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ANOTHER DELAY IN THAW MATTER

Extradition is Discussed Before Governor Felker of New Hampshire—Decision is Reserved.

Concord, Sept. 23.—The duty of the state of New Hampshire toward Harry K. Thaw was the subject of extensive argument before Governor Felker today.

The legal battle in which William Travers Jerome, special deputy attorney general of New York state which seeks to obtain the extradition of Thaw as a fugitive from justice, was pitted against three of the fugitive's array of counsel, was dramatic at times, and near the close came dangerously near to being personal.

To the charge that he had resorted to subterfuge and was moved by ulterior motives in his determination to return Thaw to the Matteawan insane asylum, Jerome retorted with unusual feeling that the state of New York would not permit its justice to be defeated by the corrupt use of Thaw money.

At the conclusion of the arguments the governor gave counsel until Monday to file supplementary briefs so his decision will not be known for a week at least.

OLD ST. JAMES' CELEBRATION

Auspicious Occasion Duly Celebrated at Historic Place of Worship—Visiting Prelates Assist in Services.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 17th to 19th, the convocations of Waynesville and Morganton united and met with the parishioners of St. James church to celebrate the semi-centennial of the consecration of the church building. The opening service Wednesday evening was devoted to Sunday school work. The Rev. W. S. Cain and Mr. Thomas, both of Asheville being the speakers. Thursday began with the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 followed by morning prayer at 9:30 and business session of the two convocations at 10:30. Some important business was transacted. Among the most important being the appointment of a committee to investigate ways and means of making the Missionary District of Asheville a diocese. The Rev. Wyatt Brown of Asheville, was appointed chairman of this committee. Another committee of which Rev. R. N. Willcox was made chairman was appointed to investigate the matter of increasing the number of lay workers, especially in the mission field, and making their work more efficient. A correspondent for the church papers was established, and Rev. W. C. Cain appointed, his ex-

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City's School Year Began Monday Morning With Large Attendance

Another Grade And A Manual Training Department Have Been Added Since Last Session—Prospects Bright For Active Year—Several New Teachers Are Added To Prof. Cale's Staff

The autumn term of the Hendersonville Graded school began Monday morning and the new academy building was again the scene of much activity. Hundreds of the city's youth, rosy cheeked boys and girls were there greeting each other after a delightful vacation and in some cases an extended separation. Prof. Cale and his staff of assistant teachers were on hand early to welcome back the pupils to their studies. The morning was spent in assigning the pupils to their respective classes, arranging the seating and in other ways getting ready for the business of the term. A very large percentage of those who attended the graded school last year returned this session and many of those who had completed the course of last year will avail themselves of the eleventh grade work which has been added to the school. A manual training department has also been added to the curriculum which will be a feature that will be taken advantage of by many of the pupils. The attendance at the

Hendersonville's New Public Building Soon To Be Realized

MILLIONS HONOR THE DEAD MAYOR

Late Mayor of New York is Laid to Rest Beneath the Dew Fall of a City's Tears—Impressive Funeral.

New York, Sept. 22.—Historic Greenwood cemetery, the resting place in Brooklyn of many famous dead, received the body of New York's late mayor, William J. Gaynor, at mid-afternoon today, after funeral services in his honor that were without parallel in the history of the city. In the presence of the family, the honorary pallbearers, including William Howard Taft, and city officials, among them Mayor Kline, the flag-draped coffin was committed to the grave in the Gaynor family plot. The brief Episcopal service was read by the Rev. Frank W. Page, former pastor of St. Joan's, the church where the mayor worshipped.

A million people, it is estimated, saw the funeral cortege move slowly, first from the city hall, where thousands had witnessed the body lying in state Sunday, to Trinity church, where Bishop Greer conducted the solemn service; then back past the city hall, across Brooklyn bridge, through Brooklyn streets past the late mayor's Eighth avenue home and on to the cemetery.

Upon the bridge, hung in black, traffic did not move. City employes stood six feet apart, heads uncovered, as the police-escorted catafalque proceeded into the mayor's home borough. Below, the river noises were still. Not a craft blew its whistle, not a gong was sounded. The funeral train across the bridge and for a distance in Brooklyn paralleled a favorite route of the mayor, who in all kinds of weather was accustomed to walk to and from the city hall.

Gordon Garlington to Wed. (Spartanburg Journal). The approaching marriage of Miss Amy Elizabeth Edwards and Gordon Fleming Garlington is an event of state-wide interest. The engagement was announced by the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Edwards, of Hendersonville, several days ago. The wedding will take place in October. Mr. Garlington is originally a Spartanburg boy. He was reared here and attended the graded schools and later Clemson college. For a time he was employed on the Spartanburg Journal staff. He is a son of the late John Conway Garlington, a prominent newspaper man, and Mrs. Annie Garlington, of Laurens.

Bids For Construction Being Advertised for by Government—Will Be Handsome Structure Two Stories With Basement And Cover Large Ground Area--Be Ready For Next Season.

Hendersonville will have its new public building in the near future. This is pleasant and authentic information. In another column of this issue the United States government advertises for bids for the new post-office building complete with fixtures, etc. The announcement says that the bids will be opened on November 15th. The specifications call for a handsome two story building, one which will be an ornament to the city. It will be located on the government lot at the corner of fourth avenue and Church street with the main entrance on Church street. It will be fireproof in construction and will have a basement while the ground area to be occupied will be 4,400 feet. That the building will be one which Henderson-

ville will be proud of, goes without saying for the specifications as drawn warrant this assertion and there is reason to believe that there will be no delay in erecting the building when it is once begun. Postmaster Brownlow Jackson said to the Democrat today that he was greatly pleased by the information from Washington that the department was to begin action on the local postoffice. If these were ever a city in need of an up to date post office, it is Hendersonville and the public here, visiting and residential, has been long suffering while the local postoffice officials have "been up against" to the limit. Mr. Jackson is of the belief that the new building will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of next season if no unforeseen delays occur.

Formal Notice Served On Civil Service Com. By M. L. Shipman

Pres. McIlhenny Answers Criticism and Invites Suggestions Designed to Improve Examinations--Hendersonville Man Gets Hearing and Declares He Will Follow Matter Until Hope Of Fair Play Vanishes

In a recent issue of this paper there appeared an editorial taking the Civil Service Commission to task, on account of the character of the examination given on August 16, and intended to apply to those seeking employment under the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, along with those desiring positions in various branches of the public service. The substance was put in form of a letter and mailed to Col. W. H. Osborne, Commissioner of Internal Revenue who, after dictating a response to the same, forwarded the letter itself to President McIlhenny, of the Civil Service Commission. Desirous of according to Mr. McIlhenny the courtesy of having his side of the controversy presented the Democrat is privileged to publish his explanation touching the character of the examination in question and Mr. Shipman's reply. Although personal, in a sense, this correspondence relates to subjects of a purely public character and we consider it no breach of propriety to acquaint readers of this paper with the whole story, a sit appears below:

President McIlhenny's Letter. U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., Sep. 11, 1913. Hon. M. L. Shipman, Raleigh, N. C. My dear Sir:

Col. W. H. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, sent me your letter to him of August 27 on the subject of the character of the examination given on August 16 for the Internal Revenue Service and other branches of the Government service, and requested that I write you about it.

I feel sure that your conclusion that the test is too difficult and that it is not practical must be based upon a misapprehension, or lack of full knowledge of the questions given; and I am in a position to know that you are mistaken in assigning any other motive to the Commission than the good of the service for the change that it made in 1910 in the character of the examination given for positions in the Internal Revenue Service. The change was proposed by the Commission, and I happen to know that it was proposed without any idea whatever that it would help or hinder anybody on account of their political affiliations. Moreover, I do not see how the increased difficulty of the examination could be detrimental to the interests of any democrats who may desire to enter the service through this examination.

The statute requires that the examinations be practical in character; it is fundamental that the examinations must be practical if the competitive examination system is to survive, and for thirty years the Commission has been earnestly engaged in making its examinations practical in character. There are positions, of course, for which tests in the actual kind of work to be done may be given with best results. In such cases there can be no question as to what constitutes a practical examination. For example, there is little room for difference of opinion as to what constitutes a practical examination for stenographer and typewriter. But for some positions the requirements are not definite, but rather so general and diversified as to be more accurately represented by a certain degree of general intelligence. It would not be a fair test of relative capacity and fitness, for example, to include in the examination for post office clerk a test in the actual distribution of mail or in the actual duties of a money order or registry clerk. But it would be a practical examination to give tests that will determine which of the applicants have the proper degree of mental training and development to enable them to adapt themselves to the duties after appointment. What is wanted is a man who can learn the business—one who can learn it more quickly than some others, and who when he learns the work, will perform it well.

One other point: in preparing examinations the Commission has in mind not only making them practical, but also that they must be competitive and therefore of such character that a person in the service will have no advantage in the examination over competitors not so employed. It has been the aim of the Commission to make these tests of general intelligence such that a man who has had actual business experience will be better able to pass them than one who has had no such experience but who is fresh from school. Thus, the questions in arithmetic are framed with the idea of ascertaining the competitor's ability to reason rather than his memory of the rules of arithmetic. So far as the scholastic knowledge necessary to pass the examination given August 16 is concerned, it does

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CURRENCY BILL WILL PASS SOON

Strong Pressure Will be Brought to Bear on Congress to Rush Administration Measure.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The strongest purpose of the president's control over party policies and over legislative performances of congress is about to occur. He has seen the triumph in the house of his currency reform demands and the practical completion of the tariff revision bill so far as administration ideas are connected with it. The question now paramount in congressional circles bears directly upon the president's potential control of the currency reform situation in the senate. Except for those immediately connected with the handling of the currency bill, the general query is: Will the president be able to induce the senate to act on the Glass-Owen bill without delay in the senate and that termination of its provisions?

No doubt remains of the determined purpose of the president to urge congress, by every legitimate means at his command, to complete currency legislation within the next few weeks, and to give the country a new banking system and a revised form of paper currency before December.

No Recess for House.

Evidences of his concern in the matter have come in a series of events in which his influence has determined the action of congressional leaders. After a conference with Mr. Wilson more than a week ago members of the Senate Democratic "steering committee" announced that consideration of currency reform would be pushed without delay in the senate and that there would be no senate recess.

A growing demand in the house, for a month's recess to begin this week, culminated a few days ago, when Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, one of the Democratic house leaders, after a conference with President Wilson, announced that the house would not recess for more than three days at a time, but would remain close at hand where its influence could be exerted on the senate, if desirable to speed up that today's work on the currency bill.

With the aid of Secretary McAdoo, who helped in the original preparation of the currency bill, it is understood the president will attempt to satisfy many of the criticisms that come from Democrats and will endeavor to bring Democratic forces into united support of the plan embodied in the bill that has passed the house.

STRONG IS FIGHT AGAINST SULZER

Impeachment Proceedings Now in Full Blast Before New York Senate—Sulzer Lawyers Fighting Hard.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 23.—After a day spent in listening to lengthy arguments, the high court for the trial of the impeachment of Governor William Sulzer adjourned tonight without having decided whether the impeached executive will have to answer charges involving the misuse of the funds contributed for his campaign last fall. It is expected that the court will reach a decision early tomorrow.

In event of the denial of the motion to strike out the three articles dealing with the campaign contributions the guns of the impeached executive's legal battery will have been spiked, as far as the preliminaries are concerned, and the actual trial will begin.

That counsel for the assembly managers are confident the court will not dismiss the three articles is evidenced by the fact that they announced that Jacob H. Schiff and others who contributed to the Sulzer election fund would be on hand tomorrow to testify.

HUERTA MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Mexican President Declares He Will Use Army to Enforce Fairness at Polls—Plays no Favorite.

Mexico City, Sept. 21.—"Not only would it be an anomaly that the government should have a candidate, but it can be further said that the government has no predilection for, nor will it aid any candidate."

In these words, Provisional President Huerta today replied to the question as to whether he favored a candidate in the coming presidential elections. The interrogations which has been freely indulged that General Huerta intended to throw his support to this or that man for the presidency to succeed himself.

President Huerta received the newspapersmen at Popotla, a suburb where he is erecting a residence, and where, for the greater part of the time, he resides. He explained the attitude which the administration will maintain, especially in the present circumstances, "as one of absolute impartiality," and added that it would only take precaution to prevent any disturbance of public peace and order and would suppress any effort in that direction.

Use Army, if Necessary. The president said he would use the

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Burnt Cork Artists To Present Mammoth Minstrel Show Soon

Company Of Local Talent Preparing Sensation Of Season In Form Of Minstrel Performance--Prominent Ladies And Gentlemen To Participate--Proceeds To Be Devoted To Worthy Cause.

Extensive and elaborate preparations are being made for a mammoth minstrel show to be given here early in October, perhaps the second week of that month. A company composed entirely of local talent, numbering over one hundred people, will start rehearsals on Friday night of this week at the auditorium, and all those musically inclined are invited and urged to be present at that rehearsal.

Mr. H. C. Meyer and Dr. A. C. Teague, have agreed to undertake the direction and management of the production and are actively engaged in arranging chorus and ensemble members, as well as the numerous solos and specialties. Several striking and unique innovations will be introduced some of which will be announced later, but the nature of the majority of these novelties and spectacular features will be withheld in order to more completely surprise the public on the night of presentation. No effort will be spared in making up an entertainment of the like of which has never been seen here.

It is an assured fact, and one of interest, that some of Hendersonville's leading business and professional men will participate in the show, several of them in the capacity of end men and fun makers. A number of the best known ladies in the community have agreed to take part, and every indication points to the coming event as being the biggest thing ever undertaken in Hendersonville. The songs and jokes as well as the manner of production, will be absolutely new and up-to-date.

The proceeds will be devoted to a most worthy cause which will be announced from the stage on the night of the performance. The management has arranged a very pleasant feature in the form of a Dutch supper to be tendered, at the conclusion of the show, to all those taking part. As previously stated the first rehearsal will be given on Friday, Sept. 26, at 8 p. m., and all those desiring to take part are requested to be present. In addition to the regular ladies' and gentlemen's chorus there will be a juvenile chorus.