

HIGH-LIFE TRAGEDY.

HORRIBLE FATE OF SECRETARY TRACY'S FAMILY.

Miss Tracy burned to Death and Mrs. Tracy Suffocated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Tracy, wife of Secretary Tracy, Miss Tracy, his youngest daughter, and Josephine, a French maid, as a result of a fire in Secretary Tracy's house this morning, now lie dead.

Secretary Tracy, when rescued, was in a stupor, suffering from suffocation. Mrs. Wilmerding, the oldest daughter of Secretary Tracy, was in a semi-conscious condition.

IT WAS ABOUT 7 O'CLOCK

this morning, when flames were seen issuing from the windows and roof of Secretary Tracy's residence. The neighborhood had not yet awakened and all around was still. Within the residence not a sound was heard, except the cracking of the flames as with great tongues of fire they came out of the windows on the top floor. Soon the front door of the mansion was opened, and two male servants were seen to emerge and run for their lives. Figures robed in white then appeared at the windows. The fire gained headway rapidly, and although the fire department responded promptly, the residence was enveloped in flames when they arrived.

MRS. TRACY'S HEROISM.

Secretary and Mrs. Tracy occupied the back room in the second story. Mrs. Tracy, it is thought, was first awakened by the suffocating smoke. Secretary Tracy was at the time unconscious, and Mrs. Tracy with heroic devotion attempted to drag the inanimate body of the Secretary to the window. In this, she partially succeeded. Half dazed and blinded by the smoke, she opened the window and just as the firemen were putting up a ladder to rescue her, she leaped to the ground. Her body was picked up with severe internal injuries, and a broken leg—she was taken to a neighboring house, and, without recovering consciousness, died within an hour.

THE SECRETARY RESCUED.

The ladder which would have saved Mrs. Tracy's life had she waited but a brief moment before leaping to the ground, was soon placed under the window and strong hands lifted the body of Secretary Tracy through it, and carried him to the sidewalk. The Secretary was at first thought to be dead, but it was discovered that a small spark of life yet remained. He was removed to the residence of Mr. Bancroft Davis, near by, and at eleven o'clock was reported as improving though at that time he had not gained consciousness and was of course unaware of the death of his wife and daughter.

MISS TRACY'S TERRIBLE SAD DEATH.

Miss Tracy the Secretary's unmarried daughter occupied the third story front room and met a fate that was terrible to behold. The young lady could be seen at the window in the light that flickered in between the blinding smoke and flames, clad in a white robe, her hands in the attitude of prayer, and her face uplifted to heaven. The flames gradually hemmed her in, and she finally sank to the floor only to be recognized again by her charred remains.

A French maid, Josephine, met a similar fate in an adjoining room, where her charred and blackened remains were found.

Dr. McCoy was found dead in his bed in Marion on the 29th ult.

New Orleans' Sunday Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 2.—About fifteen hundred people paid from \$3 to \$5 each to see Jake Kilrain defeat Felix Vanquelin, the New Orleans car driver, this afternoon. It was rather a tame affair and altogether one-sided. Vanquelin displayed neither the heart, the endurance, nor the skill that his friends had claimed for him, and threw up the sponge after the third round, without having received serious punishment or suffered a single knock-down. Kilrain was not punished even appreciably.

The conditions of the fight were that Vanquelin should stand before Kilrain for six rounds, the fight to be with five ounce gloves and for a purse of \$2,000, the winner to take three-fourths and the defeated one-fourth of the amount. The West End Theatre was selected for the battle. The ring was pitched on a raised platform in the centre of the amphitheatre and rows of benches were erected all around it. The crowd began to gather in the building before three o'clock, but it was after four before either of the pugilists appeared.

Work Still Progressing.

A gentleman of this city, who is assisting in the building of trestles, etc., on the line of the Wilkesboro railroad, informs a Daily reporter that 10 miles more of the road will be turned over to the company in a few days. Trains will then run to the station above Rural Hall. He also informed us that cross-ties have been laid beyond the Little Yadkin river.—[Twin City Daily.]

Col. Mosby's Luck.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The Supreme Court to day, through Justice Blatchford, rendered a decision, allowing Col. John S. Mosby, the well known Confederate cavalry leader, \$11,783, in his suit to recover from the Treasury Department fees as Consul at Hong Kong, which he had turned in, but which he subsequently learned were due him.

Socialism in Germany.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—The socialist newspaper organs throughout Hungary and Austria are coming to the aid of German socialists, and are printing vigorous appeals to the socialists of the empire for funds to support the electoral campaign in Germany.

Jackson Unseated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The House to day unseated Jackson, of the 4th West Virginia district, by a vote of 166 yeas, 0 nays. O. Smith, the contestant, then appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office.

Two Duellists Arrested.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 1.—A special to the News and Courier says that J. Norris and Benj. Gardner were to have met on the field of honor to day, but were arrested and placed under peace bonds just as they were preparing for a meeting.

Mr. Edison told Mr. Lathrop that "many extremely useful improvements on the telephone are in the possession of those controlling the inventions, and are safely locked up from the world because of the great extra expense which would attend their application to existing instruments."

It is astonishing to know the number and importance of his own inventions.—[Wilmington Messenger.]

C. E. SILCOTT HAS BEEN FOUND

LIVING WITH HIS PARENTS IN CANADA.

Interviewed by a N. Y. Herald Reporter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A special to the Herald from Terre Bonne, Quebec, says: C. E. Silcott, the cashier of the sergeant-at-arms' office, who absconded from Washington on November 30th with about \$96,000, has been found. He is stopping at the house of Mr. Thiebault, the fa-



ther of the woman with whom Silcott fled from Washington. The woman is also domiciled here. Miss Thiebault's parents seem to be still unaware of their daughter's fall, and apparently believe that she is the wife of the man whom she is said to have lured to his ruin.

A Rich North Carolinian.

Hon. James Grant, a native of Halifax county, and now a member of the Supreme Court of Iowa, is here visiting his old friends. He is the guest of Judge Spier Whitaker. Judge Grant was many years ago, a teacher in the famous Lovejoy grove of this city. He has been eminently successful in all phases of life in his adopted State, having won the highest political and judicial honors and having amassed a fortune estimated at ten millions of dollars.—[News-Observer.]

The Road Question.

The magistrates and county commissioners met in joint session on Monday to discuss the new road law and the propriety of adopting it in Catawba. No action was taken, but there was an evident desire for some more efficient system of keeping up our public roads. The matter is before the public and it is expected its discussion from now until June will prepare the Justices for some definite discussion at that time.

The Forsyth Election Case.

WISCONSIN, Jan. 27.—The Boyer-Teague contested election case for the sheriffalty of Forsyth county, which has been on trial since the 6th inst., came to an end to day, the jury rendering a verdict in favor of Boyer, the plaintiff. Teague, Republican, who has held the office since the first of December, 1888, claimed to have been elected by only 24 majority.

The North Carolina Census Supervisors are as follows:

- First District—G. W. Cobb;
- Second—M. M. Hawkins;
- Third—C. P. Lockett;
- Fourth—W. C. Webb;
- Fifth—H. Hardwicke.

Only two of the appointees are well known. C. P. Lockett is the man who ran against Col. Rowland for Congress last year and got defeated so badly. Henry Hardwicke is a bright young lawyer of Asheville whom Congressman Ewart thinks may help him in his campaign this year.

"The Hickory Press and Carolinian is doing a good work for that noble and enterprising little city."—[Dallas Eagle.]

Commissioners' Meeting, Feb. 3.

Full board present. Lewis Yount was dropped from the pauper list.

Lovic Whitener and Charles Cline were declared paupers and allowed \$1.50 per month each for their support.

Ann Connor was declared a pauper and allowed \$1.50 per month for her support.

Jesse Hawn was relieved of county tax on \$400 overcharged to him.

The jury ordered to lay out a public road from the Connelly Springs road at the Burke county line through lands of M. F. Hull and others to the Hickory road, submitted their report, which was adopted, and A. Hudson and N. F. Hicks appointed overseers to open the road, with command of all hands within three miles of the road.

The jury ordered at last meeting to lay out a public road from John Keener's to the 36-mile post on the Cansler road filed their report which was approved, and Alfred Withers and Wm. Taylor appointed overseers to open the road, with command of all hands within two and a half miles of the road.

The petition filed at last meeting by J. W. Clappitt and others, asking that the Shelby road on lands of Captain Beck be re-opened and re-established, was heard and a jury ordered to lay out same and assess damages.

On application of the Catawba Agricultural & Industrial Association for recognition as the organization entitled to the State appropriation of \$50, it was ordered that it be so recognized.

W. C. Kenyan complained to the board that he had been charged and had paid \$14 in excess of his taxes for the previous year and asked that it be refunded. It was so ordered.

The report of the overseers who were ordered to open the road from Mt. Olive to Abel Sietz's gate was accepted.

The Progressive Farmer doesn't approve of the the News and Observer's being "loyal to the party." The News and Observer saw with regret some months ago that the Progressive Farmer was drifting away and we made allusion to it.

Some of the brethren evidently thought we did wrong, but we think that whatever concerns the public can be spoken of in public. We have noticed that whenever a Democrat is getting ready to quit the Democratic party, he begins to abuse the News and Observer. The sign is a pretty sure one. We have been twitted by all sorts of people with being "the organ," although the News and Observer Company, since it was formed some six years ago, has never received any special favor at the hands of the Democratic party; and if this paper has been so devoted to the party weal as to justify its being called "the organ," the fact is a great compliment to its management. Now the Progressive Farmer is twitting us with "our loyalty to the party." Yes, we are loyal to the Democratic party, as the saying is, although we do not use that word ourselves. We are true and faithful. And we are quite content for all the people of the State to know it.—[News-Observer.]

We are very much pleased to know that Col. A. M. Waddell's historic work concerning certain men and events in North Carolina is in the hands of the printer and will be probably out within four or five weeks. It will no doubt be a very interesting contribution to our State's literature.—[Wilmington Messenger.]

NEWS NOTES.

GLEANED HERE AND THERE

The Samoan treaty has been ratified.

Secretary Tracy continues to improve slowly.

The colored man's convention is in session at Washington.

The authorities now propose to expend \$349,515,000 on our navy.

A rich vein of gold has been discovered near Rocky Mount, N. C.

The famous Sears building in Boston has been burned. Loss \$200,000.

Mrs. Coppinger, eldest daughter of Secretary Blaine, died in Washington City last Sunday.

Nathan C. Barnett, Secretary of State of Georgia, died Monday in the 90th year of his age.

At the Centennial of the Federal Judiciary, Ex-President Cleveland made an eloquent oration.

Geronimo, the Apache Chief, now teaches a Sunday school. Does he want a Cabinet position?—[World.]

Mr. Parnell's libel suit against the Times has been settled, the Times agreeing to pay him \$5,000 damages.

By a vote of 43 yeas to 40 nays the West Virginia legislature voted to seat Fleming, Democrat, as Gov. of that State.

Lijah Moore, the murderer, who escaped from jail last Friday, has been captured, and is again in Greensboro jail.

Governor Fowie has commuted the death sentence of Robert Willis and Samuel Haeferd, two young men of Rutherford county, convicted of burglary.

The Iowa deadlock has been broken. The Democrats get the speaker, the Republicans the clerk, and the other offices are divided equally between the two parties.

Ex-Speaker Carlisle and Speaker Reed have issued addresses defending the positions taken by their respective parties with regard to what constitutes a quorum.

The United States Government has at last recognized the Republic of Brazil. The Brazilian minister, Volente, was received with effusive cordiality by Secretary Blaine.

The bill appropriating \$10,000,000 to hold the World's fair in New York has passed the New York Legislature. New Yorkers think that this will insure their getting it, if it is held.

Mr. Henry Gladstone, son of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, was married Thursday to the daughter of Mr. Stuart Rendel, Home Rule member of the House of Commons for Montgomeryshire.

The Supreme Court of Montana has rendered a decision that the State Auditor must pay the mileage and salary of Thompson, one of the Silver Bow delegation elected by the throwing out of the returns of one precinct. This decision makes the Republican House of Representatives a legal body.

John Greenleaf Whittier recently sent a short poem, entitled the "Captain's Will," to Robert Bonner's Sons, saying that it was his last literary effort. A few days ago the venerable poet received a check for \$1,000 from the same firm. Mr. Whittier said that he was agreeably surprised, and that it would enable him to make some charitable contributions he was desirous of making.