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Handsome Night Lamps, pink and blue, 48 cents; Large Nickel Lamps with shade, only \$1.00; Library Lamp, spring extension, 14 inches, linen shade, big burner, only \$3.65; handsome Banquet Lamp, with silk and lace shade, Polish Brass and Decorated Point, only \$3.98; has been sold for \$7.50; 50 dozen delicate Jap and A. D. Coffee Cups and Saucers, 23 cents. See our price on 10 piece Chamber Sets.

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## DEATH BY HIS OWN HAND

SUICIDE OF A FORMER ASHEVILLE VILLIAN.

A Young Englishman, Edward Aston, Drowns Himself in Louisiana—Once Paymaster on the Vanderbilt Estate.

Some 15 or 18 years ago Judge E. J. Aston of this city was surprised to receive from a town in England a letter written and signed by "Mrs. Edward Aston." The letter stated that the writer had, in looking over an Asheville paper, seen the advertisement of E. J. Aston, and was rejoiced to again find a trace of her husband after weary years of waiting and ignorance as to his whereabouts. In the letter the writer enclosed a photograph of her son "Addy," to whom she referred affectionately. She also asked if it was desired that she join the gentleman whom she supposed was her husband in Asheville.

Judge Aston's surprise upon the receipt of this letter may well be imagined. He had been married always, doubtless, to the world for the purpose of advertising the city which he has always shown his love for, and at once surmised that the writer had seen his advertisement in one of these papers, which caused her to write at the time when she had discovered her lost husband.

Judge Aston immediately answered the letter, and Mrs. Aston wrote that he was not the man she was looking for. It was afterwards charged that the husband, Edward Aston, had been an embezzler and had left England in disgrace. It may be stated here, also, that nothing has ever been heard of the missing man.

Time wore on and Mrs. Aston left her English home, coming to America with her son Edward or "Addy," who was grown to man's estate and married. Judge Aston was called on and gave the young man employment in his office until he could find other work.

Beginning of The End.

About two years ago young Aston took a position on the Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore and was given charge of the payroll, a most responsible position. His employer reposed implicit confidence in the man and everything in his care seemed to work smoothly.

Not long ago, however, two or three months, perhaps, there were certain discoveries in Aston's accounts that led to an examination of his office. Enough became known to show that there had been crookedness, and rather than remain here and face his disgrace he left for parts unknown—a man of 35 over who was fitting a cloud which, like a strange fatality, had, as was said, made the father a wanderer and had been transmitted to the son.

A few weeks ago a letter came here for young Aston's wife, in care of Judge Aston, for whom, the letter stated, she was the remotest degree, this English family showed every regard. The letter was written by young Edward Aston, and he informed his wife that he was tired of life and by the time she read the letter he would be beneath the waters of the Mississippi.

The closing scene in the life of the young man is told in the following special to the Louisville Courier-Journal from Jesuit's Bend, La., under date May 2:

"Dr. D. R. Fox was sent for yesterday morning to hold an inquest on the body of a white man found floating in front of Fort Leon plantation about fifteen miles below New Orleans. He was apparently about 35 years old, had dark brown hair, sandy or reddish moustache and was five feet and four inches high. He was well dressed in a suit of heavy, brown and white checked, woolen goods, black waistcoat, white shirt with linen bosom, gold collar button, one gold stud in the bosom of the shirt, mother of pearl linked sleeve buttons and black silk necktie. The coat, pantaloons and vest were all of the same material, and the pantaloons had leather straps at the bottom of them, which are worn by bicyclists.

"In his pockets were found a white silk pocket handkerchief with colored border, a bunch of keys firmly fastened together by a steel chain and leather strap, with a small strap attached which was buttoned in his pantaloons; a small silver match box, handsome pipe with band of silver around the stem and 'E. J. Aston, Asheville, North Carolina,' scratched on the stem; a small black pocket comb, a wooden foot rule; a small memorandum book, in which many of the entries are still legible, though others have been obliterated by water, and a celluloid tablet. On one leaf of the tablet was written, in a good hand, 'Edward Aston, Asheville, North Carolina,' and on the reverse side: 'Should this be picked up, kindly notify Asheville, North Carolina.'"

"No valuables were found on the body—only two nickels in the pockets. There were no letters or papers on the body except an empty envelope addressed to Mrs. Edward Aston (the name under-scored), care of Hon. E. J. Aston, Asheville, N. C., and an empty railroad ticket envelope for the Illinois railroad.

"The verdict of the coroner's jury was, 'Death by drowning.'"

"The body was buried and the spot carefully marked, in case friends should come to inquire, and all the above mentioned articles are kept for identification. "There were no marks of violence found on the body and it was evident from its appearance that it had not been in the water more than two or three days."

Young Aston's Dual Life.

The suicide, it now appears, led a rather fast life and a dual one, and, it is said, his ruin was brought about by whiskey and women. His family, consisting of a mother, his wife, a most estimable woman, and three bright children, lived in Chunn's Cove, just east of Beaumont. While this was his home, he maintained an establishment in Henderson county, between which place and his rightful home he divided his time.

## CARLYLE HARRIS

Electrocuted at Sing Sing This Morning.

SING SING, May 7.—A flag was raised on the prison at 12:43 showing that Carlyle Harris had been electrocuted.

Harris retired early last night, and, though he showed no signs of breaking down, he was more nervous and excited than usual. He did not sleep much. His self control, however, was marvelous. He was up early this morning and looked over a manuscript which he had prepared to be given to the press by his relatives after the final scene in his dramatic life had ended. At 8 o'clock Harris ate a light breakfast. Mrs. Harris having made her final visit to her son Saturday, remained at the Ambler house. Her youngest son, Allen, was with her. The flag announcing the successful conclusion of the execution could be seen from the windows of the room occupied by Mrs. Harris, and there she watched and waited with straining heart and subdued grief for the fatal signal.

The death warrant was formally read to Harris at 8:30. He displayed indifference, his reading did not noticeably affect him. He showed no signs of breaking down and appeared cheerful after the reading of the death warrant. Harris' final word was that he was innocent.

WHERE'S THE LEAK?

Asheville's Water Supply Not Much of a Supply Now.

The trouble with the city water supply continues. The water was off nearly all of yesterday and the same condition of things has existed today. Superintendent Ingle asked Mr. Boardman, at the pumping station, if the pumps were working and received a reply that they were. Mr. Ingle then tapped the main near Beaumont gap and found that there was only an inch of water running through the pipe. This indicates an alarming leak somewhere, although the seat of trouble has not been found. A meeting of the Joint Board was called this afternoon to consider the water question, and Superintendent Ingle was ordered to have the water pump connected with the old pipe line. This, it is believed, will remedy the difficulty for the present. The connection will probably be made tomorrow.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. W. J. Erdman's "Question and Answer" Meeting.

The "question and answer" meeting conducted by Rev. W. J. Erdman yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. rooms was largely attended. In response to the question, "Where is Paul now, and what is his present state of existence?" Mr. Erdman, quoting from the Scriptures, said, "He is with the Lord, which is far better, and while in a state of bliss he is not in a perfect state because he has not received his glorified body which will be given him when the Lord comes." The quarterly meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. An interesting program has been prepared consisting of reports from committees, two minutes each, an illustrated talk on "Legends of the Rhine" by Prof. P. P. Claxton and refreshments by the ladies' committee.

CRIMINAL COURT.

The Whittemore Case to Go to the Jury this Afternoon.

The jury in the Whittemore murder trial listened this morning and part of the afternoon to the argument of J. H. Merrimon, of the counsel for the defense. The closing argument for the State was made by Solicitor Eug. D. Carter and it was expected at 3 p. m. today that the case would be given to the jury about 6 o'clock this afternoon. This morning J. B. Pittman, charged with forcible trespass, was fined \$25 and costs. For carrying concealed weapons he submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of costs. The special venire in the Clewlyn murder case is summoned for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

AFTER MANY DAYS

"BIG TOM" Wilson Traps His Little Bear.

Four years ago "Big Tom" Wilson, the veteran trapper, caught a bear in a trap, but the animal escaped, leaving two of his toes in the trap. Not long ago Tom got on the trail of his bear and promised W. M. Hill & Co. of this city that he would soon bring them some bear meat. He has kept his word, and the meat now hangs in the market for sale to the Asheville public. The bear was caught on the head of Caney river and weighed gross about 350 pounds. "Big Tom" says it was the 11th one he has gathered in since he began trapping, and says also that it was one of the largest he ever caught.

WEDNESDAY THE DAY.

The Firemen's Picnic is Not Very Far Away Now.

Wednesday is the day, and 10:30 a. m. the hour for the opening of the firemen's picnic, to be given under the auspices of Hose company No. 1, the members of which wish to raise money to assist them in making the trip to Wilmington when the State association meets. There will be food for the hungry, non-alcoholic drinks in variety for the thirsty and games for the entertainment of all. The Sulphur Springs grounds will be the seat of operations, and no prettier picnic grounds could be selected. Go and take your sisters and your cousins, and your aunts, and spend the day (along with a few dollars) and you will not regret it.

Quiet on Wall Street.

New York, May 8.—At noon the market was steady without exciting features. W. E. Halyburton is canvassing the city in the interests of John L. Stoddard's "Glimpses of the World and Portraits of Photographs," a strikingly handsome and valuable addition to art literature of 558 pages with 268 full page plates from photographs of the most noted places all around the world. Parties interested may obtain further information by calling at the Slagle hotel on Patton avenue. The work is sold by subscription only.

## DON'T GO TO WASHINGTON

AT LEAST, NOT TILL CLEVELAND BECKONS.

All This Provided You Are An Office Seeker—The Limitations Placed on Human Endurance Make the President Decline More Personal Interviews.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Cleveland has issued a letter to the public in which he says that "a due regard for public duty, which must be neglected if the present condition continues, and the observation of the limitations placed upon human endurance oblige me to decline from and after this date all personal interviews with those seeking appointment to office except as I on my own motion may specially invite them."

"The same considerations make it impossible for me to receive those who merely desire to pay their respects except on the days and during the hours especially designated for that purpose. Applicants for office will only prejudice their prospects by repeated importunity and by remaining at Washington to await results."

SOUND SENSE.

McKinley Says Cleveland Has the Confidence of the People.

BUFFALO, May 5.—Gov. McKinley, en route to Ohio from Boston, stopped in this city a short time today. In an interview this afternoon the Governor said:

"There is no danger of a panic or any cause for serious alarm. It is one of the little furies liable to come upon the people and an administration at any time. These things are always unfortunate, and especially so when there is no apparent reason for it. I do not credit this talk about hard times. This country has too many resources and too much money. Besides the people, irrespective of party affiliations, have too much confidence in President Cleveland. They would stand by and build up his hands in every possible way needed. There is no question about Cleveland's acting when he and his advisors deem it necessary. In my judgment the duty of the people at this time is to continue in the even tenor of their ways and all will come out well and right."

FAIR SUNDAY CLOSING.

It is Round to Work a Great Injustice.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The rules to close the gates for the World's Fair on Sunday was rigidly enforced yesterday, at least so far as the ticket purchasing public was concerned. The fortunate hundreds who held passes were admitted, however. Thousands of working men with families were turned away from the gates. It was aggravating to them to see the favored thousands enter the grounds on passes while they who worked all the week were excluded.

CHURCH AND STATE.

They Are Still Close Together Out in Utah.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 8.—I. L. Rawlins, delegate to Congress from this territory, has tendered his resignation. His action has created intense excitement in the ranks of the church. Democrats as it is looked upon as a declaration that he will not tolerate church dictation in State affairs. He is not a Mormon, and the appointment of C. C. Richards, a Mormon, as secretary of the territory, despite his protest is believed to be the prime cause for his resignation.

LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Governor Carr directs that the \$20,000 appropriation for the State quarantine station at Southport be made at once available. The State board of health has just reported that there is a danger of cholera visiting Wilmington or other parts of North Carolina. Wilmington gives \$5,000 and will maintain the station.

Dr. Winston was delighted with the Shelby graded school. He was surprised to find that in proportion to the population that school had the largest enrollment of any in the State, and, in proportion to the money raised, the most efficient teachers.

A party of young men made the distance from Henderson to Milledgeburg, eight miles on bicycles, in just 39 minutes. Two parties in Henderson are contemplating a trip to Chicago on their bicycles and will probably start about June 1st.

Since the burning of the Davis hotel at Kittrell, last week, Captain Davis has decided to rebuild. The new structure will be owned by a joint stock company, of which Captain Davis will be a large stockholder. He will be manager of the hotel.

Ex Sheriff R. G. Sneed, of Townsville, the famed fox hunter of the border counties, recently sold to a Georgia man five blood pups for \$140 and four male dogs for \$200. He has been offered \$500 per head for the balance of his kennel.

Waynesville Courier: Mayor C. H. Ray has purchased the Palmer place across Richland creek, from Hon. W. T. Crawford. This is a beautiful hill and contains four acres. The consideration, we hear, was \$1,800.

Ne was reached the Shelby Review of the killing near Morganton last Saturday of a young man by the name of a Clark. Clark was chopping timber and a tree fell upon him.

The new cotton warehouse at Henrietta Mills caught fire Wednesday night and was burned up with 600 bales of cotton. Loss \$25,000; fully insured.

Postmasters commissioned: Henry T. Smith, Advance; John D. McKinley, Blanchard; William M. Hand, Ben Burgaw, and William E. Dead, Russell.

The Board of Aldermen of Raleigh elected W. B. Hutchings tax collector. The salaries of several officials were reduced.

To Housekeepers.

We have the only steam process to renovate and steam hair, wool and moss mattresses. We get them in the morning and return them the same day, well dressed and ready for use. So give us a call as we will remain but a short time. Tully & Co., Patton avenue.

## GRANT'S PHARMACY!

WHEREAS 'tis known beyond a question that headache, biliousness and indigestion have formed a part of treason to haunt the gay and festive board throughout this gladsome season; now, therefore, be it understood that all such direful ills can be defied and cured for good by using Bunscombe Pills—40 pills for 15 cents. Grant's.

We do not hesitate to say that our Syrup of Tar and Wild Cherry is the best cough syrup ever sold in Asheville. We have sold over one thousand bottles of it and the demand for it has constantly increased ever since we placed it on the market. As it is pleasant to take, children do not object to it and it always gives relief. Try it; 25 cents per bottle at Grant's Pharmacy.

Campio Glycerine Lotion is a soothing and fragrant application for chapped hands, face, lips, etc. Not greasy or disagreeable in any way. For sale only at Grant's Pharmacy.

It cleanses the teeth, strengthens the gums and imparts fragrance to the breath. Va Tooth Wash at Grant's.

We can refer you to many reliable people in our own city who believe Bunscombe Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier they ever used. Why use other and more expensive preparations when a home product is better and cheaper? Grant's.

Do you shave yourself or does a barber do it for you? In either case, if you use our imported bay rum your face will always remain smooth and free from any irritation or redness. 50c bottles at Grant's.

Absolutely Pure White Haze in attractive 1 pint bottles, 25 cents. Grant's.

Do not suffer with headache when you know that Antimigraine will relieve you entirely. It is a harmless but sure remedy. For sale at Grant's.

Bunscombe Plasters—a higher grade porous plaster than the public has hitherto known. Try one. 15 cents at Grant's.

St. Elizabeth's Salve cures all skin diseases. It is superior to all known remedies for the cure of pimples or any skin eruption. Positively guaranteed to cure or money refunded. For sale at Grant's Pharmacy, 24 South Main street.

Apply the salve to the parts affected by rubbing in thoroughly with the finger every other night before retiring and you will get rid of those disagreeable pimples or any skin eruption that may be troubling you. St. Elizabeth's salve is for sale only at Grant's.

## YOU KNOW



There are exceptions, though. For instance, we are selling fine Apples, Pears, Okras, Lobsters, Corn, Beans and Tomatoes, California fruits, at such figures as to place them within the reach of the lightest purse. The figures will tell the story. Try our Omega brand of Flour, the best on the market. Fresh Butter and Eggs a specialty.

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