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GEN. CLAY'S YOUNG WIFE
She Flees From Her Brother to her Husband's House.

Valley View, Ky., Jan. 15.—Dora Clay tried to go to General Clay's house this morning, but couldn't get a horse. The neighbors refused to let her have a horse for fear Clail would kill them. He spent nearly all day looking for his brothers and Will Bryant, but neither came within shooting distance. This afternoon Dora started to walk to her husband. It is likely she will reach there some time to-night.

General Clay heard to-day of Clail's attempt to kill Dora yesterday when he fired two shots at her. He said he was not surprised, as he had been expecting such an outcome. He denounces Clail as a scoundrel. He says Clail has appropriated Dora's money and jewels. He doesn't think Dora will return to him as long as she is under the control of Clail who, he says, keeps her under the influence of drugs.

TWO SPAINARDS HANGED
For Offering a Bribe to a Cuban Colonel.

Havana, Jan. 15.—Jose de Puga, military commander of Havana province, with another Spaniard, went to the camp of the Cuban colonel, Juan Delgado, and offered him a bribe to surrender. Delgado hanged both on the spot.

ARMED FORCES GUARD HAVANA

Seven Thousand Soldiers on Duty to Preserve Order.

Excitement That May Culminate in Fresh Outbreaks.

Belief That Blanco is Powerless to Keep Down Trouble

He is in a House Divided Against Itself.

The Navy Department Appreciates the Gravity of the Situation and is Prepared to Act for the Protection of American Citizens.

Havana, Jan. 15.—Seven thousand soldiers are under arms in different sections of the city to preserve order. Quiet prevails though the feeling is still very bitter against the classes who caused the riots.

General Blanco refuses to trust the volunteers to protect him and has dismissed them and taken civil guards instead.

Blanco, it is said, sees that the recent troubles means the death of autonomy and is much downhearted. He has begged his friends not to abandon him in these trying times.

An order has been issued muzzling the press and prohibiting the circulation of American newspapers.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Although news was received from Consul General Lee today that all is tranquil in Havana, the president and the state and navy departments appreciate the gravity of the situation in Cuba and are prepared to bear any moment of a concerted outbreak that will bring the most serious trouble. Until Lee is absolutely satisfied that the discordant element can not be controlled he will not call for a warship. He will get it with despatch when he does ask.

General Lee in his message to-day said that although all is quiet there is much excitement, which might culminate in an outbreak at any time.

The opinion of officials of the state department is that the rioters have not been suppressed. Some believe that Blanco is powerless to put down the turbulent spirits as he is in a house divided against itself.

It is freely admitted in official circles that the battleship Maine and the cruiser Detroit are being held at Key West ready for departure for Havana. Only one of these vessels will be sent in event of trouble.

ELECTION IN KNOXVILLE

RULE WINS THE HOTLY CONTESTED FIGHT.

The Republicans Elect Chairman and Five Aldermen, the Democrats Six of the Board.

Special to The Gazette.

Knoxville, Jan. 15.—One of the most exciting municipal contests in the history of this city closed to-day with the election of Capt. William Rule (Republican), editor of the Journal, for mayor, defeating the present democratic incumbent of the office, Mayor Heiskell. The republicans also elected the chairman of the city council and five aldermen against six elected by the democrats.

The vote was as follows:
For mayor—Rule, 1,554; Heiskell, 1,246; Wade, 747.

For chairman—Littleton, 1,505; Fleming, 1,112; Jones, 109.

For aldermen—Democrats: McMillan, Glass, Oleson, Karnes, Sterchi, Saylor. Republicans: Ashken, Brown, Trigg, Smith, Walls. (The last two are negroes.)

JUDGE DICK'S RESIGNATION

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—It is authentically stated that Judge Dick has sent in his resignation as United States district judge on account of his health.

On Patton avenue, No. 14, corner store for rent. Apply to H. C. Obedester, First National Bank building.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD

James Owl's Body Found Near the Track.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock Dr. J. T. Sevier, county coroner, received notice from the depot that a man was found dead near the mouth of Sandy Mush creek in the northern part of this county. The coroner boarded the first car and went to the place where the dead man was reported to be, arriving there about 12 o'clock. He found a white man, apparently about forty years of age, lying dead in a ditch six or eight feet from the railroad track, his neck broken and two bullets in his person—one under the eye and the other on the breast. The dead body was discovered just after daylight yesterday morning by a man named McCormick, who at once gave the news and remained with the body until the coroner arrived.

The body was placed on the passenger train which arrived at Asheville at 2 P. M. and conveyed to the undertaking establishment of Jesse R. Starnes on North Main street, where it was identified as that of James Owl, a railroad workman, who has been in this locality for about one month. A jury composed of H. C. Jones, F. A. Fanning, W. B. Brown, R. S. Ball, C. W. Stikelester and W. H. Bird, was summoned, and an inquest held.

Several witnesses were examined who told of the finding of the body and identified it. One witness testified that the deceased left Asheville day before yesterday evening for his home in Tennessee for the purpose of getting his clothing, having secured a permanent job on a section of the railroad in this county. The witness further testified that when he discovered the body he also found a handkerchief on the end of one cross-tie and a hat on another tie. There was no evidence of a struggle or foul play of any kind, and the jury found for their verdict that the deceased came to his death by having his neck broken by a train.

The unfortunate man has no relatives or friends known here, and his body will be buried to-day in Riverside cemetery.

Upon the person of the deceased was found 50 cents in money, a pocket knife and a piece of tobacco.

DR. C. N. CRITTENTON

Who Will Begin His Lectures in This City Tonight.

There are few sadder experiences in life than the breaking up of one's home through the death of its inmates. When in the midst of his new and absorbing work the wife of his youth was taken from him, and home was home no longer, Dr. Crittenton sought in other lands, though with a view to his work unabated, to banish the recollection of his two great bereavements, and partially succeeded, till on his return to his native land he had to face the fact that it was home-coming to the dead.

Over-powered with loneliness and homesickness, he could only turn for relief to the Word of God, and reading promise after promise, at last the burden was lifted, and with new courage and energy he returned to his work, to the blessing of himself and many others.

But home he had none, and some kind of a home he must have. There had been missionary cars, preaching cars, private excursion cars, and why not a home car? Putting the idea into execution he had one built, and it has well served his purpose in his travels from north to south, and east to west in his special soul-saving mission.

Mr. Crittenton is described as a fine-looking man of sixty-four, with a deep, earnest voice, an attractive manner, with hair but slightly touched with silver, and looking not older than fifty. His command of scripture is wonderful, and he constantly quotes from the Bible. He believes in the old-fashioned doctrines of repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and gives no argument in support of his doctrines but that they are true, because the Bible says they are true.

His earnestness is the great feature of



his address. It thrills through the life stories which he uses as illustrations, goes with the sinner to the altar, and finally joins in the song of triumph when the Lord Christ has been accepted by some soul.

His large income, devoted wholly to his work, and to other lines of work having for their object the uplifting of humanity, has been the means of doing a vast amount of good. He is worth no more now than when he gave himself to the service of God, through sacrifices for humanity, but infinitely richer in his varied experience and because of the good he has been able to do.

Dr. Crittenton will begin his series of lectures at the Central M. E. church to-night.

THE NEW BANK ORGANIZED

Yesterday's Meeting of the Stockholders.

Rigid Rules For the Government of the Bank.

No Loans to be Permitted to Officers of the Institution.

More Offers of Subscriptions to Stock Than Were Required.

J. W. Norwood Elected President and E. R. Lucas Cashier—Banking Business to Begin in a Few Days.

A meeting of the stockholders of the new Blue Ridge National Bank of Asheville was held yesterday afternoon in the Asheville club rooms for the purpose of effecting an organization, with S. P. McDevitt chairman, and Charles A. Webb secretary.

The object of the meeting was explained by Mr. Norwood, who stated that in the outset two points should be emphasized. First, that the bank must surround itself with every safeguard to prevent loss, and second, that the bank must be managed with the greatest economy to insure success.

As a precaution in the first direction, before adopting articles of association, or electing directors, Mr. Norwood wished to offer a resolution for adoption by the subscribers. "Frequent bank failures," he said, "are caused in the south by lending funds of the bank to the officers and their friends. In the directors and officers were prohibited from borrowing from the bank they would be more disposed to scrutinize closely all securities offered by borrowers."

"While the gentlemen to be proposed as directors are careful business men of means and not in the habit of borrowing or are disposed to abuse a trust, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That no officer, director or employee of the Blue Ridge National bank shall be permitted at any time to borrow money from the bank directly or indirectly, through note, overdraft or otherwise."

The articles of association were subscribed to and the following directors elected: W. J. Shyden, Dr. J. A. Burroughs, J. W. Norwood, E. R. Lucas, Dr. J. E. David, and G. A. Norwood.

After the discussion of business matters pertaining to the bank the meeting adjourned.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The directors held a short session and elected Mr. J. W. Norwood president and Mr. E. R. Lucas cashier.

Mr. Lucas is the present cashier of the

will be determined early this week. The place will probably be in one of the buildings occupied by the banks that recently closed.

The first installment of 50 per cent of the stock of the new bank will be payable to the president at the office of Charles A. Webb, Legal building, between the hours of 10 and 11 a. m. Tuesday.

The bank will probably be ready for business within ten days.

Probably no bank has ever been organized in North Carolina with stockholders of greater financial strength. The resident stockholders are well known citizens of Asheville, and among the non-resident stockholders are: Hon. W. C. Cleveland (capitalist), Hon. James L. Orr (president, Piedmont Manufacturing company), Mr. G. A. Norwood (capitalist), all of Greenville, S. C.; H. H. Tringle (president, Bank of Charleston, S. C.); Mr. D. D. McCall (president, Bank of Bennettsville, S. C.); Mr. J. H. Sloan (manufacturer), Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. W. H. Woodward (capitalist), Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. Walters, a well known capitalist of Baltimore, and president of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. G. A. Norwood, president National Bank of Goldsboro, and others.

President Norwood told a Gazette reporter last evening that the subscription was over subscribed and some non-residents were rejected.

GRAY GABLES ROBBED

Burglars in the Summer Home of Grover Cleveland.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Jan. 15.—Gray Gables, the summer home of Grover Cleveland, was visited by burglars last night, who ransacked the house from cellar to garret. They drank some choice liquors, found in the cellar. There is no clue to their identity. The property stolen, if any, has not yet been determined, but the house is in the greatest confusion. The burglars overturned everything in the hope of finding valuables.

HANNA'S ELECTION

WILL BE CONTESTED BY HIS OPPONENT MCKISSON

On the Grounds of Fraud—Claim Made That Several Votes Were Purchased

Cleveland, Jan. 15.—It has been settled definitely that McKisson will contest the election of Hanna to the senate. The contest is to be made on the ground of fraud, and the claim will be set up that several votes were purchased outright for Hanna.

Notice of contest has to be filed within thirty days after election. Papers and evidence are now being compiled and will be sent to Washington within a few days.

EIGHT MEN KILLED

A Bloody Fight Among Kentucky Mountaineers.

Middlesboro, Ky., Jan. 15.—Eight men were killed instead of four as at first reported at the bloody fight among mountaineers on Sandy Fork, Leslie county, last Wednesday. Four others were mortally wounded.

Twenty-five men and a number of women gathered in a "blind tiger" kept by a man who operated a moonshine distillery. They were dancing, card playing and drinking all day. In the evening bad whiskey was flowing freely and made some of the men ugly. A fight was easily started between John Williams and Tom Shelter, who fought over the affections of one of the women present. Friends of each took sides and a general fusillade began. Eight were killed and four received mortal wounds. Among the dead is one negro.

Sandy Fork is in a district remote from railroads. The messenger who brought the facts reached here only yesterday. No arrests have yet been made.

NEW BEDFORD STRIKE BEGUN

Eight Thousand Operatives Leave Their Work.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 15.—Nearly 8,000 cotton mill operatives struck to-day against the ten per cent reduction. There was no trouble at any factory. On Monday 773,600 spindles will be idle and 21,810 looms deserted.

Fruitless efforts were made to-day to settle the trouble. Some stockholders favored taking down the notices of reductions but were overruled.

Nine corporations controlling twenty-two mills, all manufacturing fine cotton goods and sheetings, are involved. The most prosperous among them pays 16 per cent dividends. Others average over 6 per cent.

DEATH OF MRS. MCGAHA.

Special to the Gazette.

Broward, N. C., Jan. 15.—The wife of Sheriff McGaha died here this afternoon. She was widely known and highly respected, being the daughter of Rev. M. Allison, a Baptist divine of large acquaintance throughout the western section of the state. A wave of sorrow and sadness has overspread our town in sympathy with the bereavement of our popular sheriff. She leaves two small children.

RASCALITY ON A BIG SCALE

Capt. O. M. Carter Charged With Stealing \$3,000,000.

Astounding Allegations Which He is Held.

He Worked in Collusion With a Contracting Company.

Deceived the Secretary of War With False Telegrams.

These and Other Charges Have Caused His Appearance Before a Court Martial—City of Savannah Defrauded.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Thefts amounting to more than \$3,000,000 are charged against Captain O'Brien M. Carter, the engineer, in a sensational report made public to-day by the war department. Carter was recently a military attaché in London and a member of the Nicaragua canal commission, from both of which positions he resigned.

The charges recount the most astounding allegations of rascality that have been brought against an army officer in the history of the government.

The first charge is of conspiring to defraud the government in collusion with the Atlantic contracting company, it being specified that Carter allowed fraudulent payments to that company in which his father-in-law was interested, to a total of \$255,956.87.

Charge four accuses Carter of the embezzlement of over \$575,000. This brings the thefts to over \$3,000,000.

Charge three is that of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. It specifies thefts of small sums from false pay rolls, sending false telegrams and letters to the secretary of war, intended to deceive, dating them at Savannah, to show him on duty there at various times when he was really in Montana, Cincinnati, New York and other places.

Charge two specifies a number of instances of causing false and fraudulent claims to be presented against the government, which he approved.

One specification accuses Carter of defrauding the city of Savannah, in a transaction wherein the highest confidence had been reposed in him.

CRIMINAL COURT

The Next Term to Convene February 21.

Solicitor R. S. McCall returned yesterday from Haywood court and Judge Swart went to his home at Hendersonville. McCall says that not a great amount of business was done, the most important case, that of state vs. Davis, consuming much of the term, and resulting in a mistrial. Two other cases consumed much time with similar results.

The next term of the criminal court for this county will convene on the 31st day of February and continue two weeks and will be followed by a term of the superior court to begin March 14. Defendants and witnesses will bear in mind that there will be no session of the criminal court this week, but that they will be expected to appear on the 21st of March.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

WE OFFER:

- One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
- One lot of 169 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 23 gems at \$1.25 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$4.00.

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