

## BIG SALE OF TOWN LOTS IN CITY OF BLUEFIELD.

### Tennessee and West Virginia Cross Bats. First Game of Six.

**It Promises to be An Interesting Contest.**

#### BLUEFIELD WILL EXTEND A HOSPITABLE GREETING TO JOHNSON CITY.

Bluefield met the supposedly invincible nine from Johnson City on the Tower lot on yesterday afternoon and when the game was over Johnson City was found holding the bag with both ends open. Up to the end of the seventh inning it looked as though Bluefield would be presented with a goose egg. However, in the seventh, Prince, the first man up for the West Virginians, led off with a hit; this was followed by a comedy of errors by Johnson City during which Bluefield sent five men across the home station making the score five to four in favor of the boys from the city of Hills.

Reese went up to twirl for Bluefield and before he steadied down the boys from Tennessee had made a number of hits and scored four runs. Foster led off with a two-bagger, scoring on one of the same kind by Leonard. Lynch went out to Taylor, Brevard struck out to Brumfield and Rogan struck out. Four Bluefielders faced Huffaker in Bluefield's half of the first, but no one scored. Maloney scored one for the Tennesseans in the second and in the third Leonard took a base on balls, stole second and scored on Brevard's hit; Rogan sent one over the fence, scoring Brevard.

After this Reese settled down to hard work and Leonard was the only Tennessean who crossed the plate during the rest of the game, which he did in the eighth after being given a base on balls and stealing second.

In the seventh Prince hit safe. Gibbs reached first on Rogan's error and Prince scored on Lynch's wild throw home. Witten was hit by a pitched ball and stole second. Taylor went to first on an error by Armitage and the bases were full. Anderson sent a hot one to Brevard and was safe at first, Gibbs scoring. N. Brumfield sent Wallis a hot liner and on errors by Nallis and Huffaker, Witten, Taylor and Anderson scored. Again in the eighth Witten was hit by a pitched ball, Taylor and Anderson hit safe and were scored by W. Brumfield's slashing two-bagger. Johnson City was not able to overcome this lead and the game was won.

W. Brumfield easily maintained his position as the best batter in this field, securing two singles and two two sacks out of five times up. B. Brumfield caught an errorless game. Up to the fatal seventh Johnson City put up a article of ball demonstrating that they knew the game and knew how to play it. The home team will have to keep on its toes if it takes the majority of the series.

J. CITY.	Position.	BLUEFIELD.
Foster	c.	B. Brumfield
Leonard	c. f.	Williams
Brevard	3 b.	Gibbs
Rogan	2 b.	Taylor
Maloney	r. f.	Witten
Wallis	a. s.	Anderson
Huffaker	p.	Prince

Passed balls—Foster, 2  
Struck out—By Reese, 7; by Huffaker, 3

Stolen Bases—Gibbs, 2; Witten, 2; W. Brumfield, 2; Leonard, 2; Prince, Rogan and Wallis.

Base hits—W. Brumfield, 2; Gibbs, 2; Witten, Taylor, Anderson, Brevard, Rogan and Armitage.

Two base hits—W. Brumfield, 2; Foster, Lynch, Leonard, Rogan and Maloney.

Umpire—Kelley.

#### JOB FOR SOMEONE

##### DENMARK WANTS TO HIRE A PUBLIC EXECUTIONER.

Copenhagen, Aug. 12.—There has not been an execution in Denmark in ten years, and the old executioner had been pensioned off. He is now too old to officiate. There has been a series of murders lately and some dozens of persons are under sentence of death. The government has therefore advertised for an executioner.

The new executioner's duty will also include the fogging of criminals. The salary is 1,400 crowns (\$360) per year with fees of \$12.50 for every person executed or fogged. This is considered, therefore, a very paying billet.

#### CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

##### Against Coal Companies Continued

#### BECAUSE OF A WRIT OF PROHIBITION ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

The contempt proceedings against the Powhatan Coal & Coke Company and six other coal companies in the Pocahontas Flat Top Field, were continued today until the first day of the Circuit Court of McDowell county. The hearing of those proceedings was set for today by Judge Ritz, and in the meantime the Powhatan Coal & Coke Company obtained from Judge Poffenbarger, of the Supreme Court, a writ of Prohibition against Judge Ritz, prohibiting him from hearing or deciding the contempt proceedings. This writ of prohibition is returnable on the 5th day of September at Charles Town.

It had been agreed by counsel in the cases that proceedings were to be had only in the case against the Powhatan Coal & Coke Company, therefore, the writ of prohibition issued prohibits the Judge from the trial of the contempt matters in any of the other cases. The parties to the proceedings were represented by their respective counsel, W. H. Stokes, W. L. Taylor and D. J. F. Strother.

#### A TRAGEDY OF THE BUCKET SHOPS.

A few years ago Edward M. Thayer was a prosperous, promising young business man in Boston. Descended from splendid stock, he early evinced especial aptitude for business. When only 25 years old he was the manager in trust of hundreds of thousands of dollars of other people's money. The "buckets" lured him, and Thayer went to "Joe" Flanagan. A little while, a year or so, and he was arrested for forgery—he had been forging mortgages and palming them off as representing investments he had made from the funds he held in trust. The night following his arrest he spent at the hotel Lenox in the custody of a constable. The next morning he was found dead in bed. To-day he lies in a dishonored grave, and his mother and young wife nurse an unassuageable grief. Examination of Thayer's books, made after his death, disclosed that in one year he had wagered \$650,000 of stolen money against Flanagan's "sure thing" game; 512 bets cost him the loss of \$110,000. And to-day, while Thayer lies in his dishonored grave, Flanagan remains outside of the penitentiary walls.—Everybody's Magazine.

#### 'COPS' MUSN'T GET PERSONAL.

Boston policemen must not indulge in personal abuse, no matter what the provocation. This is the substance of the latest order of Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara. The matter was brought up by the action of the police trial board in exonerating a patrolman who had been charged with using threatening language to a woman. The commissioner upholds the action of the trial board, but says: "The commissioner considers the finding a proper one so far as proof and the record in the case are concerned, but he is convinced that the whole affair was one of those half-personal petty squabbles into which a discreet policeman ought not to be drawn. It is no part of a policeman's qualifications to be able to 'give as good as he gets' in a contest of language. Members of the department must keep their personal feelings for their personal affairs. When representing law and preserving order they degrade themselves and their cause by entering a contest of slang or abuse."—Ex.

#### BRAVE AND FAIR.

The man—I'd give anything if you would kiss me.  
The maid—But the scientists say that kisses breed disease.  
The man—Oh, that's all right. Go ahead and make me an invalid for life.—Chicago News.

Gees Whizz! 25 cent collars at 15 cents—Pedigo's.

#### STANDARD OIL INDICTMENT.

The indictment of the Standard Oil company by the federal grand jury in Chicago yesterday means much for the future—noting for today. The company is charged with receiving rebates of various sorts from certain railroad companies. It is gratifying to find that a federal district attorney and grand jury will even go far enough to recognize and denounce this practice. But—"The Standard oil company is the only defendant, and no officials of the company and no railroad company or officials are named."

There we have the old, old story. No man is indicted. Only the Standard oil company. Suppose, at the best, that a fine of \$50,000 is levied upon the company. Who pays it? If you use oil, gas, gasoline or the waste products of petroleum you will help to pay. If one prominent official were indicted and sent to jail he could not shuffle off any part of his ignominy and shame upon innocent persons.

Now, as a result of all this outcry on the part of the federal administration, the Standard oil may be fined, but its purchasers will pay that fine.—New York American.

#### SOCKS AND SHOCKS

##### BY THE SEA.

Atlantic City prudes have had such a shock! For the fair summer girl—she at least of the shapely leg—has taken to socks on the bathing beach and abandoned the conventional long stockings.

This awful breach in the conventions was made by a girl from staid and prim Philadelphia. When she appeared yesterday in bare legs and attracted the attention of beach loungers, Peter Parker, captain of the life-saving guards, hurried aghast to Mayor Stoy for instructions. But the mayor is a wise official, and he knew better than to undertake to settle the all-important questions of hose or half-hose; and where there was one pair yesterday today there were half a dozen pairs of stockingless calves twinking along the sands with the prospect of a general adoption of the new fad within a day or two, for—"If the girls wish to wear socks, I have no official objections," said Mayor Stoy this evening. "I have had enough trouble in trying to regulate bathing rigs in former seasons, and so long as there is nothing positively indecent about the costumes, there will be no objection."

According to local haberdashers, there has not yet arisen a strong demand for bathing socks, and it is believed that the daring pioneers of yesterday and today borrowed their brother's half-hose for the occasion.—N. Y. World.

#### MR. WILLIAMS FOR HARMONY

"Having for ten years endured pain, humiliation, sweat blood and eaten considerable dirt, it is with intense satisfaction that I view the great flock of hungry birds that are now hanging around the pole of Bryan's electric light, seeking as do the millers at night, to drop within its effulgence," remarked George Fred Williams yesterday. "I am for harmony and concord. Far be it from me to do anything to check the enthusiasm these men now express just as I myself expressed it 10 years ago."—Boston Herald.

#### THE PASSING COWBOY.

The cowboy will not pass from the literature for many generations, for he is easily the most popular of book types. But he has had his day in the West. The railroad, the farmer and the sheepman have driven him further and further away from his old haunts, and soon there will not be an unfenced range between the Missouri and the Pacific on which he may pursue his romantic profession. He is following the long trail of the path-breaker, the pioneer, the scout, the frontiersman, the "bad" man, and he is riding toward the sunset.—Rochester Post-Express.

#### LES MAJESTE.

Connecticut Visitor (gazing across the Sound toward Oyster Bay)—Is that the white squadron we can see shimmering over there?  
Democratic Host—No. The president is smiling. That's all.—Puck.

#### The North Side to Receive Fresh Impetus.

#### LEADING CAPITALISTS PUTTING THEIR MONEY IN OUR CITY.

A large sale has just been consummated through the real estate agency of C. O'Leary and Son, by which all of those valuable town lots on the north side of the railroad were purchased from the Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Company, by a syndicate of capitalists who will proceed at once to improve the property in every way. The syndicate is headed by Mr. John J. Numan, of Bluefield, and a number of other gentlemen of large means outside of the city. The money invested in the first purchase of the property was \$45,000, and many thousands more will be invested in the improvement of the same. In marked contrast with the past, this portion of the city of Bluefield will now put on a new life and will be a very desirable place of residence as well as business. New streets will be made and all necessary grading done at once. New buildings will go up with all the modern improvements attached and every inducement will be offered to purchasers. Easy terms will be offered to all either on the improved or unimproved lots. It is the purpose of the syndicate to make this section of the city much more desirable than in the past and we have confidence in their ability to do so, for we have always known that great opportunities were open for investment in this nicely located and close to business region. It affords us much pleasure to chronicle these facts in the progress of Bluefield and it is more evidence that men of means here are eyeing on the city of Bluefield and that the future of the city is assured. Everybody is to be congratulated on this deal. Col. O'Leary for having so nicely manipulated the sale and having brought the parties together so amicably in such an extensive sale. The purchasers are to be commended for their public spirit and the good they do the community. The Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Company comes in for their share of praise for their liberality in selling the property that it might be improved, so you see that all parties are benefited. The city of Bluefield will grow larger by the action of all concerned, and to these gentlemen, all of them, we extend our thanks on behalf of the citizens of Bluefield. We hope soon to see on the north side wonderful changes which will add to the prestige of our city and to the beauty of its surroundings. "Onward and upward" our city is making strides to the \$50,000 population mark which will come before you know it if you don't keep your eye skinned.

#### MAN DIES IN CELL.

##### Well-to-do Contractor Locked Up for Drunkenness.

#### HAD NO MEDICAL ATTENTION.

##### HE HAD BEEN DEAD AN HOUR WHEN POLICE CALLED THE DOCTOR.

W. P. Totten, forty-five years old, a well-to-do contractor of Bluefield, W. Va., was locked in a cell of the Sixth precinct police station yesterday morning on a charge of drunkenness. A few hours afterward he was found lying on the floor dead. The prisoner had received no medical attention because the police had not suspected there was anything the matter with him beyond the ordinary effects of alcoholic excesses.

Totten came to this city on Wednesday with a party of Bluefield people, who took advantage of an excursion rate. He registered at the Metropolitan Hotel and was assigned to a room with a friend, W. B. Beavers, also of Bluefield. While the other members of the excursion party were seeing the sights of the city, Totten is said to have kept apart and to have spent most of his time alone.

On Friday night, when the party was preparing to return to West Virginia, Totten could not be found. His room-mate Beavers, made a diligent search, but could obtain no information of his friend. Search was finally abandoned, since it was known that Totten had plenty of money and was usually able to take care of himself, and his friends left the city. Mr. Beavers entrusted a note for Totten to the hotel clerk, expressing regret at leaving, and hoping that Totten would follow on the next train.

The night clerk of the hotel says that Totten did not return to his room on Friday night, and that nothing was heard of him.

**ARRESTED AS DRUNK.**  
At 8 o'clock yesterday morning Totten was arrested at John Marshall Place and Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, and taken to the Sixth precinct station, where a charge of drunkenness was entered against him. He refused to give his name, but when searched the first papers found upon him were in the name of John Conley, so he was thus entered on the blotter. When taken to a cell he lay down and apparently fell at once into a deep sleep.

Thomas Hanley, the station keeper, visited the cell at 9:15 o'clock, half an hour after Totten had been locked up, as he was on his way to quiet a noisy prisoner. He found Totten lying face downward on the floor. He entered and turned him over. After that he visited Totten twice more, and three visits were paid to the prisoner by Policeman J. F. Potter.

At each visit but one the man was aroused. The exception was the last visit of Hanley, who entered the cell at 2:55 o'clock in the afternoon, and saw Totten again lying face downward on the floor, with outstretched arms. Hanley attempted to turn him over, but found him limp and powerless.

Alarmed at the appearance of Totten, he hurriedly summoned Dr. Suter, a physician of the poor, who was at the station. The doctor made an examination of the prisoner, and said that he had been dead for more than an hour.

Coroner Nevitt later examined the body, which was identified as that of the missing Totten, and pronounced death due to alcoholic gastritis. The body was taken to the morgue, where it will be held until word is received from the dead man's relatives, who were notified of his death.

#### INSPECTOR BOARDMAN'S VIEW.

Inspector Boardman, acting superintendent of police in the absence of Maj. Sylvester, says that although the affair is unfortunate, he finds no reason to blame the men of the Sixth precinct. "They took all usual measures," he said, "and visited the prisoner frequently. If the man had been arrested, thrown into a cell, and not seen again for hours, and then found dead, there would be reason for investigation. The facts as reported by Station-keeper Hanley, will, of course, be verified, but beyond that there is no present reason for further action."

Wasn't there a similar death some years ago, at the First precinct station, that brought forth an order from Maj. Sylvester that a physician should be summoned for certain pris-

### Bryan Will Be Due On August 30th.

#### Will Be in Louisville on September 5 or 6.

#### LIG PARADE PLANNED IN NEW YORK.

New York, Aug. 13.—The Bryan Reception Committee began yesterday to send out letters to well-known Bryan men in all parts of the country appealing for contributions to the fund to pay the expenses of celebrating Bryan's arrival here. Recipients of letters were asked to send their checks to Chairman Troup, of the Finance Committee.

The itinerary Mr. Bryan will follow from the time he lands until he reaches his home in Lincoln, Neb., was made to-day. He is due to arrive on Thursday, August 30. He will be taken off the vessel at quarantine and brought by tug to the Battery. There will be a parade from the Battery up Fifth street, thence across town to Fifth avenue and down that thoroughfare to the Victoria Hotel. At night the big meeting in Madison Square Garden will be held.

On Friday, August 31, Mr. Bryan will speak at New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn., and on the following day he will address meetings in Newark, N. J., and Jersey City.

He will rest in this city at the Victoria Hotel on Sunday, September 2, and will leave for Chicago the next day. He will be the guest of his admirers in Chicago on Tuesday, September 4, and then after visiting Louisville and Kansas City, he will arrive at Lincoln on Saturday, September 8.

#### BRITIAN FRIEND OF ANARCHISTS.

##### RANCE, HOWEVER, OBJECTS TO INSURING SAFETY OF KING ALFONSO.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Anarchists of all nations are resolved to do nothing in England which would cause them to be turned out of a country which has always shown itself so hospitable toward them. But in France we have not shown the same weakness for assassins of royalty. For this reason it is with the greatest objection that France accepts the responsibility of insuring the safety of the young monarch who seems the particular target of bomb throwers.

All this Alfonso III knows quite well. He has been told so, he has repeatedly been told so, but with the airy indifference of youth he refuses to pay any attention to what is said, and to every remark which is made he answers: "Since I am destined to perish by a bomb or a dagger what does it matter if I meet my fate a little sooner or a little later?"

At the other end of Europe Nicholas II is shut up in his palace, not daring to leave it by land or sea. Behind him are bombs and before him torpedoes. He is a prisoner to such an extent that the newspapers of his own country never reach him. He is utterly ignorant of what is going on a few miles outside his palace grounds.

He is governed by his uncles, who are themselves the pawn of two or three invisible creatures of tremendous power, who maneuver in the dark passages of politics. He can choose between two roles only, that of the automaton or the assassin's victim. So far he seems to have preferred the former.

London is in the doldrums. Never has such a dull season been known in the British capital. A number of large shops in Piccadilly have closed their doors. In the railway trains it is noticeable that the usual first-class passengers are traveling second. It looks as if Londoners were hard up or at least short of ready cash.

In England you hear on every side people saying: "If we do not eat Germany she will eat us." It is not surprising, therefore, that the idea of an approaching war should be taking hold of the English brain.

#### MORE LABOR. LESS REVOLUTION.

#### THE PRESSING NEED IN THE CANAL ZONE, ACCORDING TO SHONTS.

T. P. Shonts, chairman, and Joseph B. Bishop, secretary of the Panama commission, arrived at New York yesterday from Colon, on the steamer Panama. Mr. Shonts said that the general conditions in the canal zone were very favorable at present and constantly improving. "All we want," he declared, "is more labor and less revolution." Mr. Shonts said that the engineering work on the canal was now well under way. "The labor problem has been partly solved by the employment of Spanish workmen," said Mr. Shonts. "We have also advertised for Chinese laborers."

Every day brings the Leader new friends and we are becoming more acquainted as we become better acquainted. Just hold your breath for a while and the Leader will startle the natives.

oners arrested for drunkenness?" the inspector was asked.

"Yes," he replied; "there was such a case. The major's order was that if the police judged that there was anything the matter but drunkenness with a prisoner, a doctor should be summoned at once. But this is left to the experience of the patrolman, which is wise, for there are about 3,900 arrests yearly for drunkenness in the District. Of course, it would be out of the question to summon a doctor for every case of intoxication. In the present case, the policeman found every evidence of intoxication and no evidence of anything else."

Mr. Totten is the brother of the former President of the County Court of McDowell county and was a citizen of good standing in his community. The above from the Washington Post, explains the manner of his death. The dead man was not from Bluefield but from McDowell county.

#### NEWS FROM GRAHAM.

The remains of Mr. J. J. Benbow, who died recently in Texas, were interred in the cemetery in West Graham on last Saturday, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. W. Shuler. A large concourse of friends and relations followed the remains to the grave, testifying to the esteem in which the people among whom the deceased had long made his home held him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Burton, assisted by their accomplished daughters, Misses Zelma and Ola, entertained a party of young people on last Saturday evening.

Now that the concrete walks have been laid in Water street, from its intersection with Marbon street to the depot it is to be hoped that the City Fathers will remove the fire hydrants and telephone poles from the middle of the street back to the curb where they belong.

Prof. B. T. Stafford, principal of the free school at this place, informs us that the State Board of Education of Virginia has made an appropriation for the benefit of the school that will raise it to the grade of a high school. The thanks of the town are due Prof. Stafford for his efforts in behalf of her children.

The new parsonage of the M. E. Church, South is now complete and ready for the pastor, who is to be congratulated in having a flock which thinks the best none too good for their spiritual adviser.

W. T. Baker, traveling salesman for the Ritter Lumber Company, is building a nice residence on Tazewell avenue opposite the school house.

#### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS.

##### HAVE AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AND NOMINATE DELEGATES AND CANDIDATES

The democrats of Plymouth district held an enthusiastic mass meeting on Saturday, the 11th, at which the following nominations were made: For Justices, C. W. Gore, A. H. Casperson.

For Constables, R. A. Martin and J. W. Scott.

For Member Board of Education, John H. Easley.

Dr. B. H. Holroyd was chosen district committeeman and the following delegates and alternates were selected at the county convention at Princeton:

DELEGATES:  
A. H. Carpenter, J. H. Snyder, A. B. Petry, Albert Wiley, J. C. Johnson, H. M. Shumate, A. L. Bowling, R. G. Oxley, H. W. Mathews.

ALTERNATES:  
Y. B. Butler, W. P. Ball, Wade Pennington, Wm. Copen, Herbert Barber, S. R. Holroyd, R. M. Vermillion, Uriah Vermillion.  
H. W. MATHEWS, Secretary.