

ONLY A LAUGH AND A WORD

But Nannie Taylor So Angered Her Husband That He Killed Her.

WAS PRANTIC WITH JEALOUSY

Taylor Attempted Suicide, but His Dying Wife Prevented—She Admitted Receiving James Peake Against Her Husband's Commands—A Tenant's Testimony.

A laugh and a flippancy remark was all the answer Nannie Taylor made her husband, Thomas J. Taylor, when he begged her yesterday morning to refuse attentions from other men and lead a purer life.

Maddened by her words and manner, Taylor drew a revolver, and holding it close to the woman's side, fired a shot. The bullet plowed its way through her abdomen, yet when she turned the weapon upon herself she summoned strength enough to endeavor to prevent his committing suicide.

"For God's sake, Tom, don't kill yourself! I'm not badly hurt."

Even as she spoke Taylor fired again, but the bullet, its direction changed by the woman's tussle with him, only inflicted two slight wounds. Nannie Taylor, however, carried death with her, and in less than an hour she was a corpse.

Taylor and his wife lived at No. 332 Eleventh street southeast. Mr. Taylor, a real estate agent, living at No. 28 Ninth street northeast, against the protests of her husband, but the occurrence which led chiefly to the murder tragedy in the Taylor home.

Mr. Taylor and his wife had lived in the second story of the house where the Taylors also lived, and Mrs. Taylor is almost constantly at home. Taylor employed as a driver of a wagon for Henry Feldberg, a baker at No. 711 and 713 Twelfth street southeast. He started to work about 2 a. m. and got home early in the afternoon.

Mrs. Taylor, who was in her own apartments, and requested her to come down to the parlor. Mrs. Taylor did so. Mrs. Taylor was in a bad temper, and the door was closed. Mrs. Taylor and her husband had a quarrel.

Mrs. Taylor's maiden name was Brown. She was born in Maryland about twenty-five years ago. She was married to Taylor in 1887, and he was a well-to-do man. She was very jealous of her husband.

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A sharp legal encounter between the attorneys of two well-known parties at law is to be expected this morning.

One is George H. La Petra. He is the husband of Mrs. Sarah La Petra, who for years has been prominent here in religious and social reform circles. Mrs. La Petra, with the help of her husband, formerly kept the Temple Cafe on F street, and a few days ago undertook the management of the Hotel Fredonia on I street northwest.

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Mr. Danenbower's estate is insolvent, and his heirs are unable to pay the debt. Mr. La Petra is suing them for the amount of the debt.

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Mrs. Grubb, she says, was re-elected to the office several times, and had the confidence of the ladies to such an extent that the auditors going over her books considered it necessary only to make a cursory examination. How long the shortage has existed is not stated, but at the Washington convention the books were thought to be correct and she was re-elected. At Indianapolis, in 1893, when a new treasurer was elected Mrs. Grubb failed to turn over some of the books and inventing then discreditable excuses.

It appears that nothing of this nature was known to members of the order until to-day. The excuse made by Mrs. Grubb by her friends at the time she used the money it was to help her husband out of financial straits and she could not return it when called upon.

THERE IS TROUBLE AHEAD

Blood May Flow at the Primaries Today in Breckinridge's District.

COL. CLAY MAKES A THREAT

He'll Make It Hot for Any One Challenging His Vote—Capt. Bradshaw Proposes to do This and Has Insured His Life and Other-ways Straightened Up His Affairs.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 14.—Col. Zedekiah Clay, the famous Kentucky horseman, resides in Bourbon county, Kentucky, near Paris. He has taken an active interest in the Breckinridge campaign, and is a leader of the Owens election. The feeling has run so high that men who have been friends and neighbors for a life time are now at sword's point.

Col. Clay made the emphatic declaration that blood would flow if his vote was challenged at the primary, and he was asked to make oath to support the nominee. Capt. Bradshaw is a leading citizen of this county, and he is expected to challenge Clay's vote. He is expected to challenge Clay's vote.

Col. Clay is a wealthy and influential man and is a brother of Cassius M. Clay Jr., now candidate for Governor of Kentucky. Mr. Clay is a member of the Breckinridge campaign, and is a leader of the Owens election.

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The encouragement of systematic reading and study in all branches of literature, is one of the features of Epworth League work. At a mass-meeting of the District League, held in Trinity M. E. Church last evening, the subject was discussed and encouraging reports were received from many chapters of the league.

The meeting was in charge of the library department, and Third Vice President H. O. Hines presided. After a song service, led by the Epworth League Choir, prayer was offered by Rev. M. F. B. Rice, pastor of Trinity Church, and Mr. James E. Pugh, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, read a Scripture selection from the Proverbs.

Rev. J. M. Slarrow, pastor of Twelfth Street Church, delivered the principal address of the evening. His subject was "The demand for an intelligent Christianity." "The most lofty end to be striven for," he said, "is the Church of God."

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The committee on engaging a hall for the services of Sunday afternoon, October 12, was next authorized to engage Convention Hall for that occasion. It was announced to the desire that the public should attend the services. It was also decided to hold the Friday night services at Epiphany Church instead of at Metcalf Hall, as had been talked of, in view of the fact that the church was capable of accommodating a larger number of worshippers.

The transportation committee's report was made by Mr. Pierce, who stated that the Central and Western Railway Association had arranged for the one and one-third rate of fare east and west of Chicago for the convention. The printing committee, through Mr. Lawson, announced that the registration books and circulars had been printed and distributed. It was decided to prepare no registration book for visitors.

Mr. Parkman, of the press committee, read the suggestions of Rev. W. S. Sawyer, who had charge of the press work for the Detroit convention. It was declared lost to not drill a choir for the convention, but to drill a choir for the convention. It was decided to prepare no registration book for visitors.

After the regular committee reports miscellaneous business was transacted, which was the question of entertaining Mr. Arthur W. Giles, of Edinburgh, secretary of the Brotherhood in Scotland, who is on his way here to attend the convention on board the Canadian Express, a proposed excursion from Vernon; the placing of crosses in depots, and one or two minor matters.

Mr. Pierce enjoined the reception committee to go to work in order to be ready in time, after which the meeting adjourned until next Friday. There will be a general meeting of the Brotherhood at Epiphany Church on Friday night, at which the executive committee will report the result of their labors so far as completed.

AND CORBETT MADE A SPEECH

Prominent Business and Professional Men Entertained at the Hotel Emrich.

Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, with a chef's linen cap on his head and an apron encircling his graceful figure, welcomed the guests of the Hotel Emrich last evening. The banquet hall of the Hotel Emrich last evening where a rich repast was in waiting and where wives of every age and vintage were seated. Nearly 200 persons gathered there for the evening entertainment. The business men of the city of whom the Bostonian "Bostonian Club" is largely composed, were entertained at the Hotel Emrich last evening. The banquet hall of the Hotel Emrich last evening where a rich repast was in waiting and where wives of every age and vintage were seated.

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Recorder of Deeds Charles H. J. Taylor is getting himself very much disliked by the lawyers of Washington owing to the manner in which he has managed the affairs of his office.

More than once since occupying his present position has his mind been cluttered concerning changes in the working force. Many times has he with apparent sincerity promised to retain competent clerks, but in the twinkling of an eye his opinion has suffered a transformation and the erstwhile hopeful employes have been dismissed.

Since his appointment as recorder of deeds Mr. Taylor has, what he and his friends term, "farouged" twelve of the most faithful and competent workers under his supervision. In their places clerks and copyists have been appointed who are unfamiliar with the work, and in copying the records, it is said, frequently make errors, necessitating recourse to the original records, and making it a question with many of the lawyers whether the erasing has been done by parties connected with the deeds or by the employes of the office.

In addition to this the writer is in many cases very fine and almost illegible. There is an old law still in force requiring clerks in recording deeds to write in ink, and it is a large, clear, and bold hand, but Mr. Taylor's employes do not come up to the requirement. The result is that many of the lawyers have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining the information they desire when searching the records.

REAR TO ENTER SOCIETY. The list of discharged clerks and the positions they occupied is as follows: Allen W. Wilson, white, clerk; George Smith, colored, clerk; Mr. Anderson, colored, copyist; M. M. Metcalf, colored, copyist; Mrs. King, white, copyist; Miss Brown, white, copyist; Miss Northrup, white, copyist; Miss Williams, white, copyist; Mrs. Daniel, colored, copyist; Mrs. Hayes, white, copyist; and Miss Sonover, copyist. In addition to this, Byron Fisher, who was for some time one of the most competent clerks in this office, was discharged, and was reduced to the position of copyist to make way for a young colored gentleman from Kansas. This man is said to be a weak imitator of a recently hired man, and it is said, was quite particular to inform his old associates that he had only accepted the position in order that he might enter Washington society.

A Texas reporter was informed yesterday that in several of these cases the recorder had faithfully promised to retain the incumbent, but in each instance the promise was broken and the employes dismissed.

The case of Mr. McGary is interesting. He is the brother of Douglas M. McGary, cashier of the Capital Savings Bank, a local colored financial institution. When Mr. McGary first came to Washington he had in his possession a note for \$100, payable at the Capital Bank. Not having time to go to the bank Taylor called on him in his office the latter was immediately dismissed.

But the recorder showed himself to better advantage in the case of Mr. Walter Pinchback, a colored copyist in the recorder's office. Mr. Pinchback was dismissed and Mr. Pinchback was chief executive of Louisiana during the reconstruction days. Shortly after Mr. Taylor's induction into the office the recorder's office was rearranged and Mr. Pinchback was chief executive of Louisiana during the reconstruction days.

Naturally, the conversation finally turned upon affairs in the office in which the son was employed, and Mr. Pinchback expressed a desire to have Walter retained. The recorder assuredly declared that the Governor need have no fears in that direction, and that the son was a good man, and that he would be employed in the office. Not many weeks after the incident young Pinchback was summarily dismissed without explanation, and the recorder's office was rearranged. Mr. Pinchback was chief executive of Louisiana during the reconstruction days.

Mr. Wilson, who was another one of the discharged clerks, is the brother of Edward Jesse H. Wilson. When Mr. Taylor entered upon the duties of his office Mr. Wilson was told if he secured the endorsement of Alexander A. W. for payment, he would be secure. Mr. Wilson did not request and also secured a letter from Commissioner John W. Boss asking the recorder to retain the clerk. Everything was thought to be satisfactory and Mr. Wilson did not leave his position. Mr. Taylor was playing a waiting game. As soon as Mr. Wilson's letter left the city for a few days the customary letter of dismissal was written, and addressed to Allen W. Wilson. Naturally Mr. Wilson was surprised, but all his efforts to have the matter satisfactorily explained proved futile.

These are but three examples showing the course which has been pursued by Mr. Taylor in making dismissals, but they have been the subject for considerable unfavorable comment and may be one of the causes to result in the recorder's removal.

Determined to Get His Son. WESTPORT, Mass., Sept. 14.—Ferdinand Ward, who is charged with the attempted abduction of his two-year-old son, says that he has made repeated attempts to secure the consent of F. I. Given, the boy's guardian, to take the child, but Given has refused to do so. Mr. Ward has been playing a waiting game. As soon as Mr. Wilson's letter left the city for a few days the customary letter of dismissal was written, and addressed to Allen W. Wilson. Naturally Mr. Wilson was surprised, but all his efforts to have the matter satisfactorily explained proved futile.

Mrs. Gougar Not Dismantled. WESTPORT, Mass., Sept. 14.—The estimated cost of \$25,000 damages brought against Congressman E. A. Morse, of Canton, Mass., by Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, the temperance and woman suffrage advocate of Lafayette, Ind., terminated to-night in a victory for the defendant. Hon. Harry W. Sheppard, Mrs. Gougar's counsel, immediately made application for a new trial. Congressman Morse was constrained to concede that a new trial invited the jurors to call on him if they should ever go to Washington.

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