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WE MAY BE HAPPY YET.
Though darkness now is all around,
And threatening seems the sky,
Let not the shadow cross thy soul,
The clouds may all pass by.
The clouds may all pass by, my love,
Our sun in brightness set,
No life's calm destiny days,
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Miscellaneous.

Going Out West.
A writer gives these answers to some queries about going West:
The first question comes from Cambridgeport, Mass., and reads as follows:
"Which is the best time for going out West, the spring or autumn?"
The best time for going out West, is when you have got the most money about you, and the least fear of losing it. If you come in the spring, you are sure to shake yourself to death with the ague before fall. If you come in the fall, you may live till spring, if you don't freeze to death before you get there. If you come at all, you had better get your stomach lined with water-pump corn, so as to digest corn-bread, bacon and whiskey; for that is all you can get, except a few French hogs and billiard-looking tadpoles, which we catch when the river runs down.

What part of the West is the best.

A variety of opinions about that, my dear Douglass. One Senator, Mr. Douglas, says that Nebraska is best. So it is, if you want to go into the stock business, raising an unruly kind of mixed colored cattle, that will stray off to Canada in spite of the compromise of 1850 or 1856, or of Senator Douglas. If you want to speculate in paper, white scalps, and get your own scalp taken off, so as to get to Nebraska by all means. If you want to play poker for a living, live on corn bread and bacon week days and slippery elm bark on Sundays, come to Illinois. If you want to go where they have no Sundays, nor anything to eat, only that they brought from the East, go to Iowa; or if you want to grass on all fours, or do as other kind of cattle do, go to Salt Lake. If you want to go where they receive the mails annually, where they live on wild crabs, berries crumbled in water from the Mississippi river, where three wigwags make a city, and a paper of pins and a bar of Yankee soap a merchant, go to Minnesota.

How does a pre-emption hold good?

That depends on circumstances. If you have a good rifle, and know how to use it, you have a chance to win, to live till you start to die. But if you can't stand fire and are not a good shot and a quick one, take my word for it, you had better tarry in Jericho until your beard be grown; they are all too shy for you in these woods. If you are to go to the North part of Ohio for \$1 25 per acre, and it is good? That's all fudge, got up by speculators to gull some greenhorn like you or me, for, to the best of my knowledge and belief, Ohio was worn out ten years ago. The whole business of the railroads in warm weather is to carry back folks who have been West. All that the railroads have been doing this winter is carrying dirt out of Ohio into Michigan to raise a few beans and oats to keep the folks from starving to death next summer.

As to the land in the Northwest of Ohio.

It is 18 inches under water most of the year and will probably be worth \$1 25 per acre, when water snakes and copper heads bring as much per barrel in the New York market as potatoes are worth per bushel in Altoona. And lastly, he wants reliable information—a short article in your paper on the subject—and he wants to get a healthy location decent land fair water.

Exactly! Why, my dear sir, there is no such thing as reliable information out West.

Unless you give him five hundred dollars, and then you can't believe half he says. A witness won't tell the truth in court unless you first scare him to death, and make him swear he won't lie, and then he neither knows if nor nobody else knows whether he tells the truth or not. As for fair water, we have none; it is all a bilious compound of liquid mud, dead buffalo, fish and rotten rail-road snakes. Our common drink, when we can't get whiskey, is the other third tobacco juice mud and the other third tobacco juice mud and the other third tobacco juice mud. Up to the whole, if you have good water, and can get enough to eat, stay where you are.—Western paper.

Fanny Fern says if one-half the girls.

know the previous life of the men they marry, the list of old maids would be wonderfully increased. If the men knew, Fanny, what their future lives were to be, would it increase the list of old maids still further?

A Religious Epistle from Old Brown.

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LETTER TO HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
WRITTEN IN PRISON.
The Independent publishes the following letter written by Old Brown in prison to the Rev. H. L. Vail, of Lynchburg, who remembers him as having been under his instruction in 1817, at Morris Academy. The words in italics are underlined in the original.
CHARLESTON, VA., Nov. 15, 1859.
REV. H. L. VAIL:—My dear, steadfast friend:—Your most kind and most welcome letter of the 8th inst. reached me in due time.
I am very grateful for all the good feeling you express, and also for the kind counsel you give, together with your prayers in my behalf. Allow me here to say, notwithstanding "my soul is amongst lions," still I believe that "God in every deed is with me." You will not, therefore, feel surprised when I tell you that I am "joyful in my tribulations;" that I do not feel condemned of him who is just, nor of my own guilty conscience. Nor do I feel degraded by my imprisonment. My chains, or prospect of my gallows, are not only broken (though allusion with God's promise to "confess affliction with righteousness" in the "congregation," I trust it will not all be so), but the jailer (to whose charge I am) and the jail, and assistants, have all been made "not a whit less kind to me, he is as good as dead to me." So far as my observation goes, none but *braves* are likely to be *Assumes* to a fallen foe. "Courage prove their courage by their ferocity." It may be done in that way with but little risk.
I wish I could write you about a few early of the interesting times I here experienced with different classes of men, *clergymen* among others. Christ, the great captain of *liberty* as well as of salvation, and who began his mission, as foretold of him, by proclaiming it, saw fit to take me on a sword of steel after I had carried it for a time; but so has put another in my hand ("the sword of the Spirit"), and I pray God to make me a faithful soldier, wherever he may send me on a life or on the scaffold than when surrounded by my warmest sympathizers.
My dear old friend, I do assure you I have not forgotten your last message, nor our retrospective look over the route by which God had then led me; and I bless His name that He has again enabled me to hear your words of cheering and comfort at a time when I, at least, am on the "brink of Jordan" (see *Bunyan's Pilgrim*). God, in infinite mercy, grant us soon another meeting on the opposite shore. I have often passed under the roof of Him whom I call my Father; and, certainly, no son ever needed it; and yet I have enjoyed much of life, as I was enabled to discover the secret of this somewhat early. It has been in making the property and happiness of others my own; so that, really I have had a great deal of prosperity. I am very prosperous still, and looking forward to a time when "peace on earth and good will to men" shall prevail on earth. I have no murmuring thoughts or envious feelings to fret my mind. "I'll praise my Maker with my breath."
I am an unworthy nephew of Deacon John, and I loved him much; and in view of the many choice friends I have had here I am led the more earnestly to pray, "gather now my soul with the righteous."
Your assurances of the earnest sympathy of the friends in my native land is very grateful to my feelings, and allow me to say a word of comfort to them—
As I believe most firmly that God reigns, I cannot believe that anything I have done, suffered, or may yet suffer, will be lost to the cause of God or of humanity. And before I began my work at Harper's Ferry, I felt assured that, in the worst event, it would certainly pay. I often expressed that belief, and I can now see no possible cause to alter my mind. I am not as yet in the main at all disappointed. I have been a good deal disappointed as it regards myself in not keeping up to my own plans; but now I feel entirely reconciled to that extent; for God's plan was infinitely better, no doubt, or I should have kept my own. Had Sampson kept his determination of not telling Delilah wherein his great strength lay, he would probably have never overturned the house. I did not tell Delilah, but I was induced to act very contrary to my better judgment; and I have lost my two little boys, and other friends, if not my two eyes.
But "God's will, not mine, be done." I feel a comfortable hope that, like that erring servant of whom I have just been writing, even I may yet die in faith. As to the time and manner of my death, I have but very little trouble on that score; and am able to be (as you exhort) of "good cheer."
I send through you my best wishes to Mrs. W. and her son George, and to all dear friends. May the God of the poor and oppressed be the God and Saviour of you all. Farewell. All we meet again.
Your friend in truth,
JOHN BROWN.

Two Characters.

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Some men when their sky is clear
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue,
And some with thankful hearts are filled,
If but one streak of light
Over any of their great mercy gulf
The darkness of their night.
In palace are hearts that ask,
In discontent and rage,
Why life is such a weary task,
And all good things that pass,
And hearts in forest huts admire
How low has been their end
(Love that has not been seen to rise)
Such rich provision made.

Virginia Central R. R.

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We find on our table the annual report of the Virginia Central Railroad Company, dated October 26th, 1859, from which we compile as follows:
REVENUE AND EXPENSES.
The gross receipts last year, \$652,405.00
The gross receipts this year, 687,638.07
Increase, 35,233.07
Expenses of administration last year, 290,050.98
Expenses of administration this year, 269,708.01
Decrease, 20,342.97

Increased Revenue and Diminished Expenses.

The increased revenue and diminished expenses make a practical improvement equal to \$85,714.95.
The expenses of administration, as shown by the Superintendent's report, deducted from gross receipts, leave the net balance of \$382,696.99, which is more than seven per cent on the sum of \$5,382,910.53, which is the whole cost of the road, including equipments up to the present, according to the Treasurer's report.
The length of the road is 178 miles (exclusive of the Blue Ridge Road and tunnel of 17 miles, which is a State work), and the cost per mile, including equipment, is \$30,118.71; the gross receipts per mile of 190 miles of road are \$3,340.81; the net receipts per mile are \$1,957.20, or 58.7-10 per cent, showing the current expenses to have consumed 41.3-10 per cent. The report in detail the items which make the amount charged for annual expenses, some of which are not common to the operations of the road, but might be set down as extraordinary, and leaving as net revenue \$382,696.99.
Out of the net revenue, after paying interest, two semi-annual dividends have been paid in cash—the first of two per cent, on the 10th of April, and the second of 1-1/2 per cent, on the 15th September.
The net earnings of \$382,696.99 have been expended as follows:

Dividends to the Common Stockholders.

Dividends to the Common Stockholders, \$382,696.99
Dividends to the City of Richmond, 18,600.00
Dividends to the Co. of Greenbrier, 2,250.00
Dividends to the Co. of Monongahalia, 2,250.00
Dividends to the Co. of Augusta, 900.00
Dividends to the individual stockholders, 35,920.00
Paid in the redemption of different classes of debt, viz:
On the funded debt, 22,500.00
On bonds issued in past years for dividends, 8,250.00
On floating debt, 84,057.92
\$116,557.92

Balance has been disposed of for tolls.

The balance has been disposed of for tolls due the State on the Blue Ridge Road, and work on the Blue Ridge Tunnel, &c., for the items of which we refer to the Treasurer's detailed report, 24,380.80
\$382,696.99
By the report of last year was, \$1,644,609.50
Diminished as above, 116,557.92
Leaving a debit present of 116,557.92

Which consists of a Funded Debt.

Which consists of a Funded Debt, secured by a mortgage due in 1872, 1880, and 1881, 1,247,000.00
To meet which a Sinking Fund is commenced, Bonds issued for dividends payable in 1865, 1866 and 1875, 288,346.00
Floating Debt consisting of moneys deposited with the Treasurer, and other small liabilities, 232,810.01
Less
Debt due the Company, consisting of Bonds of the State of Va., 61,300.00
Bills receivable, 19,252.94
Open accounts, 99,522.17
Cash on hand, 18,149.32
189,234.43
43,695.58
\$1,528,951.58

Of which there has been paid by the Board of Public Works.

Of which there has been paid by the Board of Public Works on account of State subscription, 1,268,406.00
Paid by subscribers other than the State, 1,258,952.00
\$3,132,458.00
The road and rolling stock are represented to be in good condition, and the affairs of the company generally as most prosperous.

Distance from the present terminus.

Distance from the present terminus to the Blue Ridge Road, about nine miles; and if to construct which the capital of one of the companies is increased from \$5,125,000, which is the present amount to \$3,400,000, the maximum by the charter and the present debt of the company is increased by \$1,725,000 from the State, or otherwise to \$2,000,000.

Harper's Ferry.

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The "Daily Times," published at Bath, Maine (a Black Republican State) presents the following correct views in reference to the abolition attack on Virginia.
We also find that the Harper's Ferry affair has developed a fact creditable to the Virginia character. We have but a word to say on this point. In how many parts of our country would Judge Lynch have perpetrated in the case of Brown and his associates, had he the regular judicial process could have been made available? We doubt if in our own State the burning indignation and revenge of our people could have been stayed, when vengeance was being called for by so many silent, cold, yet plauding tongues of our neighbors and friends, laid down in death by the brutality of the invader of their rights. Every eye would have been turned to the Harper's Ferry case, and yet the Virginia people would have been the only people to be despised, and yet the only people to be despised, and yet the only people to be despised.

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W. H. HARPER, of England, is our...

TO ADVERTISERS.—The Indicator has a...

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.—From...

Then, Now, and What!

The observance of national and State...

The "Blackwood Enquirer" of Wednesday...

To the Governor of Virginia:

Sir—Perceiving that a pamphlet published...

H. G. Otis, Mayor of the City of Boston.

And from a letter written by him to the...

These patriotic extracts, which are...

Meeting of Citizens.—Since our long...

There are two facts which appear on...

In view of these Northern freaks of...

These are practical questions and demand...

The coming session of Congress, and the...

The only difference is that the insignificance...

Statement of History.—About eighty...

The following are the officers, elected and...

A Minister's Panegyric.—Rev. Geo. W....

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees...

At a large meeting of the people of...

The following gentlemen compose the...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT. The Clerk of the Circuit Court...

WHOLESALE PRICES. Reported by Taylor & Dye. Flour, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Fresh Roll, Potatoes, Apples, Marshmallows, Ground Alum, Planks.

MARRIED. On the 7th ult., by the Rev. J. M. Schrock...

DIED. On the 28th ult., Andrew Young, Sen., in the 71st year of his age.

SPECIAL NOTICES. Another Remarkable Cure of Dyspepsia. Boston, July 3, 1859.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONVENTIONS. Washington, Nov. 27, 1859. Preparations of each a character...

Mr. Davis has just returned from New York, where it is said he has been in conference with Governor Webb and others...

It is understood that Mr. Prouton will contest the seat of Mr. Harris, the other Baltimore member of Congress.

It is said that Mr. Ten Eyck's right to a seat in the Senate as Senator from New Jersey will be contested...

Guard against Fall & Winter Fires! OROICO INSURANCE. THE

SALES OF LAND

COMMISSIONER'S SALE. OF REAL ESTATE. IN THE COUNTY OF BASS.

Commissioner's Sale. In pursuance of two decrees of the Circuit Court of Augusta County...

Land for Sale. OFFER for sale my farm, in the County of Frederick, containing 100 acres...

PUBLIC SALE. I WILL sell on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1859...

500 Acres of Mossy Creek Land. I PROPOSE to sell this land on ten years' time. It lies on Mossy Creek, in Augusta County...

"JAPAN." A NEW DISCOVERY. The Japan Palm Root Cordial. For Consumption.

S. H. HILL'S Clothing Room. THE subscriber thanks for past favors so liberally extended...

EVERY one who wants good Fresh Oysters! THE shell or pickled, bottled on Mr. Vail at J. B. Scherer's...

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MISCELLANEOUS

6th Annual Announcement of the COBMOPIITAN ART ASSOCIATION.

Shapshar and his Friends. A character for giving unqualified pleasure and satisfaction...

Confederacy Establishment!! CHOICE VARIETIES FOR THE STAND.

MAGNUS S. CEASE. WOULD respectfully call the attention of his large stock of goods...

BOOTS AND SHOES. WE have commenced receiving our fall supply of boots and shoes...

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THE NEW YORK BAZAAR. Fresh Goods, and Fancy Goods.

FASHIONABLE STOCK OF FANCY DRY GOODS. SUCH AS AMERICAN ENGLISH AND PLAIN, STRIPED, AND MERINOS, PARAMATTOS, DE BÈGES, DELAINES, CLOAKS, MANTILLAS, AND EMBROIDERIES...

TAKE NOTICE! ARRIVAL OF NEW FALL AND WINTER READY-MADE CLOTHING.

GREAT EXCITEMENT Clothing House of J. Pollitz, (BRANDEBURG'S OLD STAND).

IRISH LIZAS. Damasks, Diapers, &c. CONSUMERS of RICHARDSON'S LINENS...

S. H. HILL'S. HAS after one month's absence, returned from the North with a large and handsome stock of DRY GOODS...

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ROANE & ALBY. UNDER NORTH-WEST END OF VIRGINIA HOTEL...

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GEORGIA STATE LOTTERY. For the benefit of the MOUNTAIN UNION ACADEMY...

APPROXIMATING PRIZES. 4 Prizes of \$1000 each, 10 Prizes of \$500 each, 20 Prizes of \$250 each...

TO THE FARMERS OF AUGUSTA. FISHING is a favorite recreation...

THE NEW YORK & PROSENE OIL CO. (INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND). A REDUCED PRICE.

ANNOUNCEMENT. THE attention of consumers is respectfully called to the fact that the quality of the kerosene...

THE SIGN, DR. KANE'S ARCTIC EXPLORATION. At last, certainty about Franklin.

BOOK BINDERY. Opposite Baptist Church.

PATENT CLOTHING MADE NEW. F. W. & D. DAVIS.

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