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HOT MAIL AT HONEY RUN.

A TALE OF BITTER RIVALRY IN THE POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.

A postoffice had just been established at Honey Run, a community mainly populated by the sons of the veterans of Africa, and was placed in the keeping of Abraham Nick, a seller of eggs that had attained their majority and bacon so musty that a hound pup had been known to turn from it and sigh distressingly. When Abraham received the appointment there was great rejoicing among his friends. He had been sentenced to the penitentiary, but the fact that the Governor pardoned him proved that he had attracted the attention of the Chief Executive and was therefore worthy of the respect of his every-day associates.

Shortly after the first mail arrived, and while a number of negroes were standing around, looking in admiration at a seed circular, Bid Sawyer, a well-known character and a man whose "crap" throwing was marvellous, came into the store and, addressing the postmaster, said:

"Wall, I reckon you think de mantle o' ole man 'Ligy dun dropped on you, eh?"

"Neber mind 'bout dat. But I'll say dis: If de mantle has dropped on me I kin w'ar it ter de queen's tasg."

"Oh, I ain't s'prised at dat," Bid replied. "You is so nater w'arin w'er folks' clothes dat mighty nigh anything will fit you."

"I ain't wore none o' you' clothes. I'se mighty particular w'ose clothes I w'ar."

"Yas, mighty particular not to w'ar yo' own when you kin help it."

"Look yere," said Abraham brushing the morning's "mail" aside and leaning back against the counter, "did you come round yere ter pick er quarrel wid me on dis de day o' my joyment? Is dis de way you does when my frien'san' neighbors has come in yere ter 'gratulate me? W'y, man, I'se almos' threatened to be ercliamed o' you."

"Oh, no, Abe. I ain't come ter pick no quarrel wid you; but I tell you what I has come ter do; I has come to tell you dat I'se gwine start er sto' right er cross de road dat, as' mo'n dat, de wagin an' team is dun gone affer de lumber ter build de house wid."

"Huh," Abraham grunted, "an is dat all you come ter tell? W'y, useless worryin' passon, you mout er staid at home, an' sent dat through de mail, er hah, hah!"

"Mout er done it, dat's jes' fack, fur I'se mighty handy wid er pen; but dat ain't all I got ter say. I knows in reason dat I hain't back er gin you when you is got er post-office to draw trade."

"Now you hittin' it," Abe broke in.

"But hole on. Dun ack like de sheep dat jumped over de shader an' den butted his brains out er gin de fence. I knows dat I hain't back er gin dis post-office, so I has 'cided to start one myself."

"W'y, man, you hain't do dat. De Guberment will be down on you in er minit. Dar kain't be but one post-office in de same place, you know."

"Oh, I knows dat, but I'se gwine start er branch office. Dar ain't nuthin' in de Constitution er gin branch offices. De Constitution say neighty p'intedly dat ever' post-office is 'lifed ter er branch an' dat de main office has got ter divide de mail wid de branch, an' it furder states, an' states mighty p'intedly, dat ef der man dat has charge o' de main office 'fuses to recognize de branch office dat de office shall be tuck er way from him an' put in de hain's o' de branch postmaster. Oh, yere's de Constitution right here," he added, taking a book from his pocket and beginning to unwind a twine string. "W'y, man, you jes' ought ter see yo' ignunce ter all dese folks, w'y, man, you do, yo' ignunce is so big dey kin see it ... Gin'l Washington his ... dem say dese facks."

"Oh, I knows de Constitution say dat," Abe replied, scratching his head, "but dat Constitution has dun been 'pealed. Gin'l Jackson he come er long wid his Constitution, dean you know?"

"Now look yere," Bid replied, "is you 'termined to show yo' ignunce, whuber or no? Dun you know dat Gin'l Jackson fetch up er hill fur de changin' o' de Constitution, but dat de Senate reached down an' flung it outen de house? W'y, Abe, I has allus gin you credit fur bein' er smart man, but de way you is gwine on now you is s'prizin' me might'ly."

"Hut' on er minit," said Abe, rubbing the wool on the top of his loaf-shaped head, "I does recollek now. I has been 'Parain' so much lately dat I jest nachully hater fur-git some o' it. Like yourin' water in er quart cup, you know. If you keep on pourin' after de cup dun full some o' it boun' ter run ober."

"Yas, dat's er fack. Now, what I want ter get at is dis yere: Ef you will 'gree ter gin me half o' dis yere sto', I won't start de one cross de road."

"No, I kain't do dat; I would rather enter inter de competition."

"All right. De wagin an' team will be yere putty soon an' den der competition will begin sho' nuff. But say, you gwine divide de mail wid me, ain't you?"

"No, kain't say dat I'll do dat."

"All right, I'll jest go er head wid the branch de best way I kin ... let you rock along er you cess fitten."

Bid's store was soon established. It was known that he was going to have a branch office, but as the negroes were in favor of the office that had received the direct sanction of the government the new store drew but a small percentage of trade. But Bid was not discouraged. His wits were not idle. He went to a white man that lived some distance away and employed him to write a number of letters and address them to the most influential negroes in the community. The next day, just after a few seed catalogues had been received at the main office, Bid appeared to the door of his store and shouted:

"De mail fur de gre't branch office has jest arriv'. Is Dan Werthly in de crowd?"

"Yere I is," cried a husky fellow, timidly moving forward with an expression of astonishment on his face.

"All right, yere's a letter fur you. Is Al Sosper yere?"

"I'se de man," a squatty Guinea negro answered.

"Well, dar's er letter yere fur you in this office."

He continued to call off names until some ten or fifteen letters had been delivered. Of course, the letters amounted to nothing, but that made no difference with their recipients. All they wanted was recognition from the outside world. This piece of shrewdness changed the current of trade. The negroes flocked into Bid's store, and when Abe remonstrated with them the only satisfaction he received was that "er-nth office had done nothing for the people and that the branch office, in consideration of its enterprise, was entitled to patronage.

"Look yere, Bid, I dean like de way things gwine on."

"No, sah, I reckons not. De fox didn't like de way things was gwine on nuther, but de hounds kotch him all de same."

"I dean know nuthin' bout dat, but I tell you what I dus know. I know dat dar hast er be er change yere mighty soon ur somebody gwine git hurt. I has been er feelin' wid you an' lean' my trade long er nuff an' now dar's got to be er change."

"All right. I'se putiefly willin'. Dar neber was er man dat liked change better den I does. W'y, sah, I'se so fond o' change dat some-times when I'se feelin' right good I git tired o' it and harts myself wid nuthin' just fur de change. How you thinkin' bout bringin' er bout der change, Bru'r Abraham, an' what sort o' change does you prefur?"

"I prefurs er change dat'll fetch me back my trade. Dis yere blame branch office business dun gone fur er 'nuff. It's de tail dat is er wagin' de dog. I wants de dog ter wag de tail er while. I dean' blebe you gits dem letters from de Gumerment no how. I noticed dat dar ain't no post stamps on de letters you gits."

"Da dean put post stamps on de letters dat da sends ter de branch office, an' ef you wanter show yo' ignunce er gin I kain't he'p it. I has done my best to edycate you, an' ef you is 'termined ter take de bit o' ignunce twixt yo' teeth an' run off down in de woods o' darkness, I shan't hol' you back."

"I ain't tuk no bit o' ignunce 'tween my teeth an' doan' low ter; but I tell you what I is gwine ter take 'tween my teeth, an' de meat 'longs ter er nigger dat keeps er branch postoffice."

"Oh, no doubt, ef you takes meat 'tween yo' teeth it 'longs ter somebody else. You went ter de pennytenchy once fur takin uder folks' meat 'tween yo' teeth."

"I ain't gwine to be slandered, so you got ter fight right yere."

"I thought suthin' like dat," Bid replied, "an' dat's de reason I set up nearly all night er stroppin' dis yere razor. She's powerful keen now," he added, taking a razor fro' his bosom. "De Constertitution say, an' say it mighty p'intedly, dat when de branch postmaster thinks er fight is er comin', w'y, he must strop his razor, an' den' let natur' take her co'se."

"Look yere, Bid, I dean wanter hab no trouble wid you."

"So I seen, sah."

"Den let us settle dis ur' 'fa'r."

"Oh, I'se willin' to do that, fer de Constertitution says, an' says mighty p'intedly, dat de branch postmaster must settle all de trouble he kin."

"I thought," said Abraham, after a moment's reflection, "dat I mout sell my sto' ter you."

"Yas, sah, yas, dat's good. I'll buy yo' sto' an' de postoffice, too."

"How much you gin?"

"I'll gin you er hundr'd dollars in cash."

"An' sign er paper takin' all de 'sponsibilities o' de office?"

"Yas, I'll do dat."

The next day Bid sold his wagon and team and handed Abraham one hundred dollars. He also signed a paper taking upon himself all responsibility for the previous running of the office. Just as old Abraham had mounted his horse to ride away a friend approached him and said:

"Abe, I think you wuz mighty foolish ter sell out fur dat little price."

"Does you? Well, honey, you dean know dis yere life ex well ex I does. I has run 'bezzled all de post stamps dat has come inter de office, an' 'sides dat de stock o' goods wuz mortgaged for two hunnud dollars, an' de passon gwine liff de mortgage termorrer. Wall, good by, I mus' ter ride on toward er quieter neighborhood."—*The World.*

He Was the Man.

He did not look altogether like a murderer as he came into the station house, nor yet altogether like a burglar.

"I would be pleased to see the lieutenant," he asked of the house sergeant. "I have an important confession to make."

The sergeant, with visions of slices of a big reward floating before his mental vision, tried to get the secret out of him.

The old man for a long time refused. Finally, after the sergeant had sent out for several gruelers of beer, he consented to unbosom himself.

"You have heard of Tweed, the murderer of the Chicago millionaire Snell?"

"Yes, yes," cried the sergeant, hardly daring to breathe.

"Well, rest what it will," resumed the old man, "I—I am the man who struck Billy Patterson."—*Philadelphia Times.*

A Dangerous Man.

Wooden—Well, you can say what you please about Jones, but he is a very fine fellow, polite and accommodating.

Edgely—Why, he's a very fine fellow, polite and accommodating.

Wooden—Yes, he's polite enough, no doubt, to your face, but he's one of these fellows who will cut your throat behind your back.—*Boston Courier.*

Delicacy.

Adolphus—Autumn is a sad season to me. I wonder why the leaves turned red?

Angelina—Perhaps they're blushing.

Adolphus—Ah, but why should they blush?

Angelina—Maybe they blush to see the trees so bare.—*American.*

Of Course Not.

Mrs. Blunt—You snored awfully last night, John.

Mr. Blunt—I dont believe it.

But you did.

I did not. Do you suppose I'm deaf?—*Fashion Bazar.*

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 11.—B. F. Shaw, inventor of the seamless stocking, is dead.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Spencer Morton Clark, who designed and printed, the first greenback, died yesterday, aged 80.

New York, Dec. 11.—The directors of the Quicksilver Mining Co. have declared a dividend of 1½ per cent on the preferred stock.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Henry B. Blue, a clerk employed by Thomas H. Perkins & Co., stock brokers, was arrested today charged with embezzling $17,000.

Uvaldia, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Ex-Senator Frank B. Arnold shot himself through the head this morning in his office here. Despondency, caused by defeat at the late election.

P. T. Barnum is dying, and the *Omaha World* thinks he won't have any show in the next world.