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The Case of Miss Stone.

Ransom Money Paid, But Release is Still Delayed—Action of the U. S. Government.

Washington, Feb. 21.—It is estimated at the State Department that fifteen days have now elapsed since the money for Miss Stone's ransom was paid over. At least five days have elapsed beyond the time fixed to place her in the hands of her friends. There is no explanation for the delay. It is hoped that physical conditions, such as snows and adverse weather, may account for the failure to secure her delivery. The officials are loath to believe that there has been a breach of faith on the part of the brigands but even if this were so they do not regard themselves as blame-worthy for having trusted them. From the first the United States government has been adverse to paying ransom, but in response to appeals from every quarter, reluctantly authorized Mr. Leishman to deal with the brigands. However, if it turns out that the brigands have broken faith and they either have taken the ransom money and spirited the captives away again or that they have killed them, then there will be no further attempt to deal with the brigands on the part of the United States government, but its entire power will be directed upon Turkey and upon Bulgaria to procure the swift and certain extermination of the brigands, regardless of cost or effort.

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Presbyterian (City)—Rev. P. B. Bines pastor. Services every first and fifth Sunday morning, D. H. McLean school every Sunday morning, D. H. McLean superintendent.
Disciple Church—Rev. D. H. Petree pastor. Services every third Sunday morning and night. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Sunday school every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. T. T. Massengill Supt.
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In Convention.

The Twenty-sixth annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina will take place in Charlotte March 8-11. It will be unlike any Convention ever held in previous years. Not more than one half a dozen topics will be discussed, as the Convention will confine itself to the discussion of several vital, live subjects, which have to deal with the religious life of men. It will, in every respect be a Twentieth Century Convention. Practically every important college and many preparatory schools for boys will send delegations of their choicest men. City and town Associations will be represented by some of their leading men. Railroad men from several terminal points are also coming to participate in the Convention program.

Wanted, Young Men in Trades.

It is an encouraging sign of the growth of practical common sense among the young men of the South that much of the old prejudice against trades is being overcome, and that many of the representatives of our most aristocratic families are no longer ashamed of working with their hands when they can do that work efficiently and thoroughly. Still, there is plenty of room for the first-class mechanics, while the so-called learned professions are overcrowded with incompetents. In many a small southern town there are hundreds of young men looking for work, while in the same town it is almost an impossibility to secure the services of a first-class machinist, brick-layer or carpenter. The only hope in this case is for the young men to learn trades, and to master them so thoroughly that they will be the best workmen in a certain shop, become the foreman, rise from that position to that of superintendent, and so on. A college education is a most desirable thing but it is doubtful if it is any more valuable than practical mastery of a trade backed by a substantial common school education, and a firm determination to grasp every opportunity for acquiring knowledge afforded by the great outside world.—Augusta Herald.

Rural Free Delivery Matter.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The House Committee on Rules met today to consider the advisability of a special rule in connection with the proposed changes in the rural free delivery system in the Postoffice Appropriation Bill. This subject will come up in a few days and there is a question as to whether the change of rural carriers from the salary to the contract system can be considered on an appropriation bill unless a special rule is framed. For the present, however, there will be no action, as it was decided to await the developments of the debate.

Medals of Honor.

Washington, Special.—Adjutant General Corbin today made public the report of the army board of which General MacArthur was president, appointed to consider and report the names of officers and enlisted men of the army who distinguished themselves during the recent campaigns in Cuba, China and the Philippines, as to entitle them to the award either of medals of honor or certificates of merit. Medals of honor will be awarded in thirty-three cases of which ten go to commissioned officers, and twenty-three to non-commissioned officers and privates. Only one medal is awarded on account of service in the Cuban service, two in the case of the Chinese campaign and thirty in the Philippine war. The medal list shows few names of persons familiar to the public, perhaps the most notable ones being those of musician Calvin P. Titus, who was the first to scale the wall at Perkin and who afterwards was sent to West Point, and Lieutenant Matthew A. Batson, who commanded the Macabebes scouts. The certificates to merit are all awarded to non-commissioned officers and privates, and of the total number of fifty-six, four are on account of the Cuban campaign, forty-five on account of the Philippine campaign and seven on account of Chinese trouble.

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Project Nearly 400 Years Old.

Among the vital questions now engrossing the attention of the American people, the Isthmian Canal has a preeminence. The question is not only for American people but for the civilized world. A short waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans has a significance which touches the commerce of the world. Our readers will do well to keep themselves informed on the nature and progress of this great enterprise.

The project of a ship canal between the two oceans is nearly four hundred years old. The Spaniards explored a route across the Isthmus in 1529, with a view to effecting the passage which offers such possibilities to the civilized world. Suffice it to say that at that time the scheme was so impracticable that all efforts in this direction were abandoned for the time. The interest shown by the Spaniards has not been fruitless, as what they did has furnished a foundation for succeeding projectors to build upon.

The Isthmian Canal Commission was appointed in 1899 to determine the most feasible route for a ship canal across Central America. After extensive surveys, only two routes were considered practicable: The Nicaragua and Panama. If our readers will look at a map of Central America, they will plainly see the force of the statement. It will also be seen that much more work is to be done on the Nicaragua than the Panama route. Both routes lie in tropical countries, and the danger to life is greater than in any other great enterprise inaugurated by the civilized world.

The entire distance of the proposed Nicaragua Canal from Greyton on the Carriagua sea to Brito on the Pacific is 183.66 miles. It cuts the continental divide only twelve miles from the coast. Certain attitudes constitute the greatest difficulties to be confronted on this route. Lake Nicaragua is the highest point, and undoubtedly furnishes a great advantage in constituting a part of the waterway. Four locks have been planned in passing up to the lake level from either ocean. An immense dam is necessary at Conchuda on the San Juan river. The total length of the dam would be 1,310 feet, and its cost is estimated at \$4,017,650.

The Panama route is but 49.09 miles from ocean to ocean. Colon is the Atlantic terminus; Panama Bay, the Pacific. The summit elevations are about twenty feet less than that for the Nicaragua route. The greatest difficulty in the Panama route is a place for a dam which will not cost an exorbitant sum. The estimates of the Canal Commission are \$180,864,062 for the Nicaragua route and 144,233,353 for the Panama. The difference is considerable as can be seen at a glance. The Panama route is about one-fourth the length of that of the Nicaragua. The estimated annual cost of operation of the Panama route is but six-tenths of that required in the Nicaragua route.

Before the Isthmian Canal Commission was appointed, a French corporation, which Ferdinand de Lesseps was the head, began work on the Panama route in 1856. In 1887, operations were suspended for lack of money. In 1889, the company became bankrupt, and was dissolved. The liquidator succeeded in forming in 1884 a new company known as the new Panama Canal Company. This company agrees to sell its rights and property valued at \$109,141,500 for \$40,000,000. The matter is before Congress, and what the result will be is problematic. It is likely, however, that the Nicaragua route will be chosen. The question is complicated, and the United States has on its hands a problem which is very difficult, but which, we have no doubt, will be solved to the welfare of the civilized world.—Christian Advocate.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

A young man told a Clay county girl that she looked sweet enough to eat. She told him he couldn't prove it.

There are plenty of smart Alexanders about this town who know more at sixteen than their grandfathers do at seventy-five.

We know of a girl who has participated in so many engagements that she has assumed quite a military appearance.

A Tompkinsville girl married a liveryman because she said she wanted a man with stable qualities and plenty of horse sense.

A bachelor of this town says there is still hope for him. That it is not absolutely certain that he will ever marry.

Hearing one of our citizens boasting of his illustrious ancestors reminded us of the fact that it is a good thing to have ancestors, but sometimes pretty hard on the ancestors.

A lady of this town accused her boy of being unthoughtful when everybody else thought him full, but it might have been that his idiotic way of acting was natural.

"Have you ever made a critical examination of Paradise Lost?" enquired a Monroe county school teacher. "No, but I live in Paradise, Texas," answered the Western belle.

A Monroe county girl says that the reason why she never cries at church is because she is afraid of soiling her complexion. The fact is she got her complexion from the drugstore.

An Oklahoma man who is 64 years old married a seventeen year old Monroe county girl because she knew how to cook. There is wisdom in old age after all.

The other day we witnessed the monkey shines of two young sports who convinced us, by their actions that the old legend that man descended from the monkey is only a question of a tail with them.

A Louisville woman was very much enraged at being kissed by a dentist who was filling her teeth. It was evidently her first visit to a dentist's shop, and she was not familiar with the rules.

Darwin says that man descended from the monkey. If he did his decent has been very great, especially in the case of some of our citizens whom we can credit with trying to raise again, in as much as they are doing their best to make monkeys of themselves.

Since a Chicago professor has discovered an art by the aid of which it is practically possible for a man to live forever, people will begin to have some concern about how they all, as time passes on with its increase of humanity and no deaths, will be able to make a living for their never ending lives.

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