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DANGERS OF MORMONISM.

Gen. Eaton Sees in the Religion of Joseph Smith a

MENACE TO OUR INSTITUTIONS.

65,000 Converts Each Year, a Number Almost Incredible, Besides Its Nominal Members of 300,000.

The Philadelphia (Pa.) Times says Gen. John Eaton, of Washington, D. C., delivered a lecture, at Association Hall, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance. He took for his subject, "The Mormons and the Way to Suppress Them." He said: "The subject which I have chosen may seem an unnecessary one, but the dangers it threatens make its consideration most important. According to the official accounts from the Mormon Propaganda it lately received 65,000 converts each year—a number almost incredible. It has beside its nominal members 300,000 regular communicants.

"The Mormons, though essentially the same as formerly, do not carry out the old plan of conversion. They now visit the houses of persons in pairs, and are very similar in their methods to the followers of Moody. They present a card on gaining admittance and proceed to enumerate the articles of faith, which, as they are written, do not seem so extravagant. They are careful not to give offence, and, having won favor, can obtain a satisfactory hearing. Their hearers, finding no objection to their mild, religious statements, become less horrified, oftentimes becoming members of the Mormon Church in spite of its atrocities.

"The Mormon faith in itself is to be dreaded, but the probability of its unhealthful influence is still worse. The State of Utah, though admitted into the Union by promising to abandon polygamy, is now governed by the followers of Smith, and as their religion is universally adopted the State will make no laws to destroy it. But the danger does not cease here. The State of Utah has the right to send two Senators to Washington. Two Mormons are, therefore, living at the Capital with their wives and admitted into our most respectable American society. The danger of this is obvious. More than once social intercourse has resulted in the ultimate conversion of Christians to Mormonism. Many who have settled or visited Utah began to worship in these pagan churches because it was stylish to be Mormons in that country, and their ruination soon followed.

"Another danger resulting in the power of Mormonism in Utah is its political strength. Even now nothing could be done in the Senate against it without being strongly opposed by the two Senators just mentioned. In the State itself no one but a Mormon will be received favorably. It is beyond doubt that Mormonism is spreading. They have recently established two headquarters in Mississippi, one in Athens, Ala.; one in Tennessee, and several in New York, New Jersey and other localities near by. Even our own State contains many Mormon converts. They are now erecting schools, academies and even universities to spread their infamous doctrine."

Wife Murderer Hanged.

Edward Shannon, the wife-murderer, has been sentenced to be hanged on February 11th, at Wheaton, Ill., by Judge Willis. Shannon is over 70 years old. He showed little emotion when sentenced. Asked if he had anything to say, he tremblingly rose and feebly told how he had saved the life of State's Attorney Wright, when he was a boy. This was the only plea he made for mercy.

License Tax Regulation.

The Virginia Senate passed the House bill to make it unlawful for any lawyer, physician, surgeon, dentist, or any other person engaged in a profession or calling, taxed by the laws of this State, who has his residence in this State, to practice his profession in any county or city of this Commonwealth under a license-tax from any other State or the District of Columbia.

Flood in the Ohio.

Last week a terrible flood raged in the Ohio river, causing great damage to property. T. S. Cross, a salesman of North Vernon, Indiana, was drowned near French Lick, while trying to ford a swollen stream. A farmer named Drury and his father were drowned while trying to ford the Cumberland river. The bodies were recovered three miles below.

With a Pistol.

Jack Caldwell, a prominent and popular young farmer of Mecklenburg county, N. C., shot and instantly killed himself in the room of a friend with whom he had spent the night. His mind had been affected for some time.

The Strike in New England.

The first week of the cotton operatives' strike in New England cotton centres closes with the strikers and the manufacturers firmly maintaining their respective positions.

The Pension Roll.

Senator Cannon has introduced a bill providing for the publication of the pension roll by Jan. 1, 1899, and thereafter as Congress may direct.

Killed by a Bursting Wheel.

At Savannah, Ga., J. W. Lee, a carpenter in the car shops of the Central Railroad, was instantly killed by a bursting pully wheel. The wheel was being driven at the rate of 354 revolutions a minute, which makes the accident inexplicable to mechanics.

Suicided by Hanging Himself.

M. J. Daugherty, of Pittsburg, Pa., traveling salesman for the American Tea Company, of Zanesville, O., hanged himself in that city while temporarily deranged.

NEW ENGLAND APPREHENSIVE.

Arrangements Being Made in Biddeford for Serving Strike Rations.

Boston, (Special).—The sum total of the new features in the programme of the textile troubles is the shutting down of the Cabot Mill at Brunswick, Me., because of the desertion of help in sympathy with the striking weavers, and the announcement that a small mill of the Social Manufacturing Company, at Woonsocket, R. I., would be shut down for a few days for lack of orders. But the mill troubles, evidently, are not to be confined to mill cities, for the side issue brought up by labor legislation in the Massachusetts Legislature.

It will be remembered that the Arkwright Club, in recommending a cut in wages, laid stress upon the competition of Southern mills. The club further urged the repeal of the restrictive measures in force in Massachusetts.

With the first inkling of an attempt to carry out this recommendation labor representatives in the House introduced bills for new legislation, for a 55-hour week, no overtime for women and children, and to investigate the present textile situation. Along the line of battle from New Bedford, Mass., to Lewiston, Me., there was absolute quietude. The State board of arbitration has sent Member Barry to the former place to see if the strikers would not abandon the fining issue, but the outcome of his errand is not known.

In Fall River the discontent, although entirely beneath the surface, is growing and the mill officials know it and are apprehensive. The evidence of stubbornness of the operatives in defending their position is shown in Biddeford, Me., where arrangements for serving strike rations of soup and food are being made. There the citizens, even to Chinese laundrymen, are contributing money and societies are offering aid. The strike may assume acute conditions there sooner than at any other place, judging from local indications.

At Biddeford, Me., an effort will be made by the officials of the Pepperell and Laconia Cloth Mills to start and all textile workers who desire to return to work under the 10 per cent. cut can do so. The union men are almost positive that not enough will go back to start the mills.

BIG COMPANY INCORPORATED.

It is to Do Business in Virginia and the Republic of Venezuela.

Mr. Wickham has introduced a bill in the Virginia Legislature to incorporate the American Development Company of the United States. The act authorizes the company to purchase, own, sell, rent, lease, etc., any real, personal or mixed property in South America, and more especially to buy, lease, sell, rent, operate and generally to own and develop any concession, grant or franchise; street railways, bonded warehouse, cattle-packing, cold-storing, and shipping, railroads, telegraph and telephone lines; and to establish, operate, own, perpetuate and generally to work, or cause to be worked operated, mines, mills, factories, furnaces, electric plants, etc., in the republic of Venezuela. In the State of Virginia and in Venezuela the company shall have power to do a general banking business. The capital stock is to be not less than $1,000,000, and may be increased to $35,000,000. It is said the corporators have ample financial backing.

The Greatest of Barbecues.

The National Stock Growers' Convention, which has been meeting at Denver, Col., has prepared the most astonishing barbecue on record. The affair will come off on the 27th, and the menu will consist of eight beeves, four buffalo, six elk, ten antelope, four bears, forty sheep, ten pigs, two hundred opossum, ten barrels of pickles, half a ton of cheese, forty barrels of sweet potatoes, three thousand loaves of bread and four hundred kegs of beer.

For Federal Control of Quarantine.

Senator Vest, from the committee on quarantine and public health, has reported a substitute for Senator Caffrey's bill providing regulations for quarantine. The bill as reported practically places the control of all matters pertaining to the quarantine service in the control of the Federal government.

Pritchard Will Stay in the Senate.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, will not leave the Senate to accept the judgeship now vacant in his State, says the Washington Post. A dispatch from North Carolina had suggested him as the probable appointee.

Killed by Gas Explosion.

Forty persons were killed and eighteen injured by an explosion of gas in one of the mines of the Donetzaer Company, in the Tagenrog district of Russia.

Saxton Must Pay $30,000.

The Ohio Supreme Court has decided that George D. Saxton, a brother of Mrs. William McKinley, shall pay Sample Sample C. George $30,000 for alienating the affections of Mrs. George. She procured a divorce in Dakota, and it is charged that Saxton paid the expenses. He owns the Saxton block in Canton, Ohio.

Fought to Get in a Court Room.

At Chicago the anxiety of many people to hear the closing proceedings in the trial of Adolph L. Luetgert for the murder of his wife resulted in a free fight in and around Judge Gary's court room in which the two bailiffs were badly mauled and several spectators vigorously clubbed.

Appointed Harbor Mistress.

Miss Fay Fuller, who has just been appointed harbor mistress of Tacoma, Wash., is the only woman in the world holding such a place. She became prominent in the West a number of years ago by being the first woman to ascend Mount Tacoma.

Newbold Acquitted.

W. H. Newbold the dispensary constable charged with the murder of an inoffensive old farmer, was tried at Spartanburg, S. C. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

THE ARMOR PLATE PLANT.

Full Plans and Specifications Have Been Prepared.

BIDS TO BE OPENED THE 29TH.

It Will Require Three Years to Get the Plant in Operation, and Millions Will be Required for It.

Washington, (Special) — Secretary Long, accompanied by Chief Construction Hichborn, Chief O'Neill, of the Bureau of Ordnance, and Judge Advocate General Lemley, appeared before the Senate committee on naval affairs on the 19th. The Secretary said in response to questions that the Navy Department had prepared full plans and specifications calling for an armor plant under the last naval appropriation bill, and that estimates on the cost of land, tools and machinery necessary to equip the plant had been made. The bids were to be opened on the 29th instant, and he thought several bids would be made.

Secretary Long said also that in view of the report of the committe which he had appointed to consider the question of a government armor plant, upon the great cost and delay it would involve, he had entered into further negotiations with private armor plants, now furnishing armor for other ships, and he believed that he could make a contract for the supply of armor plate for the Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin, now under course of construction, which would be ready whenever the ships were ready to receive it, at the rate of $400 per ton. The secretary recommended, in view of the circumstances, that an arrangement to this effect be made.

From the Secretary's statement, corroborated by statements by Commodore Hitchborn and Captain O'Neill, it appears that the cost of a government plant, properly equipped, would be from $3,500,000 to $4,500,000. He said that their estimate included all machinery for making armor-plate, guns and projectiles, and added that if the government adopted the policy of providing its own plant no armor could be expected from such plant for about three years. The committee has taken no action upon the armor-plate matter, and it is considered probable that the whole question will receive attention in that connection.

A COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Scheme to Increase an Interchange of Business Between South and West.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, has issued an invitation to the Governors of the Southern and Western States to attend the fifth annual session of the South and West Commercial Congress, to convene at Tampa, Fla., Feb. 8th, 9th and 10th, 1898. The Governors are also requested to appoint delegates to the congress.

The principal objects of the congress are to consider the means to increase the interchange of all merchandise and manufactured articles between the South and West, and to promote the movement of grain and all other products of the Western States to Southern distributing markets and through Southern ports for export. All the Governors, commercial organizations, municipal governments and transportation companies of the South and the West have been requested to appoint delegates to this congress. A great many have already responded and the success of the congress is assured.

BOUND AND GAGGED A FAMILY.

Then Ransacked the House for Booty, Cooked Breakfast and Departed.

Five masked men entered the residence of Mrs. Anna Gratz, two miles east of Beaver Dam, O., and at the point of a revolver, bound and gagged every member of the household, consisting of Mrs. Gratz, a daughter, three sons, aged from 10 to 18 years, and two farm hands, John Hauenstein and Adolph Follet. Leaving one of their number to guard their victims the remaining four looted the house, securing about $10 in money, two gold watches and some jewelry, after which they repaired to the kitchen and cooked breakfast. After eating a hearty meal they departed, leaving the family still bound.

Nominations by the President.

The President has nominated Claude M. Bernard to be attorney of the United States, Eastern district of North Carolina. Also Tyre Glenn to be postmaster at Greensboro, N. C., and Wm. H. Chadbourn, postmaster at Wilmington, same State.

Killed Herself With Brother's Pistol.

A special from Maysville, Ky., says: News of the suicide of Miss Harriet Keith Owens, at Crab Orchard farm, the home of her father, Basil D. Owens, near Washington, has reached here. Miss Owens had been in poor health for some time and had to give up her school last fall on that account. She read the account of the shooting of ex-Senator Joe Blackburn's daughter, Mrs. Lane, with much interest. After reading about the shooting she went to her brother's room, secured his pistol, placed it to her temple and fired. Death was instantaneous.

Actor's Wife Gets Absolute Divorce.

At New York, Justice Pryor, in the Supreme Court confirmed the report of ex-Judge Donahue, as referee, recommending that a decree of absolute divorce be granted to Nellie R. Goodwin, wife of Nat C. Goodwin, the actor. Goodwin is ordered to pay to his divorced wife $75 a week alimony.

Three Men Killed in a Wreck.

The westbound overland train jumped the track near Colfax, Cal., wrecking the train badly. The engineer, fireman and one brakeman were killed.

TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

The South.

Atlanta is preparing to celebrate on May 5 and 6 its semi-centennial.

The Virginia Legislature downed the anti-flirting bill.

Reginald de Koven is seriously ill at Aiken, S. C., having undergone a surgical operation.

The Norfolk, Va., trucking season has been delayed by frost and there is a scarcity of spinach.

At Marion, S. C., a negro shot and killed his sweetheart because she refused to go to Georgia with him.

There is a bill before the Virginia Legislature for the nomination of Federal Senators by primaries.

C. A. Gammon, a leading merchant of Montgomery, Ala., swallowed one ounce of carbolic acid and died from its effects.

In a Sunday card game at Darlington, S. C., Brooks McIver shot and killed Peser Murray. Both parties are colored.

Clarence Bartlett, aged 17, has strangely disappeared from the home, in Norfolk, Va., of his uncle, a wealthy contractor.

There is much activity at the Norfolk navy yard and a hundred men have returned to work in the construction department.

Mrs. Anita McKee, of Jackson, Miss., has asked President McKinley to appoint her Collector of Internal Revenue at New Orleans, La.

The Georgia Legislature has appropriated $10,005 for a textile school in Atlanta, provided a similar amount be raised by private subscription.

Dr. Tydeman, a distinguished retired physician of Knoxville, Tenn., who was well known for his deeds of charity and benevolence, died in Columbia, S. C.

The result of the first ballot in the Tennessee Legislature for a United State Senator resulted as follows: McMillan 39, Turley 30, Taylor 19. It requires 45 to nominate.

The Liberty Woolen Mills, at Bedford City, Va., which has been idle for some time, has been purchased by New York and Philadelphia parties, and it is stated, will start it up at once.

The total number of smallpox cases in Greenville, so says a statement in the Columbia State, signed by C. C. Jones, chairman board of health, numbers 27; deaths 1. The statement also says there is no danger now, as they have the disease under control.

The North.

Fire at Chicago, Ill., destroyed property amounting to half a million.

The coming convention of the Reunited Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held at Trenton, N. J., June 27.

A mock trial by boys, ending in a hanging, at Turner's Falls, Mass., almost cost Harry Jackson his life.

A teacher at Matteawan, N. Y., dissected a cat in the schoolroom and the cruelty society may prosecute her.

The Lorraine, (O.) chamber of commerce will offer the government a free site for an armor plant on Black river.

Although he has fallen heir to a fortune of $70,000, Policeman Delmar S. Gardner will remain on the New York force.

Master Car Builders' and Master Mechanics' Association of the United States will convene at Saratoga, N. Y., in June next.

John Mosher, of Fishkill, N. Y., drove three miles beside a corpse, not knowing that his companion had died on the journey.

An effort will be made by the New York Senate to find out what became of the $9,000,000 appropriated for improving the Erie Canal.

Logan Carlisle, son of John G., and former chief clerk in the United States Treasury department at Washington, during the Cleveland administration, died at the home of his father in New York. Cause, heart failure.

Adlai E. Stevenson, former Vice-President of the United States, has accepted the position of Western counsel of the North American Trust Company of New York, with a membership in the board of directors.

On February 1st 114 looms in the Manchester (N. H.,) Cotton Mills will be stopped for an indefinite time. The cause assigned is the falling off in the demand for print goods. There will also be a reduction of about 10 per cent. in wages, affecting about 30 per cent. of the employes, on January 24th.

Miscellaneous.

The London engineers have agreed to return to work.

The reductions of wages in the New England cotton mills will effect 125,000 operatives.

At Hot Springs, Ark., Jack Everhasdt knocked out Eddie Donnelly in the sixth round.

Eight millions in gold dust is stored at Dawson City, Alaska. The output this year is expected to reach $50,000,000.

General John M. Schofield thinks it would be a grave blunder not to annex the Hawaiian Islands.

Dick Brandt, the supposed train robber and murderer, was among a dozen prisoners who broke jail at Bentonville, Ark.

The stomachs of Conrad Beck, in St. Louis, and Mrs. E. Bestian, in Milwaukee, were removed by surgeons as a result of cancer. Both patients died.

Governor Black, of New York, will be present at the American Paper and Publishing Association's annual dinner, in New York city on February 17.

George Draham won a race of thirty-five miles against about 200 other Klondike miners who sought to be first on the grounds to secure rich claims on French Pete Creek.

At Boston three boys were asphyxiated by gas.

William Slate, of Leadville, Col., prompted by jealousy, shot and killed Mrs. Minnie Smith and killed himself.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was reported to the House on the 19th. It carries $5,537,657, or over half a million dollars less than the current year's appropriation.

At Philadelphia Sam Henderson, 15 years old, has been arrested for the murder of Percy Lockgar, 5 years old. "Yellowback" literature is supposed to be responsible for the deed.

CURE FOR HOG CHOLERA.

A Discovery That Will Prove a Boon to the Farmer.

ANTI-TOXINE SERUM THE

Talisman—The Serum Saved 82.8 Per Cent., and at a Nominal Cost of Only 10 Cents a Head.

The chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. D. E. Salmon, at Washington, has submitted to Secretary Wilson a report upon the experiments made in the treatment of hogs for hog cholera with anti-toxine serum. This serum is made upon the same principle as the anti-toxine of diphtheria. Good serum has been obtained from both horses and cattle, a horse or cow being treated with the hog cholera virus in small quantities at first, with large doses after suitable intervals of time. The resistance of the animal is thus raised to the highest practicable point. The blood of such an animal when injected under the skin of swine has been found to possess both a preventive and a cure for cholera.

This serum was first tested upon small animals in the laboratory and being found efficacious, was last fall tested in Page county, Iowa, on several herds of swine containing altogether 278 animals. Leaving out one herd, from which definite returns as to cause of death could not be obtained, only 39 died out of 244 animals of which 86 were sick. Consequently 82.8 per cent of the animals in these herds were saved. Of untreated herds kept under observation during the period referred to about 85 per cent. of the animals died. Dr. Salmon believes that with experience a better quality of serum can be prepared and he has doubt that this percentage can be maintained hereafter.

Referring to this report Secretary Wilson remarked that undoubtedly the results reported by Dr. Salmon were most encouraging to hog raisers. The cost of the serum now, said the secretary, is but 10 cents per head of animals treated, only one dozen being required, and doubtless in course of time this light cost may still be further reduced.

"It is my opinion," said the secretary "that it is of the utmost importance that this serum for the next year at least be made by the bureau, under our own supervision, and distributed in large quantities in order to demonstrate its efficiency upon a more extended scale. It is absolutely essential that during the experimental stage serum of undoubted quantity be used. Unless the hog growers can obtain it from this department they will be forced to depend upon what can be obtained from private sources, and owing to the novelty of this product, not only will discouragingly exorbitant prices be charged for it, but in many cases inferior products may be offered. This would preclude the possibility of making a satisfactory test on a widely extended scale.

"I propose to ask congress to provide an appropriation necessary to enable this department to furnish 2,000,000 dozens of serum during the next year, and to make a considerable portion of the appropriation immediately available. It seems from Dr. Salmon's report that it takes three or four months to put a horse or cow in condition to supply the serum; consequently the work upon an extended scale must be undertaken at once.

"The losses from hog cholera are so enormous and have weighed so heavily for years upon our farmers that I cannot imagine that Congress will for a moment make the appropriations necessary to carry on this work thoroughly. Indeed apart from the great stake the farmers have in this matter, to refuse to provide for a thorough test of this remedy now would be, indeed, pennywise and pound foolish; for the discovery of this serum has involved already many years of work and a very large sum of money. It would be a great mistake, now that so great a discovery seems to have been made, not to finish the work by giving it a thorough and extensive test.

STONED BY STRIKERS.

Superintendent of a New Bedford Mill Roughly Handled.

At New Bedford, Mass., strikers have become disorderly. Superintendent Knowles, of the Acushnet Mill, was stoned by a crowd of nearly a thousand strikers. He is one of the most unpopular men in New Bedford. He made a speech at the Gate Mill and tried to persuade some strikers to return to work, when he was roughly handled by the men.

About fifty men, mostly French and Polish, attempted to resume work, but were prevented by strikers, who are in an angry mood. Serious trouble is anticipated.

Petitioned the Postmaster-General.

The South Carolina Presbyterian synod has petitioned the postmaster-general remonstrating against the opening of postoffices on Sunday and against Sunday transportation of mails. The grievance was submitted through Senator McLaurin.

Killed Himself, Wife and Children.

John Matthews, a retail grocer in New York, murdered his wife and their two children, a boy 19 years old and a girl 12, by hacking them to death with a hatchet. Matthews then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Relief Expedition Not Abandoned.

Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the War Department, pronounces to be absolutely untrue the statement coming from Portland Ore., that the relief expedition to the Klondyke has been abandoned by the Government.

Cotton for the Orient.

Seven train loads, amounting to 4,750 bales of Texas cotton have arrived at Tacoma, Wash., for shipment to China and Japan on the steamers of the Northern Pacific line.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Activity in Business and Industrial Lines Generally Reported.

Bradstreet's report, for past week says: A large measure of activity in business and industrial lines, in some instances, with previous records surpassed, and very general steadiness in prices of staples, is perhaps the most notable feature of the trade situation this week. Quotations of cereals show the most aggressive strength, while those of some makes of pig iron betray rather more decided weakness than they did a week ago. Mild weather is frequently mentioned as an influence to check retail distribution of seasonable goods, chiefly because of the effect on country roads. Spring trade opens slowly, as usual at this time of the year, but confidence is still unimpaired.

The industrial situation with the single exception of the cotton industry is one of exceptional strength. As yet the strikes in this branch of trade are largely confined to Massachusetts. Men's wear woolens are moving fairly well. At the West, distributive trade is slowly improving while at the South a fair January trade is reported, particularly in the Mississippi valley. Good returns from last year's Louisiana sugar crop find expression in high prices for sugar lands. The good report from cotton precludes too heavy accumulation at primary points in spite of the crop movement. Mild weather in the Northwest affects the trade to some extent. A point of interest, however, is the report that fur goods manufacturers usually shut down at this season, are running full time on Alaskan orders. Business is active on the Pacific coast; California crop prospects have been improved by the recent rains, and ship and boat building is very active along Puget Sound and at Portland.

Quite a shrinkage in cereal reports are indicated by reports to Bradstreet's this week. The total shipments of wheat, flour included, from the United States and Canada, amounted to only 3,925,000 bushels against 5,229,000 last week; 2,916,000 bushels in this week a year ago; 3,849,000 bushels in 1896, and 2,840,000 bushels in the third week of January, 1895. Indian corn exports show a heavy falling off, amounting to only 3,486,000 bushels this week, against 4,461,000 bushels last week; 3,520,000 last year and 3,192,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1896.

A further falling off on the number of business failures is reported in the United States this week, the total being only 209, against 223 last week; 429 this week a year ago; 314 in the week of 1896; 312 in 1895 and 338 in 1894. The failures in the Dominion of Canada show a further falling off, amounting this week to only 46 against last week; 57 in 1897; 52 in 1896, and 48 in 1894, but slightly exceeding those of 1895, which number 38.

REV. DR. TALMAGE MARRIED.

Mrs. Elenore McCutcheon Collier, of Pittsburg, the Bride.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the noted divine, at Washington, and Mrs. Elenore McCutcheon Collier, of Alleghany City, Pa., were united in marriage on the 22d, at the McCutcheon residence, No. 47 Irwin avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the Fifst United Presbyterian Church. The wedding, which came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple, was, on account of the recent death in the family, an extremely quiet affair.

Mrs. Talmage is the daughter of the late James M. McCutcheon, of the big iron firm of Lindsay & McCutcheon. She was the widow of Chas. W. Collier, only son of Judge P. H. Collier. She is 40 years old while her husband is 66. The present Mrs. Talmage is the reverend gentleman's third wife, his second wife having died several years ago.

A Reverend Forger Saws Out of Jail.

Rev. Leslie Cook, who has been confined in the Roanoke (Va.) city jail, under an indictment for forgery, sawed out and made good his escape. The special case on which he was indicted involved a check purporting to have been signed by T. W. Wood & Son, of Richmond, and which Cook had cashed during the meeting of the Baptist Association in Roanoke some months ago. He held a pastorate in Roanoke for a short time. Cook is wanted in other places on similar charges.

Fatal Collision.

Train No. 37, of the Atlantic Coast Line, from New York to Florida, and train No. 52, local, from Charleston, collided 80 miles west of Charleston. Two men were killed and a number injured. The collision was caused by a confusion of orders. Since the above was written another of the injured has died, making the total deaths three. The State Railroad Commission says no wreck would have occurred if orders had been carried out.

Military Burial for a Veteran Mule.

At Bluin, Tex., military ceremonies were held at the burial of an old Confederate army mule, which belonged to A. McCullough. The veteran beast was 42 years of age. Its owner used it as a cavalry mount all through the war, and in recent years exhibited it many soldiers' reunions.

Lived 11 Days With a Broken Neck.

August Nickerson, a sailor, died at Port Townsend, Wash., with a broken neck. Nickerson, who was a sailor on the American bark Cayphene, while off Cape Mendocino, eleven days previous fell from the main yard through a hatch to the hold, a distance of 48 feet.

Shot to Death by the Posse.

Arthur Jennings, who assassinated Joe Brinson and wounded Jim Pryor, near Augusta, Ga., was surrounded in a house in the country several miles from the city and while resisting arrest was shot to death.

Mr. St. John Will Stick.

Vice-President St. John's private secretary denies positively the report that Mr. St. John will resign his position with the Seaboard Air Line to accept the management of the Union Pacific.

A TEMPLE LIKE SOLOMON'S.

It is to be Erected on Cayuga Island at the Pan-American Exposition.

S. A. Perkins, private secretary to Senator Mark Hanna, was in Buffalo, N. Y., a few days since interviewing the directors of the Pan-American Exposition. It developed that Mr. Perkins' visit had to do with the important conclave of Masons. The managers of the exposition have already considered the scheme, and the arrangements are practically perfected. It is intended to erect on the exposition grounds on Cayuga Island a temple on lines corresponding to the Biblical description of King Solomon's temple. Every blue lodge, consistory, chapter and commandery, from Maine to California and from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn, is to be invited to participate in the conclave.

AN INDEMNITY FOR MEXICO.

President Recommends Paying $2,000 to the Heirs of Louis Morena.

President McKinley has sent to the Senate a message with a report from the Secretary of State relating to the lynching, in 1895, at Yreka, Col., of Louis Morena, a Mexican citizen, and the demand of the Mexican government for indemnity. The President says:

"Following the course adopted in the case of the lynching of the three Italians in Louisiana, in August, 1896, I have recommended the appropriation by Congress, out of humane considerations and without reference to the question of liability of the government of the United States in the premises, of the sum of $2,000 to be paid by the Secretary of State to the government of Mexico to be distributed among the heirs of Louis Morena."

STANLY COUNTY ENJOINED.

Simonton Allows an Injunction That Blocks Repudiation Temporarily.

In the United States Circuit Court at Charleston, S. C., Judge Simonton granted Charles Price, counsel for Color & Co., bankers of New York, an injunction in the Stanly county, N. C., bond suit. The injunction will for the present at least put an end to the repudiation of bonds issued by Stanly and other counties for railroad-building purposes.

The case has already been before the Supreme Court of North Carolina and has attracted much attention all over the State.

Sworn to Keep the Peace.

A special from Richmond, Va., says: The case of Gen. George J. Hundley, of Amelia, and Capt. John Cussons, of Glen Allen, who were arrested some weeks ago, charged with being about to engage in a duel, was disposed of in the police court here on the 18th by the placing of both gentlemen under bonds of $1,000 each to keep the peace for twelve months. Their arrest grew out of a correspondence between the two gentlemen, consequent upon investigation of the case of Colonel Stubbs, grand commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia. Sergeant R. N. Thomas and Col. John Murphy went on Col. Cussons's bond, and Mr. Geo. C. Jefferson, Col. John Murphy and Senator W. E. Foster, of Norfolk, appeared as securities for General Hundley.

The Bribery Investigation.

The Ohio Legislature has begun the bribery investigation against Marcus A. Hanna made by Representative Otis during the recent senatorial contest. The proprietors of the Neill House will be asked as to who paid the hotel bills of certain legislators, and the managers of the telegraph companies will be summoned. The investigation will drag along for some time. As the Senate stands 19 to 17 against Hanna, with Senator Burke voting with the Democrats, it is quite probable that there will be some report adopted in the body to transmit to the United States Senate. In the House the vote is 56 to 53 the other way, and the House investigation committee may do little more than look on at the Senate investigation.

Americans Lost Heavily.

United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department from Port au Prince that American residents suffered very heavily from the recent fire which destroyed 800 houses in Port au Prince, rendering homeless more than 2,000 people and entailing a loss of more than a million dollars. Many of the largest American commercial houses were located in the burned section.

Father of British House Dead.

Charles Pelham Villiers, Member of Parliament from South Wolverhampton, and known as the "Father of the House of Commons," having sat continuously in the House of Commons since 1835, is dead.

School Fund Apportionment.

Georgia's school commissioner has finished the compilation of the apportionment of the school fund for the several counties in the State for the year 1898. The total amount apportioned is $1,632,281. The school population of the State is put down at 604,971. The rate per capita under apportionment for 1898 is $2.69 an increase of 77 cents per capita over the present year, when it was $1.92.

To Pay Bonds in Silver.

The Teller resolution providing that bonds of the United States may be paid in standard silver dollars has been favorably reported by a majority of the finance committee of the United States Senate and notice given that it would be called up at an early date.

Death of Col. G. M. Buffalo.

Col. Joseph G. M. Buffalo died at his residence in New York, aged 76 years. He was born at Raleigh, N. C., and served on the staff of Gen. Chalmers, of the Southern army. After the war he moved to New York as the representative of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. For the past thirty years he has been connected with the Norfolk & Western Railroad and the Virginia, Tennessee & Georgia Air Line.