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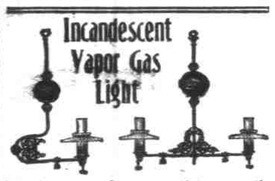

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You can rest absolutely secure on these three points:
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KENTUCKY'S WAR FLATTENED AGAIN

But Leaders Express Fears as to the Outcome

Powers and Davis Attempt to Escape in Disguise.

BOTH HOUSES OF LEGISLATURE ALLOWED TO MEET WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM STATE TROOPS.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—Secretary of State Caleb H. Powers and Captain Davis, for whom warrants were issued Saturday charging complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, left town in disguise Saturday night. They slipped aboard a Chesapeake & Ohio train at 8 o'clock and sped toward Lexington. A squad of soldiers, coming from the governor's mansion at double-quick, caught the train just before it pulled out. With them were Powers and Davis, dressed in soldiers' uniforms, and before the guard of deputy sheriffs became aware of what was going on, the train left.

On the arrival of the train at Lexington Powers and Davis and Lieutenant Peak were arrested by the Lexington police and the sheriff and deputies. There was a wild scene when the officers broke into the car and revolvers were drawn by all, but the small squad of soldiers were greatly outnumbered by the police force and the large force of deputies with the sheriff, and the arrest was effected without difficulty.

On entering the coach, the officers found that it contained about 27 soldiers with Powers and Davis, the soldiers being under command apparently of Lieutenant Peake. Peake sprang to his feet at once and commanded the soldiers to clear the car. In an instant 20 revolvers were drawn by the officers and they all leveled at Peake, who gamely tried to pull his own revolver, but as he drew it from the scabbard a policeman smashed him across the hand with his club and prevented what would have undoubtedly resulted in a tragedy.

Davis and Powers were disguised. Both wore the regular soldier uniforms, complete, even as to the leggins. Davis had shaved off his mustache and goatee. He had $125 in money on his person and a revolver. There was found a pardon from Governor W. S. Taylor duly signed and sealed.

BECKHAM'S STATE GUARD.

The first move on the part of Governor Beckham's followers toward the formation of a state guard under his administration was taken Sunday. City Clerk Ben Marshall circulated a paper and enlisted the requisite number of men who are to compose a new company. The guns for this company have been provided by citizens here, most of them being either needle guns or Winchesters.

Governor Taylor's soldiers who are on guard at the state house were reinforced Sunday by the arrival of the Barboursville company of 71 men, all of whom are fully armed and equipped.

Governor Beckham appointed Col. David R. Murray of Clover Point assistant adjutant-general with rank of colonel, and he was sworn in. The official announcement was made that this appointment is only temporary. This was regarded as significant, it being understood that Colonel Murray accepted the appointment on account of the gravity of the present situation and with the understanding that he could resign when the conditions in the state become more quiet.

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED.

Today it seemed that the war scare here has again apparently flattened, though the leaders on both sides express fears as to the outcome. The belief among Republicans that attempts would be made to arrest Republican legislators in connection with the assassination of Governor Goebel resulted in several members leaving town. Democratic officials refuse to either confirm or deny that such warrants have been issued, though admitting that more arrests will take place in a few days.

It is asserted that Governor Taylor is being urged to move the executive offices to London, where he will be safe from possible arrest, but that so far he has refused to entertain the idea.

Both houses of the legislature met this morning. In anticipation of a possible attempt by state troops to prevent the meeting quite a crowd gathered around the state house square at the hour of meeting, but the members of the legislature were allowed to meet without molestation.

COLLIER ARRIVES.

Adjutant General Collier arrived here from Louisville and immediately held a short conference with Taylor. Collier said Taylor had no intention of leaving Frankfort or of bringing any more troops here at present.

Adjutant General Castleman arrived today and has been in conference with Governor Beckham and other leaders since that hour. The organization of a new state guard under Beckham and Castleman is proceeding. Several companies in the state guard, as originally constituted, have gone over to Beckham, and it is understood that the new company organized here yesterday and the companies enlisted at Louisville and other points in the state will be mustered in at once.

The plans for the organization of the state guard are being perfected in anticipation of the passage of the Triplett resolution in the house tomorrow authorizing General Castleman to arm and equip the militia, recognizing Beckham as governor, and carrying a special appropriation of $100,000 to put it into effect.

TAKEN TO LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky., March 12.—Secretary of State Powers and Captain Davis were brought heref rom Lexington this morning and placed in the county jail. The prisoners were driven from Lexington to Lawrenceburg, where they took the Louisville Southern train for this city.

SUMMER HOME FOLDER.

The Southern Railway company is preparing to issue its 1900 Summer Home folder, which gives information concerning hotels and boarding houses along its lines. Hotel and boarding house keepers who desire their places mentioned in the folder, will kindly call at the city ticket office, 60 Patton avenue, Asheville, where the information will be received, same as last year. F. R. Darby, C. P. & T. A., Asheville.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 12.—Futures opened weak: March, May and June, 9.35; April, 9.36; July, 9.22; August, 9.10; September, 8.25; October, 7.96; November, 7.81; December, 7.80; January, 7.79.

STABBED TO DEATH AT PONCE DE LEON

TROUBLE BETWEEN NEGROES SUNDAY MORNING HAS A FATAL TERMINATION.

Yesterday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock, William Norman, colored, was fatally stabbed by William Henry Moore, also colored, at the "Ponce de Leon," a resort at Sycamore and Valley streets.

Immediately after receiving the wound Norman fled from the house, and after daybreak his body was found lying in the street, about 75 yards away.

An inquest was held yesterday and the coroner's jury found that death resulted from the wound inflicted by Moore, the latter's knife having entered the posterior part of the right shoulder, severing a large vein and artery.

Moore stated that he was at his home in bed yesterday about 10 a. m., when told of Norman's death and that he immediately ate his breakfast and went to the house of Chief of Police Lyerly to surrender.

On going home to breakfast Chief Lyerly found Moore awaiting him, and took him in custody.

Moore states that a row arose between him and Norman while they were engaged in a game of cards, and that the latter drew a teacup and was in the act of throwing it. He confesses he then stabbed him. He will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon, and will be represented by Messrs. Brown and Carter.

Norman was about 24 years old, and Moore, who is a barber, is about the same age.

The "Ponce de Leon" is a notorious resort, kept by Isaiah Johnson. The place was crowded during Saturday night by a riotous crowd of negroes. Justice Brown today ordered the premises vacated, and committed a number of its frequenters for gambling.

HORSELESS CARRIAGE MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

IT IS AN ADVERTISER, AND CUTS THE WIND AT A FORTY MILES AN HOUR GAIT.

The newest steed turned up in Asheville this morning. It doesn't shy at trolly cars, and it stands anywhere without hitching. As a mover none of the famous kings or queens of the turf can touch it. "It" is a locomobile—the first seen in Asheville and the second brought to North Carolina. Asheville people, usually first in everything new in the vehicle line, are a bit behind on the loco and the auto, and so it was that the new steed's appearance attracted attention like unto that won by one of the swarm of "funny farmer bands" we have had here lately.

The loco was brought here by W. S. Dorr, who employs this up to date style in advertising Colgate & Co.'s Octagon soap. The first Asheville man to take a trip on the steed was Grocer Clarence Sawyer. The trip was over Patton avenue, and when the steel "animule" got down to work it bowled along at a 30 miles an hour clip. Mr. Sawyer held on to his hat and wanted to yell, but refrained through fear of attracting a crowd.

The loco was then driven to The Citizen office, where one of the force was coaxed onto the seat after the first terrible paroxysm of fear had subsided and he had been blindfolded. Mr. Dorr turned the loco's nose down South Main—and what happened in the following moments made the unbroken excursionist wonder whether he would be dumped into the Swannanoa or plunged headlong through Hendersonville.

But neither was on the program. People lined up on the sidewalk as the English people did on the occasion of the queen's recent visit to London, but if there were any delirious shouts the excursionist doesn't recall them. One colored woman carrying a market basket came near unjointing her neck in giving the loco all the street it wanted, and some drivers dismounted to hold their horses as the steed of steel flew by. Usually they didn't have time to do this, for it was "clang," "whizz" and a horseless vehicle was seen speeding away down the street as if somebody's life depended on it.

The trip was made beautifully, and the excursionist returned to the shop a breathless but happier man. He had "rid" on one of the "hossless kerridges" and was proud of it.

The loco weighs 600 pounds, was made by the Locomobile company of America, and cost $1000. It is a gasoline machine, and can attain a speed of 40 miles an hour. It runs at a cost of less than one cent a mile.

Mr. Dorr expects to remain in Asheville a week, advertising Octagon soap by the locomobile process.

He had never seen the "critter," but he held the flyer down:

He was breathless, hatless, coatless,
'cause the
loco
came
to
town.

A RUSH FOR SEATS.

Long Line at the Paragon to Buy Tickets for the Festival.

The $5 seats for Asheville's great Music Festival went on sale this morning at the Paragon, and for some time before 9 o'clock people were in line waiting a chance to get choice seats. The sale began at 9, and for an hour and a half Mr. Murray was kept busy handing out the pasteboards to those who stood in line. It resembled the crush in the postoffice Sunday afternoons.

Many of the $7.50 seats have already been sold, and latecomers who wanted the $5 seats today bought the $7.50 seats in order to get choice. Chairman J. A. Nichols of the ticket committee was an interested watcher as the sale proceeded, and he, as well as the other gentlemen who have worked to give Asheville the big attraction, has good reason for being gratified by today's sales.

The executive committee of the association met this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the old Library building on Church street.

TWINS AT OWNBEY.

Ownbey, N. C., March 12.—Dr. W. P. Whittington of Asheville visited our place a few days ago and as a result there are twin babies at Mr. W. E. Thompson's. Mrs. Thompson has given birth to three girls and one boy in less than 12 months. The last two, a boy and a girl, are living. The mother and they are doing well and it is thought that with good nursing Mr. Thompson will pull through.

Do you run the garden? We would like to have your seed list and start early. We will fill it promptly and get anything lacking. Grant's Pharmacy.

FIFTEEN BURNED IN A TENEMENT

The Majority of the Dead Were Italian Children.

Crazed Men and Women Hunting for the Incendiary.

THE BUILDING WAS A FIRETRAP, AND THE TENANTS HAD ONLY THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

Newark, N. J., March 12.—Fifteen persons, the majority of whom were children, were burned to death in a tenement house at Morris and Fourteenth avenues about 5 this morning. Thirteen bodies were recovered from the ruins within three hours after the floors, forming a veritable firetrap.

The building was a three-story frame structure, formerly used as a church, but had been transformed into a tenement with small rooms, scarcely 8x10 feet, opening into a narrow hallway on both the second and third floors, forming a veritable firetrap.

This is the heart of the Italian district and the greatest excitement prevailed. This feeling has been greatly intensified since 7 o'clock, when it first became known that the fire was of incendiary origin, and within 15 minutes of the time when this report was first circulated, men and women well nigh crazed by grief, ran tearing around the streets looking for the man who is responsible for the frightful tragedy and threatening all sorts of dire vengeance.

Three or four minutes after 5 the fire was discovered, but long before the fire apparatus reached the scene the interior of the burning tenement was peopled with wild Italians running hither and thither, unable to find a means of escape.

Every room emptied its occupants into the narrow little halls, and there was no escape for the frightened tenants because of the jam, and they could not get out.

There were at least 12 families in the place, 60 persons in all, of whom perhaps 50 were children unable to care for themselves. Four men jumped from a front window. Several were hurt.

The flames spread with frightful rapidity and the wind sent sparks to the southeast, threatening all frame tenements in that direction. The place was like a roaring caldron when the firemen reached it. Ladders were quickly put in position and then began the work of rescue.

One after another women and then men were taken down, while other firemen devoted their attention to drowning out the flames. This they succeeded in doing in less than an hour, but during that hour a frightful sacrifice of life had been offered.

Partial list of the dead: Tony Palminsino, 34 years; his wife and two children; Mrs. Eugeno Cassilo and four children; Mrs. Nunciata Baldi and child; Mrs. Gaetani Palminsino.

Vito Credavo was locked up on suspicion of having set fire to the building. Credavo with his wife and two children occupied the rear portion of one of the upper stories. Virginia Diprula, a boarder, told Captain Edwards that when he was awakened by smoke he found Credavo and his family fully dressed and ready to leave the burning building.

When Credavo was taken to the station house he became much excited, but denied that he set fire to the building or had any knowledge as to the origin of the fire.

JUDGE GILLIS' DEATH.

The End Came Saturday Afternoon at His Home in This City.

Judge Calvin Gillis died late Saturday afternoon at his residence, 167 North Main street, after an illness of several months. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the house. The services were conducted by Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member.

At the request of the deceased the funeral was private and very simple, and no crepe or other insignia of mourning was used. Only the members of the family, the minister, and the pallbearers were present. The pallbearers were J. D. Murphy, Dr. B. R. Fakes, F. A. Sondley, L. A. Farinholt, J. M. Campbell and Dr. A. M. Ballard. The interment was at Riverside.

Judge Gillis was born in Moore county, N. C., April 30, 1820. He moved at an early age to Alabama, where he was admitted to the bar, and practiced law a number of years. Afterwards he moved to Florida and spent a larger part of his life in Jacksonville and Palatka. In this state he was judge of the Superior court and a member of three legislatures.

He married Miss Eliza DeVall in 1868, and to them were born three children, Donald, Calvin and Miss Dell Gillis. One other daughter, by a previous marriage, Mrs. Mary DeVall, survives and lives at Sanford, Fla.

Judge Gillis had been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church for 30 years.

COL. ROUQUEMORE DEAD.

Montgomery, Ala., March 12.—Col. John D. Rouquemore, a prominent member of the bar, died today of paralysis. He was a candidate for United States senator, and was very popular.

COURT HOUSE BURNED.

Clarksville, Tenn., March. 12.—The Montgomery county court house burned this morning. Many valuable papers were burned. The loss is $125,000; insured.

If weak, run down and debilitated take Grant's Tonic. It will help you, 75c. at Grant's.

You take no risk when you leave your prescription at Wingood's. Price right—quality right.

All kinds of Headache quickly relieved by Baldwin's Headache Cure, 25c. at Grant's.

The best corn doctor is the Peerless Corn Solvent. Price 25c. at Grant's.

Fresh Country and Creamery Butter. A. D. Cooper, 32 South Main.

See the new line of spring clothing just in at the Big Baltimore.

To cure your cold always take Grant's No. 24. At Grant's.

We sell Gregg's fresh roasted coffees. Clarence Sawyer.

For Canaries, Wood's Songster Food, 10c. at Grant's.

INCORPORATION OF WEAVER POWER CO.

THE CAPITAL STOCK IS $30,000, WITH AUTHORITY TO INCREASE IT TO $250,000.

The articles of incorporation of the W. T. Weaver Power company have been filed in Superior Court Clerk Erwin's office. The incorporators are: W. T. Weaver, T. F. Davidson, Thomas Wadley Raoul, James L. Wagner, W. B. Williamson and J. H. Lange. Authority is given the company to supply the public with power in the form of electric current, hydraulic, pneumatic or steam pressure, for the purpose of driving machinery for supplying light, heat, and for all purposes for which the power is applicable.

The company may locate or operate an electric plant on the French Broad river or any other place in North Carolina where the company may establish a plant, and may deliver electricity either directly or from a distributing point to Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville and Biltmore. The privilege is given of manufacturing, repairing, selling and dealing in all necessary appliances and machinery used in connection with the utilization of electricity, and of operating bridges and ferries, electric and naphtha launches, to build and operate telephone and telegraph lines, to carry on the business of farming, stock raising, mining, trading, manufacturing, hotel keeping, and to operate a grist and flour mill.

The principal place of business is to be Asheville.

Not more than 5000 acres of land may be owned where any one plant is located, including the lands submerged.

The capital stock of the company is $30,000, consisting of 300 shares. This may be increased to $250,000.

THINKS HE IS DREYFUS.

Swimming the River to Enter the Vanderbilt Estate.

Michael M. Benson, a resident of Victoria, and a former employe of the Vanderbilt estate, became insane last week, and his insanity caused him to be afflicted with a curious hallucination, and to perform some curious acts. Saturday evening he succeeded in securing entrance to Biltmore House. He did this by swimming the Swannanoa river and first securing entrance to the estate in this way.

He went to the rear of the mansion and entered through the kitchen. He was put out by the watchman. Yesterday he made three more attempts to enter the estate, and twice was unsuccessful, being stopped at the entrance gate. The third time he succeeded in getting in.

Benson labors under the hallucination that he is Captain Dreyfus. He thinks his enemies are pursuing him all the time. He believes they have succeeded in charging him with electricity, and consequently he is very careful not to step on street car rails or any place where he thinks the contact might injure him.

Application will be made to have Benson adjudged insane and placed in the state hospital. However, he will probably have to remain in jail here, as the hospital is already filled.

IT WAS THE PLAGUE.

Decision Reached by the Board of Health of San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 12.—At a meeting of the board of health today it was announced that all the animals at quarantine station which were inoculated with virus from the body of the Chinaman who expired a few days ago under suspicious circumstances had died, with the exception of a monkey, and it is in a dying condition. An autopsy on rats and guineapigs showed that they had developed symptoms of genuine bubonic plague.

After discussing the matter, the board decided that the Chinaman who died had been afflicted with the plague. A house to house examination will begin at once. Quarantine will not be declared at present.

EIGHT AMERICANS WOUNDED.

Manila, March 12.—Advices from Aparri, province of Cagayan, say that while Major Ward and a company of the Seventh regiment were leaving that place they were attacked at the landing on the river bank opposite the town. A persistent fight followed, resulting in eight Americans, including Major Ward, being wounded.

Gregg's New Double Roast Process retains the strength, flavor and aroma of their coffees which are roasted daily and insures to the consumer fresh goods at all times. For sale by Clarence Sawyer.

"Satisfaction Always" is an open secert that wins Wingood's Drug Store so many friends. Everybody pleased if they go to Wingood's.

Germs cannot live in air impregnated with Downing's Chlorides. This is why it cures catarrh. Get circular at Grant's.

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Wingood's Prescription work is a series of satisfying successes. Preparedness—the chief factor of every business success. Everything you call for in the drug line at Wingood's.

Gregg's Standard or Combination Java and Mocha drinks fine in the cup. Try a pound and be convinced. Sold by Clarence Sawyer.

The integrity and reliability of Wingood's Prescription Drug Store is impressed upon every one in Asheville.

We are distributors for C. D. Gregg Tea & Coffee Co.'s celebrated brands of roasted coffee of St. Louis, Mo. Try them. Clarence Sawyer.

Ladies will find Grant's Lavender Shampoo the ideal cleanser for hair and scalp. It leaves the hair perfectly soft and is absolutely harmless, 25c. at Grant's.

For a delicious cup of coffee use Gregg's Standard Java and Mocha. Sold by Clarence Sawyer.

They are glad to have particular people for customers at Wingood's.—Particular people demand the best of everything in the drug line—and they also appreciate it.

By the free use of Columbian Insecticide you can exterminate every roach on your premises. Sold only at Grant's.

Mange on your dog quickly cured by Grant's Mange Cure. 50c. at Grant's.

BOBS SOON TO BE AT BLOEMFONTEIN

London Expects Him to Reach There Wednesday.

No Doubt He Will Accomplish His Objective.

RUMORS OF THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE, BUT THEY FAIL OF CONFIRMATION.

London, March 12.—At the present rate of progress Lord Roberts should be at Bloemfontein Wednesday, though all calculations may be upset by the development of more strenuous resistance than the Boers have so far attempted. The distance btween Lord Roberts and the Free State capital is now so small, only about 25 miles, that it is apparent the Boers either contemplate making a determined stand on the outskirts of the town, or, for strategic reasons best known to themselves, allowing Lord Roberts to occupy it after merely harrassing his advance.

The numerical superiority of the British troops leaves no doubt in the minds of critics here that Lord Roberts will accomplish his immediate objective, the occupation of Bloemfontein.

The commander in chief's latest dispatch announcing that General Gatacre is at Bethulie bridge and specials saying that Gatacre commands the bridge approaches, put the Boers in that vicinity between two British forces. However, there is a large plain between them, and the main body of the Boers now confronting Lord Roberts with its ceaseless activity may be quite able to cover the retreat of the burghers confronting Gatacre.

Once the British are in possession of the railroad from Bethulie to Bloemfontein, a junction at the Free State capital of General Gatacre and Roberts will be a matter of a very few days.

Rumors of the relief of Mafeking continue to circulate, but fail of confirmation.

From Natal, which Buller so erroneously declared was free of Boers, and from Cape Colony, where General Kitchener's stern hand is upon the rebellion, there is no news of any importance.

ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES.

The war office this morning issued the following dispatch from Aasvogel kop under today's date:

"We were unopposed during the march yesterday. The officers I left at the last camp to record the list of casualties have not yet arrived. The following additional casualties are known, however: Killed, Lieutenants Pansons and Coddington of the Essex regiment; wounded, Lieutenants Berkeley and Raleigh.

"General Gatacre reports that he was within a mile of Bethulie railway bridge yesterday. The bridge is partially destroyed and the enemy is holding the opposite bank."

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1 lb Boxes at 25c.
Only Today.

"Strongest in the World."
A NEW 20 YEAR POLICY.
For less than straight life rates if death occurs within the 20 years.
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Granting eight advantageous choices of settlement at the end of the 20 years.
And in addition containing all the latest advantages in life assurance.
Every policy backed by the STRONGEST COMPANY IN THE WORLD, having a surplus of over $61,000,000.
For full particulars call on or fill up and mail coupon to
W. B ALLEN, Dist. Agent,
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 9½ North Main Street, Asheville, N. C.

Mr. W. B. Allen, District Agent:
Dear Sir:
Please mail me a sample of the policy described above.
Full name .....
Address .....
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Blackberry Balsam,
The great remedy for
Summer Disorders.
Years ago when Cholera committed such ravages in America a leading newspaper displayed enterprise worthy of the occasion by offering a large reward to any one who would propose a remedy best calculated to check the onward march of this terrible plague. Hundreds of receipts were suggested by medical men as well as others—each in turn signally failed, until at last a remedy was found—which in truth proved a "Balm in Gilead" for Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus and kindred spring and summer troubles. Ask for sample dose at
The Pelham Pharmacy
SOLE MANUFACTURERS.
24 Patton Avenue.
Large Bottles, 25c.
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