Sayings of Elijah P. Brown

The soul who abandons himself to God will never be abandoned by God.

Absence and death both soften and sanctify the characters of those we love.

If you do not—between get in to you here, you will never get into it hereafter.

The man who has no joy in his religion has a big leak in his faith somewhere.

Some souls make more noise standing still than others do when running. Just like some people.

Grumblers are generally much grumbled at and fault finders have much fault found with them.

Jennie Lind gave up all she had learned of music in three years, and began over again, because her start was wrong. Nothing pays like being right.

A girl who belonged to church died in a hall room, and the devil claimed her soul because she died on his ground. Better be careful where you go.

It is never too late to begin to do well, if you stick to it. The mayor of Ilonoake, Va., studied law and made a success of his practice after he was fifty.

A candle on a lamppost table will make a wonderful electric light. It looked circumvented, but kept right on shining the best it could. Something now to think about.

When the horse is pulling the plow he knows nothing whatever about the nature or use of his work, and it is not necessary that he should. He wears a collar, just as blind, but he is not patient.

How short the moments roll by that are waiting for God to do something, without delay, the moment that the soul is heart today. But tomorrow, Lord Providence, the procrastinating heart may bring better thoughts.

Neither is our devil can do more than a certain distance for us. He knows his own office right. We must do our work ourselves by our own strength and then, any other single influence at your command.—[Shelby Record.

George Mandonald says that every day waiting for God is a "door opening outward out of self, out of worldliness, out of sinfulness." We should constantly to surmount means reach out to a practical and better life.

Harmony is heavenly, discord is devilish. No man is true unless he is careful to the symphony of tones and tunes the Lord has set up in accord with the rhythm of God and Nature. To be false here is to be infidel maker.

We are sound in this life by our faith. Faith is to be perfected in the next life our works which have inspired by that faith are to be tried and blessed men according to their works. He who has no faith in his soul has no soul.

Wellington used to say that success depended on the ability to improvise and improvise on be-hand, after the battle. There are people who are imaginative enough to be behind the battle when it is over.

The Israelites others were sent to Egypt to be a Lawrence, there to the Lawrence mutiny. "Did you ever hear of up to the Lawrence? Well, I was down to earth, and then stroked his beard, he was so long." We all need to be long up more. [The Ram's Horn.

Julian Stafford's Suicide

A very gay last Thanksgiving for Julian C. Stafford and Miss Ella Bloss, of Gallatin, daughter of Judge J. W. Bloss, of Moreland were married. The girl's father strenuously opposed the match and only consented to marriage at the elopement. The bride has relatives in this county, her mother, Mrs. Bloss, having been Miss Wade, sister of John T. Wade and Clay Wade, Mrs. J. Chapman and Mrs. G. W. Moss, head of this county.

Young Julian Stafford was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., charged with forgery. After being locked up he committed suicide by taking carbolic acid, leaving a letter to the police committing his guilt, and saying his wife was innocent, nothing what he had done the forgery. He also left a letter to his wife, declaring his love for her and saying he was willing to die to save her the disgrace of having a convict husband.

His remains were interred at Memphis and the young widow returned home with her father. —[Cordiana Log Cabin.

Do It Now

I wonder how many through this world go, Who can tell one of job's patience? Who can say that they have not a time to say kindness that I can slow to any fellow creature let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—Church Courtesy.

Home Circle

Hard hands, strong arms, and sunburned faces are honorable. Take "Excelsior" for your motto, and if you are patient, in a few years you can surely write under it that other good word "Eureka."

Youth and age have too little sympathy with each other. If the young would remember that they may be old, and the old remember that they have been young, the world would be happier.

Did you ever realize that nothing on earth can smile but a human being? Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash? A face that can smile is like a fond child that cannot blossom, and dies upon the stalk.

How sad is he who can never go back to his childhood without a shudder. He who can never recall a period when his life was filled with sweet and simple satisfaction, when a kind and loving mother read aloud to the family the Home Circle department from the columns of this paper.

How few, comparatively, of the young people of the present day appreciate as they should the inestimable privileges they enjoy. Surrounded as are the young in all cities and most towns, with all the opportunities necessary for the cultivation of a literary taste, not one in a thousand appears to improve these golden chances. Occasionally it is true we meet with a young man or woman who firmly grasps the idea that "knowledge is power," but these, unfortunately, are the exceptions, not the rule.

We doubt if one instance in a thousand can be found of a young man's starting a shipyard of hopes and character who was accustomed to spend his evenings at home reading books; and we say to any parent that a well-stocked library, and an abundant supply of newspapers and magazines, with the habit of reading on the part of your boy, is worth more to keep him out of mischief, and to make a man of him, than any other single influence at your command.—[Shelby Record.

Some men are figures and some are ciphers and the latter are infinitely more numerous than the former. The former owe their promotion above the latter to their affirmative disposition, and the latter owe their prolonged degradation beneath the former to their negative habits. The human figures are all optimists, and the ciphers are pessimists; for as the Bible would say, believers and unbelievers. The affirmative spirit is active, creative and constructive, and the negative spirit is passive, non-creative and destructive. The one is progressive and the other retrogressive. The one eventually ascends to the highest heaven of glorious possibility, and the other equally descends to the lowest hell of helpless impotency. The one characteristic that constitute the former are divine and glorious, and all that enter into the construction of the latter are devilish and groveling. The one blesses its possessor and the world, and the other tends equally to blast both. Which will we have?—[The Ram's Horn.

The Home Merchant.

A portion of our people seem disinclined to patronize the home merchant except when they can't help it. They will ask a grocer to deliver a cake of yeast to their back door. But when it comes to ordering a winter's supply of canned goods, they write to some distant department store.

It should be needless to say, that if every one did thus, we should have stores to rent, fewer opportunities for people to earn a living at home.

On the contrary, if we all bought everything possible at home, our stores could keep even better stocks. It is a great convenience to be able to make selections from a good line of goods at home. This becomes possible where everyone loyally supports the home merchants.

Under such circumstances existing stores could do a larger business, employ more people, and new concerns would start. Every person owning real estate or a business here would see it grow more valuable.

Even the man with nothing would gain. There would be more property to tax, hence more public improvements. With more money in circulation our churches, societies, churches, and clubs could serve the community more efficiently.[Shelby Record.

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Necessary Chaggs.

Rev. Mr. Holmes—"Mistah Johnsing what fish you call dat son of yoh's Isaak Walton, when he was baptized George Washington?" Mr. Johnson—"Deesense, sah, dat rascal's reputashun for veracity made dat change imperative."—Christian Register.

Want A Palm?

EDITOR OF MERCURY AND READERS:—

That it does not require brains to say one has something to give away. That is my excuse for this letter. Most every one has a hobby; I have, and have it bad too. It is for plants and flowers, and I am thinking of our beautiful palmetto palms, natives of Florida, and how much friends back in the North would like to have them, then I thought again (they say second thoughts are best) suppose I offer them the seed. They are ripe now, and so the Editor allowing space, I will say, anyone wanting the seed of our low growing Florida Palms may have them by sending a stamp for postage. Is that fair? Grow them and later write me how you like them. I would mail you a leaf also, but they are too large—hoze, broad, deepcut, fan-shaped leaves—they are so pretty.

How would you like to grow a real Camphor bush, yes, the same as they use in the manufacture of the camphor gum, and while there is little danger of your adding to the supply, yet, you may have the satisfaction of proving a novel pot plant. I will send anyone either or both kinds who send a plain address and the postage and later advise me how you succeeded with them. Not that I am in any seed business or ever expect to be, but would like to know what luck you have. More anon.

ALICE WARNER,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Jackson Will Invite Kentucky Press

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial Club, which was held Monday night, it was decided to extend to the Kentucky Press Association an unpaidled invitation to hold their summer meeting in Jackson next summer. Every member present appeared very enthusiastic over the chances of securing this great meeting of Kentucky boosters and say that they will show the Kentucky pennmen the time of their lives.—Jackson Times.

Has Lost Seventy-Three Horses

Mr. I. C. James, a well-known liveryman, of Harrodsburg, Ky., lost a valuable horse by death, Tuesday, that he valued at $200, and on Wednesday he lost another valuable animal, the last one in his stable. Mr. James has lost by death seventy-three horses since he has been in the livery business.

Nile and Lake Once Connected.

Geologists are not confined to the twentieth of Sesia in ascertaining the changes that have taken place on the earth's surface; sometimes living animals are equally good as evidence. In the center of the vast and almost unexplored part of Africa south of the Sahara lies Lake Chad, which just now is the goal of scientific activity and peditions. In several parts of this lake there have been found specimens of the fresh water shrimp of a variety found nowhere except in the Nile. Seed may be carried by birds for long distances, but the eggs of this shrimp are too fragile for this. The conclusion is that there must at some time, and not too far away as geologists reckon, have been a junction between Lake Chad and the Nile or at least that the two must have been close enough so that in time of flood the waters mingled. Now they are separate by many hundreds of miles of desert. This has been imperfectly explored, but it is known that for a thousand miles or more to the east of the lake there extends a series of depressions that might easily be the bed of an ancient arm of the lake. This region is almost flat, and the lake even now has a habit of shrinking for miles from its banks during the dry season. Possibly engineers of the future may reopen the old course.

A Real Delicacy.

A New York clubman who prides himself on his knowledge of things epicurean was much interested in a dish he discovered in the menu laid before him on the occasion of his visit to a town of the middle west. The item was "green blackbird."

"Waiter," demanded the New Yorker, "what sort of blackbird are green blackbirds?"

"Fresh, sir," quickly responded the waiter. "Right from the water."

"How dare you impose upon me?" continued the clubman. "You know well enough that blackbird are not to be at this season."

Whereupon the waiter picked up the menu and gave it a careful scrutiny, as if by that action he would solve the mystery. Then, with an air of one suddenly enlightened, he added:

"Oh, that, sir? That's hoiboune blackbird."—[Lippincott's.

Logical Progress.

"The new show west like a breeze."

"I was told the backer had to send a lot of drafts."

Too Plebeian.

Roman carters is now touted as a cure for cholera. One will notice that the doctors were proud to discover corned beef and cabbage, or something within the reach of all.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Or the Treasure.

A thorn in the bush is worth two in the sofa cushion.—Judge.

Slow Stephan

They all laughed at Stephan with the whipped expression of fools and the burden of their laughter was that he was a coward. He even was afraid of resenting their fun at his expense. Like most big persons, Stephan moved ponderously and his speech was heavy and slow. Sometimes in his solid blue eyes seemed to question, but that was all the notice he took of the others' taunts.

The reason that he had so little time to devote to worrying over his country-men's opinion of him was that Stephan's mind was taken up with Rosa to the exclusion of all else. He had fallen in love mercilly with her part little smiling face and charming ways. Rosa darted across the line of Stephan's vision and left him gaping. Apparently nothing Stephan could do could be gauged to reality—that was when Rosa turned the batteries of her quick wit upon him and left his mind wrinkled because of his inability to reply to one speech before she attacked him again. She laughed at him along with the others, yet she did not seem displeased at his discomfiture.

Stephan was good looking although his dull and sober expression made him look stupid, and allowed himself to be allowed to be the butt of the others' more nimbleness if less worldly. Rosa was always surrounded by admirers and Stephan lurked dumbly in the background, patiently waiting for a golden hit his direction. Rosa's gaudiness was his war at times.

Stella, who was Rosa's most intimate friend, leered Rosa for being so "mean to poor old Stephan."

"Why do you waste time on the plain?" demanded Stella. "He is so big—and so slow! He never dances or anything! He just sits and looks at you."

"Maybe there is," Rosa answered with a toss of her head.

Stella shrugged her shoulders. "I think you are silly to say, anyway," she said. "Some one like Joel—"

Rosa smoothed her apron and frowned. Joel was very attentive to her. He had sparkling eyes and a little mustache, which he kept curled and shaving, dimpled, and he made pretty speeches on the spur of the moment. Rosa was very fond of Joel herself. Rosa flirted with Joel and led him on, but they two merely grinned coquetry, and she strongly "didn't want to hear of him." Joel had wearied her.

Stella, watching Rosa, noted her expression, and guessed the truth. Joel catch some one grander than Joel—but he was not Stephan.

Rosa turned on her. "Oh, Joel—he is so—so—" "Why don't you let my boy pursuit? Do what you do Joel? Why don't you if I said him to make you cry?"

Stella, tired, retreated, sorrier of Rosa and regretful of Joel. Rosa, as she had said, was "mean to poor Stephan" and pitched him before Stella—jeering at him the while—and then jeering at her poor ready, peaceful Joel, who had never quarreled in his life. Rosa even thought she had mistreated him. Stella felt certain—perhaps she was right—that Joel was happy when not with Rosa.

Before she knew how it happened she found herself defending Stephan to Joel. All the other girls seized her idea and joined in the chorus for the wedding bore her up. Rosa assented heartily that Joel was "nice." This usually was after she had taught Stephan, who was dull, to be good-natured as well, looking dumb devotion at her.

Stephan had a very busy time these days. The nights were spent in hard work. Once when Joel spoke slightly of him Rosa had started to cry furiously, but he had kissed and wiped her tears. She knew Joel would not tell her her mistake. She had given to feel that he did care deeply for Stephan.

Stephan had consented to the wedding, which was at the church at an early hour, so he was told Stella. "He'd be late to his own wedding!" she laughed. "Or—or—he'd get at another's!"

Rosa gave a little shriek of indignation. At first there was only restlessness in the crowd when Stephan was waiting, but when the minutes ticked by and no Stephan appeared there was a little murmuring. Rosa was pale and Joel had put his arm about her.

Stephan arrived in their born trying to calm the excited Rosa, who was in her wedding dress. It was an hour and a half after the time set for the wedding. He looked at Rosa, opened his mouth as if to speak and then shuffled. Then suddenly he put out his hand and Rosa took it.

Reaching the Rest.

"Jackie, dearie, you've had enough to eat, and it's time for the rest of the things. We supposed we were spending our honeymoon, but we are sleeping then, but were not expecting to be disturbed. The reporters office were making up the slates and were expecting to be ready, then. I wish we have a room in the detention room, but we had no adequate. What shall we do? Why, merely giving back the money we paid for the room, and you that supposed that I had not thought of everything!"

IN WILSON, PEOPLE SEE TRUE FRIEND

Voters of Both Parties Sure Best Interests of Country Will Be Served by His Election.

CONFIDENCE IN TAFT LOST

Renomination of Present Chief Executive Will Mean That Progressive Republicans Will Turn to New Jersey Statesman.

BY HON. FRANK G. CANNON,
Former United States Senator from Utah.

I have traveled in ten states since leaving Colorado a month ago. The states I have traversed are Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and even Missouri—in the Republican and Democratic states. The Progressive Democrats want the Republican party to nominate Robert La Follette for the presidency; so that the Democratic party shall lose—the People will win.

And Progressive Republicans want the Democratic party to nominate Woodrow Wilson; so that—if the Republican party loses—the People will win.

Progressives reserve that the Progressive Hosts has at last learned wisdom from that sly old fox Reynard. Reynard, whose favorite plan has been to select both candidates, selection both candidates, selection both candidates and then let the People, in daily output, select a neutral battle.

Progressives fear that the Progressive Republicans cannot control their convention.

Republicans Playing Politics.

The office-holding machine is powerful, and Republican Progressives are distrustful, and consequently they are hesitating, and thus playing into the hands of the Democrats. Wilson and White Hughes and Their Senatorial allies are playing almost relentlessly. Frankly, I do not believe in this talk of a fatal breach between President Taft and Big Business. On both sides it looks like a calculated effort, a malodorous plaster for political excitement. Instead of such an affectation of battle is too obvious. Despite his smooth talk, the President had no faith that President Taft will do other than the Republican Progressive government to the custody of the people. A play was needed. It is being played.

But there remains Wilson, whose conduct and speech are realistic convention and are to be overcome by no conceit or pretense. Under conditions as exist, they have simply disappointed the Progressive Republicans—so great are the hopes of the Progressive Republicans—and it is the Progressive Republicans who are in control of the situation.

If Taft should be renominated, Wilson would be elected. Wilson is a Democrat, elected on issues to Wilson—Democrat—and Wilson is a Democrat, elected to whom they want—Democrat. They will have Wilson in order to vote for any Democratic ticket, if nominated. They will not desert their own party to endorse any Republican Progressive, or Bull Moose. They want to preserve their self-respect and at the same time perpetuate a Democrat.

Wilson's Faith in Publicity.

At that time, and place, says a Trenton, N. J., dispatch, Wilson, and he complained opening our government's affairs to the light. Thus at Minneapolis:

"Every question in regard to every law I have passed was thrust upon me, which, it looks as if we had certain laws, are employed in defiance of a party. Now, I am not a party man, I am a man who believes that the time has begun to at least, that constitutions are changed before that constitutions are changed. Constitutions are changed when laws are passed. If everybody knew what we are doing, I do not fear that we was taking risks or the Atlantic ships would be sunk. I believe in open dealing on the open waters and in open dealing in the open. But, unfortunately, the whole business of government is carried on in secret. We were alone, and, that is in highway of publicity. They will have to have your laws and your business in open. Publicity is the best remedy for corrupt conduct. Sunlight is the best disinfectant. Let me tell you if your business cannot stand the light of publicity, it ought not to be done. Let us open our ways to the public, and if you won't submit yourself, and if you not, out with it."

Land Without Trees.

Thorshavens, the capital city of the Faroe Islands, is said to be absolutely treeless. The claim is made that for some reason, perhaps soil condition, trees absolutely refuse to grow there.

Live in the Present.

It is common to overlook what is here, by keeping the eye fixed on something remote in the same manner, present opportunities are neglected, and attainable good slighted by minds busied in extensive ranges, and latent upon future advantages.

Bees Bliles Up Church Services.

An unique sermon was broke up the service in the German Lutheran church at Chicago the other Sunday. A swarm of honey bees invaded the building and scattered the pastor and congregation, and services had to be held on the lawn in front of the church.

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Confederate Soldiers Pension

The following is taken from the Louisville Courier-Journal of last Monday and contains matter that is of interest to many of our readers:

Confederate Homes

"The House Committee on Confederate Home held a meeting tonight and decided to report favorably a substitute for pending measures providing pensions for Confederate soldiers. The substitute was drawn by Representative Thomas, of Pike County, and is said to conform to the ideas of prominent men who want to see the needy men who fought, for the South treated generously. Section 9 of the substitute provides that "It is any time the board of directors of the Confederate Home, is satisfied that the best interest of the public will be served by said home, or who may hereafter be in such inmate thereof, shall be best subserved by his remaining at his own home, it shall be in some friend who indicates to the board in writing a willingness to care for him, the board may grant said inmate a furlough, subject to such rules as said board, and the return of said furloughed inmate to the home."

"It is further provided that the board of directors adopt such rules as may be necessary for the furloughing of inmates, the oversight and general management of all furloughed inmates, the discharge of such as appearing satisfactory to cause the furloughed inmate to return to the home or suspension of payment of the allowance herein provided for.

"The board of directors may, if it so determines, grant a furlough without requiring the applicant to come to the home, but not until all the requirements now provided by the rules of the Home have been complied with.

"No person shall be entitled to furlough under this act who is able to earn a support by manual labor, or by any business, or trade or craft, or who receives a pension from the United States, or any State or foreign government or who remains from this State or is absent longer than a period of one year or who possesses a net income in excess of the amount of $150 or has property to the value of $1,000 or is living with his wife who possesses property or income sufficient for the support of herself and family, including her husband, or who support invalidly provided for and secured by reason of a contract or agreement for valuable consideration, with a person able to provide such support, or by reason of contract partial ability to earn a support and income or property, or any of the other conditions, is able to obtain an income equivalent to $150 a year or who is addicted to excessive liquor or drug habit."

"The Board of Directors of the Home shall have power to adopt rules and regulations for investigating all matters relating to applicants for admission, but more especially in regard to applying for furloughs, and it shall be their duty to keep a record of all furloughed inmates and make detailed reports to the Governor once each year; it shall be also the duty of the State Inspector and Examiner to visit the home and examine its financial affairs as he does other State institutions and report to the Governor as in other matters.

Widows of Soldiers

"It shall be the duty of the board to pay to the widows of soldiers who volunteered and served in Kentucky regiments in the Confederate army who have arrived at the age of 50 the sum of $120 a year in equal quarterly payments, and in same manner as is provided for paying to ex-Confederate soldiers in section 5 of this act, and the State Auditor and Treasurer are authorized and directed to honor such warrants as the Board of Directors may draw for same, but not until said widows submit such proof as to their husbands war record and complied with all the requirements set forth in Section 7 of this act as to admission to the home of male applicants, except as to domicile.

"The Board of Directors is authorized and empowered to employ a clerk or bookkeeper, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all matters connected with furloughed inmates and widows who are beneficiaries under this act, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of $1,200 per annum to pay said secretary or bookkeeper, and the Auditor of Public Accounts shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for same in equal monthly payments to the Board of Directors, and the superintendent of said Home shall be secretary.

"Whereas those to be benefited by this act are dissolving rapidly to the close of their earthly warfare and many worthy of the benefits contemplated by this act are in need of immediate relief, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from and after its passage."

Thomas' Statement

SUPPORTS KELLER CONFEDERATE PENSION BILL IN LEGISLATURE

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative R. Y. Thomas, Jr., issued a statement this afternoon in support of the proposed Keller Confederate pension bill in the Kentucky Legislature and dealing generally with the pension question as follows:

"I see that Green Keller will introduce a bill in the Kentucky Legislature providing for a pension of $12.50 a month to be paid to Confederate soldiers. I believe that every honest gentleman or true friend than Green Keller, and I hope his bill will pass and be a law presenting vote.

"The State of Kentucky ought to pension the old Confederate soldiers. The Federal Government pensions the old Federal soldiers, and ought to. I voted for the pension bill the present Congress, and have no apology to make to any Kentucky boy for that vote. If it was to do over again, I would cast the same vote, and I hope that I may be given a vote for the Federal Government to pension Confederate soldiers.

"The war is over long years ago, and I believe that everybody is glad of it, and that we unite this country in sentiment and feeling as we do in fact. I hope to live to see the day come when the statutes of Lincoln and Davis and Grant and Lee will stand side by side in Statuary Hall in the national Capitol, silent and eloquent reminders of the fact that the war is over and we are truly a reunited people in feeling and pride as well as law.

"I think the most representative act of pain the many mistakes of Gov. Willson was the veto of the Confederate pension bill passed by the last Legislature. The veto did not get the support of the Federal soldiers who bore the brunt of battle. They are willing that the men who bravely fought against them should be pensioned by the State."

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Grade VIII.—Ruby Buchanan, 94; Shaffie Shannon, 94; Olin Blake, 93.

Grade VI.—Omer Roberts, 91.

Grade V.—Pearl Vaughn, 94; Mary Curry, 94; Robe Roberts, 91.

Grade IV.—Ethel Gray, 96; Bill Jones, 96; Stella McLean, 94; Addie Gray, 93; Ira Shannon, 92; Inez Vaughn, 92; Ed Roberts, 91; Leona Hamilton, 90; Thelma Hamilton, 90.

Grade III.—Vernon Gamper, 97; Howard Shannon, 95; Minnie Vaughn, 95; Billy Barton, 95.

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