

G. L. PATTERSON AND MISS KIME ON TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT

Bill of indictment Found at Asheville Charges Miss Kime with Embezzling a Plume from Mail Package and Opening Other Mail Matter.

Mr. Patterson is Charged with Permitting these Irregularities Without Making the Fact Known and Otherwise Shielding Miss Kime.

The hearing of the cases against Postmaster George L. Patterson, of Concord, and Miss Sallie Kime, formerly a clerk in the Concord office, charged with irregularities, was begun in the Federal court this morning.

The indictments against the two defendants were found at a recent session of the Federal court sitting at Asheville.

Two additional counts were added to the bill found at Asheville, by the grand jury at the present term of court. As soon as counsel for Mr. Patterson and Miss Kime were apprised of this, they gave notice that they would ask for a continuance of the trial, and that they had no time to prepare to meet the government on the two additional counts in the bill.

District Attorney Holton declined to press the two counts found by the Charlotte grand jury, taking a nol pro in each count. This being done, the indictment standing as it was found at Asheville, counsel for the two defendants agreed that the case proceed to trial.

The jury was secured without much trouble and then the indictment was read to the jury. There are two separate charges against Miss Kime. The first is opening and embezzling the contents of a mail package and the second for holding and opening magazines addressed to parties in Concord. The only charge against Postmaster Patterson is that he allowed this violation of the postal laws to continue after he had knowledge of the crime and to continue in the service of the government the party who, it is alleged, committed the act.

The first witness called by the government was Mr. Charles Cook, who was formerly assistant to the postmaster at Asheville. Mr. Cook testified that at the time the alleged irregularities were committed, there were three assistants in the Concord office. These were Miss Kime, Miss Strickler and himself. Mr. Patterson also assisted in the putting up of the mails besides attending to the management of the office.

On or about December 13, 1903, there came to the Concord office a package addressed to Mrs. O. P. Howard. It was mailed at Charlotte and because of its size it could not be placed in Mr. Howard's lock box. A card known as a "call for package" card was dropped in Mr. Howard's lock box. When he presented it at the delivery window the package could not be found anywhere.

Later on in the afternoon Mr. Cook said he saw Miss Kime reach in a mail pouch and extract therefrom a package. She carried it over to the dumping table and while she had her back turned to him, he could see that she was opening it. After Miss Kime had opened the package and placed something in a "hat bag" she returned it to where the mail pouch was and deposited the package, where she had, only a few minutes before, taken it from.

After Miss Kime left the office Mr. Cook said that he went to the mail pouch and took out the package. There was no visible address on it except "Box 236."

As soon as Postmaster Patterson came in Mr. Cook said that he called his attention to the package and told him what he saw Miss Kime do. Mr. Patterson and witness talked over the occurrence and discussed what was the best thing to do. They decided to leave the package on one of the "dumping tables" until Miss Kime returned to the office the next morning.

The witness testified that when Miss Kime returned to the office the next morning she picked up the package and asked "What is this?" Mr. Cook says he told her that it was a package found in a mail pouch. She remarked, "Why, it has no address on it."

When Postmaster Patterson came to the office the next morning he called witness into his private office and questioned him as to what Miss Kime said concerning the package. Witness informed him of all Miss Kime had said when she saw the package. Again witness and Mr. Patterson discussed the occurrence and what had best be done.

Later in the day Mrs. Howard presented the card notifying her that the package was in the office. She received it, and shortly afterwards returned saying that it was strange a package coming from Charlotte should reach Concord in such bad condition. Mrs. Howard also produced a letter from the Charlotte firm in which certain articles were alleged to have been placed in the package. Among the contents Mrs. Howard stated that a plume or hat was missing. Witness took the letter to Postmaster Patterson and



Sunrise.

GRAIN INSPECTION REJECTED.

Secretary of Liverpool Corn Trade Association Refuses to Recognize Grain Inspection of Norfolk and Newport News.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 14.—The secretary of New York produce exchange received a communication from John McGuire, secretary of the Liverpool Corn Trade Association, refusing to recognize the grain inspection of Norfolk and Newport News and stating that London Corn Trade Association had joined in a similar action. The reason given is the unsatisfactory shipments of certificated No. 2 corn from Newport News, and Norfolk. The following clause has been agreed upon for insertion in the American grain contracts:

"The official certification of inspection is to be final as to quality, the Newport News and Norfolk Virginia inspection being excluded."

CONTINUE THE STRIKE.

Alabama Mine Workers Recommend Continuation of Strike Which Has Been on Two Years.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., June 14.—The convention of the Alabama United Mine Workers adopted the report of the committee on officers which recommended the continuation of the strike which has been on in that district for two years. National board member Fairley in his address scored the state mine inspector for suggesting that the miners be required to brush out the gas in the mine.

BIG RAILROAD CO. CHARTERED TODAY

Randolph and Cumberland Railroad Co. Chartered at \$1,000,000 Capital. The Incorporator Sou. Bell Telephone Co. Submits Reply.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, June 14.—The Randolph and Cumberland Railroad Company was chartered today for the construction of a railroad from Fayetteville to Deep River, thence along the river through Cumberland, Moore, Randolph and Guilford counties, a distance of 117 miles.

The exact point of the terminal is not given. The capital is \$1,000,000, and the incorporators are E. W. Todd, M. H. Caldwell, T. J. Edwards, D. A. McDonald, A. P. Hauman and V. H. Borden.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. filed with the Concord commission an answer to the complaint and petition of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes for the establishment of a long distance toll rate of five cents per minute for the first five minutes and two and one-half cents per minute for all in excess of five minutes; and a rate of \$1.50 per month for residences, and \$2 per month for business phones anywhere in the State. The telephone company declares such rates would be ruinous to their business and that the present rates are not excessive. The claim is also set up that the Commission has no valid jurisdiction for such regulations of the Southern Bell Co.

No date has yet been set for the hearing before the Commission.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly today elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. A. Matherson, of Durham; first vice-president, Thos. E. Forth, of Guilford county; secretary and treasurer, R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh; vice-presidents, W. J. Martin, of Guilford College; J. A. McLeod, of McRae Institute; W. F. Snipes, of Winston-Salem; Y. P. Ball, of Gastonia; Miss Annie Wetmore, of Greensboro, and Mrs. W. C. Brooks, of Elizabeth City.

The morning session was taken up with the election of officers and three addresses. Dr. E. F. Biglow, of Connecticut, editor St. Nicholas Magazine, spoke on "Nature Study," State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner spoke on "The year's progress in education," and an address was delivered by Dr. Sykes of Wake Forest instead of President W. L. Poole.

A BIG LOVE FEAST WAS 12TH JUDICIAL CONVENTION TODAY

Judge James L. Webb and Solicitor Heriot Clarkson were Both Nominated by Acclamation for the Positions, They are Now so Ably Filling.

Mr. Hoey of Cleveland Nominated Judge Webb and Mr. Hartsell of Cabarrus Did the Honors for Mr. Clarkson, Splendid Seconding Speeches were Made.

Judge James L. Webb of Cleveland and Solicitor Heriot Clarkson of Mecklenburg were nominated by acclamation this morning at the judicial convention of the twelfth district to succeed themselves as judge and solicitor respectively of this district.

The nominations were attended by great enthusiasm, and eloquent speeches upon the fitness and ability of the two men whose names were before the convention as nominees.

The meeting was called to order at noon in the county court house, and Mr. J. A. Anthony of Cleveland acted as temporary chairman.

The organization was then made permanent with Mr. L. F. Hartsell of Concord chairman, and Mr. W. C. Dowd secretary.

The counties—Cleveland, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg—were called by Mr. Dowd, and each was found to be represented.

The first business before the gathering was the nomination of a candidate for the judgeship of the district, and Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, arose and placed in nomination Judge James L. Webb, the present incumbent.

In his nominating speech Mr. Hoey said in part:

"I present this man as nominee and the people will second it. The people have watched Judge Webb's career and have followed him through the various places of honor that he has filled but it is most of all as a man that I take pleasure in presenting his name. From his record as a judge alone it is a satisfaction to know that he is thus called upon again to fill the office of a judge."

"In his official capacity as judge he recognizes two principles—that of punishing crime and that of deterring others from following in the footsteps of the criminal, but he also recognizes mercy and no man is turned away from his court after pleading, with a crushed life."

The nomination was seconded by Capt. Jack Reinhardt and on motion the nomination was made by acclamation.

The chairman, Mr. Hartsell called Mr. Anthony to the chair, and proceeded to place in nomination the name of Hon. Heriot Clarkson for solicitor.

Mr. Hartsell paid a fine tribute to Mr. Clarkson, as a man and as a solicitor, and said that he was not an experiment; that he had been weighed in the balances and found not wanting. "Kind and gentle as a woman" said the speaker "he would prosecute no man through envy or hate but bold and courageous, he leaves no man unprotected through fear or hope of reward. He is an able lawyer, a splendid citizen, and a Christian gentleman."

Mr. J. A. McRea of the Charlotte bar seconded the nomination in a very strong speech, in which he pointed out the nobleness of character and unusual ability of the nominee, saying in part:

"The horse that pulls the plow deserves the fodder" was the language of North Carolina's great commoner, Zebulon B. Vance. Measured by this standard the claims of no man for Democratic recognition take priority over those of Heriot Clarkson. For fifteen years his name has lent honor and wisdom to the counsel of the State Democratic Executive committee. In County politics he has always been

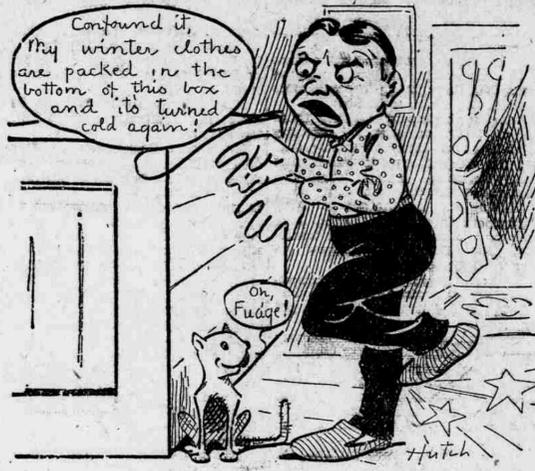
AUTHOR OF "MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME"

Immortal Author of "My Old Kentucky Home" is Tenderly Remembered. Beautiful Monument to Him. One Thousand School Children Join in Song.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., June 14.—Today's program of "Home Coming Week" was devoted to exercises in memory of Stephen C. Foster, author of "My Old Kentucky Home."

One thousand school children, who have contributed to a fund for the erection of a monument to Foster to stand in the new capitol at Frankfort, sang his songs in chorus in the armory where Mrs. Marion Foster Welsh daughter of Mr. Foster, unveiled the model of the Foster statue.



When a man feels like kicking himself.

on the firing line. So much so that he and W. C. Dowd were the only ones of the County Democratic ticket slain on the battle field of politics in the disastrous year of 1896. Of his time and his money for the success of his party he has always freely given, and to press in the service the idea of another "The Democratic host of this district can lie down and sleep in safety so long as Heriot Clarkson stands guard at the outer gate."

His is not an untired hand at the work of Solicitor. The elevation to the Judgeship of the 12th Judicial District of the big-hearted and big-brained "Jim" Webb by that superb orator and wise statesman, Gov. Charles B. Aycock, whose qualities of mind and heart merit, and for whom the South ought and of a right should demand in 1895 a place upon the national ticket, left a vacancy in the solicitorship. Honorable Heriot Clarkson was appointed more than a year ago to fill this vacancy. His success in the administration of the office has shown what manner of man he is.

Mr. O. M. Mull, of Cleveland, also seconded the nomination and referred to the strength of the nominee in Cleveland, and the hearty support that would be accorded him there. He also referred to Mr. Clarkson's excellent work for prohibition in Charlotte and said that while some had feared this might be overdone, still this had not been the case.

The speaker said that the same record of the nominee in this county was a source of strength to Mr. Clarkson in Cleveland, and that the people of that county were ready to stand by him.

Mr. Clarkson was then nominated by acclamation on motion of Mr. Hoey.

On motion of Mr. Hoey the chair named Messrs. Plummer Stuart and C. R. Hoey a committee to notify Mr. Clarkson of his nomination, and these gentlemen retired to find Mr. Clarkson and bring him into the convention.

On motion Mr. Judge Little the chairman Messrs. Anthony and J. D. McCall to notify Judge Webb of his nomination.

The committee having returned with Mr. Clarkson he was enthusiastically received with loud cheers and called upon for a talk.

Mr. Clarkson said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

"I heartily thank you for the compliment you have bestowed upon me by unanimously nominating me as Solicitor of the Twelfth Judicial District. I desire to thank each one of you personally, and through you, to thank the people of your respective counties for their kind endorsement of me. In the performance of my duties as solicitor, I shall do all in my power to administer the criminal law fairly and impartially. It is impossible for water to rise higher than its source, and the administration of criminal law is dependent upon the people. I desire especially to congratulate the people of this district on their splendid observance of law and order. I especially desire to thank my brethren of the bar in this district on the high standard in which they practice their profession. There is no body of men that mould the sentiment of the community more than the lawyer. In the performance of my duties, it is necessary that I take the facts of a case often from an attorney for the defense, and I desire to state that almost with unanimity I have found the statement of the attorney accurate and correct. I hope that an all-seeing Providence will guide, direct and sustain me in the performance of my duties as solicitor of this district and that during my term of office I hope that peace and quiet, law and order will prevail."

Upon the request of the chair, the county representatives selected one man from each county for the judicial committee, and the following were chosen and announced to the convention:

Cabarrus, M. B. Stickley; Cleveland, J. A. Anthony; Gaston, A. L. Bulwinkle; Lincoln, A. L. Quickie; Mecklenburg, F. R. McIninch.

On motion of Mr. C. R. Hoey the convention then adjourned.

THE GEORGIA PUT TO TEST.

Battleship Georgia Left for her Official Endurance run.

By Associated Press.

Rockland, Maine, June 14.—With almost perfect weather conditions, and every prospect of exceeding the contract speed of 19 knots the battleship Georgia left for her official endurance run. She must maintain the required speed four hours.

WHEN WILL CONGRESS ADJOURN

May Continue Session Now Long Enough to Settle Type of Canal.

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 14.—An unexpected snag was struck yesterday in the movement for an early adjournment of Congress and it is possible that the type of the Panama canal must be settled before Congress closes its business. Secretary Taft was in conference with Speaker Cannon, and Chairman Hepburn of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which handles the canal legislation, and there is a disposition to settle the type of the canal before the adjournment of Congress.

PRESIDENT'S UNCLE DIED EARLY TO-DAY

Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt Died Early To-day. Was 76 Years Old and was a Life Long Democrat. His Interesting Career Before the Public.

By Associated Press.

Sayville, Long Island, June 14.—Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of the President, died early today. He had been ill several months.

Mr. Roosevelt was 76 years old. He was a lifelong Democrat, and practiced law in New York city for more than twenty years. He retired in 1871 to devote himself to literature and statecraft. He was editor of the New York Citizen for several years. He was member of Congress, 1873-5 and was chairman of the executive committee of the committee of seventy in the fight against the Tweed ring. He was United States minister to the Netherlands, 1888-90 and treasurer of the Democratic national committee at the time of Cleveland's second election.

Mr. Roosevelt was deeply interested in field sports and active in the promotion of societies and clubs for the protection of game. He was chairman of the Commission for the protection of soldiers during the war with Spain and was at one time President of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a member of all committees to aid Boers in their war with England.

Among his best known literary works were, "Game Fish of North America," "Game Birds," "Superior Fishing," "Fish Hatching and Fish Catching," "Florida and Game Water Birds," "Five Acres too Much," "Progressive Petticoats," and "Love and Luck."

Mr. Woodside Changes Base.

Mr. Mason Woodside who for several years has been connected with the D. A. Tompkins Machine Company has resigned his position with that company and is now superintendent of the Elba Manufacturing Company.

They testified that in their negotiations with Hoff not one word was uttered concerning a commission to be paid Hoff, in case the order for fuel coal was given.

CROMWELL WILL HAVE TO "OPEN UP"

Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals Decide that Mr. Cromwell Must Answer Questions Put by Senator Morgan. What May Happen if he Don't.

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 14.—William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, will be compelled to answer the questions propounded by Senator Morgan if the decision reached today by the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals can be upheld.

If Cromwell maintains the attitude that has characterized his former attendance as a witness before the committee his alleged contumacy will be carried to the Senate and if the committee is upheld it is likely that the contest will eventually get into the courts. The test will come next Tuesday, to which date the committee adjourned.

FIVE KILLED AND 40 INJURED IN FERCE EXPLOSION ON SHIP

As Result of Terrific Explosion on Board Steamer Haverford, Mine Men were Killed and Large Number Injured, Some Fatally. Bodies Scattered.

Explosion Thought to Have Been Caused by Infernal Machine. Following Explosion Fierce Fire Broke Out. Fearful Scene on Board Steamer.

By Associated Press.

Liverpool, June 14.—Five men were instantly killed and some forty others wounded following a terrible explosion on board the British steamer Haverford this morning. Some of the injured, it is believed, will die.

The cause of the explosion is undetermined but there are rumors that it was caused by an infernal machine. The Haverford, with its passengers, arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia. The vessel is owned by the International Navigation Company. The Haverford landed her passengers yesterday.

Fire Followed Explosion.

The Stenvedores were in the act of loosening the steamer's hatches when suddenly a most violent explosion occurred. It blew off the hatches, rent the docks and hurled dead and wounded men in all directions.

Several bodies were dismembered and the deck resembled the floor of a charnel house. The explosion, which was heard for many miles and was according to rumor, caused by an infernal machine, was followed by the outbreak of fire.

The cargo consisted of lined oil cake, in hold number 2 and hold number 3 was seen blazing fiercely. After two hours hard fight, however, the firemen obtained the mastery of the flames.

It is believed that a number of the injured will succumb to their injuries. Nine Probably Dead.

Later it is said that the disaster was apparently caused by the explosion of a barrel of naphtha. The dead list is now a total of nine.

As to Cause of Explosion.

The report that the explosion was due to an infernal machine arose from the finding of a wooden box a foot square in one of the holds. The box was only partly shattered and still contained pieces of steel machinery. The officials of the International Navigation Company do not attach importance to the theory of foul play and believe the explosion was due to the ignition of gas given off by the naphtha soap which formed a part of the cargo.

CASE OF PENN. RAILROAD

The Railroad Company Introduce Two Witnesses to Refute Testimony of Yesterday's Witness.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, June 14.—At today's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission the Penn. Railroad Company produced two witnesses for the purpose of refuting the testimony given yesterday by W. A. Guthrie, mine operator of Indiana, Pa., that a commission of three cents a ton has been demanded by Frank C. Hoff, clerk in General Manager Atterbury's office for an order for company coal.

The witnesses were: J. C. Stauffer, secretary and treasurer of the Majestic Coal Company of which Guthrie is vice president and his father J. B. Stauffer, clerk in the office of the superintendent of freight transportation.

They testified that in their negotiations with Hoff not one word was uttered concerning a commission to be paid Hoff, in case the order for fuel coal was given.

CAPTAIN BULL KILLED.

Four Other Officers Were Injured by Native Cause of the Trouble.

By Associated Press.

Cairo, June 14.—Capt. Bull, of the Sixth Dragons, was killed and four other British officers badly injured by natives near Tantab, yesterday. The affair appears to be the outcome of the recent pan-Islamic campaign carried on during the Anglo-Turkish dispute over the Tabah boundary.

The New Statistician.

Washington, June 14.—Secretary Wilson announced the appointment of Victor H. Olmsted as statistician to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Hyde. Olmsted for some time has been a member of the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture.

Granted Ball of \$15,000.

Jackson, Ky., June 14.—Judge Jas. E. Hargis, who is under arrest here, charged with the murder of Dr. B. D. Cox, was granted bail in the sum of \$15,000. The bond was furnished.

The outside work on Mr. J. C. Baird's handsome new house on South Tryon is now nearing completion. The structure will be one of the most attractive in that portion of the city when completed.