

**AVENGED HIS FATHER.**

**The Death of Captain Tate Followed by the Killing of Bledsoe His Slayer.**

Middlesboro, Ky., November 18.—At Blackwater voting precinct in Lee county, Va., Captain John Tate was shot and killed by Evan Bledsoe, a former Deputy Sheriff. Capt. Tate was a leading Democrat. Bledsoe is a Republican. Political differences had existed between them for some years, and the killing of Capt. Tate was the outcome of these differences. There is several stories afloat as to who fired the first shot, and the facts of the case are hard to learn, as much factional feeling exists over the trouble. Some say Bledsoe fired first, while others say Tate attempted to take Bledsoe's life. It is known, however, that five shots were fired, two by Capt. Tate and three by Bledsoe. Neither of the shots fired by Tate took effect, owing to his old and feeble condition. The first shot fired by Bledsoe struck Capt. Tate in the breast, and he fell mortally wounded. Another followed in quick succession, and still another, which entered the wounded man's brain, killing him instantly. There is much excitement over the killing. Capt. Tate was one of the most prominent and wealthy men in southwest Virginia. He served with distinction in the Confederate army, and after the war had always been identified with the Democratic party, and was the recognized leader. He was twice elected by his party to the Virginia House of Delegates, and had been honored in many other ways. At the time of his death and for the last two years, he was serving as secretary of the Electoral Board of Lee county. He was well known throughout this section, and his untimely death has cast a shadow over many friends. He was 70 years old.

A reliable report here to-day is that Howard Tate, the son of Capt. Tate, had avenged his father's death by killing Bledsoe, who he shot on sight. It is said young Tate had vowed to avenge his aged father's death, and on meeting his slayer shot him. Young Tate afterwards escaped and officers are now looking for him.

There is much feeling in the county over the trouble, and owing to the factional differences it is feared more trouble will follow.

**HE MARRIES ONE WOMAN TWICE.**

**Did Not Know His First Wife Was Living—Divorce and Re-Marries.**

There is rather a singular case in our county now, somewhere similar to one which appeared in one of the New York papers quite a while ago, involving a lady in an adjoining county. The case of which we speak is that of Mr. W. S. Craver, who lives out at the Bala mill. Quite a number of years ago he married a lady. They became separated and after a considerable period of time, having reasons to think that his wife was dead, he married a lady name Miss Lillie Blackwelder. After his second marriage the first wife was found to be living and he was now a husband to two wives. In order to not violate the law, which would have been dangerous, and giving the light to the case in regard to the assumption that the first wife was dead, he was at the last term of court granted a divorce from his first wife and the second marriage was declared null. So on last Saturday evening Esq. W. J. McLaughlin, who lives out at the Bala mill, performed the ceremony, uniting again Mr. Craver and Miss Blackwelder. Now Mr. Craver has answered to three marriage vows, yet with only two different ladies.—Concord Standard.

**Earnings at Law.**

It has been said that ex-president Harrison's fee in the Venezuelan boundary case will be \$250,000. That this is an immense amount of money to earn in two and a half years—just \$100,000 a year, as I understand he abandoned all other practice for the time being. It is said that Joseph H. Choate, Jas. C. Carter, Elihu Root, Frederic R. Coudert, Benjamin F. Tracy, John M. Scribner, Francis L. Stetson, John M. Bowers, William Nelson Cromwell, John J. McCook and John F. Dillon make from \$50,000 to \$200,000 a year as a regular thing. The lawyer who makes \$100,000 a year is earning 5 per cent on \$2,000,000. O. A. Lochrane resigned a chief justiceship to accept the office of general counsel for Pulman's Palace Car company at a salary of \$50,000 a year. Rush Taggart gets a big wage as solicitor of the Western Union. Parsons must make at least \$50,000 a year out of the Sugar Trust and Dillon cannot receive much less from the Manhattan railroad.—New York Press.

**Hot Shot from Kentucky.**

Louisville, Nov. 20.—The Commercial prints a communication from Harlan county, signed by the county judge, county attorney, sheriff and other county officials, the chairman of the Republican committee, the United States commissioner, the postmaster, and other prominent men, saying that they, with a thousand other able bodied men, are ready to tender their services to the governor to subdue riot.

**Helena Arrived.**

Manila, Nov. 21.—The gunboat Helena, which arrived to-day with the crew of the Charleston, reports that while passing Lingayen the battleship Oregon was signalled that Agulnido was making north with twelve officers, troops and cavalry were in close pursuit. The Oregon also signalled Lawton, Wheaton had connected.

**Buncoing the Negroes.**

"Senator Mason, of Illinois," said Pension Commissioner Evans, "is to blame for the systematic victimizing of thousands of poor colored people in the South, and the law seems powerless to protect the dupes or punish the criminals. An old colored man, who had tramped all the way from Richmond, called upon me the other day. 'Ah's come foh mah pension,' he said. He bore a paper bearing a big red seal that some smooth white fellow had given him. It informed the world that the bearer was a member of 'The Ex-Slaves' Pension Association,' or something of the sort. The poor old fellow believed that it was a pension certificate.

**MASON'S PREPOSTEROUS SUGGESTION.**

"Mason, you know introduced a bill in the Senate one day providing every ex-slave and descendant with a pension of \$500. Of course, the bill was no good. But it was a Klondike for a crowd of clever swindlers. Armed with copies of the bill, the thieves began operations in the colored communities of the South. From all I can learn they have bled and are still bleeding the colored people all over the South.

"When the scamp first strikes a village he gives a lecture. He flashes the Mason bill, and talks in glowing terms of the pension due every ex-slave and descendant. This, of course, hits every colored man and woman within sound of his voice. After the lecture he proceeds to organize a 'society,' and gets 200 or 300 members on the jump.

"The dues in the society are ten cents a month, the victims believing the money is to be spent 'to fight for the black man's rights in congress.' The scheme works beautifully. The poor cotton pickers can't tell the difference between a bill and a statute, you know, and when they get that impressive-looking paper, with the red seal they feel sure they have the pension almost in the hands.

"The 'certificates' of membership are got up to resemble the real pension certificates we issue here, and to the inexperienced eye are very good counterfeits."

**Typhoid Bacilli.**

Engineering News insists upon an abatement of the folly of letting people be made to believe statements that water analysis can show whether or not drinking water contains the germs that produce typhoid fever. If such belief were not a menace to the public health, it might be ignored. "The fact is," says the News, "that such public statements, coming from supposed authoritative sources, create a false sense of security, and in this way are likely to do real harm." Said Prof. Percy F. Frankland before the section of physics, chemistry and biology of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain: "Indeed, the detection of specific pathogenic bacteria in drinking water is now known to be almost beyond the range of practical politics, and the search for such bacteria is, in general, only carried on in deference to the special request of the layman, the uninitiated, or the hopelessly ignorant, while it cannot be repeated often enough that any feeling security which may be gathered from an unsuccessful search for pathogenic bacteria is wholly illusory and in the highest degree dangerous."

Bacteriology is of great value when properly applied, but, like other oligies, it is likely to be abused by quacks. Professor Frankland says that by far the greatest service rendered by bacteriology in water supply matters is in connection with filtration, where it forms a most certain and reliable test of the efficiency of any given plant, at once laying bare "the slightest irregularity or defect in the process."

**Punished For Working On Sunday.**

The Supreme court of Georgia has refused a new trial in the case of Burke Waters, who was convicted in Hall City Court at Gainesville for violating the law in that he worked on Sunday. He was sentenced to serve a term of six months on the chain-gang or pay a fine of \$65. The decision of the Supreme Court is as follows: "The charge being that the accused pursued on the Lord's day the work of his ordinary calling, the same lot being a work of necessity or charity, and the evidence demanding a verdict of guilty, there was no error in denying a new trial, even if a portion of the instructions to the jurors were erroneous." Waters is a Seventh Day Adventist, and his case was watched with much interest by members of his church.

Taylor is said to be elected governor of Kentucky by 2,232.

**Some Recent Inventions.**

Heavy blankets can be easily manipulated for quilting on a sewing machine by the use of a new apparatus, comprising a pair of brackets secured to the wall, to support a horizontal arm extending over the machine, from the outer end of which is suspended an adjustable frame to hold the quilt.

In an improved feed-box for animals a small trough is pivoted at the rear of the manger, with a narrow, round hopper depending from the ceiling overhead to fit over a cone-shaped projection in the bottom of the box, a weighted lever closing the cone over the hopper outlet until the animal presses the box down.

Fruit jars can be quickly and easily sealed or opened by a new machine, which has two independent levers, provided with adjustable collars, to engage the cover and jar respectively, a pull on the levers tightening the collars and turning the cover.

A resident of New Zealand has designed a folding seat for sewing machines, which can be adjusted as to height and distance from the machine, being supported on a pivoted arm, which swings toward or from the table, with the seat carried by a screw-threaded rod.

Cattle are prevented from tearing down fences by the use of a new yoke, which consists of a ring through the nose, attached to the lower end of a rod running up above the top of the head, where it is secured with a strap and has two prongs to catch the yoke when the animal touches the fence.

Cigarettes can be rapidly made by a new hand machine, which has a pocket to be filled with tobacco, with a shaft running through the pocket to guide a sheet of paper around the edge of the pocket and inclose the tobacco, after which the sheet is rolled tight and pasted.

**The Price of Cotton.**

The price of cotton in New York when the present crop year began with 6½ cents per pound for middling uplands. At one time during the past week it touched 7 13-16 cents, and has since receded to 7½ cents—a net gain of 1½ cents per pound since September 1, and of 2 5-16 cents per pound over the figures current a year ago. The advance has been due to prospects of a material decrease in the yield as compared with that of either of the two preceding years. The government crop statisticians have estimated the present crop yield as not likely to exceed 9,500,000 bales, and as the world's consumption last year was 13,900,000 bales and only 3,375,000 bales were produced out side of the United States it is apparent that the current season's production, if it shall be no longer than the experts now anticipate, will not be equal to the requirements. The surplus from previous crops will piece out the supply, however, so that there will probably be sufficient cotton for the world's needs. The statistical situation is nevertheless strong, and evidently affords abundant justification for the advance in prices, which, on the basis of current crop estimates, would mean a gain of something like \$100,000,000 to the planters of the South.

**North Carolina's Monument.**

WINCHESTER, Va., Nov. 18.—An official letter has been received here from Capt. C. B. Denson, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Monument Association, stating that the monument to the Confederate dead from that state buried in Stonewall Cemetery here would be erected in a few weeks, but would not be dedicated until May 30 next. At that time, the letter states, a large number of North Carolinians will be present, delegations coming from at least 50 Confederate camps in that state. The funds for the monument were obtained through the efforts of Mrs. Armistead Jones, of Raleigh, N. C., chairman of the special committee of the monument association. The monument is of granite from the Mount Airy (N. C.) quarry and will be 16 feet high. Not only has North Carolina more soldiers buried in Stonewall Cemetery than any other Southern State, the number being 447, but the claim is also made that that state furnished more Confederate soldiers than any other. Her troops numbered 124,000 volunteers, 9,000 in excess of her arms-bearing population.

It is alleged that the long lost will of the multi-millionaire, Andrew J. Davis, of Butte, Mont., has at last come to light. This will has been sought for ten years, and will now be offered for probate. There is a woman in the case, and she is after her share of the Davis millions. Her name is Mary C. Wilson and she lives in Chicago. Something over a dozen other people are after the same bank account, and the lawyers are charmed with the outlook.

**Card From Mayor Taylor.**

In view of the many extravagant rumors that are afloat in regard to the unfortunate outbreak of malaria at the State Normal and Industrial College, I felt it a duty which I owed the public by virtue of my office, to investigate and make a statement in regard to the condition of affairs there, as all that pertains to its welfare is of vital interest to our people.

In company with a representative of the press I called at the President's office this morning and found there a committee from the State Board of Health making a thorough examination of everything on the premises.

I found that there are now forty-eight young ladies, confined to their rooms, only three or four of whom are considered to be seriously ill. This number seems to be startling, but when the fact that there are nearly five hundred young ladies in attendance is taken into consideration, it will be seen that only ten per cent. of the entire number are too unwell to leave their rooms.

The outbreak seems to have been the result of causes purely local, as is evidenced by the fact that none of the young ladies who do not board in the institution, nor have any of the families who live near by and at the foot of the watershed surrounding it, contracted the disease, it being confined exclusively to those boarding within the building. A further evidence that the cause is purely local is the fact that the general health of our citizens was never better than now.

A careful examination has disclosed the fact that a leak in a defective sewer pipe buried in the ground under the dining room, which could not have been discovered by the officers, has been the cause of this deplorable outbreak.

Deplorable as it has been, our people have reason to be thankful that the cause is one which can be, and is being remedied, and that there is no reason why the college may not resume on Jan. 2nd, 1900, the great work it has been doing for the women of North Carolina and in the future equal, or even surpass, the phenomenal health record it has made up to this time.

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