

On the Shores of Tennessee. "Move my armchair, faithful Pompey, In the sunshine, bright and strong, For this world is fading, Pompey--

Massa won't be with you long; And I fain would hear the south wind Bring once more the sound to me Of the wavelets softly breaking On the shores of Tennessee.

"Mournful though the ripples murmur "Mournful though the ripples murmur As they still the story tell, How no vessels float the banner That I've loved so long and well; I shall listen to their music, Dreaming that again I see Stars and Stripes on sloop and shallop Sailing up the Tennessee.

"And, Pompey, while old massa's waiting For Death's last dispatch to come.

If that exiled starry banner Should come proudly sailing home, You shall greet it, slave no longer; Voice and hand shall both be free

That shout and point to Union colors On the waves of Tennessee."

"Massa's berry kind to Pompey, But ole darkey's happy here. Where he's tended corn and cotton For dese many a long-gone year. Over yonder missis' sleeping— No one tends her grave like me; Mebbe she would miss the flowers She used to love in Tennessee.

"'Pears like she was watching massa; If Pompey should beside him stay Mebbe she'd remember better How for him she used to pray— Telling him that 'way up yonder White as show his soul would be Ransomed by the Lord of heaven, Out of life in Tennessee.

Silently the tears were rolling Down the poor old dusky face, As he stepped behind his master. In his long-accustomed place, Then a silence fell around them As they gazed on rock and tree, Pictured in the placid waters Of the rolling Tennessee.

Master dreaming of the battle. Where he fought by Marion's side, Where he bid the haughty Tarleton Stoop his lordly crest of pride; Man remembering how yon sleeper Once he held upon his knee, Ere she loved the gallant soldier, Ralph Vervain, of Tennessee.

Still the south wind fondly lingers 'Mid the veteran's silver hair; Still the bondman, close beside him, Stands behind the old armchair; With his dark-hued hand uplifted Shading eyes, he bends to see Where the woodland, boldly jutting Turns aside the Tenn

Thus he watches; cloud-born shadows Glide from tree to mountain crest; Softly creeping, are and ever, To the river's yielding breast. Hh! above the foliage yonder Something flutters wild and free! "Massa! Massa! Hallelujah!

The flag's come back to Tennessee!"

"Pompey, hold me on your shoulder, Help me stand on foot once more, That I may salute the colors As they pass my cabin door:

Here's the paper signed that frees you-Give a freeman's shout with me! 'God and Union!' be our watchword

Evermore in Tennessee!"

Then the trembling voice grew fainter And the limbs refused to stand; One prayer to Jesus-and the soldier Gilded to that better land. When the flag went down the river Man and master both were free. While the ring-dove's note was mingled With the ringling Tennessee With the rippling Tennessee, --Ethelinda E. Beers,

All the News in the Head.

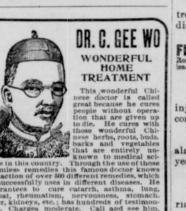




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believe." "Yes," sai Dr. Price, "making a total of \$112.

"I don't quie understand." "That bring it up to date, including today. My carge for office visits, you know, is \$2."

Play Both Ends.

In Guatema, the Indian population tries to doublets chances for the effi-cacy of praye by worshiping at a Christian altawith images of its hea-then deities hiden behind it.

Premortion Proved True.

A sensationa case of coincidence re-A sensitiona case of conducted to cently occurre at Newport. Mr. Charles Anstee the proprietor of the Potter's Arms otel, had a presentment that he would de on the anniversary of the death of als wife, who fell and fractured her shall a year ago. His friends tried tolaugh him out of it, but he was found dead in bed at 5 o'clock a few mernings ago—exactly a year after his vife's fatal accident.

Whereare the Pennies?

Somewhere in the world there are 119,000,000 by copper pennies, but nobody appear to know where they are.

Mothers will ha Mrs. Ninstow's Sooth-ing Syrup the bet remedy to use for their shildren during he teething period.

Not Able to Share It.

Hewett-The editor says it will be at least a year before he can publish That's a long time to wait. poem. Jewett-Yes: you might die. and then the whole disgrace would fall on your family. -New York Herald.

Acting the Part. "Since he narried that rich girl I understand Dabsley leads a dog's life." "I expected as much."

"Yes; he does nothing but eat, lie around the hoise and growl."-Philadelphia North American.

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"Because it is. A patent burglar alarm wuz the cause o' me gittin' five years at hard labor."

She Might.

"I wonder if she regrets her mar riage?" "Why should she?"

"Well, you know, they're both literary, and now her husband thinks himself entitled to every bright idea she has."

Regret.

Mamma-Why, Willie, you asked for willie—No'm, I ain't. You gave up so easy I'm jest kickin' myself 'cause I didn't ast you for more.



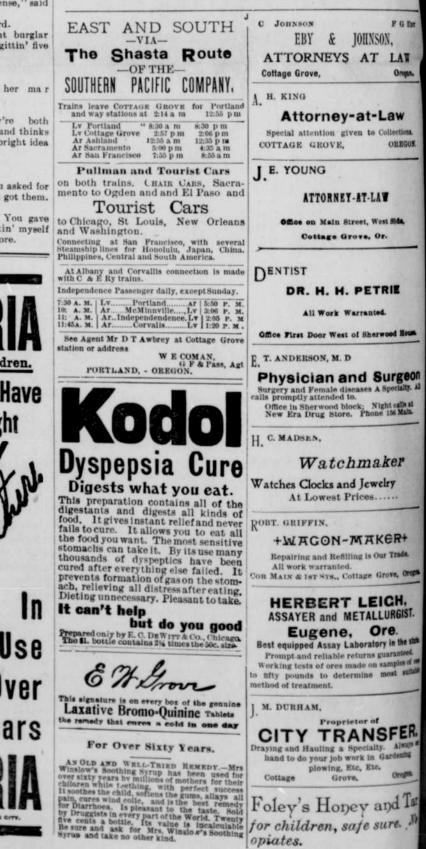


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furnished more funny things in the epitaph line than all the rest of the remarked ex-Congressman world." Lafe Pence of Colorado at the Riggs House.

"I remember one that adorned the cemetery at Leadville in the palmy days of that great mining camp. It seems that in the course of a barroom broil one Jim O'Brien, a wellknown character, had his existence terminated prematurely. He was a good fellow in the main and not without friends. One of the dead man's assoclates, in deep grief over his demise, erected a wooden slab over his grave on which he had written in large letters:

"'Jim O'Brien departed for heaven at 9:30 a. m.' "A local humorist happened along

soon afterward and appended the following:

"Heaven, 4:20 p. m., O'Brien not yet arrived. Intense excitement. Th worst is feared.' "-Washington Post. The

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