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AN UNWILLING WITNESS.

EDWARD SPELLMAN, OF ILLINOIS, TESTIFIES.

He Seems to Have Made One Statement Before the Grand Jury and Another Yesterday, But the Former One Hoisted Him.

Chicago, November 4.—The first witness in the Cronin case this morning was Edward Spellman, of Peoria, Ill., who was examined on behalf of the prosecution by the State's attorney. He testified that he was treasurer of the Great Eastern Distilling Company.

Spellman then proceeded to answer the question, and said he knew the names of a few of them. Mortimer Scanlan was one of them, Lawrence Buckley another, Romaine, of New York, another.

Spellman then testified that he knew Dan Coughlin, who, with a man named Kunze, had visited Peoria a year ago and presented a letter of introduction. He had no conversation with Coughlin about Dr. Cronin.

There was a long wrangle over this question, which was finally allayed. "Did you not," asked the State's attorney, "say before the grand jury under oath that Coughlin said 'Cronin is a failure in a business'?"

The witness said, in reply to a question, that he had seen Alexander Sullivan before going to the State attorney's office. He had been informed that Sullivan was talking very harshly against him, and that his visit was not in connection with the case.

The correspondence between Beggs and Spellman was then read. February 18, Beggs wrote:

"Why in God's name, if men are sincere, will they insist upon opening old sores. The majority of our men believe the parties charged to be innocent of any criminal wrong, and to have charges made against them by the State is to create bitterness and illfeeling, and man or men who continue to bring charges are not friends of Irish unity. They want peace, and the time is not far distant when they will have it, even if it has to come to war. Men who are in power will in time realize the motives of those who are continually breeding disorder in their ranks, and the day of punishment will come."

CHICAGO REVIEW.

Business in the Grain Center During Yesterday's Session.

Chicago, November 4.—Wheat was quiet today most of the session, and fluctuations were again confined within narrow limits. The opening was easy, with first sales showing a decline as compared with Saturday's closing, caused more, than rallied, by a rise in corn and closed about 5c higher for December and May than the closing figures of Saturday.

There was only a moderate speculative business transacted in corn, the bulk of trading being in December. The feeling developed was comparatively steady and no material advance established. The market opened a shade lower than the closing price of the previous day.

THE APPLE CROP.

Where the Principal Supply Comes From.

Philadelphia Ledger. Last year New York State furnished the bulk of the apple crop of the United States; this year the crop is a failure in that State, and what few it does produce are of inferior quality.

AFRICAN LEAGUE.

A Call on the Negro Citizens of the Country.

New York, November 4.—The following call has been issued: To the Colored Citizens of the Republic: Being convinced that the time is ripe for the organization of the National African American League proposed by me two years ago to successfully combat the denial of our constitutional and inherent rights so generally denied or abridged throughout the Republic, and being urged by our representatives in national convention at Nashville Wednesday, January 15, 1889, for the purpose of organizing the National African American League, the basis of representation to be three delegates for every one hundred members constituting a branch league club or society desiring to co-operate in the movement for a national organization.

Prominent Man Dead.

Richmond, Va., November 4.—Capt. Geo. A. Atkinson, one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond, died this morning. He was ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, ex-grand commander of the Knights Templar of Virginia, president of the Mechanics Institute, and democratic candidate for the nomination for mayor at the last election.

A NEW EXPLOSIVE.

A Recent Invention of a Swedish Chemist.

In Sweden, which boasts of being the Fatherland of modern explosives, a considerable amount of thought and attention is constantly given to experiments in this direction, and an engineer, Mr. J. W. Skoglund, has recently invented a new explosive, which so far has given great satisfaction. It is called "gray powder" (Swedish: gråkrut), and during the summer months tested at Koserö, a large gunnery school, in addition to which it will be further tested in the course of the present month by a special commission and to a considerable extent for comparison with a Belgian powder called powder à la poudre.

HELPING THE TRIANGLE.

Money Raised for the Defence in the Cronin Case.

Chicago, November 3.—An open meeting of Irishmen was held at McCoy's hotel today, at which \$376 was collected for the purpose of "seeing that the prisoners went on trial for their lives." About 100 men were present, and when the object of the meeting had been stated, Chairman P. V. Fitzpatrick, who keeps a small store on Twenty-second street, said he believed it the proper thing for every Irishman to present and put his hand in his pocket and give as much as he was able for the purpose of seeing justice done. The suggestion was received with a shout, and money was handed in as fast as the treasurer could enter the amounts on his list.

RAILROAD MEETING.

Leicester and Sandy Mash Moving in the Right Direction.

The citizens of Leicester and Sandy Mash townships met at Leicester, Oct. 26, 1889, for the purpose of considering the practicability of the better connection of the town of Leicester with the city of Asheville, by the construction of either an electric railway, a railroad or a macadamized road.

British Grain Trade.

LONDON, November 4.—The Mark Lane Express in its weekly review of the English grain trade states that there has been an increase in the buying of English wheat, and prices have been maintained. Sales of English wheat during the past week were 68,662 quarters, at 30s. 3d. against 61,912 quarters at 32s. 3d. during the corresponding week of last year.

The Supreme Court.

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Thought It Was Ice.

One of the cold days during the past week, a countryman entered a lot on Chapel Hill street for the purpose of getting a bucket of water. A large piece of ice, which he found, he took for a flower pot, and was leaning against the wall letting the flowers have the air and sunshine. The countryman was heard to remark: "It's a mighty cold day to see ice in the house, but I believe I will take a bite any how." But imagine his surprise when he came down on it with his molar and found that it did not melt away as fast as he thought. All that glitter is not gold—no, ice.

Yesterday's Hot Offerings.

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A RUIN OF THE WAR.

THE OLD U. S. ARSENAL AT FAYETTEVILLE.

The Observer Paints the Scene With the Hand of a Master and the Heart of a Loving Patriot—A Melancholy Scene.

We take the following from the Fayetteville Observer. It has relation to the United States arsenal which stood on the brow of the hill known as Hay Mount, overlooking the town of Fayetteville. It had been made a beautiful place, principally under the long administration of Captain, afterwards Col. Bradford of the artillery. He was a gentleman of taste and culture, and in the piping times of peace, of leisure; and that leisure he had spent to improve and beautify the grounds and buildings until he had smoothed away effectually the frowns of grim visage war. When war did come, it came to the people of Fayetteville as a solemn joke, rather than reality. The arsenal was left, the property of the enemy, and a menace to safety; but it was garrisoned by friends, and commanded by gentlemen in intimate social relation with the citizens. Violence was out of the question; force was only a form. The surrender was made as pleasant as an old field must could make it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Major D. A. Blackwell was in the city yesterday. Hon. J. C. Buxton, of Winston, spent yesterday in the city.

Huncombe Medical Societies.

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STATE NEWS.

Wilmington Messenger: The Constitution as drafted was in fear of the people and on the side of new Government to be set up. The Twelve Amendments were adopted through the influence of Thomas Jefferson, and they are those Amendments. Hamilton, aided and abetted by Chief Justice Marshall, did more to endanger the rights of the free and sovereign Commonwealths, and the liberties of the people, than all the other consolidationists combined down to the great war and the advent of the Republican party with its Searwells, Stantons, Grants, et al omne genus.

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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

The annual week of prayer, which is participated in by all the denominations, will begin on next Sunday.

Joseph M. Buchanan, from Mitchell county, had a pistol taken from him yesterday by officer Bradley, but it was subsequently ascertained that he was a deputy revenue collector, and it was returned.

We are glad to learn that the lead whose head was cut into by a saw at the furniture factory a few days ago, is doing very well, and bids fair to recover speedily. We are glad to hear it; for he was in great peril.

Mr. McFee is now laying a splendid pavement in front of his buildings on Patton avenue to correspond with that put down by Messrs. Starnes and Harkins, which will go a great way towards making that the handsomest block in the city.

Mr. T. L. Chayton had two fingers severely injured in a shaping machine at his shop west of the French Broad, on Saturday evening last. The first and second fingers were caught between two wheels and the nails torn off and the bone almost denuded to the first joint.

There was a row last night about nine o'clock between two darkies in Pinn Levi's barbershop on corner of Conn Square and College street, causing the arrest and imprisonment of both. A pistol was drawn and a brickbat raised, but no blow struck or powder burnt.

Noah Morrow, colored, who keeps a restaurant on Patton avenue, struck Thos. R. Garner, a white man, several severe blows in the face yesterday afternoon, because Garner refused to pay for two dinners ordered and eaten. They were before the mayor at 4 o'clock, and Morrow was fined \$4 and Garner \$6.

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Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

Saturday and Sunday Sessions at Statesville.

After a prayer and praise service on Saturday morning the delegates to the district convention listened to a paper in "What lines of work should be undertaken in small towns," which was read by J. H. Toler, of Charlotte. Mr. T. G. Hyman, of Davidson College then read a paper on "The relation of the secular agencies to the spiritual work," which was followed by a discussion conducted by Mr. A. W. McLeod. It was read by a reading room, after which lectures, evening classes and a gymnasium might be established, if possible.

At the business session it was decided to hold the next convention on the second Friday of October, 1890, at a place to be determined by the district convention. C. A. Starr, of New n, and H. P. Andersen, of Asheville, were added to this committee.

At the afternoon session, after a model evangelistic Bible class had been conducted by H. P. Andersen, the importance of the Bible training class was presented by A. W. McLeod. It was urged that such a class be established in each association to train Christian young men in the use of their Bibles for doing personal work.

At the evening session Prof. G. B. Hanna, of Charlotte, delivered to a large audience an interesting address on "Is money spent in association work a profitable investment for business men?" He showed the importance to a business man of having his employees sober, honest and upright. The business prosperity of a town depends entirely on the industry and honor and faithfulness of the young men, and as the Y. M. C. A. has been shown to promote these virtues, it is clear that even in money value business men get a much greater return than they extend.

The Sunday meetings were all deeply spiritual. A consecration meeting in the morning was well attended by men only. In the afternoon meetings were held for men, for women, and for boys, while the M. E. church was crowded in the evening long before the time of commencing the services. The farewell service was very impressive and each delegate returns to his home with great zeal, and a more intelligent knowledge of methods.

The citizens of Statesville have entertained the visitors with warm hospitality and have shown great interest in all the meetings.

THEY SHOULD GO.

A Right Step in the Right Direction. Every town and every city is cursed in greater or less degree with a certain character of houses, offensive to morals, conducive to disorder, very sinks of iniquity, cesspools of debauchery, traps of hell, in the unvary, a stench in the nostrils of decency, an offense to the eye and the knowledge of good citizens. Neither morality nor decency can have any toleration for such places; neither ought the sound principles of municipal government find any such toleration. They should be stamped out as a conflagration is stamped out, even to the very last spark of vice. A fire disregarded and uncontrolled is no more disastrous to the material well being of a community, than this flame of hidden vice is to its moral safety. Of the two, the last is the more far reaching of the two; there is repair for the one; stained morality is rarely, if ever, restored to its purity.

These houses exist here, and not without protest. Public sentiment has more than once found expression; the law has tried its force, but with perhaps too lenient a hand.

Now, Mayor Blanton has issued his order to the chief of police to proceed at once to act vigorously. To those concerned, more especially to the owners of houses improperly occupied and used, we direct attention to Sections 675-678 of Part 2 of the city ordinances, page 196. That will give them all the information needed. Let them couple the knowledge gained with the fact that these sections will be enforced.

The Federal Court

Meets to-day. We presume the Judge and other officers of the court are here, though we have not yet seen them.

Gorton's Minstrels.

Mr. Lennox, of the above troupe, called upon us last evening and informed us that it will appear before the Asheville people this night week, Tuesday, November 12. This company was here a year ago, and made a very agreeable impression. Among other delightful features, there is a company of six performers on gold wind instruments, uttering sounds that are golden indeed.

The Alliance Warehouse.

We are informed that this warehouse, formerly the "Buncombe," has its grand opening sale to-day. A large number of prominent men and officers of the Farmers' Alliance are expected to be present, and a large supply of tobacco from this section and from Tennessee will be exposed for sale.

The Criminal Court

Adjourns this morning at 10 o'clock, the court being only opened to close up some formalities in its business. The session has been an industrious and useful one, though its most important cases were adjourned to its session beginning on the 18th inst.

VIRGINIA ELECTION.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM THEY WILL SUCCEED.

The Democrats Say That McKinney and the Legislature are Safe—Mahone's Manager Confident of Victory.

Richmond, Va., November 4.—The indications from the Democratic standpoint are that McKinney will be elected Governor with the rest of the ticket beyond peradventure of doubt, and that the majority will range from 10,000 to 25,000. On the other hand leading Republicans, including the manager of Mahone's campaign paper, the Scott and Tariff Advocate, asserts that they will carry the State by a good majority, making gains over the presidential vote of last year in the fourth, (Mahone and Langston,) fifth and sixth districts.

WILLIAM JOHNSON DEAD.

This Useful Citizen Dies at His Home on Mills River.

We learned yesterday with peculiar regret that this very good and very useful man had died at his home on Mills River, in Henderson county on Friday last of pneumonia. It is as if we, and many others also for whom we could speak, had lost a good old friend. More than once on our road to Transylvania court, or on our return, we have stopped at his beautiful home in the valley, and the cheer of his fireside was not brighter nor more grateful than the geniality of his manner and the kindness of his nature. It always seemed to us that his temper and his expression had drawn their inspiration from the placid loveliness of the scene that surrounded him. His being seemed to have taken its coloring from that upon which his eye rested so constantly through a life somewhat prolonged. What was smooth and verdant lay around his daily path; what was marsh and rugged lay afar, softened by the distance and enrobed with the heavenly blue, symbolic of the hopeful eye with which he looked into the future.

Mr. Johnson was a good man in the full meaning of the word, husband, father, neighbor and citizen. He was a fitting member of the Methodist church. He was a brother of the late Rev. H. F. Johnson, president of Whitworth Female College, Brookhaven, Miss., and was an uncle of Mrs. C. W. Malone and Mrs. O. H. Henry, of this place. He was about 72 years of age.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

The Excellent Average Prices Paid During October.

Mr. E. L. Holmes, the secretary of the Asheville Tobacco Association, gives us the following official figures for the month of October:

No. of pounds sold.....	332,132
Aggregating in money.....	\$52,317.63
Average price per hundred.....	\$15.75

This certainly presents a most gratifying showing for Asheville as a market. The average of \$15.75 per hundred is almost equal to any for prices for the same month in the history of this city as a tobacco centre, and should lead our farmers to conclude that they can do as well, if not better, by placing their tobacco on the floors of Asheville warehouses than by sending it to foreign markets where they can in no way superintend the disposal of it.

A Fog Bank.

Yesterday morning, at daybreak, there was a bright sky overhead and a crisp white frost on the ground; but before the sun came out of his chamber to run his daily course there came up a body of fog so dense and so charged with moisture, that it seemed to those it enveloped, that they were wrapped in a veritable cloud. Captain Freese, in his early ride to town, was caught by it, and was convinced it was a cloud swooping down unusually low. It was a very well defined body, moving in mass with its limits clearly marked, and rolled away as quick as it came up, opening up a clear sky again, but leaving everything it touched dripping wet. After all, there is little difference between the cloud and the fog banks, only the former is more heavily surcharged with moisture, and does not distill its waters gently like the fog, but lets them out in heavy drops and continuous outpour.