

What-Not Column

Who was Benjamin Lundy?

One of the first agitators of the anti-slavery movement was Benjamin Lundy who travelled through a number of states and labored incessantly for the freeing of the Negro. In 1830 he says: "I have within ten years sacrificed several thousands of dollars of my own earnings. I have travelled upwards of 5000 miles on foot and more than 20000 in other ways, have visited nineteen states of this union and told more than two hundred public meetings, have performed two voyages to the West Indies, by which means the emancipation of a considerable number of slaves has been effected, and, I hope, the way paved for the enfranchisement of many more." Considering the extreme dangers to which anyone agitating anti-slavery was subjected in those times this was a remarkable work.

What abolitionist was dragged through Boston's streets with a halter around his neck?

The implacable crusade of the abolitionists against slavery was opened by William Lloyd Garrison, in 1831 when he founded "The Liberator" at Boston, and their warfare became organized by the formation of the New England, and the American Anti-Slavery Societies in 1832 and 1833. It was during this period that a mob of pro-slavists of Boston, broke up colored schools in that city, seized Mr. Garrison and dragged him thru the city streets with a halter about his neck. He was finally rescued by the Mayor, who protected him from violence.

Who were the leaders of the Anti-Slavery Party.

Among the leaders of the Anti-Slavery Party were Parker Pillsbury, Stephen Foster, James G. Birney, Samuel Brooke, E. P. Lovejoy, Cassius M. Clay, and John Brown, of whom it may be said that it was given to him to impress upon the hearts of the American people that a nation half slave and half free could not exist.

Next Week's Whatnots

Who was Wendell Phillips?

For whose execution did three American States contribute rope for the gallows?

Who spent eighteen years in a penitentiary, and received thousands of stripes for aiding slaves to freedom.

TWO GET DEATH SENTENCES FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Van Buren, Ark., Jan—Spurgeon Ruck and William Bottis have been found guilty of murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Mrs. Effie Latimer, white. Ruck is fifteen years old. They were members of a party which defended themselves against a posse of whites during Christmas week, and held out till troops came. A third man who is said to have turned state's evidence was responsible for the conviction of the two men.

A DEEP SEA FARMER

(Various rhymes to Seely)

Oh really, sailor Seely, oh prithee! tell me true,

Are you that boy, a mother's joy, my "little Elihu,"

Who sailed away, one summer day, the Hesperus upon?

The ship was wrecked, you recollect, or are you "Farmer John?"

You are so brave upon the wave that tossed the "billowy wheat,"

Yet when at sea, you seem to be a farmer quite complete,

One of your name, now lost to fame, —do pirates ever weep?—

Once walked the plank, and sudden sank full fifty fathoms deep.

Pray mark this style of verse I introduce—

In passing, pardon me this mild retort,

That while your lines are long beyond excuse,

I much regret your wit is getting short.

How nice to have you back upon the farm,

With pig's potatoes peelings on to boil,

Those hands that soiled the tiller on the sea,

In season, now, are tillers of the soil.

"Bill Shakespeare" as a name applied to me

Is certainly a compliment well taken; And, as about the "family pen" you'll be,

It seems the proper thing to call you "Bacon."

Such a sweet and peaceful picture of the life upon the farm,

With the do dos singing in the whiffletree,

When the butter-cups make butter, will the cow-slips do much harm?

Much more dangerous the bull-rush seems to me.

I would love to spin the spinach, and turn the turnip too.

Come, lettuce beet the sun up in the morn,

I'd like to run a mangel as my mother used to do—

Just see that pretty "Blue-Jay" on the "corn".

But don't let me detain you, if the piggies want their mash,

Still, could you on this question shed some light,

Why put a "roost" in "rooster", (I hope this isn't rash)

When all the pretty chicks go out at night?

UNKNOWN KNIGHT

EDITOR'S NOTE

This column has narrowed down to a dual between the Unknown Knight and Seely. The feeling between them is becoming very hostile. In order to prevent bloodshed or a possible murder, we are asking our readers to intervene by sending in their replies to these two learned gentlemen.

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