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## GEORGE DIES SUDDENLY

### From a Stroke of Apoplexy Due to Overwork in Campaigning for Mayor of Greater New York.

### His Eventful Life and Works—He Gave to the Campaign Its Most Sensational Incidents.

Henry George, candidate of the Jeffersonian Democracy for mayor of Greater New York, died suddenly in the Union Square hotel, New York, a few hours after his last speech at Flushing, L. I., of apoplexy, due to overwork in the campaign. He was nearly 60 years old. Below is a short sketch of his life:

Henry George was born on September 2, 1828. He received a common school education and then went into a counting room. He was also a sailor and learned the printer's trade. In 1858 he reached California, where he worked at the printer's case until 1865, when he became a reporter, and afterwards editor, working at different times on the San Francisco Times and Post. He returned to New York in 1880 and went to England and Ireland the following year, where he was twice arrested on a charge of sedition, but afterwards released when his identity became established. Mr. George is best known to the world at large through his writings upon economic questions, notably his work entitled, "Progress and Poverty," published in 1879. His other works are, "Our Land and Land Policy," 1871; "Irish Land Questions," 1881; "Social Problems," 1883; "Propriety in Land," a controversy with the Duke of Argyll, 1884; "The Condition of Labor," an open letter to Pope Leo XIII, in 1891, and "A Perplexed Philosopher," (Herbert Spencer), 1892.



HENRY GEORGE.

In 1887 Mr. George was nominated for the United States Senate by the New York, polling 60,000 votes against 90,000 for Abram S. Hewitt, the Democratic nominee, and 60,000 for Theodore Roosevelt, now Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Republican. After his nomination for mayor by the Jeffersonian Democrats a month ago, Mr. George made an extremely active canvass, speaking several times every evening, and working from early in the morning until late at night at his headquarters. He gave to the campaign its most sensational incidents, attacks on Richard Croker and Senator Platt, whom he threatened to prosecute for various crimes, such as leaving blackmail upon city contractors and aspirants for office, should he be elected mayor. His candidacy gave to the coming election its greatest element of uncertainty, for according to expert politicians it was practically impossible to estimate how much of Bryan's vote of last year would go to George instead of Van Wyck.

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## GEN. LONGSTREET APPOINTED.

He succeeds Wade Hampton as Railroad Commissioner. The President has appointed Gen. James Longstreet, of Georgia to be United States Commissioner of Railroads, succeeding Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, resigned.

## Miss Cole's Assailant Caught.

A special from Rockingham says a man has been arrested at Lilesville and identified by a sister of Miss Lillie Cole as the brute who assaulted her on Oct. 27, and taken to Raleigh for safekeeping. He admits of being in Rockingham the night before the assault.

## Thanksgiving Proclamation.

President McKinley has issued his Thanksgiving day proclamation, which will be read on Thursday, November 25, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

## TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

### The South.

Motorman Wiley was killed in a street car collision in Atlanta, Ga. Three men were killed at Augusta, Ga., by the caving in of a sewer excavation.

Chattanooga, Tenn., has raised the quarantine against infected points by yellow fever.

There are two State banks in North Carolina run by negroes—one at Newbern and one at Kinston.

Taylor Delke, a Georgia outlaw, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to prison for life, at McDonough.

It is estimated that the loss of business in the three States of Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, by the yellow fever, has been \$50,000,000.

At Atlanta, Ga., the Georgia cotton oil mill was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,700,000; \$400,000 in stock destroyed and \$1,300,000 on buildings. About \$78,000 insurance.

The New York Evening Telegram says that Col. Jas. G. Martin, formerly of Asheville, N. C., has taken charge of the organization of the colored vote for Sixth Low in New York.

It is now announced that the shortage of Mr. Wm. E. Chilton, late secretary of State of West Virginia, foots up \$21,349. He says the amount will be made good to the State.

At Atlanta, Ga., between the Georgia-Virginia football game (Gannon of the former team was seriously injured) and one of the set pieces, and the doctors say that he has concussion of the brain, and his recovery is doubtful.

A letter from a New Orleans lawyer says that Kingsbury Lane, a native of Asheville, N. C., died there recently, leaving an estate valued at \$75,000. He left no will and the heirs are unknown. Nothing is known here about the deceased.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution says a two-thirds interest in the famous Jackson limless cotton has been sold to a New York syndicate, through Mr. F. W. Beardsley, who is acting with the Georgia gentlemen, which is anxious to secure this cotton.

A special to the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, from Adgate, near Macon, says: "Mrs. Henry C. Adgate, aged 70 years, was run over by a freight train on the Macon and Savannah road, receiving injuries that caused her death."

Last week's attendance broke all previous records at the Nashville Exposition, 107,320 registered admissions being recorded. The total attendance to date is 1,028,929.

Admiral Matthews, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, in his annual report recommends four new concrete docks, and among that number is one for Norfolk, Va.

Jacob A. Kintz, 60 years old, living five miles from Salisbury, N. C., beyond Dunn's mountain on the Stokes' Ferry road was found dead in his house. He was lying prone upon his face, with his head in the fireplace. The hair and feet were burned from his head. He died entirely alone.

### The North.

Seven men were killed by a gas explosion in a mine at Scranton, Pa. A fine has been levied on Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. D. Wells went down a well at Wichita, Kan., to rescue Frank Moon, and both were killed by gas.

Reports from the interior of California show that the heavy rains which fell last week all over the northern part of the State have caused immense loss to farmers and vineyardists. The total loss exceeds \$1,000,000.

The Legislature of New York has enacted a law levying a tax on wagons having wheels with narrow tires, the law to go into effect in 1900.

Unpaid employes of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, on strike at Lebanon, Ind., have disabled trains and interfered with traffic.

Andrew Carnegie, who is in Paris, says he has offered his armor plate works to the United States.

A vein of oil has been struck on the farm of United States Senator Mills, near Corsicana, Texas.

The coal miners' strike in Pomeroy, Bend, Ohio, has been ended by the operators of Peacock mine signing an agreement to pay \$2.22 per hundred.

At Cleveland, Ohio, J. J. Shipperd has been arrested on a charge of embezzling nearly \$200,000 from F. D. Robinson and a receiver has been asked for his firm, which is alleged to be insolvent and owing \$2,000,000.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., says preliminary steps have been taken to form a colossal combine of sewer pipe and terra cotta ware manufacturers of the United States with a capital of \$11,000,000 to be controlled by Eastern capitalists. Nineteen manufacturers signed the agreement and it is expected that the thirty-one others in the country will also sign it.

### Miscellaneous.

The annual coffee crop of the world is estimated at over 11,000,000 pounds worth, in first hands over \$135,000,000.

Reports from the yellow fever districts show no change in the situation. There is great disappointment in the non-appearance of frost.

Dr. Godfrey Hunter, of Kentucky, it is understood, has accepted the mission to Guatemala, and will be appointed soon after the election in Kentucky.

Since McKinley was inaugurated 179 negroes have been appointed to office, 83 more than were made under Harrison in the same time.

## ATKINSON ON MOB LAW.

### To Exterminate the Crime it Must Be Made Odious and Shameful.

### WANTS PRISONERS ARMED

### To Protect Themselves and Counties to Be Responsible for the Crime, Subject to an Indemnity.

Mob law was severely condemned by Governor Atkinson in his message to the Georgia Legislature. The message bristled with a scorching and sensational attack upon the lawless spirit that fosters the lynch law in Georgia. He says that to exterminate the practice of lynching, the crime must be made odious and shameful. He advocates stringent legislation against the mobs, and insists that the Legislature pass a law laying every county wherein such a crime is committed subject to a large indemnity to the relatives of the mob's victim.

The Northern lynchings are spoken of by the Governor. Of this he says: "It is no excuse to say that the Northern people have no part in these cases. They are referred to were pupils taken from the school and not qualified for the work. Away with the idea that anybody can teach the primary children! This is the most difficult work, and it is a gross injustice to the children to be imposed upon by being placed under the care of the person who can be secured by the principal for the least money. A case was reported to me last spring where a principal drew \$20 per month of public funds for an assistant and hired his assistant for \$10 or \$12. If this be true, such a man is not fit to be in any school room. It is your duty as supervisor to do all the hazardous work, and the principal and the little ones are not neglected and are not placed in charge of any one except a competent teacher. See to it that every man and woman has a certificate before she teaches in a public school. Where a contract is made with the assistant in the same manner as with the principal; then we will have no unqualified principals making money on incompetent assistants as in the case mentioned above. In some of our counties a certificate does not mean much, but be sure that the children shall have the benefit of what it does mean."

### PULLMAN'S WILL.

The Total Value of His Estate is \$7,600,000.

The will of George M. Pullman, who died in Chicago, has been filed for probate at Chicago. To his widow he left the homestead on Prairie avenue. Sufficient sums are also set aside to provide her with an income of \$50,000 yearly during her life. One million dollars each is left in trust for his two daughters, Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, of Chicago, and Mrs. Caroline of San Francisco. An income of but \$8,000 yearly is provided for his sons, George M. Jr., and Sanger W. Mrs. Lowden is also given the summer residence known as Castle Rock, on an island in the St. Lawrence river.

About \$150,000 in sums of \$10,000, \$20,000 is left to various charitable institutions in Chicago. A sum of \$200,000 is given for the erection of a Manual Training school in Pullman, which is also endowed with \$1,200,000. Five old employes are given \$5,000 each. Two sisters and two brothers of the dead millionaire are given \$50,000 each, and another brother gets \$25,000. The total value of the estate is valued at \$7,600,000.

### THE PUBLIC LANDS.

At the Close of the Year Alabama Still Has 532,339 Acres.

Commissioner of the General Land Office Bingar Hermann has submitted his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. Compared with previous year, it shows a decrease of 3,298 original homestead entries, aggregating 278,625 acres. In the entire disposal of public land there was a falling off of 3,770,406 acres. An approximate estimate of the quantity of present public lands in the several States and Territories at the close of the year shows that Alabama still has 532,339 acres.

### The Cotton Manufacturers.

The sixty-third semi-annual convention of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association met at Philadelphia in the Textile school. The session continued for five days and was largely attended. Technical questions were discussed principally. Mr. Search, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, submitted a paper on the subject of "American Cotton Goods Abroad." He stated that the cotton goods trade of the world is practically in the hands of four countries, whose exports can be stated thus: Great Britain, (1896), \$392,331,000; Germany, (1896), \$27,732,000; France, (1896), \$28,757,000; United States, (1896), \$19,810,000. He further stated that we could get this trade if we would send our men out to seek it.

### High Degree Masons.

The nineteenth annual session of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the United States convened in Washington. The report of the sovereign commander, Major W. Bayliss, and other officers were read. A considerable business was considered by the supreme council, the most important question to be decided being whether or not the headquarters of the grand order of the order shall be removed to Washington. New York has been its location since 1807. Another matter is the consideration of the changes of the titles of the officers and subordinate bodies of the order.

### Investigation Being Made.

President Depew's opinion that the disaster on the New York Central Railroad was the result of a dynamite explosion planned by enemies of the corporation finds many upholders among railroad officials and citizens familiar with the conditions. "If the embankment of the railroad was torn up by dynamite, the motive of those who did it was not robbery, but revenge," was the statement made by one official of the road.

A vigorous investigation is being made, and at least one man may be executed.

### A Wire Mill Trust.

A dispatch from Chicago says that a wire mill trust is being formed in which the Rockefeller and other Standard Oil men are interested.

## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS.

### A Very Sensible Circular to the Supervisors of Public Schools.

### SPECULATION ON GOVERNOR

### Daily Consumption of Cotton Mills is 9 3/4 Bales Each—A Big Reward for a Rapist.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued the following very sensible circular to the supervisors of public schools in the various counties: "I wish to call your attention to a very important matter, to-wit: The employing of assistants in our public schools. No person should be allowed to teach as an assistant in a public school unless said person has a certificate from the county supervisor. My attention has been called to some instances where the principals were paid \$40 or \$50 per month of the public fund with the understanding that the principals were to furnish their assistants. These assistants were pupils taken from the school and not qualified for the work. Away with the idea that anybody can teach the primary children! This is the most difficult work, and it is a gross injustice to the children to be imposed upon by being placed under the care of the person who can be secured by the principal for the least money. A case was reported to me last spring where a principal drew \$20 per month of public funds for an assistant and hired his assistant for \$10 or \$12. If this be true, such a man is not fit to be in any school room. It is your duty as supervisor to do all the hazardous work, and the principal and the little ones are not neglected and are not placed in charge of any one except a competent teacher. See to it that every man and woman has a certificate before she teaches in a public school. Where a contract is made with the assistant in the same manner as with the principal; then we will have no unqualified principals making money on incompetent assistants as in the case mentioned above. In some of our counties a certificate does not mean much, but be sure that the children shall have the benefit of what it does mean."

### MORMONS ARRIVING.

Twenty-Three Are in Chattanooga Assigned to the South.

A Chattanooga, Tenn., special says twenty-five Mormon missionaries have arrived in this city and will be assigned to various parts of the South, going mostly to Georgia, North and South Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. This makes over 150 missionaries of the Latter Day Saints who have been sent to the Southern field this year.

In the party that arrived are two women, the first that have ever accompanied assignments from the church. It is stated that the church will at once erect large quarters of their own in this city.

They say that their work in the South is progressing so satisfactorily and rapidly that this move is made necessary.

### VICTIM OF FRAUD.

Government Pays \$80,000 to Creek Indians on Worthless Warrants.

Over \$90,000 of alleged fraudulent warrants on the United States treasury on account of the Creek Indian nation in Indian territory, have been discovered by government authorities.

The alleged fraud was perpetrated in connection with the payment of the Creek Indian nation debts and only the barest details have reached Washington. Congress by a recent enactment authorized the liquidation of indebtedness of the Creeks amounting to \$383,000, incurred by the Indians for various purposes.

Amount appropriated was to be paid out of the United States treasury and deducted from the large funds of that tribe now in the treasury for their benefit.

### NORFOLK & WESTERN WRECK.

Engineer Killed and the Fireman Has a Hand Cut Off.

The Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 13, from Columbus, O., to Norfolk, Va., was wrecked near Welch. The engine, mail car and baggage car went down an embankment about twelve feet, turning over on their sides.

The engineer, A. J. Mays, was killed, and fireman Frank Egan had his right hand cut off. Mail Clerk Bowles was slightly injured. No passengers were hurt. The accident was caused by a breaking rail.

### RETURNING MINERS.

They Report Provisions Scarce—Brought Some Money With Them.

A dispatch from Aberdeen, Wash., says the schooner Novelty has returned from St. Michael's with twenty-three returning miners, nine of whom have been on the Yukon several years. They all tell about scarcity of provisions at Circle City and Dawson, and give that as their reasons for leaving for the winter. They nearly all have claims and bring money back with them, but were very silent as to the amounts.

### Snow, Sleet and Rain.

A big eastbound storm of snow, sleet and rain has been raging in Kansas and South Dakota. The worst feature of the storm was the high wind which played havoc with the telegraph wires. At Denver, Colo., property estimated to aggregate \$100,000 has been destroyed. One telegraph company has 4,000 miles of wire down, and most railroads are completely blocked.

### Winston's Tobacco Fair.

Account of the above occasion the Northern Railway will sell tickets to Winston-Salem and return, from all points in North Carolina, Danville and Norfolk, Va., at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round-trip. Tickets on sale November 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th; final limit November 6th, continuous passage in both directions. For further information call on any agent Northern Railway, or write R. L. Vernon, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

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## THE WORLD'S W. O. T. U.

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The executive committee reported the following newly elected officers: Honorary president, Mrs. M. O. Leavitt, of Boston; president, Miss Francis E. Willard; vice-president, vice-president-at-large, Lady Henry Somerset, of England; secretary, Miss Agnes E. Slack, of Evanston, Ill.; treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Sanderson, of Danville, Quebec.

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## THE MARKETS.

### NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES.

## Southern Kaiway

### In effect January 18, 1897.

### In