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HORRIBLE ACCIDENT NEAR LYNCHBURG YESTERDAY.

OVERCHECKED HIS ACCOUNT.

THAT IS THE EXPLANATION OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN'S BROTHER UNDER ARREST.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 29.—Danish A. Hughes, who says he is a brother of Congressman Hughes, of West Virginia, was arrested here on the charge of obtaining food and lodging by false pretenses.

Manager McGrew, of the Monroe Hotel, had Hughes arrested, who is accused of passing a check for \$28 a year ago on the hotel which came back from the Charleston bank. Mr. Hughes admits giving the check, but says he must have overlooked his account.

He was released on bond and the matter is in a fair way of being settled out of court.

NO MORE U. S. PRISONERS FOR CHARLESTON JAIL.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 29.—Judge Dayton this afternoon appointed Major W. H. Lyons a committee to investigate the Kanawha county jail, and if it is found the reports which were given Judge Dayton this afternoon, are true he will at once remove all United States prisoners.

District Attorney Elliott Northcott informed the judge that the Kanawha county jail was not fit for female prisoners and that one of the United States female prisoners had been grossly insulted while confined in the prison during the past week. Sarah Hunter was taken to Huntington a few days ago after having been released by the court and it was the stories told of insults she had endured while in the jail that prompted Judge Dayton's action.

25,000 CLUB.

Next week there will be sent out six lists on which to enroll business men who will become active members of a club for Greater Bluefield.

We learn that the sum of \$10 per year will be the price of a membership. It is proposed to enroll not less 100, and to then proceed to a formal organization.

Graham business men promise hearty co-operation, with ten members or more.

We hope no business man will fail to enroll, and give active and zealous support to the club.

As a newspaper we rejoice in all that is for the advancement of Bluefield's interests—not the interest of certain men only, but of the whole body politic.

Certainly here, as in all cities, there are those, who, like barnacles on the ship's bottom, sail with us; but only as dead weight. But, like the barnacle, they are always on the bottom. Those who circulate the lists for club memberships will soon find out who the "barnacles" are. If you are one, you won't sign; but you'll go on a list just the same. That list will have a heading entirely appropriate to your class.

Considerable sentiment is associated in the minds of local theatre-goers with the appearance at the Elks Opera House on Saturday, Dec. 1st, of Creston Clarke in "The Ragged Messenger." Our theatre-goers were among the very first to extend a cordial welcome to this eminent actor when he began to tour the country two seasons ago under the management of Jules Murry, who is frank in his admission that the enthusiastic reception which Mr. Clarke received through this section of the country, for his magnificent portrayal of "Monsieur Beaucaire," did much to encourage them both in their search for an appropriate new vehicle for this season. A large and representative audience, such as always greets a warm favorite here, will be present at the Elks Opera House Saturday evening.

GIANT BOON TO PORTO RICOIANS.

PRESIDENT WILL ASK CONGRESS TO MAKE ISLANDERS AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Washington, Nov. 29.—On the first day since his return from Panama the president found plenty to occupy his time with a cabinet meeting and an unusual large number of callers.

For the first time in several months there was a full attendance at the cabinet meeting. A number of topics were considered, the session being protracted for almost three hours. One of these related to some feature of the Cuban situation, but no statement was obtainable on the subject.

The president believes the people of Porto Rico are entitled to American citizenship and will recommend that this be granted to them in a special message to congress. The president has expressed the opinion that it is lamentable that they do not now enjoy this right. In this connection he noted that although Porto Rico had sent a delegate to the Pan American congress at Rio Janeiro, that delegate could not even say he was an American citizen, and this is also the case if he visits Europe or any other foreign country.

The president was very much pleased with his visit to Porto Rico, which he says is a fine country, is prosperous and her government an excellent one. The people, he says, are prosperous.

MAYOR SCHMITZ IS ARRESTED.

HE DECLARES HE IS INNOCENT OF WRONG DOING.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Mayor Eugene Schmitz, who was arrested at Truck on Wednesday on an indictment charging him with extortion, arrived early this morning.

He was given an enthusiastic reception by five thousand persons who awaited his arrival on the train which was four hours late.

At Dreamland pavilion he declared his innocence and said he welcomed the opportunity to vindicate himself. Schmitz is out on \$25,000 bail.

MIDWAY ITEMS.

Grading will begin on the streets here next week. Many dwellings will be erected here in the spring.

The Street Railway Company is considering the erection of a neat waiting room here for the convenience and comfort of persons waiting for cars.

People continue to buy lots here. Your correspondent learns that they are bought chiefly by men of the coal-field.

The Norfolk and Western has increased its force of men in the West End.

A demand will be made on the city authorities for water service and street lights. Tax payers propose to have for themselves some benefit of the things for which they are paying.

NEW ENTERPRISE

DEMOCRATIC WEEKLY NEWS-PAPER FOR PRINCETON.

We are reliably informed that at an early date there will be established in the town of Princeton a Democratic newspaper to be called the Princeton Independent. It will be run in the interest of the town and will advocate Democratic principles.

FOUR EVENTS AT THE BURROUGHS

HE MARRIES THEM DAY AND NIGHT AND NEVER TIRES IN ADDING TO HIS LONG LIST.

The Rev. A. H. Burroughs marries a young couple at his mecca on Third street yesterday morning. They were E. E. Hardy and Miss Eddie Ashler, both of Graham, Tazewell county. They left on the return trip on the early afternoon train.

At 12:30 Sunday morning the parson married a young couple who had eloped to Bristol on the train that arrived here about midnight. The parties to this solemn transaction were Robert H. Swain, of Roanoke, and Miss Emma Cressay, of Bedford City, Va.

Two additional marriages occurred at the residence of Parson Burroughs yesterday afternoon.

Robert C. Parker and Miss Mary E. Sheffield, of Damascus, Va., were the contracting parties at the first ceremony which occurred at 1 o'clock. They are spending their honeymoon in Bristol.

Major A. Lee and Miss Biddle E. McKinnis were married by Mr. Burroughs shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They left immediately for a trip to eastern points.

Mr. Lee is a lumberman of Richlands, Va.—Bristol Courier

TO OPERATE IN POCAHONTAS FIELD

The Tidewater Coal Company of Youngstown, Ohio, has recently been incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000 and is reported to have purchased 6000 acres of coal lands in Nicholas county, West Virginia, which it will develop at once. The coal is bituminous, but is said to make very little smoke, making it adaptable both for mill use and domestic purposes. Officers of the company are Messrs. H. K. Hicks, president and treasurer; Robert Bentley, vice-president, and T. H. Woodman, secretary.

GOT HIS LEG BROKE

A colored man who was working for Contractor Vaughan in the East End of this city had his leg broken by the accidental falling of a rock on yesterday while excavating dirt. He was taken to a hospital where his wound was attended to after which he was sent to Midway, his home, near this city.

MAYOR SUES FOR A HALF MILLION

BEGINS ACTION FOR \$500,000 AGAINST CLEVELAND ELECTRIC, CHARGING LIBEL.

Cleveland, Nov. 29.—\$1,000,000 damages because of alleged libelous statements put as advertising in three Cleveland daily papers, was brought against the Cleveland Electric Company, in common pleas court yesterday by Mayor Tom L. Johnson.

Similar action was brought in Chicago for \$100,000 against the Chicago Journal, in which paper the article objected to originally appeared in the editorial columns.

Shows may come and shows may go; seasons may come and seasons may go; but Murphy and Murphy like the green bay tree, seem to flourish forever. They are the same old rollicking pair this year. Whilst their pieces is new and all the characters surrounding them are new creations, they themselves have retained their world famous make-up. Tony Murphy will be seen as the short fat Irishman and Len Murphy the tall individual who is kept busy keeping his rotund friend out of trouble. They will introduce many new specialties. All things considered they think this is the best organization that they have ever had.

PRESIDENT SPENCER KILLED IN A WRECK.

HIS SECRETARY AND EIGHT PASSENGERS ARE NUMBERED AMONG OTHER VICTIMS OF THE ACCIDENT.

Lynchburg, Nov. 29.—President Samuel Spencer, his private secretary, and eight passengers were killed in a rear-end collision near Lawyers' station, eleven miles below here, this morning.

In addition to President Spencer and his secretary, eight passengers were killed and ten injured.

The known killed are: SAMUEL SPENCER, president of the Southern Railway.

Mr. MERRILL, his private secretary.

MR. SCHUYLER, a passenger from New York.

Mr. Spencer was in his private car attached to No. 33 passenger train going south. The train ran into a siding near Lawyers, and No. 37, going south, was let into the block and telescoped the private car, and threw other cars from the track.

SKETCH OF DEAD PRESIDENT.

Samuel Spencer, late president of the Southern Railway, was born March 2, 1847, at Columbus, Ga. He graduated as a civil engineer from the University of Virginia, July, 1869. Entered the railway service August, 1869, since which he has been consecutively to July, 1872, rodman, leveler, transitman, resident engineer and principal assistant engineer to Savannah & Memphis railway, July, 1872, to December, 1872, clerk to superintendent New Jersey Southern railway; December, 1872, to May, 1873, assistant supervisor of trains of the first division of the Baltimore & Ohio railway; May, 1873, to April, 1877, supervisor of trains of the same road; April, 1877, to January, 1878, superintendent of transportation of the Virginia Midland railway; January, 1878, to October, 1879, general superintendent of the Long Island railway; October, 1879, to December, 1880, assistant to president of Baltimore & Ohio railway; December, 1880, to July, 1881, acting general manager of the Trans-Ohio division; July, 1881, to December, 1882, third vice-president; December, 1882, to November, 1884, second vice-president; November, 1884, to December, 1887, vice-president; December, 1887, to December, 1888, vice-president of the same road; March, 1889, to June, 1894, with J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, representing their railway interests; June 18, 1894, until this morning, president of the Southern railway. He was also president of the Georgia Southern & Florida railway, October 16th until this morning; also president Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific railway, the Alabama Southern railway, and a director in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Central Georgia railways, the Erie railway, Old Dominion Steamship Company, and the Western Union Telegraph Company.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

TO HAVE A BUILDING AT THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION NEXT YEAR.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 29.—The Daughters of the Confederacy are to have a building at the Jamestown exposition. This has been practically decided. The plans for raising the necessary amount is under consideration but it has been assured that the members will not be assessed.

THE CONFEDERACY

A fine of \$18,000 was imposed on the American Sugar Refining Company by Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court of New York for accepting rebates from the New York Central Railroad Company.

Recent investigations show that snails have a sense of smell which, over the greater part of which, the body.

"FRAUD," SAYS GOMPERS

LABOR LEADER CHARGES THAT MONEY BOUGHT CONGRESSIONAL SEATS AT ELECTION.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Charges that fraud and corruption generally prevailed in the recent congressional elections are made by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in a signed editorial in the December number of the American Federationist. He says:

"It is more clear now than ever before how great are the sources at the command of the corporate interests of the country. Not only have they unlimited money to be used where-

ever bribery and corruption will be available, but they have still more dangerous weapons. There is not the slightest doubt that, in some congressional districts votes were counted and the majorities made up at the dictation of such interests. If an honest majority has been cast against their tool, the more strenuous the effort by those in control of the machinery of the voting to elect him, no matter by what fraud or trickery.

"The kind of fraud is extremely difficult of proof as its perpetrators well know. But there is not the slightest doubt that it occurred in some cases. Laborers for reform and all good citizens should spare no effort in the future so that the wishes of the honest voters may be registered and counted."

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

SUGGESTED BY THE COALFIELD ENTERPRISE.

Hadn't Mercer better get in the swim for the Speakership of the House of Delegates? Hon. J. R. Dillard wouldn't make a bad one.—Coalfield Enterprise.

E. R. CONDUCTORS

WILL ELECT NEW GRAND CHIEF AT NEXT MEETING AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The next biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors of the United States will be held in Memphis in May, 1907. This session will be of great interest to the conductors, as much important business will claim their attention besides the election of a successor to Grand Chief Conductor E. E. Clarke who was recently appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt. At present Junior Grand Chief Conductor Gareton is filling the office. The office of chief conductor pays \$5,000 a year, and no doubt the contest for the office will be spirited.

NEWS TO US.

Bluefield, W. Va.—Electric-light Plant.—W. J. Newenham, Box 666, contemplates installing electric-light plant in building requiring 1000 lights.—Manufacturers' Record.

Although deluged with letters of appeal, the President is still firm regarding his dismissal of the negroes of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. The secretary to Booker T. Washington and the negro Collector of Internal Revenue called on the President yesterday and were closeted with him in regard to this matter.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS:

Only three days more to avail yourselves of the 2-1-2 per cent discount as allowed per law. No discount allowed after Friday, Nov. 30, 1906.

Call at my office, Telephone Building, Bland St., if you wish to get your discount, before that date.

W. P. HAWLEY, Deputy Sheriff. Office, Rooms 1 and 2.

MAJOR POWELL COTTON

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BOXING CONTEST ENDED IN A DRAW.

FIGHT FOR FUNDS SOON TO BEGIN

THE COMING SESSION OF CONGRESS WILL SEE A LIVELY STRUGGLE.

Washington, Nov. 29.—A fight for funds is the prospect of this session of congress, a three-cornered fight between naval expansionists, advocates of internal improvements and champions of ship subsidy.

As usual under Roosevelt the Republicans face a family squabble, this time over negro soldiers. But the spectacle of a president driving reluctant lawmakers of his party toward fresh reform legislation with a big stick is not advertised on the bills. The message is to advise an inheritance tax as a means of restricting swollen fortunes but the wise ones whisper that the president will not press this at this session, does not expect to get it now. Indeed, it is worth while to note that the message of such an inheritance tax would give naval expansionists, river and harbor men and ship subsidy people more than enough to satisfy all their plans.

COAL WILL LAST FOR CENTURIES.

UNCLE SAM SAYS THERE IS NO DANGER OF RUNNING SHORT ON "BLACK DIAMONDS."

Washington, Nov. 29.—Officers of the Geological Survey declare that the present generation, the generation to follow and still other generations need not worry about the coal supply in the United States.

"There is an abundance of coal in the country," said one of the survey scientists. "In fact, there is a coal to burn for many centuries to come. While it is impossible to make any accurate prophecy, I think it is safe to say that the supply in the United States will last for 4,000 or 5,000 years."

THE PUBLIC

Is hereby cordially invited to attend a lecture given under the auspices of Bnai Brith Lodge, delivered by Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, of Richmond, Va. At Elks Opera House Sunday, December 2nd, at 8 p. m. No admission charge.

B. A. HELLER, C. S. CATZEN, N. N. SAMETH, Committee.

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