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JUDGE EWART SUCCEEDS JUDGE DICK

Appointment Made by President McKinley.

Will Probably be Sent to the Senate Today.

Pritchard, Pearson and Lusk Call at the White House.

Are Informed That Lusk's Ago Stood in His Way.

Ewart's Name Likely to be Sent in Today—Who Will Succeed to the Criminal Court Judgeship?—The New Judge's Public Life.

The Gazette received the following despatch last evening:

Washington, Jan. 25.—7:28 p. m. Daily Gazette, Asheville, N. C.:

The president declined to appoint Col. V. S. Lusk federal judge, on account of his age, and, on the recommendation of both Senator Pritchard and Congressman Pearson, has appointed Judge Ewart. His name will be sent in at once.

GEORGE H. SMATHERS.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Senator Pritchard and Representative Pearson called with Col. V. S. Lusk at the White House to-

day for congress. He was defeated by Capt. T. D. Johnson, of this city. He was re-nominated in 1888, ran against the same competitor and was elected. He was re-nominated in 1890 and defeated by W. T. Crawford, of Waynesville.

While in congress Mr. Ewart made a national reputation by an ardent and eloquent speech against the force bill and in defence of the south. By this he incurred the displeasure of his bitter partisan friends, but won the warm approval of conservative people of all political faiths.

Mr. Ewart, after his term in congress, was elected to the legislature, and while a member of that body was elected by it judge of the original circuit court established at that session, and composed of the counties of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood and Madison, which position he still occupies.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The senate discussed until 6 o'clock to-night, the concurrent resolution declaring United States bonds payable in standard silver dollars. The gold senators intimated that the discussion was much to their liking. During the debate, Senator Berry of Arkansas, declared that even if silver only had half the purchasing power of the gold dollar, which he didn't admit, it was but justice that the government pay it out if it was in the contract. Berry referred to the president's two-sided attitude on the money question and said while he was claiming to be an international bimetalist he "didn't" have nerve enough to kick his gold secretary of the treasury out of office.

The pension appropriation bill was passed. Washington, Jan. 25.—The house today indulged in four or five hours debate upon the general condition of the country, under the guise of considering the Indian appropriation bill. The debate centered around the proposition that prosperity had once more established itself in the country, the republicans taking the affirmative and the democrats and populists the negative. Representative Norton of Ohio, during the course of a denigratory speech of everything republican, paid his respects to Hanna and Grosvenor, names, he said, honored in Ohio for hypocrisy and sham patriotism.

NO CHANGE AT NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Jan. 25.—The democratic caucus of the general assembly took nineteen ballots for senator without result tonight, and on the eighty-sixth ballot adjourned till tomorrow night. The end seems as far off as ever, the vote tonight showing no material change.

CUBAN STEAMER LOST AT SEA

Went Down in a Gale With Four Men Aboard.

Disaster Overtakes the Filibusterer Tillie.

Gallant Rescue of Nineteen Men by a Schooner.

Dynamite Guns, Rifles and Dynamite go With the Ship.

The Drowned Men Were all Cubans Except One—General Belief That the Tillie Was the Victim of the Storm and That Alone.

New York, Jan. 25.—Information was received by the Cuban Junta to-day of the foundering of the filibustering steamship Tillie, off Barnegat, on Sunday last. Four men went down with the ship, and nineteen others, including Capt. John O'Brien, better known as "Dynamite Johnnie," were saved. Forty tons of dynamite, three dynamite guns, a large quantity of rifles, ammunition and medicine stores were lost.

The steamship sailed from this vicinity on Wednesday last, and encountered heavy weather until the gale Sunday destroyed her.

The captain of the schooner "Governor Ames," the biggest vessel of its class about, fortunately noticed a signal of distress set by the Tillie. Boats were put off from the Ames, after volunteers had been secured, and after braving very high seas the seamen of the Ames succeeded in saving nineteen men, most of them Cuban volunteers.

The Tillie plunged downward before the remaining four could be taken off. The four left aboard were promised that they should be saved, as quick as the boat could return, and the trip back to the Ames began.

It was a hard struggle to return to the schooner. By the time the men had been hauled aboard the Ames the gale had increased greatly in force. The wind was blowing sixty-five miles an hour, picking up the tops of waves bodily and blowing the water in sheets along the surface of the sea. The darkness began to lower. The Ames' five brave volunteers were exhausted, and it would have been useless to have tried to make another trip, even with fresh men.

All hands realized that the four poor fellows on the Tillie were doomed.

Reluctantly Capt. Walsdemer put his vessel on her course again. She entered the bay yesterday and was towed up to Providence to-day. The survivors were landed at 11 o'clock.

The names of those lost, all Cubans but one, are, Horatio Pevia, Alfred Bermudez, Cancellori and the steward, whose names are unknown.

Some of the excitable Cubans after their rescue, hinted that the vessel had been sunk by a Spanish agent, who had joined the insurgents with the purpose of scuttling her. It is unlikely, however, that a traitor, if such there was, would have endangered his own life by sinking the vessel in such a storm as had raged for thirty-six hours. The general belief is that the Tillie was the victim of the storm, and that alone.

The Junta considers the loss of the dynamite and rifles a grievous blow to the cause as the rebels were badly in need of them.

NO SMALL-POX IN HENDERSON.

The Citizen published a rumor yesterday that there were three cases of small-pox in Henderson county. The victims were said to be "iramps from South Carolina," and it was alleged that the county commissioners had "isolated" the cases and were caring for them. The rumor was without foundation. Dr. J. A. Burroughs, of this city, telegraphed to Dr. C. Few, superintendent of health in Henderson county, yesterday afternoon as follows:

"Dr. C. Few.—Wire me at my expense if there is a case of small-pox in Henderson county."
J. A. BURROUGHS.

He received the following reply last evening:

"Dr. J. A. Burroughs, Asheville, N. C.—There is not a case of small-pox in Henderson county."
C. FEW.

PATTERSON LOSES.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The bottom is believed to have dropped out of the contest waged by Hon. Joseph Patterson for a seat in the house from the Memphis (Tenn.) district. He posed as a sound money democrat, but during the hearing of the contest instituted against his successful opponent, McCracken, he surprised both supporters and opponents by admitting he voted for Bryan and Sewall. This pronouncedly settled his case with the election contest committee.

M'LAUREN'S ELECTION.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 25.—Both houses of the general assembly voted today for United States senator. The primary nomination of McLauren was ratified. The vote for him was unanimous, with the exception of the ballot of Lone, colored member of the house, who voted for George W. Murray.

M'COMAS ELECTED.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 25.—In the joint session of the legislature to-day Judge McComas was elected United States senator.

BLANCO'S MISSION

SAID TO BE TO TREAT WITH GOMEZ FOR THE SALE OF CUBA.

Serious Rioting in Matanzas—A Military Train Blown up and Fifty Soldiers Killed

Havana, Jan. 25.—There is a widespread report here to-day that Blanco's present mission is to go to Gomez to treat for peace on the basis of \$1,000,000 payment to Spain by Cuba for her independence. Gomez would accept this.

Serious riots are taking place in Matanzas, a city where the dissatisfaction of a portion of the populace took the form of a recent uprising. In Matanzas the cavalry charged the rioters. Uncompromising Spaniards and volunteers yesterday attacked the building in which a wealthy firm of that city, Bea, Bolido & Co., have their office. It also raided the office of Aurora Del Yumuri, the oldest newspaper in Cuba. Reinforcements were sent. The situation is grave.

An entire military train was destroyed by buried dynamite near Ramblazo, Puerto Principe. Fifty soldiers were killed.

THE MAINE AT HAVANA.

Havana, Jan. 25.—A crowd that seemed to number the population of Havana, flocked to the water side at noon today, when it was announced that the United States battleship, Maine, had been sighted, from Morro castle.

On arriving in the narrow channel abreast Morro castle, the Maine, in accordance with the usual international courtesy, ran the Spanish royal ensign to her foremast top, and her big batteries roared a salute of twenty-one guns to the Spanish forts.

The cannonade was returned by a deafening welcome of the same number of guns from the castle batteries. The noise of the saluting, resounding through the city, swelled the throng at the water front.

When the Maine dropped anchor in the inner harbor there was a great rush for positions as near as possible to the American fighting machine. After the Maine anchored Captain Sigbee and some of his officers came ashore in a launch for the usual visit of courtesy to the Spanish officials and Consular General Lee. The visits were returned later in the day.

All is quiet here, the visit of the Maine arousing no feeling of resentment. The sentiment of the population is more of curiosity and wonderment at the object of the Maine's visit than a supposition of evil design.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The navy department received a despatch this afternoon from Captain Sigbee announcing the arrival of the Maine at Havana. General Lee cabled that all was quiet.

CHINESE PIRATES

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The steamer from China today brought news of an attack on Hoiphong, China, by fanatical pirates, who murdered M. Gauthier, a French book-keeper, wounded his servant and stole his child. Several Europeans were wounded. Part of the town was burned.

French troops attacked and killed fifteen pirates and wounded many more. All carried bottles containing sulphur of mercury, which they believed was a charm, insuring them against death or injury. Their battle flag bore the sign, "Eterminate the Europeans." Several prisoners were afterwards beheaded.

LESSONS IN FRENCH.

Madame Heutte, who gives private lessons in French to a number of people in Asheville and at the hotels, has at present some vacant hours in which she could receive a few more pupils. She would go to their residence or receive them at 99 Haywood street, where she is stopping, and where she may be addressed. Madame Heutte is a Parisian, her terms are reasonable and the opportunity she offers to those who wish to learn French or to improve themselves in that language is exceptional.

PROVISIONS FOR CUBA.

New York Jan. 25.—The central Cuban relief committee will forward by steamer Orizaba for Havana to-morrow, about 400,000 pounds of provisions and 200,000 gallons of quinine to be distributed among the suffering under the direction of General Lee.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by G. A. Raynes, Druggist, Asheville, N. C.

ST. LOUIS SWEEP BY FIERCE GALE

Damage Reported From All Parts of the City.

Persons Blown From Buildings and Killed.

Many Seek Refuge in Cellars and Basements.

Rain and Intermittent Hail Precedes The Storm.

The City Panic Stricken During the Hurricane—The Wind Blew at the Rate of Sixty-six Miles an Hour.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—A gale swept through this city today, causing death, destruction and panic. August Weimann, a carpenter, was blown from the top of the Shields school building and dashed to death on the pavement below. Josie Patterson, four years old, was blown sixty feet, from a third story porch and killed. Mrs. Sarah Lyon, was fatally injured by a sign, which the wind hurled against her. Many others were hurt, a number probably fatally.

The gale's highest velocity was sixty miles an hour.

The storm started before dawn. A heavy rain was followed by intermittent precipitations of hail. Then came a period of clearness. At 9:30 o'clock the horizon assumed a sickly greenish yellow tint that foretold cyclones. At once the city was panic stricken. People ran hither and thither in the streets, seeking shelter. The gale struck the city with a roar that increased in volume for several minutes. The crashing of signs, snapping of trees and falling chimneys added to the uproar. Damage is reported from all parts of the city. A large number of buildings were unroofed.

Many hysterical girls in office buildings were prevented by force from hurrying themselves through the windows. Fully 10,000 persons sought refuge in cellars and basements till the storm was over.

MURDER OF TWO CHILDREN.

Monroeville, Ala., Jan. 25.—Several days ago a negro farmer sent his two little sons, aged respectively, 11 and 13 years, to mill near-by, with a small sack of corn. Each failed to return, and a search resulted in finding the body of the eldest, a hundred yards from the road, lying on his sack of corn, his throat cut. The sack that had been carried by the little boy was found near-by, but his body was discovered half a mile away in the woods where he had run when his brother was assaulted. His head was almost severed from his body.

A white man named Walters is suspected of the murder. In fact the authorities expect to prove by several credible witnesses that the man confessed to them that he had murdered the children and had threatened to murder them if they reported the fact. Officers are searching for Walters.

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 32 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.
- 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.—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$6.00.

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