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A CHAPTER OF HITHERTO UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

Major Westall's Interesting Story of the Laborious Search and successful Discovery of the Body of the Unfortunate Scientist.

It was the last week in June, 1857, and about the middle of the five months' session of the school in central Swannanoa, where I was teaching, when the news came that Professor Elisha Mitchell had disappeared, and that possibly, and very probably, his life somewhere on the Black Mountain. He had started on Saturday to cross the mountain to Big Tom Wilson's on Caneby river, in Vance county, and failing to return on the next Monday, as he was expected to do, his son, an undergraduate, and I, with two other students, and were his assistants in taking his survey of the mountain's height, sent immediately to Wilson's to see if anything was wrong. Finding that he had failed to reach that place, that at once had the alarm sounded that their father was lost. By this time, three or four days had elapsed, and Professor Mitchell not having returned, two or three hundred men, from both sides of the great mountain, hurried to the search.

The search went on several days, and every day the news would come down the river, that the lost man had been found. I had not yet, however, thinking there were men enough out already, and because I had been on a trip to Mt. Mitchell only six days before Dr. Mitchell disappeared. But I went at last. I think it was on the morning of the eighth day after the disappearance, that two of the citizens of Swannanoa, who had been to the house where I was teaching, and asked me if I would adjourn my school and become one of a fresh company to go to the mountains in search of the lost man. They had been told that I had been on all sides of the Black Mountain and was quite familiar with the mountains and its scenery, and that they wished me to lead their company on the search. I consented to go as they desired, and we agreed to meet at Alexander's at 2 p. m., on that day, with rations for three days. We met on time at the place appointed, and at sundown we entered the mountain house, as it was called, where we found a number of tired, disheartened men, who had been again unsuccessful in their search for the lost man. Jesse Stepp was there, and I soon found that, as he was so well acquainted with every ridge, rimlet and knob of the mountain, he had the first and best, with the most judgment, divided the men into squads, with a leader to each squad, and that the search had had much system and order. Mr. Stepp then owned and lived at what is now called the Patton house at the foot of the mountain. Prof. Mitchell made Mr. Stepp's house his headquarters.

QUEBEC'S NIGHT OF WOE.

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CHICAGO REVIEW.

Business in the Grain Center During Yesterday's Session.

CHICAGO, September 20.—Today's receipts of wheat overran the estimate, but out of seventeen cars reported not a bushel graded No. 2. This remarkable showing for the season together with the posting of unusually large flour exports at Baltimore set the pace for another bull turn in the pit. Opening high, the close was weak, with a decline above yesterday's closings, with September 3 1/2c higher. The market was depressed just before the close by the selling of half a million of December in large blocks at 72 1/2c by a heavy old bear operator who has been out of the market for some time. The close was weak with the early advance all lost. Latest quotations were 1/4c below those of yesterday.

A very good business was transacted in corn, the market ruling active at times. Selling early was free, but as the session advanced a weaker course was developed and trading was at lower prices. The market opened firm at yesterday's closing prices, influenced mainly by the advance in wheat and prices advanced 1/4c, but when the estimates for to-morrow became known offerings became heavy and prices declined 1/2c, ruled 1 1/2c and closed 1/4c lower than yesterday.

Trading was a little more animated in oats today, a firmer feeling prevailing early. Later, however, the demand fell off, the market became weak and prices receded. May received most attention and closed 1/4c higher than yesterday. Trading in pork was a little more active and the feeling was somewhat unsettled. Near deliveries were easy early and declined 2 1/2c, but rallied again and closed steady.

THE RECENT STORM.

Rough Experience of a Steamer on Lake Erie.

DETROIT, Mich., September 20.—The steamer City of Detroit arrived from Cleveland this morning after a very rough experience. No sooner had the boat left Cleveland last night than she was struck on the port side by a monstrous wave which fully lifted her out of the water. As the vessel proceeded, the lake became rougher and by midnight she was laboring heavily and badly strained. The paddle box bulkheads were sprung a good deal, and a leak was discovered in their vicinity. When this information came to the passengers, of whom there were about 700, they became very badly frightened and most of them donned life preservers. When the bulkheads gave way shortly after a terrible panic ensued. Water was forced into the boat at every revolution of the wheel and rose rapidly. In the after saloon on the main deck, the officers' apartments were also soon flooded, as well as the ladies' saloon. The water rose nearly by inch until it was fully six and a half feet high in the cabin. During this terrible situation, the passengers were clustered in the saloon, all prepared for the worst. One man, whose name could not be ascertained, rushed up and down the cabin, shouting and crying, "The boat is sinking." This, of course, added greatly to the confusion, and made the already terrified passengers very difficult to manage. The male passengers seemed to be more frightened than the women. The officers of the boat admit it was a rough experience, but they do not see the appearance of the boat this morning shows what she has passed through. The cabin is still flooded. A gang of men are at work putting in new bulkheads and repairing other damage.

An Insane Man's Freak.

WINCHESTER, Va., September 20.—John Nolan, formerly of Louisa county, Md., residing near here, presented today at the Union Bank an improperly drawn check, on which the cash was refused. He then went to Geo. W. Keller's hardware store, purchased a pistol, had it loaded, and fired at the proprietor and his son before the eyes of a large number of bystanders. He was arrested by James H. Jones, of Sharpsburg, Md., pastor of the Lutheran church, and the pistol to his face and demanded his pocketbook. Nolan replied, "I don't want to see you and I don't want to see your land, and I am arrested. He had been in college studying for the priesthood, and is supposed to be insane.

A Prominent Lawyer Dead.

RICHMOND, Va., September 20.—Col. Thos. J. Evans, of this city, died to-night of dropsy, aged sixty-seven years. He had represented this city twice as a member of the legislature before and since the war. He was a colonel in the Confederate army, a prominent Mason, and noted for his social qualities, wit and humor.

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ASHVILLE FIREMEN.

New Equipments to be Purchased for Their Use.

At the meeting of the City Council last evening, the committee appointed to investigate the needs of the city fire department submitted the following report: "The committee appointed to investigate the needs of the Asheville fire department and to recommend the purchase of the supplies for the same, beg leave to report that, they recommend the immediate purchase of one thousand feet of Males Cross hose, two hundred feet and two nozzles for use by the Hose Company, and a new hand truck with equipments complete to reach to the top of the highest building in the city, for the Hook and Ladder Company."

Immediately after the passage of the committee three are appointed to purchase a suitable firebell for the use of the city, after making such inquiries and examination as may be necessary and secure, upon the best terms, a bell that will fully come up to the requirements and specifications of the said committee. On this committee the Mayor appointed aldermen Pulliam, Wolfe and Miller. These gentlemen will at an early date upon the performance of their duties, and it will not be a long while yet before the new bell will be purchased and erected.

TOBACCO TALK.

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North Carolina Delegates.

Governor Fowle has appointed the following delegates from this State to the Farmers' National Congress, which meets at Montgomery, Ala., November 13-15: Delegates at Large—S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg; J. T. LeGrand, of Richmond county, and L. L. Polk, of Wake, District Delegates and Alternates: First District—W. A. B. Branch, of Beaufort; W. R. Shannonhouse, of Beaufort; Second—Elias Carr, of Edgecombe; W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Henderson; Third—J. B. Oliver, of Wayne; D. E. McIver, of Moore; Fourth—W. F. Green, of Franklin; A. W. Atwater, of Chatham; Fifth—David Richards, of Person; B. F. Haynes, of Forsyth; Sixth—J. H. Clark, of Bladen; D. N. Bennett, of Stanley; Seventh—D. B. Reinhardt, of Catawba; Julian Allen, of Iredell; Eighth—W. A. Graham, of Lincoln; W. W. Lenoir, of Watauga; Ninth—Frank Cox, of Buncombe; A. H. Hayes, of Swain.

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LOUISIANA'S STOLEN BONDS

THE PICAYUNE TELEGRAPH THE DAILY CITIZEN

To Secure an Interview with Mr. H. Zuberliener Concerning an Alleged Loan of \$70,000 to Major Burke Several Years Ago.

The New Orleans Picayune yesterday telegraphed THE CITIZEN to secure an interview with Mr. Herman Zuberliener, of New Orleans, who is now in this city, concerning what he knew of a loan made several years ago by a bank in the Crescent City of which he was at the time president, to Major Burke, former State treasurer of Louisiana, amounting to \$70,000, upon certain Seminary and Agricultural College bonds, which it has recently been discovered have been stolen, fraudulently over-issued, and the interest fund therefrom belonging to the State of Louisiana, appropriated.

The papers have been full of the discovery since Monday, and to the Picayune belongs the credit of unearthing this gigantic fraud perpetrated upon the people of the Pelican State. It is working assiduously to make the discovery complete and also to bring the guilty parties to justice, if such a thing can now be done. To this end every person who has ever handled one of the unlovely bonds has been applied to for information concerning the same, in the hope of making, when all of the statements are gathered together, a complete and unbroken history of the bonds since their issuance by the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Zuberliener's statement, therefore, is particularly desired by the Picayune in its work, several gentlemen in New Orleans having reported that Mr. Z. told several years ago of a loan of about \$70,000 made to Major Burke upon bonds, the coupons of which were untouched; that he grew uneasy and refused to renew the note when it became due.

THE CITIZEN searched the city for Mr. Zuberliener, finally locating him at the Winyah Sanitarium, in the northeastern section of the city. Thither a reporter repaired, and calling upon the gentleman read the Picayune's telegram, and requested him to make a statement concerning the matter. This statement Mr. Zuberliener positively refused to make, beyond saying that he had no recollection at present of the affair to which the Picayune referred. Neither did he remember the incident of telling certain gentlemen of New Orleans about growing uneasy about the loan; or in fact, anything about it. He said he would not talk about the matter; he was very sick and wished to be severely left alone concerning the subject. His memory was very bad since he had become ill, and it was difficult for him to remember what had happened one day to another. He refused firmly to speak about the subject further than that he had received a telegram from New Orleans during the morning touching the matter, and the reporter retired.

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