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EFFECT OF SCANDALS ON LIFE INSURANCE.

The report of the insurance superintendents of New York for the twelve months ended December 31, 1905, shows that compared with 1904, the companies doing business in the State issued 83,396 fewer policies and wrote \$151,724,854 less insurance.

The increase in life insurance had for years been going on so rapidly, giving the legitimate argument in favor of life insurance as an investment of great effect, it must be admitted that much that was done under that name was not genuine life insurance.

The paper quoted says it is good thing to have this fall off and under the new legislation it will fall off still more. To the advantage of sound life insurance, and the agreeable information is given that there is no ground for fearing financial disturbance from this cause.

The figures from the insurance superintendents report as the first reliable returns as to the real effect of the publication of the scandals and what is true of New York is probably largely the case with other States of course, in the long run, good can only result, both to the companies and the policy-holders, the grafter alone suffering, and they deserve all this will get.

The following is from The Charlotte News and Courier: "The Rev. Albert Beck of North Carolina, has issued his annual report on one year of ground in that State. This was done in the month of June, and we believe for the world. He based on one year of land in his farm in this State more than in any other State."

There is one important feature of the corporation commission's report on the recent Seaboard wreck near Hamlet, to-wit, that the accident could not have occurred but for a violation of the company's rules. This of course does not lessen the legal responsibility of the railroad, and it shows that the operating system was not the cause of the accident, and that means a good deal to the business of railroading.

It is said that Chinese coolies will have to be employed on the canal, since Jamaican negroes have proved a failure as laborers. This may put the President in a hole, for Mr. Compers, the American Federation of Labor leader, long ago declared that the enterprise should be abandoned rather than a resort to Chinese labor be had.

LET US HAVE FAIR DEALING.

There is loud demand for the punishment of the operator or dispatcher or whoever was responsible for the collision near Hamlet last Sunday evening. It is certain that "somebody blundered;" that somebody was at fault; but in the cause of justice it is very necessary to find all the facts before passing final judgment.

RUSSELL SAGE.

This is the editorial tribute of The New York Evening Post to the late financier and millionaire. "Russell Sage had been, for more than a generation, a target of popular ridicule. If he had any aspirations beyond money-getting, he did not show them to the world, and yet beyond that, he did not practice it before men.

The Washington Post observes that "much of the excitement on the Bryan band wagon nowadays is being created by the parties who are gradually edging back toward the tail-board." This points, of course, to the manifest recession of the Bryan wave, which is not rolling nearly as high as it did four weeks ago.

Whoever the job is, if Col. Bryan's name is associated with it, he must boss it. He tells the folks who are getting up the New York reception how they are to raise the money and all about it. If this were any other candidate his directions would be regarded as impertinent and improper, but they are expected from him and whatever he says goes.

The lower branch of the General Assembly of Georgia has defeated a bill making burglary of an occupied house during the night a capital offense. As the experience of North Carolina shows, such a law is based on a wild assumption.

Great Britain has accomplished a good deal in the matter of municipal ownership, but it appears that a telephone system is not adapted to public ownership. If we are to judge from Glasgow's recent experience, the system, after being operated at a loss for six years, has been sold at a loss of \$200,000.

The New York Herald is authority for the statement that the final decision of those in charge is that Tracy will have his defense on the unwritten law. This is rather perilous in the State of New York with a good case, and in this instance it looks something like a plea of guilty.

Judge and Chairman Spencer B. Adams, of North Carolina, was in Washington Wednesday and said to a Post reporter: "The Republicans will make great gains in the State this fall, and in the near future will carry the State." And when the skies fall they will catch all the larks.

The sixth congressional district is not now composed of the same counties as formerly, but the Democrats in it maintain their reputation for hard work. In convention, H. L. Godwin, Esq., being nominated yesterday on the 25th ballot.

Judge Adams emitted a power of hot air when in Washington Wednesday. "We expect to carry three districts this fall, the eighth, ninth and tenth," he said to The Post. "We don't expect anything of the kind."

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE.

Charles Peacock, aged twenty-five, prominent in business and social circles, arrested at Hamlet, N. C., on Monday night, July 23, on a charge of murdering Alonzo Jones July 13th. Said to have been seen with dead man's body before being arrested. Judge Connor asked to issue writ of habeas corpus. Congressman E. W. POU retained by defense.

WAS SEEN WITH JONES.

The Observer's correspondent has time and again tried to get some reliable synopsis of the evidence being produced, but in vain. Even now it is impossible to get at the truth of the evidence, but from the most reliable source I could find, the following is in part as follows: On Friday night, July 13th, about 9:30 o'clock, Peacock closed his store and left a negro, Hill Holt, who lives three miles from Jones' place, to look after the store. Peacock, reliable, says he saw them preparing to leave town, but was waiting for a clerk to come down town to give him something out of a store that had closed. While the clerk was gone, he saw Peacock and Jones pass, going in the direction of Jones' home. Waiting probably 15 minutes, he started on home on his mule. At this time he saw Peacock and Jones, the same couple walking slowly arm-in-arm. When he had proceeded two or three hundred yards he heard a pistol shot and heard the bullet fall in the road near him. Within a minute or two, two young negroes came running up the road behind him, saying one of the pair had shot at them and they recognized the two as Jones and Peacock. They had proceeded far they heard two other shots near where the first one was heard. They did not go back to the store.

The next morning at 6 o'clock the dead body of Jones was found on Highland bridge, with a hole through his head, the ball having entered the back and come out in the forehead. The spot where the body was found was not more than 200 yards from where the negroes claim they passed the couple. It is said that two reliable parties near Peacock's store at town at a rapid gallop a few minutes after the shots were heard.

PEACOCK'S SIDE OF STORY.

There are rumors of other links in the chain of circumstances, but they are too vague to be quoted. Peacock is charged with either a case of mistaken identity or a bold attempt by the negroes to place the responsibility on some one else to shield them. Peacock says he did not see Jones or Peacock until shortly after 9 o'clock in a half-dark condition, talking to some negroes about buying a house and lot, at the same time displaying a roll of bills. He did not see where Jones went from there, nor with whom he left, but for himself he closed his store at 9:30 o'clock and went directly home. His brother-in-law, Charles Peacock, came in and asked him what time it was. He struck a match and they both looked at the clock and saw it was 10:45. He went straight to his room and retired, his mother closed and locked the door behind him. This is what Mrs. Peacock will swear to in corroboration of this statement. It is said that Congressman E. W. POU and Mrs. POU were sitting on their front porch, just across the street from the Peacock residence, and saw Peacock come down the street at the time mentioned as they could guess and ten or 15 minutes after he had gone into the house they heard the pistol shots in the direction of the Highland bridge. It is said Peacock's side of the evidence was not produced before the cotemporary jury, because in consequence of the evidence produced against him, he was committed to jail.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.

He has been committed to jail without bail, but his chief attorney, Congressman E. W. POU, has gone to Wilson to-night to apply to Judge Connor for a writ of habeas corpus, which will probably bring all the evidence before the public soon. It is expected the hearing before Judge Connor will come up to-morrow or Monday. Mr. Peacock's father and brother are highly respected old merchants of Smithfield and has one son besides the one in question and three very bright and popular daughters. Mr. Charles Peacock is said to be a brilliant young man of good reputation in his community and has had bright prospects in the business world, as well as socially. He is about 25 years of age and in the mercantile business with his brother, in which they have been successful. It is said he had \$1,000 in the bank to his credit. He only returned home about a year ago to go into business with his brother. Prior to that time he had spent three or four years in Chicago and other Western cities as a telegraph operator. Nothing is known of his conduct while he was away, but since he has been at home he is said to have conducted himself well. In view of the prominence of his father and brother, sensational evidence to be produced, this case will be watched with much interest. The State is being assisted by Argo & Shaffer, of Raleigh, while the defendant has already employed POU & Brooks and Abel & Narnon, of the Smithfield bar.

Call for State Committee Meeting.

Raleigh, July 27, 1906. There will be a meeting of the members of the Democratic State executive committee in the Senate Chamber in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, August 6, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, four members of the central committee from each district, and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary. Full attendance is desired. F. M. SIMMONS, Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com. A. J. FIELD, Secretary.

CANDIDATES IN UNION.

They Are in the Field Galore—Hill-Burgess Murder Trial Postponed to October—Monroe News Notes. Special to The Observer. Monroe, July 27.—The number of citizens willing to forego the peace and pleasures of private life to take upon themselves the arduous duties of public office grows apace. The following quotations indicate the condition of the candidate crop to-day on this market: Three candidates for sheriff, nine for clerk of Superior Court, one for register of deeds, three for county treasurer, seven for coroner, seven for constable. Julius Caesar refused the crown that was offered to him three times, but it was all a bluff, no doubt. What we Union county folks like about our candidates is their candor, each one standing forth and plainly announcing, "You may press down upon my brow the crown of public office—subject to the action of the Democratic primaries."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

The American District Telegraph Company delivers packages, parcels, notes, invitations, furnishes messengers for errand service at a very small cost. The Observer will send our messengers, without charge, to your residence or place of business for advertisements for this column. Phone 78. Office with Western Union Telegraph Company, Phone 45. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

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Special to The Observer.

Asheville, July 27.—Another damage suit was instituted in Superior Court yesterday afternoon against the Southern Railway Company. The plaintiffs to the action are Thomas Coleman and Fannie Brown, administrators of the estate of Robert Brown, late a car coupler for the Southern who was killed on the local yards several weeks ago. The plaintiffs demand of the defendant \$15,000 for the death of Brown.

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