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Yours truly
W. L. REAGAN, M. D.

Being a graduate and practical optician myself I subjected Prof. Garrard to a most careful and critical examination before making arrangements with him to take charge of our optical department and I can truthfully and conscientiously recommend him for the correction of Hyperopia, Myopia, Astigmatism, Presbyopia, Asthenopia, Amblyopia, etc., by the scientific fitting of lenses.
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LATE PLUMS.
Our haves is now in the Northern markets looking for such Novelties as have come to the front since September, and incidentally picking up bargains in various lines.

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- Gent's white and colored shirts at cost. At best everything in the house at cost and goods must go. Be sure and see our bargains

H. MEYERS, Assignee.

AVENGED HIS FATHER'S DEATH

A TRAGEDY OF MANY YEARS AGO RECALLED.

The Son Fled and Lived Under an Assumed Name—Facts Disclosed by a Daughter's Genealogical Researches—Visiting in Asheville.
Mrs. W. L. Dickenson and daughter, Miss Thama, of San Francisco, Cal., who have been visiting relatives in and near Asheville for three weeks, left Sunday for a visit to relatives in Mississippi. These ladies are concerned in a story so unusual, so full of absorbing human interest, that it proves anew the truth of the adage that truth is stranger than fiction. A number of well known Asheville people, too, have places in the drama, the scenes of which are laid in Buncombe, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and far-away California.

The head of the Whitson family in this country was William Whitson, the great grandfather of the younger family of the name now living in Asheville. About the year 1812 or 1815 he and all his sons, with the exception of Joseph, sought homes in the West. In 1836 William Whitson, the grandfather of Mrs. Dickenson, then a resident of the State of Arkansas, was slain as the result of some political controversy, the slayer being a man of the name of Lassiter.

Mr. Whitson's eldest son, John Witherspoon Whitson, was at that time 15 or 16 years of age. The young man, burning with indignation because of the deed, immediately after the death of his father as a result of the wound inflicted by Lassiter, avenged his father's death by killing Lassiter.

The young man fled the country, changing his name to Johnson and settling first in Missouri. In that State he fitted himself for the practice of medicine and married. Leaving Missouri he removed to Galveston, Tex., where he lived until 1852, in that year going to San Jose, Cal. He remained in California until about 21 years ago, when he died, having made the name of Dr. "Johnson" prominent throughout that section.

No member of Dr. Johnson's (or, properly, Dr. Whitson's) family except his wife ever knew what his real name was until August of the present year, and the discovery was due to the efforts of Mrs. Dickenson, who is one of the children of Dr. "Johnson." Mrs. Dickenson devoted a part of her time to tracing the genealogy of her family. She was greatly interested to find that so far as records were obtainable her father, who was the first of the family, pursuing her investigation as far as possible she became convinced that Johnson was not her father's name.

Last July Mrs. Dickenson accompanied her husband, who was a delegate to the Silver convention, to St. Louis. There Mr. Dickenson met a man of the name of Woodson who knew something of the family history, and who, while not giving what he knew still told enough to confirm Mrs. Dickenson in her opinion that her father's name was Johnson.

On the 15th of September Mrs. and Miss Dickenson started east to search out and visit their new relatives. On their way here they stopped for a month in Tennessee. While in Buncombe they have spent their time at the home of Dr. Geo. W. Whitson on the Swannanoa, or at the home of W. R. Whitson, esq., in Asheville.

Mrs. Dickenson has a brother who is a physician in San Francisco, and two or three sisters. Her mother and one sister are now on their way to Asheville.

William Whitson, whose slaying caused the tragedy in his son's life and was responsible for this unusual story, was reared at the Murray place, east of the city. Dr. Geo. W. Whitson had heard of absolutely nothing of Buncombe since the tragedy, the members having disappeared as completely as if swallowed up by the earth. Members of the Tennessee branch of the family, however, knew of the circumstances. But in the old days news traveled slowly and finally the story was forgotten and the family lost to sight.

HIGHEST GRANITE BLOCK.

Trouble in Finding a Route to Ship it to New Orleans.
BELLEVILLE FALLS, VI., Nov. 15.—Much inconvenience is experienced in finding a railroad route to New Orleans having bridges high enough for the largest block of granite ever quarried in Vermont. The block is fifteen feet square and three feet thick. It is intended for the noted Moriarty Monument in that city. It was quarried in Barre and has been moved to the dressing sheds. A special car being built by the local roads, on which it is intended to set the block on edge, allowing the lower side to swing through the bottom, extending to within eight inches of the rails. The weight of the block exceeds 50 tons. Investigation shows that most routes have bridges too low for the block to pass through.—N. Y. Sun.

NOW HE IS DEAD.

A Judge Who Passed More Death Sentences Than Perhaps Any Other.
FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 17.—Judge Isaac Parker, the well known jurist, died this morning. He has been suffering from a complication of diseases arising from fatty degeneration of the heart for the last four or five years. Judge Parker once represented the St. Joseph, Mo., district in Congress and he was appointed to the bench by President Grant in 1874. He has been located at Fort Smith, ever since, and has probably passed the death sentence on more men than any other judge in the United States.

Italy Whipped Out of Ethiopia.

ROME, Nov. 15.—King Humbert has received a telegram from Menelek, King of Abyssinia, saying that a treaty of peace between Abyssinia and Italy was signed October 26. The new convention abrogates the 1895 treaty, by the terms of which Italy claimed a protectorate over Abyssinia, and recognizes the complete independence of Ethiopia. Didn't Lynch Him.
FARMVILLE Va., Nov. 17.—A lynching party went to Prince Edward jail and attempted to lynch Eliah Johnson, charged with highway robbery. The prisoner was badly though not fatally wounded.

CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR SILVER

7000 PEOPLE OUT TO SEE BRYAN AT ST. LOUIS.

The Great Champion of Democracy Still Enable to Entouse Crowds—Shaking Hands With the Ladies.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 17.—After the Bryan party had dined last evening a stroll about the big station was attempted, but the news of the ex-presidential candidate's arrival had drawn a crowd of 4000 people, who insisted upon a speech. In response Mr. Bryan said in part:
"The Democratic party is committed to silver and will continue to fight for it. The work must go on. We will all be better able four years from now to either endorse or to reverse the decision rendered in the election. The more closely we scrutinize legislation the more we are apt to have good legislation."
Cheers and cries of "Bryan for president in '00," were impossible to hear further. The multitude had increased by this time to fully 7000 people who crowded and pushed in an effort to get to the great champion. Then Mr. Bryan stepped on the platform and shook hands with all who could come within reach. There were many ladies in the crowd, and wherever it was possible Mr. Bryan extended his hands to them over the surging mass of men.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 17.—William J. Bryan and several friends reached here this morning. He was serenaded by 300 people who blocked the streets. Bryan made a 10 minutes' speech.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Last Day's Work of That Body at Morganton.
MORGANTON, N. C., Nov. 16.—The Baptist State convention concluded its labors Sunday. Saturday memorable addresses were made. Dr. J. M. Frost of Nashville, Tenn., spoke on the work of the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist convention. Rev. J. B. Boone, R. V. W. C. Turner and Dr. J. D. Holham made addresses in behalf of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, at the conclusion of which \$548 in cash and pledges was raised.

Wake Forest college was considered an able opponent made by Rev. C. A. Thomas, Rev. M. L. Keeler and W. K. Cullom.
In the afternoon the convention visited the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb where they were greatly delighted and highly entertained.
The closing sessions of this big baptist State convention has been almost as effective as a well fitted college course.
The convention, only two delegates dissenting, adopted the following resolution:
"Whereas, State aid to higher education by taxation is wrong, unjust and unwise, wrong against the whole people who cannot receive the benefit of such opportunities; unjust to private and corporate and denominational institutions voluntarily supported; unwise because the people of North Carolina are now inadequately provided with public schools for their children and need every cent of their taxes that can be spared for that purpose."
Resolved, therefore, that the Baptist State convention of North Carolina re-affirm its opposition to State aid by taxation to higher education.

THE POPULIST VOTE.

Holton Says It Is Only 30,000—Pritchard's Chances.
RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 17.—[Special.]—Chairman Holton's estimate is that the Populists polled only 30,000 votes. Otho Wilson says there are twice as many. Holton laughs at him. Holton claims the Republicans have gained 60,000 votes in the past four years, and says, as to Pritchard, that he has not the slightest doubt of his re-election, as the Republicans have elected 100 Populist congressmen and the latter party, if it feels any gratitude, must show it.
Secretary Hyams says Butler's letter re-elects Pritchard. Butler has certainly begun the hardest fight of this year.

The addition of the electoral vote will not be completed until late this afternoon. The vote is 49,000 greater than that of four years ago.

NOTHING INSIGNIFICANT.

Consul General Lee in Washington on His Way to West Point.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Consul General Lee was at the State Department and called on Secretary Olney with whom he spent only a few minutes. Gen. Lee said there was nothing significant in his visit to Washington. He was merely in the city with his wife for a few days and expects to get away today. He desires to go to West Point and see his son, who is a cadet there, afterwards returning to Virginia for a week before he returns to his post in Havana.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

A Georgia Fracas Ends in the Probable Death of Three Men.
AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 17.—At McLeod, a small station five miles below Swainsboro, Ga., Felix Routree and two brothers, John and Lawson Sutton, had some words about a settlement at Sutton's gin. John Sutton knocked Routree down with a piece of iron. Routree cut the neck, mortally wounding both Sutton brothers. As he walked off an unknown person shot him in the back, mortally wounding him. All the parties are well-to-do.

IT'S DO OR QUIT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—It is learned here on authority that the Spanish government has given Gen. Weyler to understand that he must push his operations against the insurgents aggressively and vigorously. Unless he soon achieves a decisive victory over the Cubans, it is believed, he will be recalled.

Fire Among Store Houses.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 17.—Last night fire destroyed \$27,600 worth of buildings in Brewton, Ala.; small insurance. Thousands of dollars worth of goods were badly damaged.

Under new law passed by legislature of 1895, revising charter of city of Asheville all taxes must be collected by December 1, 1896. It is advisable for property owners to be mindful of this.

RYAN GETS THE SEABOARD TODAY

THE PURCHASE IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SOUTHERN.

This Will Bring the Late War to a Close, and Freight Rates Will Go Up—One Line of Steamers May be Taken Off in Time.
BALTIMORE, Nov. 17.—With the change in ownership of the Seaboard Air Line, which is expected to be consummated today by the transfer of a controlling interest to the syndicate headed by Thos. A. Ryan, one of the first effects will be a restoration of rates by all lines involved in the recent rate war.

Although it has been denied that the purchase is made directly for the Southern Railway company, it is a well known fact that the relations between the two systems will be very close. Mr. Ryan and other gentlemen of the New York stock market have very heavy interests in the Southern. Mr. Ryan owns stock in the Southern Railway, the Norfolk & Western railroad, Atlantic Coast line, and other Southern railroads. Therefore it is natural to expect a speedy termination of the expensive rate war which was begun last summer between the Seaboard and the Southern Railway company and which was primarily the cause of the deal looking to a purchase of a controlling interest in the Seaboard company.

Mr. Reuben Foster, general manager of the York River line which belongs to the Southern Railway, is the deal for the Seaboard goes through, I believe the relations between the new owners and the Southern railway company will be very friendly, and if, in course of time, it is found that it does not pay to operate both lines of steamers from Baltimore to Norfolk and Richmond arrangements may be made by which one would be withdrawn. The Ry line being by far the oldest it is likely the York River line would be taken off.

It is rumored in financial circles that Mr. Ryan, who has engineered the deal by which he expects to gain control of the Seaboard today, will be chosen as president to succeed Mr. R. Curzeou Hoffman.

Later—Mr. Ryan arrived here this morning prepared to purchase the pooled stock of the Seaboard and Richmond railroad company, which will give him and his associates control of the Seaboard Air Line system. Unusual rate were maintained, but it is generally believed that a consummation of the deal will be effected today.

LEGISLATION IN NEBRASKA.

The Governor Tells What It Will Probably Not Be.
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 17.—In an extended interview Gov. Silas A. Holcomb replies with vigor to the charges that Nebraska will suffer the penalty of union victory at the election by driving out capital and keep away men of means who through fear of radical legislation will not invest in that State. In answer to the question whether there is ground for apprehension on the part of corporations and eastern investors, the governor says:
"I ask me whether any laws will be passed against railroads and corporations; whether a state law will be passed by which the legal rate of interest will be lowered, or hostility to foreign capital shown. I do not care to enter into a discussion of what the next legislature may do. Many reforms in the interest of good government should be inaugurated and probably will. I do not expect any radical legislation, and no such legislation seems to be anticipated. I never have heard discussed the subject of amending or modifying our state laws, and am of the impression that the laws relative to the enforcement and collection of debts through the channels of the state have been fairly satisfactory to all concerned, borrowed on the part of citizens, and that under normal conditions no complaints would arise from either sources as to the equity of these provisions of statute."

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Supreme court, after rendering decisions in a number of cases, has adjourned for the Thanksgiving recess. Its next session will be on Monday, the 30th inst.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Indiana Republican Congressmen-elect have decided to refer applications for post office appointments to the patrons of the post office, and elections will be held in every town and city of the state after March 4. Congressmen-elect have adopted this plan to avoid the responsibility of making appointments.

W. B. Johnson, colored, bishop of the Independent Methodist Episcopal church, who was recently arrested at Fort Scott, Kan., for making false pension affidavits has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

It is authoritatively stated that there is no foundation to the story that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle will establish a law partnership in New York early in March next.

The report of the commissioner of navigation shows that Japan is becoming a formidable competitor of the United States for the carrying trade of the Pacific.

The New York Sun figures that the House of Representatives in the Forty-fifth Congress will stand: 207 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and 13 Populists.

The Democratic Honest Money League has decided to keep up its organization and has engaged permanent headquarters in New York.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton claims to have reduced the expense of his department 20 per cent. during the four years of his administration.

Secretary Carlisle in his forthcoming report will continue the fight against greenbacks and for a banking currency. It is estimated that the Republican committee spent nearly \$1,500,000 in running the McKinley campaign.

Governor Oates is said to have the inside track in the contest for the United States senatorship in Alabama.

The customary cheers for the Emperor were omitted at the opening of the German Reichstag.

The famine and plauge in India are spreading and the price of grain is advancing.

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Try Pratt & Lambert's No. 110 Cabinet Varnish on inside woodwork if you want a fine gloss. Dr. T. C. Smith has it always in stock at moderate prices.

Truth, Not Poetry!

The great question which has for so long agitated the minds of the American people has at last been decided by the voters of this great nation, and "the will of the people is the law." The silverites, with their brave and invincible leader, have suffered a temporary defeat. But the fight continues to turn over once in every 24 hours just as if nothing had happened. The wheels of commerce have not ceased to revolve, although we realize that the "mighty panic" still holds within its powerful grasp the minds of the nation. But McKinley tells us that a glorious day of prosperity is soon to dawn upon us, the flood of whose golden sunshine will certainly bring life and cheerfulness alike to gold and silver bug, to Republican and Democrat. But for the present we must solve the money problem for ourselves and learn the lesson of economy—to make the little money we have go a long way. We must have the necessities of life, but we must buy them where we can get the largest quantity of the best goods for the least money, and at the same time go where we can have the largest, freshest and completest stock of fancy groceries to select from.

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