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### CALAHAN NOT MURDERED.

Foundation For the Story Of his Assassination.

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 18.—The report circulated here some days ago that Edward Calahan, chairman of the democratic county committee and leader of the clan which killed Capt. Bill Strong, chief of the "Red Strings," last May, had been assassinated, is untrue. Calahan is alive and well. The report had a peculiar foundation. On Monday, Isom Bagley, a friend of Calahan, came to him and said that Ned Duff had offered him \$500 to assassinate him, that Capt. Bill Strong's widow had employed Duff to hire Calahan to be killed. Bagley promised to help in with Duff's plan and had Duff remain in the road within hearing distance, came up near Calahan's store and fired his gun several times and then returned to Duff and claimed the reward. Duff thought Calahan had been killed when he heard the shots and promised to pay him later in Jackson. Bagley told Calahan and the latter had Duff arrested. Calahan will swear out a warrant also against Mrs. Strong charging her with conspiracy to murder him.

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## RECEIVERS CERTIFICATES

To Protect Western Carolina Bank Collaterals.

Order Issued Yesterday by Judge Norwood.

Instructions to Receivers as to Disposal of Assets.

Attorneys of Some Creditors Cut Off From a Hearing.

Expense of the Receivership—First National Bank Litigations—Close of December Term of The Court.

A considerable portion of yesterday's session of the superior court was devoted to a discussion of the petition filed by L. P. McLoud and George H. Smathers, receivers of the Western Carolina bank, asking the instructions of the court upon a number of questions. This discussion was participated in by Messrs. Duff Merrick, Charles A. Webb, Charles McNamee, Thomas A. Jones and others.

The principal questions upon which the receivers asked for instructions were the course to be pursued by them with reference to certain debts of the bank which are secured by collaterals deposited before the failure of the bank, the course to be pursued by them in disposing of the real estate belonging to the bank, the disposition of certain doubtful and estimated worthless assets belonging to the bank and the steps to be taken by them in order to protect some junior mortgages upon real estate held by the bank.

At the close of the discussion Judge Norwood directed that an order be prepared authorizing the receivers to issue receivers' certificates to an amount not exceeding \$35,000. These certificates are to be in denominations of \$500 each to bear interest from date, to be due two years after date, and to constitute a first lien upon all the assets of the bank of every description. The proceeds of the sales of these certificates are to be used in protecting the collaterals deposited by the Western Carolina bank to secure \$34,000 of indebtedness here and in New York, and also in protecting some junior mortgages on real estate held by the bank when it failed.

The receivers are directed to use any funds in their hands realized either from the sale of receivers' certificates or from the sale of the assets of the bank or the collection of debts due to the bank in paying off the indebtedness of the bank secured by the collaterals mentioned. The receivers are also instructed to sell certain doubtful and worthless notes belonging to the bank or otherwise dispose of them upon the best terms which they can make. They are also instructed to sell any real estate belonging to the bank which they can sell at such prices as they may think proper, the purchasers to pay one-third of the purchase money in cash and give notes for the remainder secured by mortgages on the property. The last of the notes shall mature not later than two years from the date of sale. Depositors are allowed to purchase real estate if they wish to do so and receive credit on the purchase money for their deposits at 50 per cent. of their face value.

The depositors were greatly interested in the petition presented to the court, and their attorneys were present to look out for their interests. Judge Norwood, who had to leave for home on the afternoon train, stated that he would hear two attorneys for and two against granting the petition, and added emphatically, "No more." The attorneys represent different parties and some, different interests; some wanted one order and others another. Many of them had not consulted together. Two attorneys were finally suggested against the petition. They, of course, were principally interested in their clients' interests. They opposed certain propositions favored by other attorneys and agreed to other things bitterly, yet allowing them to be silent. One who attempted to object that his clients' interests were at stake and had not been heard, was told by the judge that he would not be heard. The only "outsider" permitted to speak was one who agreed with Judge Norwood as to paying the receivers, which the attorneys "opposed" to represent the attorneys.

Several attorneys have declared that they will appeal because, they say, their clients' constitutional rights have been denied. The motion of the receivers for an allowance on account of their fees and commissions was then heard and after a considerable discussion the judge made an order allowing them \$200 each on account.

It was stated during the discussion over the motion of the receivers for an allowance that it was understood when two receivers were appointed that they would accept the commissions usually allowed to one receiver; the expense of the receivership, including rents, clerk hire, stenographer's salary, receivers' fees and other expenses amount to \$600 or \$700 per month, and fears were expressed that too large a portion of the assets of the bank would be consumed in expenses of one sort or another.

A. FIRST NATIONAL CASE.

An interesting question was raised by the motion of Receiver Lusk of the First National bank, for judgment by default final against C. H. Miller and John A. Nichols, his surety. The defendants re-

sisted this motion upon the ground that Mr. Miller is a member of the firm of H. Redwood & Co., who had a balance of \$800 or \$900 in the First National bank when it closed and that Mr. Miller's note upon which the suit was brought should therefore be regarded as paid; it being for a much smaller sum than the deposit of Redwood & Co.

Judge Norwood was of the opinion that the Redwood deposit could not be used by Miller as a set-off unless he owned it or a sufficient amount of it to extinguish his note before the bank closed and signed the judgment asked for by the receiver. By consent the defendants have ten days in which to file an answer and the judgment is then to be stricken out if Judge Norwood shall be of opinion that the defence is not good.

The last judgment signed was a judgment against the trustees of the First Baptist church for nearly \$5,000. This judgment was signed by consent and is in compromise and full settlement of all claims of the plaintiff against the defendants.

Yesterday ended the December term of the superior court for Buncombe county, and Judge Norwood left in the afternoon for his home in Waynesville. Although many of the most important cases on the docket were continued for the absence of attorneys, not a small amount of business was transacted. Not less than one hundred and fifty judgments were signed and many important orders made. Before leaving the bench Judge T. A. Jones, speaking for the bar, thanked the judge for his patience and impartiality toward both attorneys and clients during the session. Judge Norwood will hold his next court at Washington, in Beaufort county, beginning February 21, 1898.

### WASHINGTON HESING DEAD.

SUDDEN DEMISE OF THE PROMINENT CHICAGO MAN

Postmaster of Chicago During Cleveland's Administration and Candidate for Mayor at Last Election.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Washington Hesing, editor and proprietor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, postmaster of Chicago under President Cleveland, and one of the best known German-Americans in the country, was found dead in his home to-night. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Hesing was the independent candidate for mayor of Chicago at the last election.

He was president of the Chicago Press club. He was forty-seven years old.

### MUSICAL RECITATION.

A Coming Entertainment of Exceptional Excellence.

For the music loving public there is a rare treat in store on Tuesday evening. A musicale will be given at the residence of Capt. James Sawyer on Haywood street at 8:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Central M. E. church fund. Asheville's best talent will be represented.

The merits of those who take part are too well known to need commendation and it is needless to say that there will be a large attendance.

The following is the program proposed for the evening, but it is hoped and expected that other names will be added to the list:

Recitation.....Selected  
Miss Willie Ray.  
Guitar Solo.....Selected  
Mr. Arthur Roberts.  
Vocal Solo—"Without Thee".....H. Arndt  
Miss Daisy Sawyer.  
Piano Solo—"Second Mazurka".....Goodard  
Miss May Van Horn.  
Recitation—"A Little Woman"  
Recitation—"The Home-made Fairy Tail"  
Miss Rothera Hyma.  
Vocal Solo—"You".....Robyn  
Mr. T. D. Green.  
Guitar and Mandolin Duet.....Selected  
Messrs. Arthur Roberts and Edwin Davidson.  
Violin Solo—"Legend".....Winiawski  
Prof. M. F. Connell.  
Vocal Solo—"For All Eternity"  
.....Mascheroni  
Miss Mary Bing.  
Mrs. Van Horn, Accompanist.

There will be an admission fee of twenty-five cents.

### KILLED AT A BULL FIGHT.

The Infuriated Beast Charged Upon Spectators.

Guadalajara, Mex., Dec. 18.—At a bull fight here a ferocious Spanish bull jumped the barricade surrounding the ring and charged into the midst of the spectators. He gored three persons to death, and seriously injured nine others. In the panic a number were almost trampled to death.

### A SAVANNAH PROTEST.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—A joint meeting of the cotton exchange and board of trade was called today, to be held at the cotton exchange on Monday, to protest against the appointment of a colored collector of the port, or a colored postmaster. McKinley will be memorialized not to put such indignities upon the city.

Stable for rent near Hotel Berkeley. All so one set of hand-made double harness at \$10.00.—S. H. Chedester.

## LOCOMOTIVES FOR ALASKA.

To Bear Down a Trail to the Klondike.

President Signs Relief Appropriation Bill.

The First Relief Party to Start On February 1.

To Be Composed Exclusively of Army Officers and Soldiers.

Canada to Be Asked to Co-operate With the Undertaking—Six Hundred Reindeer to be Purchased.

Washington, Dec. 18.—After the passage, by both houses today, of the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the relief of the Klondike miners and the president's prompt approval of the bill, General Alger at once began preparations for the putting into execution the provisions of the bill. He will contract for ten snow locomotives, which will beat down a trail, and six hundred reindeers to be purchased for hauling supplies. The locomotive manufacturers guarantee that the engines will do the work of making the trail smooth and level or they will not ask any pay.

Secretary Alger said this afternoon that he expected to send a number of relief parties to Alaska, probably, a dozen in all. The first will start on February 1. The routes will be left to the army officers in charge. They will have none but soldiers with them. Sergeant Brainerd, who was with the Greely Arctic party, will purchase the supplies. Food that contains the greatest amount of nourishment in the smallest form will be selected.

Canada also will be asked to co-operate with the undertaking as far as possible. Gen. Alger is likely to go to Ottawa to consult with Laurier on the subject.

Already the war department has two parties in Alaska, one under Col. Randall, at St. Michaels at the mouth of the Yukon river, and the other consisting of two officers, Capt. Ray and another, somewhere in the vicinity of Circle City, but while the latter might be able to give valuable information as to the best routes, it will not be possible to hear from him before next spring.

It appears that the secretary of war has made another move in the direction of preparation, having been instrumental in sending to Lapland Mr. Kjalman, the herder of the government reindeers in Alaska, to get options on a stock of the animals to be forwarded to Alaska for use in transporting supplies.

It is estimated that, while a reindeer can be bought in Lapland for about \$7, the animal will cost about \$30 delivered at Dyea, owing to the heavy charges of freight over the long trip from Lapland, via New York, to Alaska.

### ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Washington, Dec. 18.—James Alexander, a Florida politician, formerly clerk of the senate committee on patents, cut his throat with a knife today at ex-Senator Call's home, where he lived. He had been on a prolonged debauch, and it is believed the attempt was due to drinking, though he claimed that there was a plot on foot by certain politicians to murder both him and Mr. Call. In a rambling talk he referred to some woman who had promised, but now refused, to marry him. Friends say the only cause of the attempt was drinking. His wound is dangerous, but he will recover.

### TRUSTEES GILMER APPEALS.

Improvements are rapidly progressing at the popular Swannanoa. Manager Lincoln expects to have his elegant new elevator in operation tomorrow. The machinery was put in yesterday. It is an elegant piece of workmanship, turned out from the Central Iron works at Quincy. A Gazette reporter last evening was shown the superb workings of the fine motor by Mr. John W. Chester of Nashville, representing the Quincy company. Among the new improvements will be an elegant hardwood floor in the large office, which will be constructed within a short time. Col. Lincoln, the general proprietor, has made a host of friends in Asheville and the popularity of the Swannanoa is continually increasing.

### GATHERING OF MINISTERS

A pastor's conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday in Central M. E. church, south. The sessions will be open at 10 a. m. Among the ministers who will make talks are Rev. L. A. Fells, Rev. T. F. Glenn, Rev. J. E. Sney, Rev. J. R. Mooe, Rev. E. J. Poe, Rev. G. F. Kirby, Rev. W. Lee Getts, Rev. W. B. Lyda, and Rev. Dan Atkins.

### GEN. CLAY'S YOUNG WIFE.

Alleged Conspiracy to Keep Her Away From Her Husband.

Valley View, Ky., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Dora Clay has not returned to General Clay. She promised she would go back to Whitehall yesterday, but remained here, nor did she express any desire to go today. Her friends believe Dora will never return to the general.

Tonight Clell Richardson declared Hadden, a well known citizen, is an agent of General Clay's enemies, and that he has offered Clell \$5,000 if he will keep the young wife from returning to General Clay. Hadden says Richardson lies. There promises to be serious trouble.

### FIRE ON A STEAMSHIP.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Fire was discovered this morning in the hold of the British steamer Arles, loaded with 8,000 bales of cotton. She was taking on part of the cotton from the famous Mayfield, whose cargo was partly destroyed by fire a short time ago. Efforts to extinguish the flames failed.

The Arles is now in mid-harbor and a part of her cargo is being removed.

### AN EAGLE STREET ROW.

AT THE DISGRACEFUL LOCALITY GREASY CORNER.

Policeman Jordan's Leg Sprained While Making an Arrest—Negroes Refuse to Assist Officers

About 9 o'clock last night there was another disgraceful scene on "Greasy Corner," in which drunken negroes were the participants, and a policeman who arrested one of the rowdies was seriously wounded.

Joe Spears and a railroad negro, of notably bad character, and others of like ilk, became engaged in a fight in Johnson's restaurant on Eagle street. The police were notified and Officers Jarvis and Jordan at once went to the place. They found a general fight in progress.

Spears, who seemed to be the leader, was arrested by Jordan and taken out of the house, after considerable difficulty on the part of both officers. Out on the sidewalk the prisoner made a strong resistance, while dozens of other negroes crowded around, throwing stones at the officers.

Jordan had a chain handcuff around the negro's wrist. The chain broke, liberating the prisoner, who then began to kick the officer. Jarvis with the aid of Sanitary Inspector Byrd, succeeded in holding the fellow.

From Eagle street to the lock-up it was a continuous struggle, and when the officers reached the city hall with their prisoner the latter was almost entirely stripped of clothing.

In the struggle Spears gave Policeman Jordan a violent kick on the leg, causing him to fall and sprain his ankle. Dr. Sevier bandaged the leg and Mr. Jordan, who suffered considerably, was sent home in a carriage.

Several negroes were summoned to assist the officers during the fight, but all refused. Not less than fifty negroes were assembled in Eagle street during the excitement.

### PARTITION OF CHINA.

London, Dec. 18.—It is now an undisputable fact that Germany has an understanding with Russia in regard to the partition of China.

A Russian diplomatist thus describes the situation: "Nobody could help foreseeing a possible outbreak in China, therefore, it is necessary clearly to define our spheres of influence and our possession, and likewise those of Germany. Thus we have given carte blanche to Germany for the development of her commerce in China, while we remain friends and defenders of China."

The English press follows the German undertaking in China with the same unfriendliness as it showed to the German acquisitions in Africa. The English long ago grew accustomed to competing in distant lands with Russians and Frenchmen, but their new rival is inconvenient on account of his growing exporting power.

### DISTILLERY FAILURE.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 18.—Richard Monarch, who owns one of the largest distilleries in Kentucky, failed today. His liabilities are close to a million dollars, his assets are \$750,000. The Eagle and Glenmore distilling companies, which he controlled, also assigned.

The embarrassment is due to depressed trade and heavy personal indorsements.

I offer to sell sixteen acres of land (including top of Town mountain) at reduced price if purchased within next ten days; it is known as the Jerry's field. The top has the highest elevation in Asheville; from it there are grand mountain views on all sides.  
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## THE CUBANS STILL FIGHTING.

Segura with 4000 Spanish Troops Attacked.

Arolas' Column of 2,300 Spaniards Dispersed.

Disaster So Complete as to Cause Panic in Manzanito.

Provisions For Starving Americans Refused Entry.

Gen. Arolas Will Lose His Right Leg—Blood-Hounds Accompany Spanish Guerilla Forces to Hunt Down Cubans.

Havana, Dec. 18.—General Segura, with 4,000 men, alcañata and four field pieces, left Manzanillo last Monday against the insurgents. Yesterday he encountered a numerous insurgent body under General Rabi. A fierce fight with the rebels followed. Seven of the insurgents were killed. The Spanish lost seven killed, and one captain, two lieutenants, one physician and twenty-eight soldiers were wounded.

The rebel leader, Bermudez, was killed yesterday in an engagement in Matanzas.

Gen. Don Juan Arolas, military commander of the district of Manzanillo, was severely wounded in an engagement with insurgents on December 8 a bullet struck him in the right leg breaking the bone. Gen. Segura developed and amputation will be necessary to save his life. Arolas' column of 2,300 was dispersed by Garcia and the Rabi's army. The disaster was so complete that it caused a panic in Manzanillo. Arolas is the Spanish general who said: "There is only one general in Cuba and he is Maximo Gomez."

Consul General Lee cabled to Secretary Sherman today that the Spanish authorities have refused to permit free entry of provisions sent from the United States for starving Americans and poor Concentros.

In the province of Havana General Parado has bloodhounds which accompany guerrilla forces in the hunt for Cubans.

### APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Treasury—William P. Williams, assistant treasurer of the United States at Chicago; William Penn Nixon, collector of customs, district of Chicago; Archibald A. Young, surveyor of customs, port of Indianapolis; Henry C. Grenner, collector of internal revenue, First district of Missouri; John H. Walkenhorst, appraiser of merchandise at St. Louis; John L. Hodges, assayer in charge of the mint at Denver; Joseph Spear, Jr., surveyor of customs in the district of San Francisco.

Justice—John C. Ames, marshal of the United States for the northern district of Illinois; Frank W. Parker and John R. McPhee, associate justices of the supreme court of New Mexico; James L. Martin, attorney of the United States, district of Vermont.

State—George L. Darte, Pennsylvania, to be consul at Martinique, West Indies.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the public for their many kind expressions and also for making our opening such a brilliant success. We wish to apologize for not having our stock in better shape, but the extra, unexpected rush just at this time, both in town and from out-

logue orders, made it impossible for us to be better prepared.

We have endeavored this year to put on the market our usual high grade of goods, at prices much lower than ever before, and we can safely say that we are now selling goods as low if not lower than any other jewelry house in the country, who handle a high class of goods.

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Leading Jeweler, Cor. Church St. and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.