

# ROBERT BURNS AND HIS FRIENDS

## Men and Women Whom the Scottish Bard Immortalized in Verse



This picture represents the poet Burns surrounded by some of the principal characters mentioned in his poems and songs. Reading from left to right—Captain Gross, the poet's dog Luath, the Earl of Glencairn seated at a table; Caesar, the Laird's dog; Holy Willie, Tam O'Shanter, Gavin Hamilton, Rouser Johnny, Duncan Gray, John Hornbook. Top row—Pussie Nannie, Clarinda, the Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmye, Lord Dair, Lord Monbodo, Highland Mary, Bonnie Jean, Tam Samson.

THE anniversary of Robert Burns' scriptive sketch of the characters represented in the accompanying picture.

Captain Gross, the author of a work on "The Antiquities of Scotland," was an enthusiastic antiquary, fond of good wine and good company. Burns met him at Captain Riddell's, of Friars' Close.

The poet describes him thus:

If in your bosom ye chance to light  
Upon a fine fat fellow waiting  
O' stature short, but genius bright  
That's he.

But ye'll see him in his glass,  
For meikle glee and fun he has,  
Then set him down, and twa o' three  
Gild ye wi' his honest face.

And part o' port; shine then a wee,  
Ye'll see him in his glass.

Luath, Burns' dog was a great favorite. This dog had been killed by the wanton cruelty of some person the night before the poet's father died. Burns wrote the tale, "The Two Dogs," to confer such immortality as he could bestow on his old and faithful friend, Luath.

The Earl of Glencairn—a kind friend and generous patron to Burns—was introduced Creech, then the leading Edinburgh publisher, to undertake the publication of a second edition of the poems. He pledged the Caledonian Hunt, one and all to subscribe for copies of this edition at a guinea (\$25) each. The early death of James Glencairn robbed the poet of an intelligent friend and generous benefactor. "But I'll remember thee, Glencairn, and all that thou hast done for me."

Duncan Gray—This song was written on the model of an old ditty, the name of the hero and a line or two being all that was retained.

Dr. Hornbook—John Wilson was

schoolmaster in Torbolton. He added to his poorly paid occupation that of a grocer, and ultimately a druggist. He was, in plain English, a quack. The mirth and amusement caused by the publication of the poem, "Death and Doctor Hornbook," drove the schoolmaster out of the district.

Pussie Nannie—Nancy Tinnoch, landlady of a public house in Mauchline, the resort of the Jolly Beggar, was a "Clarinda." The heroine of this part of Burns' life was no ordinary person. She was a lady of considerable accomplishments, not possessing feeling, warm temperament, and a style of beauty approaching the voluptuous. Her maiden name was Agnes Craig, daughter of Dr. Craig, Glasgow.

Caesar—the Laird's dog—"Keppit for his honor's pleasure—showed he was none o' Scotland's wadge, but whaipit some place far abroad, where sailors gang to fish for cod."

Holy Willie—William Fisher, one of the Rev. Mr. Auld's elders, a great preacher, and his earnest stories, had been observed. He merited the terrible satire of the poet. Returning drunk from Mauchline one night, he fell into a ditch, and was buried there.

Tam O'Shanter—Douglas, Graham, or Shanter, a farmer on the Carrick shore, was in reality the drunken carle who bore the poet's depicted him.

Garvin Hamilton—lawyer in Mauchline, was a warm and generous friend of Burns.

Rouser Johnny—One of the heroes of the legend of "Tam O'Shanter."

Tam loved him like a very brither,  
They had been for weeks together,  
His sun o' life, and his cheer o' life,  
The landlady's laugh was ready chorus.

The Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmye, Miss

Wilhelmina Alexander, the subject of this beautiful song, was walking in the private grounds of Ballochmye. She accidentally came upon Burns in a musing attitude, with his shoulder against a tree. The lady appears to have been somewhat startled, seeing a stranger in the private grounds of the mansion, but passed on and thought no more of the matter. A short time afterwards she received a letter from abroad, which she found was from the poet. She took no notice of it, although she ultimately displayed a high sense of the honor which the genius of the poet had conferred on her. She died unmarried at 184 at the age of 88.

Lord Dair, son of the Earl of Selkirk. Burns met this amiable young nobleman at the house of Professor Dugald Stewart, at Cairn, a few miles from the poet's farm. Burns seems to have been somewhat alarmed at the idea of dining with a lord. But:

The here a pride, nae pride had he,  
Nor aise, nor state that I could see,  
Mair than an honest pleighman.

Lord Monbodo, an accomplished and eccentric writer. He was the parent of Miss Burnet, the loveliest vision in female form and actual life which ever flashed on the poet's enraptured eye.

Highland Mary—Mary Campbell, "a most sprightly, blue-eyed creature, of great modesty and self-respect."

"He who would see Burns at his best," wrote Professor Blackie, "must look on him under spell of Mary Campbell." In the Spring of 1788 the romantic and tragic love-story begins. On Sunday, May 14, 1788, they parted never to meet again. In the Autumn she was dead, and the poet's dream was shattered. The blow fell heavily on Burns among the friends stricken by this passionate love and tragic

death may be noted two or three beautiful poems: "To Mary in Heaven," one of the most beautiful and pathetic elegies in the English language, "Bonnie Jean," the Manichean belle, was married to Robert Burns August 5, 1788.

Tam Samson, the hero of this poem, was a respectable seaman in Kilmarnock. He was a keen sportsman and one of the poet's earliest friends.

SANDY TAMSON.

Burns as Librarian.

Today, when so much is being said of the importance and value of free libraries, book clubs and various other means of self-culture, it is interesting to recall the fact, not too well known even in Scotland, that the poet Burns, while resident at Ellisland, in Dumfriesshire, acted as librarian to a reading club formed among the farmers and young men of the neighborhood, one of the earliest schemes of the kind to be organized in a rural district of Scotland.

Captain Middel, of Glenriddell, speaker of the highest appreciation of the services rendered by Burns, as treasurer, librarian, and censor to this little society.

The following is a copy of Burns' letter to Sir John Sinclair, who was engaged on the first "Statistical Account of the Parishes of Scotland," in the parish of Dumfries in Nithdale. I beg leave to send it to you, because it is new and may be useful. How far it is deserving of a place in your patriotic publication, you are the best judge.

To store the minds of the lower

classes with useful knowledge is certainly of very great consequence, both to them as individuals and to society at large. Giving them a turn for reading and reflection is giving them a source of innocent and laudable amusement, and besides, raises them to a more dignified degree in the scale of nationality.

Impressed with this idea, a gentleman in this parish, Robert Riddell, set on foot a circulating library on a plan so simple as to be practicable in any part of the country, and so useful as to deserve the notice of every country gentleman who thinks the improvement of that part of his property which has thrown into the humble walks of the peasant and the artisan a matter worthy his attention.

At the breaking up of this little society, which was formed under Mr. Riddell's patronage, what with benefactions of books from him, and what with their own purchases, they collected together upwards of 150 volumes. Among the books of this little library were Blair's Sermons, Robertson's History of Scotland, Burns' History of Scotland, "The Spectator," "Idler," "Adventurer," "Mirror," "Lounger," "Observer," "Man of Feeling," "Man of the World," "The Quaker," etc.

The peasant who can read and enjoy such books is certainly a much superior being to his neighbor, who perhaps strolls beside the loom very little removed, except in shape, from the brute he drives.

"A Peasant" was the unassuming subscription which Robert Burns chose to append to this, one of his most interesting epistles.

Many people of excellent judgment prefer a good upright or grand piano that has been used a little rather than a new one of inferior make. To such our Annual Clearance Sale appeals with double force. It is on account of the high character and splendid condition of the instruments offered (many of them being as good as new), and especially on account of the tremendously low prices at which these many fine pianos are offered.

Many of these instruments are from the best homes in the city and state, from previous owners who are anxious to change their pianos as often as fashion or fancy may dictate, and who do not hesitate to sacrifice the highest price for a new one with a different case to match new or refinished interior decorations. Again, many of the instruments included in this sale have come to us as the result of our controlling the exclusive representation for the world's best make of pianos—makes—instruments whose reputations have been built solely on real merit and musical excellence, and not gained nor maintained by engaging foreign artists at fabulous salaries. Still again, other numerous instruments have been exchanged for the incomparable Florida Pianos of the standard of the world, also controlled exclusively by the House of Eilers.

Naturally, when the glorious Chickering, Boston's best and America's oldest make, or the hand-made Art Hazelton, or the Peerless, Knickerbocker, or the make—or the incomparable Weber, with its wonderful tone—the piano of today—are desired, in perfect condition, and discriminating buyers are seeking the very best pianos to be found in all the realm of the musical world, they come to the House of Eilers—the House of Highest Quality—the standard of the world, and their pianos of previous choice at a considerable sacrifice, in order to satisfy their heart's desire by owning instruments recognized as the world's foremost.

NONE WILL BE RESERVED.

All these exchanged pianos, taken in trade by us, in addition to those returned from rental use, and also a number which have become slightly marred from display purposes, or others a little shoddy, are included in this Annual Clearance Sale. But to fully appreciate this extraordinary event, and to see the pianos for themselves, and note their excellent condition and smallness of price.

WEBER—Full size, perfect condition, beautiful rosewood case, fine standard make, .....\$318

DECKER BROS.—Ebonized case, action and tone as good as ever, .....\$223

PEASE—Penny, walnut case, fine standard make, .....\$223

PEASE—Another one, a more elaborate style, in perfect condition, .....\$272

EVERETT—Largest size, the most expensive case, can't be told from the above, but in perfect condition, .....\$272

EVERETT—Largest size, the most expensive case, can't be told from the above, but in perfect condition, .....\$272

LUWIG—Largest size, shows but little usage, .....\$159

BINGSBURY—Fancy Walnut case, good as new, .....\$162

KINGBURY—Ebonized case, fine oak case, .....\$238

STEINWAY—The famous .....\$248

LESTER—Beautiful mahogany case, regular 3/4 size, .....\$255

SCHUMBERG—Sold by the House of Eilers, shows hardly a year's use, .....\$246

DECKER & SON—Fine ebonized case, shows but little wear, .....\$210

MARSHALL & WENDELL—A good reliable make, a good fine condition, .....\$185

HAIS—Quarter sawed oak case, fine condition, .....\$175

HOWARD—Oak case, can hardly be told from new, .....\$190

SINGER—Fancy mahogany case \$132

SINGER—Also mahogany, but a large size, .....\$145

LYNDELL—Oak case, has been thoroughly overhauled, .....\$118

NUGENT—Fine condition, .....\$118

STEADMAN—A good practice piano, .....\$100

STECK—The \$500 type, very fancy mottled mahogany case, a rare hard wood case, used about 42 years, .....\$235

CHICKERING—Genuine rosewood case, used about 42 years, .....\$235

A SQUARE DEAL ON SQUARES.

BRAYLEY—(Not including delivery) .....\$85

BONNIE—Oak case, .....\$95

LYNDEMAN— .....\$54

STEINWAY—In excellent condition, .....\$75

GEORGE STECK—Beautiful rosewood case, in fine shape, .....\$75

CHICKERING—Genuine rosewood case, in thorough repair, .....\$95

PIANO PLAYERS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

MELVILLE CLARK APOLLO—With 37 rolls of music (the music alone is worth the price), .....\$65

ANGELUS—Orchestral type, with phrasing levers, good as new, .....\$98

ANGELUS—Another one, just like the above, .....\$98

ANGELUS—Mahogany, good piano, .....\$75

ANGELUS—The very latest order, .....\$75

MELVILLE CLARK APOLLO—In fine condition, an amount of music included, .....\$100

SIMPLEX— .....\$90

PIANISTA— .....\$85

ANGELUS—Oak case, .....\$100

GENUINE PIANOLA—Ebony case, in good condition, .....\$100

GENUINE PIANOLA—Beautiful walnut case, a late type, in fine condition, .....\$100

GENUINE PIANOLA—New but discontinued style, in fine condition, .....\$170

We will include your subscription to our circulating library with each of the above Pianos.

And scores of other rare values. Virtually every well-known make of piano is represented in this sale at half price. The importance of this sale should impress you with the immediate action necessary in order to secure best choice. For such exceptional offerings as are featured in this sale, you will not want to wait. If you live at a distance, wire, telephone or write at once. Remember that every instrument will be found exactly as represented and satisfactory in every respect or "money back." The extra value which these offerings are based in each case on a cash sale, but more added to them, we will arrange them to suit your convenience for the more advanced. For more information, call on Eilers Piano House—Biggest, Busiest and Best Dealers, 233 Washington street, corner of Park.

**HONOR WEBSTER'S MEMORY**

American Patriotic Club Holds Its Annual Dinner.

The memory of Daniel Webster was honored on the 15th anniversary of his birth by the American Patriotic Club at the Hotel Portland last night. The occasion was the seventh annual meeting of the organization and was probably the most pleasant ever held by the society. The annual dinner was followed by a short programme of toasts, and the speakers vied with each other in paying tributes to the great orator.

Following the speeches, Judge Charles E. Webster was elected president of the organization, in accordance with the custom of giving the presidency to the presiding judge of the Federal bench in Portland. An motion of W. D. McElwrick, the retiring vice-president, General Charles M. Beebe, was selected to fill office, and George W. Hagen was chosen to continue with the duties of secretary for another year.

Each year a new figure in American history is selected for the consideration of the society, and last night Senator James W. Neenah was named for special study during the coming year. At the next annual dinner, honor will be paid to the memory of this statesman and the place he holds in the history of Oregon, as well as of the Nation.

Covers last night were laid for more than 400. Judge Webster presided as toastmaster. Judge George E. Williams was the chief speaker of the evening and his address on the public career of Daniel Webster was an object of remarkable interest and eloquence. His address, which was received with frequent bursts of applause, is printed in full in another page of today's Oregonian.

Following Judge Williams' speech, the banqueters united in a toast to "Oregon's grand old man." In 50 years from now the citizens of Portland will be meeting to bestow encomiums to the memory of Judge Williams, as we are to the memory of Daniel Webster tonight. Judge Williams, in proposing the toast, "Let us pay some portion of that tribute now to one of the Nation's most distinguished statesmen."

"American Oratory" was the subject assigned to James B. Melkie, but he was unable to attend and the toast was responded to by Mr. Wheelwright. He gave some of the most striking passages from Webster's speeches.

In a speech on "Banks and Banking," Claud Gatch, National Bank Examiner, referred to the recent financial

stringency and took an encouraging view of conditions at the present time.

**TRIES TO USE HIS GUN**

Hobo Arrested After Struggle With Police Officer.

Sam Anderson, a hobo, was arrested last night at Blunt by a Police Officer from Peterson at the foot of Front street, after a struggle for the possession of a revolver which Anderson drew with the avowed purpose of using on the officer. Anderson was found skulking behind some freight cars and resented his being halted and questioned by the officer. When informed that he would have to give an account of himself, Anderson declared that he didn't have to and reached for his gun. The policeman grabbed his right hand but the man broke his hold and had the gun off him and was attempting to use it before the officer succeeded in overpowering him. Anderson was locked up in the City Jail, charged with carrying concealed weapons.

**LIKE COLUMBUS' CARAVEL**

Lightship for Eureka to Make Voyage Around Horn Afloat.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Fitting out to sail in the wake of Admiral Evans' armada now on its way to the Pacific Ocean, a little red-hulled lightship, not as big as one of Columbus' caravels, is at Tompkinsville and will soon be ready for the 15,000-mile voyage to California, her future home. The lightship is new and has been constructed at a cost of \$60,000 to take a position on Blunt Reef off Eureka, Cal.

The feature of the trip of the new lightship—officially known as No. 83, is that she is to make the journey under her own steam and with a coal consumption of only eight tons a day. She will carry a crew of 20. The steaming beacon will probably make the voyage in about 100 days.

**GLASSWORKERS CUT SCALE**

Accept Reduction in Hope of Increasing Demand.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—According to glassworkers who returned from Buffalo today, where a meeting with a committee of employers was held, the wages for all the glassworkers in the country for the coming month were settled.

The employers presented reports of sales during the month from all over the country. The total sales, however, and the number of workers gave the wage per month per man that was adopted. Meetings will be held every month to fix wages for the next month on the same basis.

The wages are at a figure 25 per cent lower than they were a year ago. The union employes, however, agreed to the reduction with the belief that lower prices to the consumer would increase the demand.

**DAMS AND LOCKS SAFE**

Goethals Says 108 Feet Will Be the Limit of Vessels' Beam.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, today resumed his testimony before the Senate Canal Commission. He stated the structure of the various dams and locks, giving it as his opinion that all of them, especially the big project at Gatun, were going to be absolutely safe and capable of use in passing the largest vessel in the world through the Canal.

Colonel Goethals said that he considered 108 feet a sufficient width for the canal locks. "If we made them much wider than that," he said, "it would practically call for a widening of all the drydocks of the world. We will be able to accommodate ships of 108 feet beam and locks, giving it as his opinion that ships will ever be greater than that."

A proposition to work both night and day on certain parts of the canal is under consideration by the commission, according to Colonel Goethals.

The hearings will be resumed on Wednesday next.

**SAILING MASTER IS CHOSEN**

Arrangements Going On for Putting Relief Into Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The officials of the Navy Department are gradually completing their arrangements to put the naval hospital ship Relief in commission at the Mare Island navy yard on February 1. Francis N. Lechin, of Nova Scotia, who has been in the Naval Service for many years, has been detailed as sailing master of the Relief and will report to Surgeon Charles E. Stokes, of the Naval Medical Department, who will have command of the ship. His duty on the Relief will be confined to navigation of the vessel under the orders of Surgeon Stokes.

The remaining officers, about eight in all, will be engaged in the East, but the crew of about 40 will be enlisted at San Francisco. The Navy Department today awarded to the Pennsylvania Railroad a contract for shipping 10 enlisted men of the Hospital Corps to San Francisco for duty on the Relief.

**DAILY CITY STATISTICS**

BIRTHS.

BEER—At 1804 Haven street, January 14, to the wife of Fred A. Beer, a daughter.

ALTEGOTT—At 697 Quimby street, January 7, to the wife of Jacob Altgott, a son.

HAMILTON—At Good Samaritan Hospital, to the wife of James F. Hamilton, a son.

GETTINGS—At Good Samaritan Hospital, January 16, to the wife of John M. Gettings, a daughter.

DEATHS.

POLTON—At 734 East Yamhill street, January 16, Edward Polton, a native of England, aged 74 years, 4 months and 15 days.

KOENIG—At St. Vincent's Hospital, to the wife of a native of California, aged 34 years, 11 months and 3 days.

BEER—At Fremont, January 16, William W. Rampach, a native of Minnesota, aged 42 years, 3 months and 1 day.

BAIRD—At 1721 North Twenty-third street, January 16, Isaac Milner Baird, a native of Ohio, aged 50 years, 8 months and 29 days.

BROOKE—At Astoria, January 16, Henry Brooke, a native of England, aged 52 years and 3 months.

Building Permits.

MRS. J. A. VERNESSE—To erect a two and one-half story frame dwelling, at 1500 Commercial and Johnson; \$35,000.

MRS. H. J. EWING—To erect a one-story frame dwelling, at Kerry and Humboldt; \$2000.

P. A. ENGLE—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on Hubbard street between Cason and Hunter; \$1200.

J. T. ENNIS—To erect a one-story frame dwelling at Gorrie and East Eighteenth; \$1500.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY—To erect a boiler-house of Williams River, on block north of Portsmouth avenue; \$2500.

W. PHILPOTT—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Twenty-eighth, between East Hoyt and East Irving; \$1000.

GOLDSMITH—To erect a two-story frame dwelling at 27 Marin; \$2000.

H. B. KERR—To erect a two-story frame dwelling on East Sixth, between Alberta and West; \$2000.

Marriage Licenses.

SHAVER-GEIGER—J. E. Shaver, city, 34; Margaret Geiger, city, 23.

MATHYS-STORVY—A. R. Mathys, city, 30; Mary Storv, 23.

BERNARDSEN—J. F. Stener, city, 32; Kate Benson, 12.

SLOAN-CUMMINGS—F. M. Sloan, city, 30; Mary Cummings, 12.

DAVIS-MONTAGUE—M. B. Davis, New York, 32; Mary L. Montague, 13.

WEDDING INVITATIONS.

Late marriages, please refer to 100 Alvin S. Hawk, 144 1/2 Co., Washington bldg., 4th and Wash.

**WHY PEOPLE READ PAPERS**

Data on Psychology of Journalistic Appeal Being Collected.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Professor Walter D. Scott, director of the Psychological Laboratory in Northwestern University, is collecting data on the psychology of journalistic appeal. To accomplish this end he has sent out hundreds of circulars asking, "What dailies do you read, and the reason for your choice?"

Other questions in the circular are about the different departments of the newspaper that appeal to each individual, the amount of time given to the reading of the paper daily, and the inducement to subscribe for one journal instead of others.

**"BURNS' ANNIVERSARY"**

Armory Hall, Friday, January 24.

Aspects of Clan Macleay. An address on "Character and Poetry of Burns," illustrated by illuminated views, will be delivered by Bishop Scadding, and an attractive programme of Scottish songs will be rendered by Mrs. Walter Reed, Miss Ethel M. Leslie, Miss Grace Campbell, Mr. Don Zan, Mr. J. Stewart Campbell and Mrs. Reed's Treble Clef Club. Highland piping and dancing. Admission, 50 cents.

Premier Clemenceau, of France, has been elected a member of the Societe des Genes de Lettres in commemoration of his literary, historical and dramatic writings.

**BLACK BOOK NOT ILLEGAL**

Demurrers to Conspiracy Indictments Against Lumbermen Upheld.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—Demurrers to indictments against 13 prominent lumbermen charging conspiracy to defraud were upheld in the Federal District Court here today by Judge William Lochran. The indictments were based upon the issuance and operation of the plan in the so-called "black book." It was designed to badge catalogue-house competitors and to pile upon them useless and costly correspondence. Judge Lochran heard counsel for but one of the indicted lumbermen and upheld the demurrers, which ends the prosecution.

**CHAIRMAN ISSUES CALL**

Idaho Republican Central Committee to Meet in Boise, February 10.

POCAHELLO, Idaho, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Chairman J. H. Brady, of the Republican state central committee, today called a meeting of that body for February 10 at the Idaho Hotel in Boise, to fix the time and place of holding a state convention to name delegates to the National Republican Convention at Chicago on June 18, and also to fix the time and place for the holding of a convention to promulgate a state platform and to name state officers.

Advanced Van-ville Failure.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Advanced vaudeville was withdrawn from the Auditorium theater tonight and on Monday a season of grand opera will be inaugurated by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company. Fourteen weeks ago Klaw & Erlanger opened the big playhouse with vaudeville and 26,000 persons attended the performances during that time.

**WANT LESS AIR SPACE.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Representatives of various steamship companies argued before the Immigration Commission today for a reduction of air space required under the new law which goes into effect a year hence.

Minister's Father Ill.

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