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Local Thunder Storms Tonight an[illegible] morrow.

DEALINGS OF WRIGHT ARE LAID BARE

In Connection With Drainage of Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde County.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—The Moss committee yesterday presented to the house two reports of its investigation of the Florida everglades charges and the subsequent inquiry into the drainage division of the department of agriculture. The reports take up the charge that a certain circular unfavorable to the sale of everglades lands, was suppressed in the department of agriculture through influence of real estate operators; the questions of relations between Assistant Secretary Hays, of the departments, and J. O. Wright a former government employe in a land project at Lake Mattamuskeet, N. C., and the dismissal of C. G. Elliott and A. D. Morehouse from the drainage division of the department on technical charges involving the transfer of government funds from one account to another.

Secretary Wilson escaped personal arraignment at the hands of the majority in the findings on the everglades charges. The department's policy toward the everglades was characterized as vacillating, "most unfortunate" and having subjected the department to much suspicion and criticism. The minority report signed by Representative Sloan, of Nebraska, who said his views were approved by Representative Higgins and Madden held that Secretary Wilson had acted within his legal discretion.

Hays was condemned by the majority for his relations with Wright in the North Carolina project while the minority held his interest was not one for profit but only his well rural community life.

Both minority and majority agreed that the dismissal of Elliott and Morehouse on etchnical charges was "over discipline."

Wright and Hays.

The conduct of Assistant Secretary Hays of the Agriculture Department, whose relations with former Drainage Engineer J. O. Wright were the subject of especial attention by the committee, was declared in a majority report presented to Chairman Moss, Democrat, to have been not in harmony "with proper standards of official propriety if not official rectitude." The minority report made by Representative Sloan, of Nebraska, Republican, asserted on the other hand that the "unstable" majority conclusions were "more of a charge against the mental capacity and honesty of the committee members" than against Assistant Secretary Hays.

The majority report was signed by Chairman Moss and Representative Flood, or Arkansas, and Doughton, of North Carolina, Democrats. The minority report was signed by Representative Sloan, of Nebraska, who stated that Representative Higgins, of Connecticut, and Madden, of Illinois, approved it. All are Republicans. Many features of the Agriculture Department's work in connection with the everglades were attacked by the Democratic report, which arraigned the department as vacillating and Engineer Wright as having been on "familiar terms with real estate promoters and speculators."

Secretary Wilson Escapes.

No real criticism of Secretary Wilson was contained in the majority report, the burden of criticism being laid on Assistant Secretary Hays. The minority report, on the other hand, acquitted the latter of the charges that he "despised all restraint and attempted to capitalize his official position and raw quick dividend from official opportunity."

Cause of Investigation.

Assistant Secretary Hays' connection with the matter arose through a private arrangement he made with J. O. Wright, former drainage engineer, for the handling of some drained land in North Carolina which did not belong to the government.

Boosted of His Work.

The majority report cited Wright's real estate promoters and of accepting development company stock and fees while engaged officially in making surveys to reclaim land. It declared that while thus engaged as a paid salesman and an interested purchaser he appeared before the North Carolina legislature as an official of the department of agriculture ostensibly to advise in the framing of

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MRS. DAWSON DIED LAST NIGHT 8:15

Funeral Hele This Afternoon From the Residence at 3:30 O'clock.

Nancy Catherine Dawson, wife of Edward L. Dawson, went to the "City of Peace" last evening at her home on Bridge street, after a lingering illness. For weeks those nearest and dearest have anticipated the end of this useful and wholesome life, and when the summons came last night she answered in a way to prove that she "Hath done what she could" and was ready to meet her Lord face to face. Years ago she realized that "death was only a dream" and that some sweet day in the bye and bye she could know that earth only exhibited the bunch of grapes of what was in store in that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Mrs. Dawson had been in poor health for the past year or more and for the past three months she had been confined to her bed. All that loving and tender hands could do was performed, but all to no avail—God wanted her for his abode and so on last evening she answered the summons with the consciousness of duty well performed leaving behind a record that is worthy of emulation and pattern.

Mrs. Dawson was a native of Jonesville, Va. She first saw the beauties of God's handiwork on June 2, 1853. After her marriage to Mr. E. L. Dawson, near forty-four years ago, she moved to Kentucky. About fifteen years ago she and her husband and children cast their lot in Washington, where they have lived ever since.

Being a member of the Baptist Church since her thirteenth year, and from the day of membership until called away, she was ever in the forefront for the work of her Lord and Master. The church here possessed in this good woman a member ready and willing at all times to further and carry forward its motives. "Behold her record is on high and her witnesses are in Heaven." She was a living Epistle known and read by all men. In her going the church loses one whose place will be indeed hard to fill. Those younger in its councils should endeavor to emulate and follow her example of Christian work.

Mrs. Dawson is survived by a devoted husband and three children: James David Dawson, of Belhaven, N. C.; Floyd F. Dawson, of Quincy, Ill.; and Mrs. H. B. VanHook, of this city. She also leaves twelve grand children.

Besides her children and grandchildren and crushed husband many friends and acquaintances today place forget-me-knots upon her bier for remembrance sake.

The funeral was held from the residence on Bridge street, between Second and Third, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton, of the First Baptist church. All that was mortal of this good woman was placed away in God's chamber in quiet Oakdale.

The following were the pall-bearers:

Active—Hannis T. Latham, W. C. Miller, G. E. Edwards, D. M. Lewis, A. C. Cave, J. R. Calloway.

Honorary—Thos. J. Latham, W. S. Frizzle, W. H. McDevett, E. K. Willis.

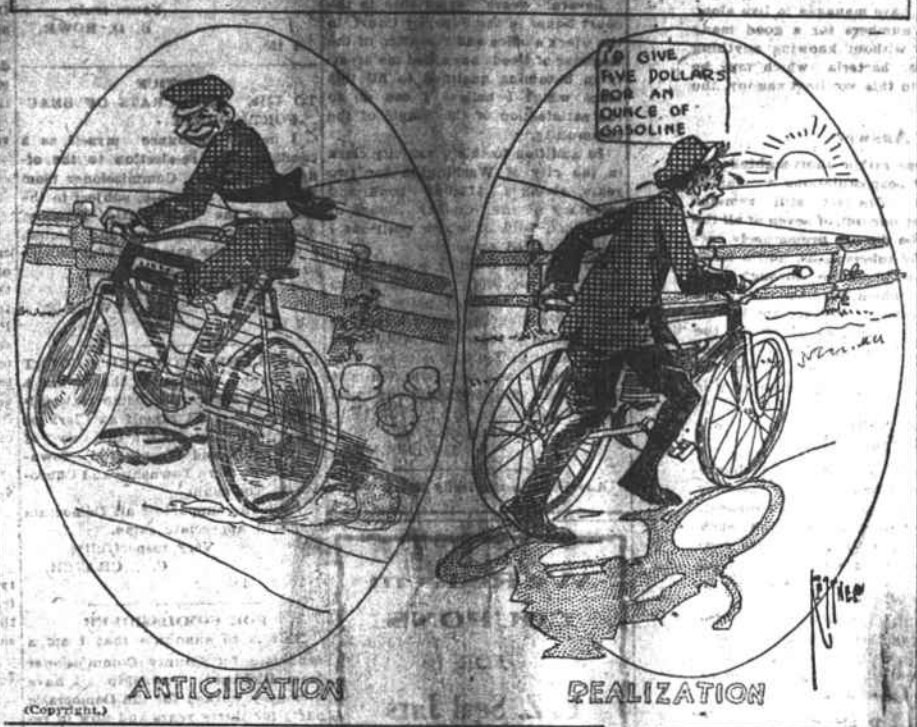
POPULAR YOUNG LADY UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Ave Bell, one of the clever and popular salesladies at the James E. Clark Company, was operated upon at the Washington Hospital yesterday for appendicitis. The operation was in every way successful and the reports from her bedside today are most encouraging. Unless something unforseen happens Miss Bell will soon be able to resume her duties. She is one of Washington's popular and attractive young ladies.

MORAL EDUCATION CONGRESS.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 22.—Canada, the United States and the principal countries of Europe are represented by delegates at the second International Moral Education Congress, which had its formal opening here today. The sessions will last five or six days, and will be addressed by numerous speakers of international prominence.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



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LIBERTY.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Run by the G. O. P.,
Of thee I sing!
Land which the Trusts have
searched!
Land where Protection's perched!
Land where the mail is searched—
Free land, by jing!

Land where one thin beefsteak
Takes all a man can make,
Where gold is King!
Land whose grand Government,
If it oppose a gent,
Opens all mail he's sent—
Of thee I sing!

Land where, when papers free
Show Graft is rotting thee,
And the proof bring,
Thy Postman does not quail,
Fearing no jolt for jail,
To spy on all their mail—
Of thee I sing!

Land with a President
Pliant as saplings bent—
Weak, twisted thing!—
Falls into every ditch,
Stands for a tariff which
Makes richer still the rich—
Of thee I sing!

Still, things aren't wrecked—not yet!
Folks are aroused, you bet!
And, with a bing,
When next November's here,
There'll be a change, don't fear;
Then, with a rousing cheer,
Then—we CAN sing!

PAUL WEST.

EXCURSION TO NORFOLK.

The excursion from Stantonsburg to Norfolk via the Norfolk Southern on Wednesday, August 28, promises to be one of the best patronized this season. Quite a number from this city are contemplating going and crowds will go all along the line. The fare from Washington is only $2.25 and children under 12 years of age, $1.25. Two whole days will be spent at the seashore.

A. M. EDWARDS ILL.

Mrs. Z. N. Leggett received a 'phone message from Edward, N. C., late yesterday afternoon announcing the critical illness of her brother-in-law, Mr. A. M. Edwards. Mrs. Leggett left this afternoon via the Washington and Vandemere train for his bedside. Mr. Edwards was at one time a reisdent of this city and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

MURDERER TO BE SHOT.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 22.—Andriji Mirkovich is to be shot to death early tomorrow morning at the Nevada State penitentiary. His is the first sentence to death by shooting ever imposed in Nevada, and was made possible by the law passed at the last session of the legislature giving a condemned person the choice of death either by hanging or shooting. Mirkovich chose shooting. The crime of which he was convicted was the murder of John Gregovitch, a Tonopah merchant, last May.

MISSES SMALL CAMPING AT EAGLE'S NEST, N. C.

Misses May Bell Small, Katherine Small, Caddie Fowler, and Janie Mears are now at Eagles Nest, in Haywood county, where they are camping. They expectto be in camp for a week or more. The young ladies are occupying a camp provided by the hotel at Eagles Nest, and are the first party of ladies to take advantage of the outing so generously provided by the hotel managers. The young ladies are having a glorious time and enjoying every moment of their stay. The Misses Small have been in Western Carolina for the past several weeks, but have only been camping for the past week. Their many friends in Washington wish them nothing but pleasure and enjoyment.

LONG JAUNT FOR GEOGRAPHERS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Of a highly distinguished and representative character was the body of learned men that started from New York today on a transcontinental tour under the auspices of the American Geographical Society. The society has arranged the tour in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of its founding and of the completion of its new home in this city.

The majority of the tourists are representatives of the universities and geographical societies of Europe. Sixteen countries are represented, among them Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands.

The trip acros the continent and return will occupy two months, during which time the tourists will cover approximately 10,000 miles. After crossing the country to Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, visiting Yellowstone Park on the way, the party will return through the Grand Canon and the Southern States, reaching New York about the middle of October.

EDITORS AT SIOUX FALLS.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 22.—The annual summer meeting of the South Dakota Press Association was begun in this city today, with President Charles McCaffree, of Howard, presiding. The meeting will continue two days and will be devoted to the consideration of numerous questions of interest to those engaged in newspaper making.

RECORDER'S COURT

There were several cases on the docket before the Recorder, Mr. W. D. Grimes, at the City Hall yesterday for trial. Two cases for retailing were disposed of.

Listern Norcon, colored, was indicted for retailing and he was found guilty and fined $10 and cost.

John Allen Hardy, also colored, was indicted for the same offense. He was found guilty but judgment was suspended upon the payment of cost.

Mrs. W. M. Kear left yesterday for an extended visit to relatives and friends at Van Wert, Ohio.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AT LYRIC THEATER

"The Coming of Columbus" a great feature in three reels was booked at the Lyric Theatre last Friday night, but due to misconnection of trains this picture failed to reach here and the public was deprived of witnessing one of the most historical features that has ever been shown here.

The manager of the Lyric announces that this picture will be exhibited here without fail Friday night, August 23rd.

How often have we said to ourselves, if we could only have seen in flesh and blood this wonder of the ages, what a gift it would of been. We all remember from our first history lesson our teachers reading to us the history of this wonderful man, and as we grew into manhood and womanhood, our wonder has never abated.

This great feature will be exhibited at the Lyric Theatre Friday night August 23rd, and within itself it is quite a history to us all, and a picture that every man, woman and child should see.

The prices of admission for that night only will be adults 20 cents, children 10 cents.

YOUNG FARMER SHOWS OPEN COTTON BOLL

The Daily News was presented today with a full developed open cotton boll. It is the product of Master Walter Raleigh Sheppard, who is only 12 years of age, who resides on his father's farm, "Holly," near River Road Station. This young and enterprising farmer is to be congratulated.

BRIDE FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 22.—At a large and fashionable wedding here today Miss Kate de Villiers, whose home is in Paarl, South Africa, became the bride of Henry Baldwin Schwab, of New York City. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. C. Curtis Hussey, sister-in-law of the bride.

The bride belongs to a noted South African family, being a cousin of Lord de Villiers, who was president of the convention that formed the Union of South Africa in 1910. Mr. Schwab, the bridegroom, is a Harvard graduate and a nephew of Gustav H. Schwab, the New York banker. The bridal couple will spend their honeymoon in the Alps and later will make a six months' tour of South Africa.

ISMAY TO TESTIFY IN SUIT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Charles E. Pickett, of New Haven, clerk of the United States Court, who is the master in the inquiry into an alleged steamship combination, sailed for England today to take the testimony of J. Bruce Ismay, head of the International Mercantile Marine Company, on the question of steamship rates. Two lawyers representing the United States government accompany Mr. Pickett.

SUIT ENTERED AGAINST MOVING PICTURE TRUST BY GOVERNMENT

President Urges Congress to Pass Joint Resolution That United States Has no Intention of Violating the Hay-Paunceforte Treaty.

(By E. M. V. T.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22.—The Legislative, Executive and Judicial bill, which was vetoed by the President last week, has been passed through Congress again with the clause ending the Commerce Court remaining. The seven-year tenure of office item was absent, very much to the relief of the 23,000 government clerks in the District of Columbia, who would have been affected by it.

Representative Kyle B. Price, of Albama, denounced the custom of not allowing Civil Service employees of the District to take part in political campaigns, in an address before the Women's National Democratic League in the Southern building, last Thursday. Mr. Price characterized the present system of not allowing the clerks to take an active part in politics for fear that they would jeopardize their positions as an infringement upon their citizen, and assured his hearers that they need have no fear of losing their positions merely on account of voicing their convictions, if a new party comes in. Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, paid a glowing tribute to women and their part in the world's history. He also assailed the present fashions among women and said he hoped the time would come when American women would set their own standards of dress, instead of following the bad examples of France. Doctor Clarence J. Owen, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, made a speech, of which woman was the keynote. Taken altogether, the meeting was a very great success.

Attorney-General Wickersham is investigating the rule of the New York Clearing House Association, requiring its members to charge a specified sum for the collection of out-of-town checks drawn on certain parts of the country, and, at the same time, giving them discretion whether to make charges for similar collections in other localities. The object of the Attorney General is to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust law or the national banking law is being violated. If action is taken, it will stand as a precedent for all clearing house associates having similar rules. If it is learned that either of these laws is being technically violated, or that the practice, while not illegal seems against public policy, the whole matter may be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury. According to the rule of the New York Clearing House Association, the cranks composing its membership are compelled to charge one-tenth of 1 per cent. for the collection of checks payable in most of the States in the East and Central West, while in the South and the far is charged. The aggregate of these collections by New York banks has been variously estimated at from $3,000,000 to $17,000,000 annualy.

The Department of Justice has instituted suit in the Federal Court at Philadelphia against the so-called Moving Picture Trust. The companies, including the Edison, Armat, Pathe Brothers and others are accused of combining to monopolize the business, even to the extent of limiting the number of moving picture theatres and otherwise violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

President Taft has sent to Congress a special message on the Panama Canal bill. He urges the passage by Congress of a joint resolution which will make it apparent before the world that the United States has no intention of violating the Hay-Paunceforte treaty. The Democratic leaders of the House will refuse to support a resolution such as the President suggests, and his efforts along this line will undoubtedly fail. The House leaders contend that if the Panama bill violates the treaty, the President should veto it, and if it doesn't he should sign it. They say that the resolution he proposes would invite a large amount of litigation and would weaken the contention of Congress that the United States has the right under the treaty to grant free tolls. There is considerable opposition to the President's proposal also in the Senate. It is said that his friends and advisers are urging him to veto the bill.

The Senate yesterday made the anual distribution of brass cannon balls for the ornamentation of public squares in different cities of the country. During the discussion Senator Overman declared that Salisbury, North Carolina, ought not to be left out.

Under the law as interpreted three years ago by the Comptroller of the Treasury government clerks or other employees cannot be paid until the pay rolls are properly certified. Certification cannot be legally or properly made until the service is rendered. It was under this opinion that the pay day for government workers was changed from the last to the first day of each and from the 15th to the 16th. A plan worked out by the Secretary of the Treasury provides that the rolls will be submitted on the 30th and certified as correct by bureau heads so far as can be stated at that time and that he will undertake to notify the disbursing clerk in time to stop payment, should any circumstances arise making payment to any individual on the roll as submitted incorrect. So that the Treasury Department employees will be paid off on Saturday, August 31, instead of having to wait until September 3, the day after Labor Day.

MASTER LOUIS SUSMAN ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

On Tuesday evening last from 8:30 to 11 Master Louis Susman, the bright and interesting son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Susman, was at home on Fourth street to a large number of his playmates and friends and no social function among the juvenile set this season was more enjoyed. There were over forty-five of Master Louis' friends present and they pronounce their host one that knows how to entertain.

Delicious and tempting refreshments were served during the evening by the following young ladies: Misses Elizabeth Simmons, Eleanor Berry, Ruth Bell, Elizabeth Carrow, Carrie Heptinstall and Evelyn Jones. Miss Robena Carter presided with grace over the punch bowl. The occasion carries with it only the most pleasant memories.

PINE BLUFF 80 YEARS OLD.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Aug. 22.—Pine Bluff toady celebrated the eightieth aanniversary of its birth, the town having been laid out August 22, 1832, a family by the name of Pullen making the original survey.

SOUTH DAKOTA PLANS HIGHWAY

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 21.—A State good roads congress assembled here today to discuss the project for a great highway to be built north and south through South Dakota and to extend into North Dakota to the Yellowstone. The proposed road would open up a large and picturesque section of country that at present is almost inaccessible to tourist travel.

FOOT GUARDS VISIT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22.—The Governor's Foot Guards, of New Haven, Conn., one of the oldest and most famous military organizations in the United States, arrived in Montreal today for a social visit. Governor Baldwin and several other distinguished men of Connecticut are with the visitors.