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RICHEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD

Late E. H. Harriman Left All of His Property to His Wife.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 16.—A brief word, weighted each with approximately \$1,000,000 and containing in their entirety the last testament of E. H. Harriman, made his widow, Mary Averell Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world.

Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. Mr. Harriman's private fortune is supposed to have been greater than this by many millions, but there is reason to believe that his unmarried daughters, Mary and Carol, his married daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingston Gerry, and his two sons, William Averell and Roland, a boy of fourteen, together with his surviving sister, Mrs. Simons, and other relatives, have all been substantially provided for in gifts out of hand and trust funds set aside by Mr. Harriman during his lifetime.

The will is dated June 3, 1903, and is witnessed by Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who drew it, and C. C. Tegethoff, Mr. Peabody's Mr. Harriman's close personal friend and was frequently a caller at Arden House during his last illness. He relinquished a law practice commonly estimated as worth \$100,000 a year to assume at a smaller salary the executive direction of a company in which Mr. Harriman was heavily interested. Mr. Tegethoff was Mr. Harriman's personal secretary.

Mrs. Harriman was Miss Mary Averell, daughter of W. J. Averell, a wealthy banker of Rochester, N. Y., who made his money in the Rome, Waterbury and Ogdensburg Railway Company. She brought her husband financial aid in his early struggles in the market when it was most valuable to him. He never needed it.

On Mrs. Harriman's shoulders will now rest the management of the 43,000 acres of wood land, pasture land and fertile black bottom in the Ramapo Valley and on the steep sides of Tower Hill; the completion of the great house on which her master had already lavished \$2,500,000 without living to see it finished; and those plans of public beneficence—parks and forest reservations—which it is known that Mr. Harriman cherished, though he makes no mention of them in his will. If the estate measures up to expectations, Mrs. Harriman, according to common estimation here, is the wealthiest woman in the world. Mrs. Hetty Green's holdings have been estimated at \$40,000,000; those of Mrs. Frederick Courland Fenwick, who was Anne Weighman, of Philadelphia, at \$30,000,000, and those of Mrs. Russell Sage at a like amount.

At the Grave of First White Man

Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 17.—On the banks of the Watauga river, seven miles north of this city, representatives of the state of Tennessee and of various historical societies will gather tomorrow to erect a monument to mark the grave of Jesse Duncanson, who was killed by the Indians in 1765, and was the first white man buried in Tennessee.

The early white settlers had a made fort at De Vault's ford, and a short distance away the Indians had a village at the junction of the Watauga river and the south fork of Holston. According to tradition the whites made an expedition into the Indian territory, and when they returned the Indians fired upon them, killing Duncanson. The dead pioneer was buried where he fell, and on the spot the memorial is to be erected.

PICTURE AGENT COVICED

Winston-Salem, Sept. 17.—Recorder Hastings let it be known yesterday that he was no respecter of persons and that white and black would receive the same consideration when accused of violating the State prohibition law.

John Young, a picture agent, was declared guilty of retailing in two cases and the recorder gave him 11 months on the rocks. Young plead his own case, begging his honor to reduce the sentence, but Recorder Hastings informed the defendants that he has full sympathy for intelligent white men who boldly violate the law.

NOTED DEMOCRAT BETTER

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, Operated on for Intestinal Abscess.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 17.—A slight improvement was noted today in the condition of Gov. Johnson, who was operated on yesterday for intestinal abscess. At 10:30 o'clock house physician Dr. C. F. McNevin, of St. Mary's Hospital, issued the following bulletin:

Governor Johnson has taken a turn for the better. Up until that time it was feared that the governor would not survive the night. He had had several striking spells after three hours on the operating table. The attending physician believe that if Gov. Johnson lives 12 hours longer, the danger line will have been passed.

Wright Aboard the Balloon

Frankfort, Sept. 16.—The airship Zeppelin III left here today to fly to Mannheim. On board as passengers are Orville Wright, Prince August William of Prussia, and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Alrship Lands. Mannheim, Germany, Sept. 17.—The airship Zeppelin III landed here passengers here safely today after a successful flight from Frankfort. Prince August William congratulated Orville Wright warmly on his recent aeroplane flights at Berlin. Mr. Wright is to return to Berlin next week for further flights.

At the Gem Tonight.

The Gem was again crowded all last evening with an appreciative audience, and the pictures came up to their usual standard of merit. Tonight will be produced the great Orpheus trial. This was one of the most talked of and written about incidents of the century. And it was not a nine-days' wonder. The matter was never allowed to rest until justice was done the martyr, after many, many months of suffering on the lonely island to which he was condemned. Tonight's performance will begin promptly at 7 o'clock, so as to allow the people to see this great picture before they go to the play at the opera house. Some good comedies will also be put on, and the orchestra will play.

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD

More than 1,400 girls are members of the Women's Bindery Union in New York city.

A state bureau of labor and statistics has been created by the Texas legislature.

A movement is on foot in Greater New York for the organization of a wireless telegraph operators' union. The Boston Cigar-makers' Union has petitioned Congress to pass a law making it a criminal offense to speculate in wheat.

It has been decided to hold the 15th annual convention of the Theatrical Stage Employes of America in 1910 in Washington, D. C.

The Garment Workers' Union in Erie, Pa., received an increase in wages ranging from 15 to 40 per cent, and the eight-hour day without a strike.

The building trades department of the American Federation of Labor will hold its second annual convention at Tampa, Fla., the week of October 11.

The marine engineers now have a total of considerably more than 11,000 members on the coasts, lakes and rivers of the United States.

The report on the activity and finances of Austrian trades unions for the year 1908 shows that there has been a diminution of the total membership amounting to 18,815, which is equal to 2.34 per cent. on the total of 1907—391,034.

The Oklahoma state court of appeals has rendered an opinion declaring that the eight-hour law of that state is constitutional. The decision was given in the case of a contracting firm which had worked its men ten hours a day on a street of Guthrie, Okla.

Wife Arrive This Evening. "The Final Settlement" show will arrive on the afternoon train.

Is Very Feebly. The many friends of Mr. Rufus Shelton will regret to learn that he is still very feeble at his home on West Second street. He has been confined for a long while suffering from rheumatism and other ailments.

RECORD PRICES FOR LUMBER

The Government Issues a Statement for the Last Three Months.

Washington, Sept. 17.—A record of the wholesale prices of lumber for the quarter including April, May, and June, last, based on reports submitted by more than 2,000 of the largest manufacturers of lumber in all parts of the country, has been issued by the United States Forest Service. Requests for data for the second quarter, ending September 30, will be sent out in several weeks, and will be published in the early part of October.

The record covers the principal items of all the commercial woods cut in nearly every State. The compilation was undertaken for the double purpose of having a continuous statistical record of such prices and to show, in contrast to market prices, which include the important items of freight charges and selling costs—just what the manufacturers of lumber receive for their product at the mill.

For more than year, a monthly record has been compiled showing the prices of lumber in 18 of the largest markets of the country. The market prices published do not show what the lumber is worth at the mill, as the freight charges, selling costs, and other items were included, but the quarterly record eliminates these items and shows the mill price. Only a few representative grades in each of the hardwoods and softwoods were taken, but from them lumbermen can draw deductions so as to give the approximate values of grades on which prices were not requested. In addition to the numerous items on which prices were secured, the value of the mill run—the average of all grades of lumber produced—was also obtained for all the commercial woods.

Draw Bridge's 24 Hours Work

To one who does not know or investigate, they have not the remotest idea the number of times the draw at the Washington bridge is turned off and on during the run of a day. The burden is certainly a heavy one to the keeper. Every few minutes in the day either a gasboat, a schooner, or a steam tug has to be let through the draw. For the past month the average openings of this draw has been at least thirty-five times a day. The keeper certainly leads a strenuous life.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Freewill Baptists of this city will begin their quarterly meeting services this evening at the Masonic Hall. Sunday Rev. J. T. Butler will preach. The holy communion will be celebrated, as well as the rite of feet washing. All are cordially invited to attend any and all services.

Many Enjoy Luscious Bivalve

Messrs. M. A. Smith and E. Hoyt Moore were hosts last evening to quite a number of the young folk at the pavilion, Washington Park. Roasted oysters with condiments were served, and all present pronounced the occasion one of the pleasantest of the many given by these popular young gentlemen. No stone was left unturned toward making the evening pleasant and enjoyable.

DIXIE TONIGHT.

The attraction to night at the Dixie as was last night, promises to be interesting and well worth the price of admission, so much so that standing room will be at a premium. The pictures last night were highly complimented and all those attending this evening will have good cause for commendation. The management is sparing no pains to give the patrons excellent programs and the people are appreciating this move by liberally patronizing this popular showhouse. The Working Girls' Triumph last night was a gem, the scheme and plot to entrap her was exciting and the climax heartily applauded. The pictures for this evening are to be first-class in every respect. If you want to witness a performance creditable and up to date attend the Dixie this evening.

RACE THANKSGIVING DAY.

It is rumored that there will be a race between the gasboats running on this river Thanksgiving day. There are about fifty of this class of boats in and around Washington and while every owner claims that his favorite is the fastest, it is yet to be proved which boat shall hold the title. If the race does come off, as expected, it will be exciting and spirited.

A SENSATION IN BANK CASES

That Officers Tamped With the Jury is the Charge That it Made.

Asheville, Sept. 17.—Judge Chas. A. Moore, of counsel for the defense in the trial of Major Brees and Joseph E. Dickerson, charged of conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank of Asheville, sprung a sensation in United States District Court this morning when court convened with Judge Newman presiding to hear argument and motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial in the cases of the convicted bankers and as a result of affidavits read and allegations made the 12 jurors who tried and convicted the defendants will be summoned to appear back here tomorrow for an investigation into the matter. The charges and affidavits had to do with alleged conversations of Deputy Marshal Robert Ramsey, an officer of the court with certain of the jurors during the progress of the trial and just previous to the return of the verdict by the jury. The affidavits were read and the charges contained therein came as a surprise to those in the court room and without doubt created something of a sensation. District Attorney Holton, after Judge Moore had read his affidavits, said "this is the first time we have heard anything of this; we should at least have time to file an answer; the affidavits are a reflection on and a charge against an officer of this court; the charges should be investigated."

Verdict Not Affected. Judge Newman said that since there was no intimation that the verdict of the jury had been affected the matter could not weigh with the question of a new trial. Judge Newman did say, however, that the charges were serious; that an officer of the court was involved and that the matter should be thoroughly investigated. Marshal Miliken and Deputy Ramsey both desired the matter most thoroughly investigated and Judge Newman issued an order summoning every member of the jury to return to Asheville tomorrow for an investigation of the charges in determining the guilt or innocence of the deputy marshal. Mr. Ramsey, after the adjournment of court, stated to a newspaper man that the whole charge contained in the affidavits was false and untrue.

When court convened this morning Judge Moore moved for a new trial. He said that new matter had come to the attention of the defense; that he had affidavits which he desired to read. An affidavit was read which stated that after the case had gone to the jury Deputy Marshal Ramsey entered into communication with Juror J. E. Norton; that in the course of the conversation the officer said in effect: "Rawls is as guilty as Brees and Dickerson, and they are both as guilty as I—". The affidavits stated that this statement was made in the presence of Juror Garren. The affidavit further recited the allegation that Deputy Marshal Ramsey, speaking to Juror Garren and in the presence of Juror Norfolk and one other juror and in reply to a question from Juror Garren, said that the court would keep the jury together for a week or ten days if the jury didn't agree; that Judge Newman was sent here to try these cases and that in the event of a miscarriage Brees and Dickerson would be immediately tried again.

No People on Mars.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—"There is no single scrap of evidence that Mars is inhabited. The small craters and other markings I do not regard as evidence of man's work. It is possible that specks, looking like clouds, have been seen at widely separated periods, perhaps, months apart, but they are not clouds."

In these words Director Campbell, of Lick Observatory, in an interview disputed the assertions of various scientists that observations of Mars indicate that it is peopled as is our earth.

Professor Campbell contends that the famous canals of Schiaparelli are not handiwork; that there is no marionette system; that little, if any, watery vapor exists around Mars, and that the existence of polar caps does not prove the presence of water on Mars.

"I need only say," continued Prof. Campbell, "that an observer outside of the earth looking down would see reasonable changes quite as well before the advent of men as after."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this evening. Business of importance. A full attendance is desired.

What? Shorthand and Typewriting. Where? at the Public School. When? Next Monday, September 13, 1909. To whom? Report stenographers.

RATE INQUIRY BEFORE COMMISSION

The Hearing Began Before the Corporation Commission Yesterday.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 17.—There began yesterday before the Corporation Commission the hearing as to discriminations against North Carolina shipping interests as compared with Virginia and South Carolina in the matter of freight rates from ports of the respective States to points within the State inland.

The indications are that two days or longer will be required to complete the examination of the traffic managers of the several railroad companies. The first witness was Traffic Manager L. Green, of the Southern Railway. Other traffic managers here to testify are C. R. Capps, Seaboard Air Line; H. C. Hodges, Norfolk & Southern, and R. A. Brand, Atlantic Coast Line. The examinations are being conducted by H. A. Foushee, of Durham, representing the Durham Board of Trade, and A. B. Justice, of Charlotte, representing the North Carolina Merchants' Association. A number of the officers of the Merchants' Association, including President E. E. Broughton and Secretary E. L. Harris, are attending the hearing.

The traffic managers filed schedules of freight rates in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia ports inland to points within the respective States and comparisons of these rates, their contention being that these statements show not only no discrimination against North Carolina but that North Carolina has in some instances lower rates. Examination developed the fact that no two roads in Virginia have the same rate for equal distances. Traffic Manager Capps, of the Seaboard Air Line, during his examination, made the statement that the reason freight traffic went to Norfolk, for instance, rather than to Wilmington from Carolina points, is because Wilmington lacks shipping facilities; that whereas, Wilmington has two steamers each week for New York, Norfolk has something like two each day. To illustrate this he said, if he had a shipment of cotton cloth from the Rockingham Mills titled for New York, he would have to send via Norfolk on this account, although the Seaboard would receive a larger proportion of the freight charges if it went via Wilmington.

Mr. Brand, of the Atlantic Coast Line, insisted that his road does not discriminate against North Carolina points in any manner. During the examination the old troubles of Virginia state rate cases as involved in Interstate rates came in for general discussion and was used considerably as the basis for examination by Messrs. Foushee and Justice. This especially figured during the examination of Mr. Green. There is a first class rate of 3.9 cents per ton per mile for the 267 miles from Norfolk to Charlotte, and 6.6 cents per ton per mile from Wilmington to Charlotte. Using this as a basis the examination delved into intricacies of participation in rates by connecting railroads and construction of network of rates that will have the least discriminatory effect in its application in the freight zones of the country. Getting down to practical operations, Mr. Foushee questioned the witnesses as to increased revenue the railroads would have from increased traffic caused by lower rates. Mr. Green denied that there would be any increase in consumption greater than the gradual increase in population. Slightly lower rates, he said, would not cause the people to eat more sugar, wear more clothes or anything of that kind.

The Corporation Commission announced that the schedules of rates and records of the hearing would be considered at the convenience of the Commission and the ruling will be made later.

A Splendid Opening Sale

The fall opening at Hoyt's store was well attended this morning. All the ladies bringing coupons were given a dainty souvenir in the shape of a satin sachet with sprays of flowers painted thereon. The new fall styles in coats and suits would suit a Queen's taste, and the fine dress stuffs are in all shades and qualities, while the new trimmings are enough to make any one's mouth water. There are all kinds of jet ornaments too, add lovely ribbons at very low prices. Altogether, the display is one seldom equaled in a town of this size.

SCHOONERS IN PORT.

The schooner Mary Galtard arrived in port yesterday from Norfolk with a cargo of merchandise to the wholesale firm of S. B. Nixon & Co. The schooner will leave this afternoon for Norfolk with a load of mail.

CAR WORKERS STRIKE AGAIN

They Charge that the Steel Car Company Has Violated the Agreement.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 15.—The car workers' strike at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company in Schoonville, which was thought settled on Wednesday of last week, after costing nine lives and heavy financial loss, began anew today when between 3,000 and 4,000 employes of the car works walked from their work and quietly and orderly dispersed to their homes.

The workmen now allege the car company officials have broken faith with them regarding the discharging of imported horses brought here during the recent eight weeks' labor dispute. Late today it was announced by the car plant officials that they would probably discharge what few imported workmen are yet in the plant in a second effort to resume business and keep their plant running.

Shipwreck in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The news of the renewal of the strike of the Pressed Steel Car Company workmen and the shutting down of the plant caused great surprise here.

The mediation board, which is headed by Dr. Chas. A. Knapp, the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, probably will be called upon to exert its efforts once more in the direction of adjusting the present serious situation at McKees Rocks.

The mediation board and the Department of Justice would be the only two departments of the government likely to be drawn into the matter.

USEFUL CITIZEN DIED YESTERDAY

Mr. Thomas Wilson Passes Away at the Age of 72—Remains Taken to New Bern.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, one of the city's oldest citizens, passed away yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at his residence on East Third street, of dropsy of the heart. At the time of his death he was in his 72d year. Mr. Wilson was born and raised in the town of New Bern and came to this city about ten years ago, where he has resided since that time. He followed the trade of sailmaker and was an expert workman in his line. Mr. Wilson had been confined to his home and bed for the past five months. He was a member of the Masonic order and the Charitable Brotherhood, being an enthusiastic member of both organizations.

He was also a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a man of fine traits of character, gentle disposition and possessed the friendship of many. He leaves a wife and sister to mourn their loss. The remains were taken to New Bern this morning, where the funeral and interment will take place tomorrow morning. The News extends sympathy.

HORSE TALK.

Late yesterday afternoon one of the horses driven in team by David Fowle fell flat on Main street in front of the postoffice. The other horse had one forefoot over the neck of the prostrate one, and for a moment looked like a serious accident, but strange to say, the fallen animal got to its feet with a few struggles and trotted away without a bruise or scratch.

Final Settlement at Opera House

The great telephone scene near the close of the first act of "The Final Settlement," the new American drama, which will be seen at Brown's Opera House tonight, is one of the most intensely interesting and startling effects ever produced on any stage, and is but one of the many exciting and interesting situations which abound in this great play of present day American life. The play is hailed as a worthy successor to "The Lion and the Mouse," and is a severe arraignment of some of the taints with which our ultra rich social class are afflicted. Miss Marion Sherwood will appear in the leading role.

"The Final Settlement" is the latest product of the pen of Mr. Lem B. Parker. The play is an absorbing story of life among a class of society who have suddenly acquired riches and teach a moral unique in the history of stage literature. Miss Marion Sherwood has been selected to play the leading part.

MR. HATHAWAY CORRECTS ERROR

Was Misinformed as to Facts in Railroad Project Regarding Mr. A.

I regret in my article of yesterday I unwisely wrote from hearsay making the following unfair remarks:

Five or six years ago Mr. A. bought 5,000 acres of land for \$70,000. I am told he sold the timber of a certain size for \$70,000, retaining the fee-simple in land and small timber. Five or six years ago Mr. A. talked freely of canning, draining, and bringing these lands under cultivation (stating that it was among the richest in the world, which is no doubt a fact.) Mr. A. has partly accomplished his aim. He has also added 10,000 acres to the 9,000, making 25,000 acres in one body, and we surmise the 16,000 stands Mr. A. in no more than the 9,000.

I wish to now correct this, as Mr. A. bought this land for the Ym. Schuetz Co. in 1905 and retained no portion of it. Several months later he again secured it. He has 25,000 acres which may have cost him something.

In another place I mentioned as curing Mr. A.'s old roadbed as follows:

He ran his main tract from Blahop's Crossing toward the Washington and Plymouth Railroad, then owned by Mr. Surry Parker. After the State Council in 1907 granted charters for two railroads, one in the west, the other from Hyde county to Washington to be constructed by convict labor (the pay for which stock was to be given) the Norfolk and Southern several years before having bought out the Washington and Plymouth road, busied itself and secured Mr. A.'s old roadbed. In tomorrow's issue I will have facts.

Pastor Charged With Abduction

Wallace M. Stuckney, pastor of the Christian Church of Williamsburg, Kansas, and editor of the Williamsburg Star, is confined in the county jail on the charge of having abducted Lorena Sutherland, 15 years of age, daughter of a wealthy farmer of Williamsburg, from her home. The girl, originally a brunette, but now blonde, also is in custody. She will be returned to her parents and be used as a witness against the accused preacher.

In every principal feature the case is like that of Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, Long Island, N. Y., who deserted his wife and children and fled to San Francisco with Loretta Whaley.

The accused preacher, who had been pastor of the Williamsburg Church for six months, disappeared from Williamsburg on July 12th last, deserting his wife and four children. Two weeks later the Sutherland girl disappeared and it is now known that she joined Stuckney in Chicago.

The girl bleached her hair in an effort to disguise herself.

The first of her troubles occurred when Stuckney was struck by a Chicago street car and suffered the fracture of three ribs. When he recovered from the injury he found that he and his child companion had been reduced to the point of starvation.

Stuckney tried playing a cornet at a cheap Chicago theater and then came to Waukegan to work in a brass foundry. He brought Miss Sutherland with him, introducing her as his daughter, calling himself Mr. Morgan. The relations of the "father" and "daughter" aroused suspicion and Sheriff Griffin arrested the pair.

OUT AGAIN.

The many friends of Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be glad to know he is able to be out again, after a slight indisposition.

A NOVEMBER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Laughinghouse announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie Elizabeth, to Mr. Malcolm McLean Worthington, of Belair, Md., the wedding to be celebrated in November of this year.

New Advertisements in Today's News.

- J. K. Hoyt—Sweater Coats.
- Jan. E. Clark Co.—Ladies' Coat Suits.
- A. C. Hathaway—Washington Park Lots and Wheat Property.
- J. F. Buckman & Son—New Fall Arrivals.
- H. G. Sparrow—Special Bargains.