds may be arrested and that the oyster industry of our county and State may be placed on such a basis that it will not only be self-sustaining, but it will lighten the burdens of our now overburdened and oppressed tax payers by yielding a large revenue to our county and State, and in addition give remunerative employment and profit to many thousands of our people, and raise our State to the position she should occupy—the greatest oyster-growing State in the Union."

Meetings will be held from time to time to push the planters' interests.

As long ago stated, the lines can be run anywhere the commission chooses, and any bar that has been well-worked and on which oysters are scarce for the present, can be condemned as a barren bottom. If the oystermen object, then will commence a series of suits, injunctions, etc., providing the oystermen will put up the cash to carry it on, but which will eventually end in their being frozen out, as the grabbers will have the most money and are thoroughly organized to push their work. In the *Sun* of the 13th it says: "It is a peculiar case where wealth, intelligence and thrift count for nothing, for all these are almost a unit in favor of planting." One part is true; that is, that wealth, cold cash is in favor of taking our oyster bars. The rest I deny, as we have many oystermen as intelligent as they; and as for thrift, one need only go among the happy homes of the oystermen in Kent county to know that they are thrifty. But our intelligence and thrift are divided. They, with their wealth are united and aggressive. Now, tongers, where do you suppose these wealthy men expect to get their plants and shells for their barren bottoms? Why, directly from our bars and rocks. Everything will go, and for a season the tongers and dredgers will have a harvest depleting the bars, and in about two years another commission will be appointed by the Legislature to lay out more barren bottoms. Where will they find them? Why, just where you made them. The very bars and rocks you depleted to furnish stock for the planters will be declared barren and laid open to the "wealth, intelligence" and *theft*, instead of thrift. Now, among oystermen, as well as among other classes, there are some bad men and sharpers who think they will be able to beat the game. But oh! no, my friend; this grand aggregation of wealth, etc., will notify the State that they pay the taxes and they demand protection, and they will get it, if they have to have a police boat every half mile. It will cost the State all the revenue they can collect from planters, tongers, dredgers and packers, to protect the planters for a few years then gradually our tonger-citizens will be forced to start out for new pastures.

Between the Bays.

Hurlock is to have a shirt factory.

Municipal reform is agitating Elkton.

Pocomoke City has enjoyed an elopement.

Snow Hill now has rival steamboat lines.

A sober shoemaker is wanted at Secretary.

Chesterville needs a physician and druggist.

Milford merchants close their stores at 8 P. M.

Miss Cleveland has a dancing school in Salisbury.

There is talk of electric lights for Cambridge.

The "hog" ticket won in Dover's town election.

W. M. Singerly's hippodrome, near Elkton, cost $15,000.

Chief Justice Lore, of Delaware, has joined the M. E. Church.

An 89-year-old man married a 25-year-old woman at Laurel.

A large knitting factory is one of Pocomoke City's possibilities.

The Cambridge Cycle Club's gymnasium is now open for ladies.

A Cecil county man has had his fourth horse drop dead in harness.

Berlin is rapidly replacing the burned houses with handsome brick buildings.

Nearly $3000 worth of business was transacted in the Elkton telegraph office last year.

Milford's shirt factory is so crowded with orders that part of its force works ten hours a day.

Salisbury has an assessable basis of over $2,000,000. The tax rate is 30 cents on the $100.

The angel on J. F. Mancha's monument in the P. E. cemetery at Dover has lost its index finger.

In the store of a Rack Hall merchant are eleven petitions for all sorts and conditions of things.

Bailiff Robbins, of Cambridge, says he will enforce the fast-driving law against sleighers, whether the horses wear bells or not.

Almost every kind of social has been held, but it remained for Queen Anne's county gentlefolk to originate the "toe" social.

Of the five members of the Conowingo Bridge Co., Cecil county, the youngest is 74 years of age. Jacob Tome, aged 86, is the oldest.

The Somerset county oystermen have declared in favor of oyster planting and petitioned the Legislature to pass a general planting law.

The bar of Snow Hill has petitioned the General Assembly to authorize the county commissioners to levy a sufficient sum to pay a court stenographer.

In his annual report, Mayor James, of Cambridge, recommends that druggists taking out licenses to sell liquor be required to pay a municipal license of $250. —*Easton Ledger* briefs.

Wife's Watch in the Fire.

The Rev. J. H. S. Ewell threw into the fire a newspaper on which he had placed some apple parings, not knowing that his wife had a short time before placed her gold watch inside the folds of the same paper. The watch was ruined. *Ledger.*

RUSSUM SUCCEEDS ROBINSON.

Sketch of the New Judge From Carolina.

Governor Lowndes on Tuesday appointed George M. Russum, of Denton, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit and a member of the Court of Appeals, to succeed the late John M. Robinson.

Talbot countians take a more than usual interest in George Mitchell Russum, for he is by birth one of them, and they are always glad to hear of fresh honors being added to the many that have already been bestowed upon him.

He was born in this county at Wye Mills, in January, 1834. His father was Dr. Lydenham Thorne Russum, a native Dorchester countian, and his mother was Sarah George, daughter of Joseph W. George, of Queen Anne's county. His paternal great-grandfather was from Somerset county, and his maternal great-grandfather from Kent county. So no less than six counties can lay claim to this genial Eastern Shoreman.

After attending the public schools he prepared for Princeton, and passed the examination for entrance to the class of 1853, but was called home in April, 1852, by the sudden death of his father. While yet a youth he taught school for a couple of years in Baily's Neck.

He studied law with Cook & Hopper, Centreville, and entered the Yale Law School in 1853. Two years later he was admitted to practice in Denton.

In politics he is a staunch republican, and has been his party's standard-bearer on more than one occasion. President Lincoln in 1862 appointed him assessor of internal revenue for the First Congressional District. In 1866 he was defeated for Congress by Hiram McCullough. The next year he was appointed by Chief Justice Chase register in bankruptcy for this district. He defeated the late Philip W. Downes for State's Attorney of Caroline in 1871. In 1882 he was defeated as a candidate for associate judge of this district. Two years later the Hon. Charles H. Gibson defeated him for Congress, and he was again defeated for the same office by Henry Page and Robert S. Brattan in 1890 and 1892 respectively. John F. Dawson defeated him in 1889 for the State Senate.

Mr. Russum is also prominent in church affairs, being an active and influential member of the Diocese of Easton. He has been twice married, each time to a daughter of the late Dr. Enoch George, of Queen Anne's county.—*Eastun Ledger.*

A Church Hill Feast.

A gentleman in Chestertown several days ago just from Church Hill, in our sister county, Queen Anne's, thus describes a pie-eating match: "Well, sir, it was the richest thing I ever saw. A show was going on the town hall, and among other winning features on the programme was this eating match to be participated in by four boys. Sure enough, four youngsters with unquestionable and irreproachable appetites, were selected and called to the stage. A tempting cherry pie was then cut in four pieces, and one piece put on the seat of each of four chairs, no plates being used. The boys' hands were then securely tied behind them and the announcement made that the boy who ate *all* of his piece of pie first was to receive fifty cents in cash. The young gourmen took position, and at a given word the eating match commenced, and such rooting into cherry pie was never before seen on the Eastern Shore. No water was allowed, but notwithstanding, the successful boy cleared up everything, crumbs included, in exactly one minute, and received his well-earned fifty cents. Their faces, from centre to circumference, were masses of pie and crumbs, and the whole thing in a nutshell was, that I never before had as much real, unadulterated fun in my life."

OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL

How to Open, Test and Serve Them.

Select medium-sized deep-shell oysters; wash the shells thoroughly in cold water and then open them by detaching the upper shell, leaving them in the lower shell. To ascertain if they are alive, as soon as they are opened, and when one of the shells is removed, touch gently the edge of the oyster, and if alive it will contract.

HOW TO SERVE.

Fill some deep plates with finely chopped ice, cover the ice with a fringed serviette and lay four or six oysters on the top of each serviette, ranging round the edge of the plate, with the points of the shells toward the centre. Place four sections of a lemon in the centre of each plate, and serve with horseradish in a pretty glass dish and some small oyster biscuits.

Wellington Men Give Thanks.

No sooner had Speaker Mudd declared Mr. Wellington elected in the Lower House of the Legislature last week, than Mr. Cook, of Washington county, who, like his colleague, Mr. Koontz, had been an enthusiastic Wellingtonian from start to finish, waved his hands in the air and started a cheer. The chairman rapped for order, but instantly Delegate George H. Mason, Jr., of the Eighth ward of Baltimore city, started to sing the long-metre doxology:

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise"—

Half the Republicans in the House joined in with Mr. Mason, and it was all the Speaker could do to restrain the swelling flood of harmony until the beginning of the last line was reached. Then the laughter of the Democrats, added to the gavel of the presiding officer, checked the exuberance of the chorus, and the doxology was never finished.

Weather in Past Februaries.

J. B. Marbury, observer of the local Weather Bureau, has issued a statement made up from the office records, showing the atmospheric changes during the Februaries of the past 25 years in Baltimore, The normal temperature has been 37 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1884, with an average of 42 degrees, and the coldest that of 1895, with an average of 26 degrees. The highest temperature was 78 degrees on the 23d, 1874, and the lowest one degree on the 5th, 1886. The average precipitation for the month was 3.54 inches. The greatest amount of snow-fall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 15 inches on the 3d and 4th, in the year 1886. The average number of clear days were eight; there were 12 partly cloudy and eight cloudy. The prevailing winds have been from the northwest.

Judge Robinson's Will.

On Saturday last Judge Robinson's Will and Testament was admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's county. It is a document of clearness and brevity, and contains but few items. It gives, devises and bequeathes to his well-beloved wife, Mariana S. Robinson, for and during her natural life all his property, real, personal and mixed, such as he owned at the time of his death, including his policy in the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. He excepts from this general devise and bequest his law library which he bequeathed to his son, Ralph Robinson.

He authorizes his wife to dispose of all his property during her life as she may, in the exercise of her judgment, think best. He also empowers her to convey fee simple estate in any or all parts of the property which she may dispose of.

He gives his wife power by her last will and testament to appoint the property to his children in such proportions as she may deem wisest. In default of her exercise of this power, then at her death the children are to take share and share alike.

He requests his wife to purchase mementos to be presented to each of his sons-in-law as tokens of his affection for them and of his high appreciation of their manly and noble traits of character.

The will concludes with words of regret wherein he complains that he is unable to make a larger provision for the support of his wife and children, but the greater part of his life having been spent upon the bench with a limited salary he was deprived of the opportunity to accumulate a fortune. He consoles himself, however, with the knowledge that his entire income has been devoted to the support, education and comfort of his family.

His wife is made sole executrix. The will is dated January 27th, 1890, and was witnessed by Messrs. Lemuel Dunbracco and P. B. Hopper.—*Centreville Observer.*

Practical Woman's Rights.

A Chestertown gentleman in commenting several days ago upon the Mt. Vernon Literary Society idea of universal suffrage for women, told of an incident which occurred in a Baltimore street car during the great women's convention of last fall in that city. The seating capacity of the car was filled, principally with men, when an elderly, but "strong minded" looking lady entered and was forced to stand. Presently an elderly gentleman, conscience-stricken that of all the men sitting not one offered her a seat, ventured the remark, "off to the convention, eh?" "Yes," answered the female passenger. "Convention endorses woman suffrage, I suppose?" "Yes, generally. I do." "That's right," said the ungallant questioner, "you've got as much right to stand up in this car as anybody, keep your place and stand it like a man." And she did, but that man wished he had been in Jericho before he spoke to that woman suffragist.

Now the ungallant Mayor Hooper, of Baltimore, comes along and adds insult to injury, and of the 23 widows who serve as char-women or scrubbers at the City Hall, nine have received notice from Mayor's Clerk Palmer, that their services will not be needed after January 31. This corps of cleaners has been appointed regularly and their duties are to daily clean the entire building with the exception of the dome and the cellar. They are all widows, and no married woman, eligible miss or confirmed old maid has ever succeeded in securing a place in their ranks. They are all supposed to be dependent upon their wages as char-women for a livelihood.

Clerk Palmer, following the example of his chief, undertook a little Rooseveltism on his own hook, and the result of his investigation surprised him. Instead of finding all of them penniless, he discovered that several really owned the houses they lived in and had others to rent. Several more he decided to remove for other reasons, so that there are nine who will go on the first of the month. They will be replaced by an equal number of other widows.

Commander Plowman's Idea.

Ex-Commander Jacob Plowman, of the Oyster Navy, who is known to every oysterman and every one interested in the industry in the State, has ventilated his views relative to the future of Maryland's now historic navy. Talking in favor of the counties paying for protection of the tonging grounds, leaving the State to care for the dredging grounds alone, he thinks that the sloops now protecting tonging beds should be under control of the different counties, their cost of maintenance to be provided for by a tax upon those who receive the benefit of their protection. Mr. Plowman also said that the dredging grounds needed protection. People should be prevented from coming here and taking away the seed oysters. Dredging had become so reduced that, since he commanded the Oyster Navy, the number of dredgeboats had declined from over 800 to about 500.

Why the Insurance Men Smiled.

An elderly lady, whose age might be guessed at as between 50 and 60, recently entered the office of a Boston life association and asked to see one of the officers. Mr. Marden volunteered to answer any inquiries, and the lady said she wanted to see about getting some insurance on her husband's life, and thought the particular association a good one to place it with.

"What is his age?" was asked the lady.

"He is 70 years old."

"Has he ever had any life insurance?"

"Oh, no, indeed! He never had any life insurance before. He has always been a very strong man, and never needed any before, but he is quite sick now, so I thought I had better get his life insured before it was too late."

Priceless Pianos, These.

A piano of solid silver has recently been sent to the Nizam of Hydrabad.

The Duke of Devonshire owns a paper piano, decorated with beautiful pictures by well-known French artists.

The Dowager Countess of Dudley has a magnificent instrument of beautifully carved ivory. This piano has a marvelously sweet tone.

The Shah of Persia has an instrument made of exquisitely carved Oriental woods, representing ancient victories.

Piano cases have also been made of bronze, or aluminius, of glass, of porcelain and of combinations of mother of pearl with other substances.

May and December Wedded.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Pomona, Cala., says: "Children and grandchildren of James Rogers have been amazed by the information that he married on Sunday last Miss Ida Nelson, at the home of the bride's parents, near Prescot, Ariz. The groom is 77 years old, and the bride will be 15 next May. Mr. Rogers has been married twice, his second wife dying three years ago. He has six children, many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is still well preserved, and has a fortune of about $100,000, invested in farmlands and bank stock.

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