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TEN LIVES CRUSHED OUT.

A Death-Dealing Cyclone Swoops Down on a Kansas Town.

HUTCHISON, Kas., May 1.—Wreck and ruin and loss of life were crowded into a brief space of time by a cyclone in the farming district, 20 miles east of this city, this afternoon. Ten lives were crushed out. About 4:30 o'clock the twisting, hurling cloud was seen to approach Patterson, a small station on the Frisco road, about six miles from Burton. Those who saw it say it resembled a great mass of flying smoke and dust from a prairie fire. The air was hot as if it came from a furnace, dry and filled with electricity. The storm struck about a mile south of Patterson and for 10 miles in a northwesterly direction left death and ruin in a patch 100 yards to a quarter of a mile in width. Ten persons were killed.

The two runaway boys from Alexandria, Va., who sailed to free Cuba, were apprehended in Havana and will be sent home at once.

At the session of the Alabama State Sunday School Convention at Mobile yesterday, the secretary's annual report showed that there were 226,711 scholars in the Sunday schools of Alabama and there are 470,000 children between the ages of five and twenty who are not in these schools.

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LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Exercises of the First Day and Night—Heavy Travel on the R. A. L.

Special to the Observer.

MONROE, May 1.—The delegates of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church assembled here in convention to-day. Among them are Mrs. E. C. Register, Miss Sallie Whisnant, Miss Lizzy Cressy, Miss Mollie Tyzzer, Miss Fannie Boyte, Miss Annie Misenheimer, Mrs. C. M. Crowell, of Charlotte; Mrs. J. J. Rone, Mrs. W. E. Cunningham, and Miss Ida Cart, of Pineville; Misses Glennie Morgan and Heath, of Matthews, and Miss Sallie Howie, of Waxhaw.

After devotional exercises the convention organized itself for the ensuing year by electing Miss Sallie Whisnant as president. The address of welcome was delivered by Miss Mamie Walsh, of this place, and the response was by Mrs. E. C. Register. Both were very appropriate and in exceedingly good taste. The reports and discussions were very interesting to the large crowds present both morning and afternoon. This evening Rev. W. R. Ware preached one of his characteristic sermons. Monroe is doing her best to make the short stay of the visitors pleasant.

Rev. Wm. Black returned this evening from Whiteville, where he has just concluded a meeting. —Miss Maggie Davis returned to Waxhaw to-day from a visit at Mr. J. R. Simpson's.

The travel on the Seaboard Air Line is still increasing and an extra sleeper has been attached to each train. Messrs. Gresham & Jamison gave 102 supper this evening.

CABARRUS LAYS OVER ROWAN.

The Dangerous Air Gun—Concord Religious Matters.

Special to the Observer.

CONCORD, May 1.—Since your Salisbury correspondent noted the fact that a cow in that place gives buttermilk I was told to-day that Dr. T. F. Pharr, who lives several miles south of this city, recently turned his milker into an orchard, and the cow ate apple blossoms until she has since been giving apple butter.

Yesterday Master George Lore was out shooting sparrows with his air gun and shot Master Willie Hall, who was with him, in the leg. The wound was only skin deep, however. Neither of the boys is more than eight years old.

Rev. M. A. Smith and Mr. W. R. Odell left this morning for Durham to attend the meeting of the board of trustees of Trinity College at that place to-day.

Mr. J. C. Hileman and Rev. B. F. Davis, of the German Reformed church, are in attendance upon the meeting of the North Carolina Classis at Thomasville. ——Rev. M. A. Smith, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist church, will begin a protracted meeting Sunday next. ——Revs. C. L. L. Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant; M. G. G. Scherer and J. D. Sherley, and Messrs. Richard Blackwelder, James P. Cook and others left to-day for Troutman, Iredell county, to attend North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Close Fight Probable at Greensboro.

Special to the Observer.

GREENSBORO, May 1.—The citizens' meeting last night did not amount to much, as only a few white people attended. In most instances, however, candidates for aldermen were put out and the present incumbent, Col. Jas. E. Boyd, was endorsed. A close fight is predicted between the two candidates. Of course all Republicans will support Col. Boyd, although he claims to be independent.

Collector Fitzhugh Lee Takes Charge.

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 1.—General Fithugh Lee, who has been appointed collector of internal revenue of the western district, to fill the vacancy caused by by the death of Capt. Shepperd, arrived in the city to-day and was duly installed in office. No change is anticipated in the employes of the office.

The New New York Police Commission.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Mayor Strong may appoint his new police commissioner on any day. Col. F. D. Grant, Andrew D. Parker and Theodore Roosevelt are going into the police board. John Monks will be a new deck commissioner.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For North Carolina: Fair in the western portion; showers in the eastern portion; warmer in eastern portion; northeasterly winds, becoming southeasterly.

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MY SON, Lister (Lies) Henderson, left home April 21st without my consent. Any information concerning him left with R. B. Caldwell will be gladly received.
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FOR SALE—A desirable building lot on Church street, between Eighth and Ninth. Apply C. C. Kennedy, Southern Railway station.

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THE LIBRARY CASE STILL ON.

BELIEF THAT ELLINGTON WILL WIN.

Medical Men Examine George Mills and He Will Hang—Lots of Revenue Seizures—Decision in the Deaf-Mute Money Case—The 6 Per Cent. Interest Law Hurts—The Preacher in Politics—A Faithful Old Colored Woman.

Special to the Observer.

RALEIGH, May 1.—This was the sixth day of rain. There has been no sunshine since last Friday and then there was but little. All crops save clover and grasses are being injured. There is usually a "wet season" in May and some think this has come earlier than usual.

The revenue officers made two raids yesterday. In Richmond county Deputy Gibson got an 80-gallon illicit still, but Frank Brown and Thomas Levister, its owners, escaped. In Rockingham county Deputies Davis and Smith captured two stills, each of 85-gallons capacity. Since January 1st of this year no less than 94 illicit distilleries have been seized in this district. These averaged about $200 in value. It is a record-breaking array of seizures within so short a period.

The very important case of Stanford against Ellington for title to the State Librarian's office, occupied the entire day in the Superior Court here. Stanford was on the stand and swore there was only one session of the Legislature March 13th, at which he was elected. In fact there were three sessions that day. He was asked why he did not, as clerk of the House, put on the journal the protest of Ray and other Democrats against the action of the fusionists, regarding the Fred Douglas resolution. Stanford's answer was that he did not consider that it was a regular protest, and hence had merely made an entry of its caption. This caused great surprise. He said he did not think the protest material.

Ellington, the contestee, has three defences: First, that the bill amending The Code regarding the election of State Librarian was not ratified until after Stanford's election under an amendatory act; Second, that the journal of the House shows that only 48 members voted for Stanford and one of the rules required that all present should vote; that 48 was less than a quorum and that this presumption is irrefutable; Third, that Ellington's term of office expired March 1st and his second term began that day; that the election of Stanford March 13th, after another term had thus begun, was illegal, and that the Legislature had no right to deprive Ellington of his office before two years from March 1st. Stanford contends that as the bill was ratified the same day as his election it relates back prior to the election and that the court will take no notice of a fraction of a day. He contends that as a quorum appeared to be present when the House was called to order March 13th the law presumes that this quorum continued. He contends that Ellington's term began March 15th. Ellington's counsel contends that the act in regard to the State Librarian, passed in 1893, provides that all chapters in The Code relating to the Librarian take effect March 1st.

The public impression here is that Ellington will be the winner in this interesting case.

In the case of the deaf-mute school against the deaf, dumb and blind institution, involving the question of which has a right to the John Kelley bequest, the court decides that the money must be divided between the schools of white and colored deaf mutes. The white deaf-mute school appeals to the Supreme Court.

Money is hard to get here on loans, with best collateral. "It is going out on a hunt after bonds," said a prominent man to-day. "The 6 per cent. interest law has hurt us," he added.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of Central M. E. church here and also president of the State Temperance Association, has carried the temperance question into city politics. He has 75 votes under his control and said to-day these would probably be cast for Wynne, the Republican nominee for mayor, though there might be a change. He said the temperance people had made some demands, these being for the appointment of some officers, the early closing of saloons and the removal of screens or painted windows from the fronts of the latter.

Few things are more beautiful than the devotion of an old family servant. This was illustrated here to-day in a particularly feeling manner. A young girl, from Newbern, was taken to Asheville for the benefit of her health and died there. Her attendant was a colored woman whose whole pleasure in life it was to minister unto the wants of this child of her "old master and mistress." The faithful nurse closed the eyes of her well-beloved dead, had the body embalmed and then left with it for Newbern. This devoted friend had herself paid all the expenses. She had actually eaten nothing for 24 hours, and when people here begged her to eat she refused to do so, saying she could not. This faithful old colored woman has relatives North, and they urged her to come to them, but she said no, she intended to go to Newbern and there spend the brief remainder of her days looking after the grave of her beloved dead. "Faithful even unto death" ought to be put over the grave of this devoted woman when her kindly eyes are closed.

Governor Carr late this afternoon acted on the reports made by the three physicians—Kirby, Hines and Carr—as to the sanity of George Mills, the condemned murderer in Wake jail, and declined to commute the death sentence; so Mills will be privately hanged in the jail yard here day after to-morrow on the same gallows on which Orange Page, a negro murderer, was executed last August. Great efforts were made to save Mills' life, the claim being that he was feeble-minded. The physicians, one of them superintendent of the insane asylum here, say Mills understands the enormity of his crime, and talks about it and other subjects calmly. His appearance indicates a much lower order of intelligence than is really the case. He is neither insane nor imbecile but is legally and morally responsible for the crime of murdering his niece. His moral sense is not blunted and he is entirely competent to distinguish right from wrong.

The railroad commission to-day served notice on the Western Union Telegraph Company to show cause why it should not be fined for contempt for not giving the 25 cent rates to points in eastern North Carolina and for disobeying the order of the commission and the Supreme Court to make that rate.

Shot Because He Surrendered.

Staff Correspondence of the United Press.

HAVANA, May 1.—Lieutenant Valentine Gallego Gonzales, of the government army, was shot to-day in accordance with the finding of a court martial, because of his having capitulated to the insurgents at Ramon de La Yaguas, in the Guantanamo district. Gonzales was in command of the fort at Ramon de La Yaguas and surrendered it to the enemy after a charge by the latter.

The bondsmen of ex-City Treasurer Csisek, of Mount Clemens, Mich., have been notified that there is a defalcation of funds amounting to about $10,000 and they are requested to make the shortage good.

SHOT THE WRONG MAN.

Would-Be Railroad Robbers, One a Murderer, Pursued and Captured by Police.

ST JOSEPH, Mo., May 1.—The Burlington officials here received information last night that the Omaha express would be held up at St. George, a suburb of this city. Six or seven tough looking men had been hanging around there for a couple of days. The information was furnished by a hotel man named Haag, who overheard the plot. He notified the officials and they frustrated the attempt.

At 6 o'clock this evening a young man named Richard Rau was sitting in Haag's place, when one of the supposed gang, who afterwards gave the name of Thomas Farrall, stepped in the door, drew a revolver and shot Rau through the stomach, fatally wounding him. Then he ran out to where a partner, who says his name is Dan Howard, was awaiting him, and the two ran up the railroad tracks followed by several citizens, who began firing at them. A running fire was kept up for some distance without effect when the two escaped among some box cars. Later they attempted to cross the Missouri bridge into Kansas and were pursued by ex-Sheriff Carson and Officer Barry.

The officers overtook them at the west end of the bridge and ordered the fugitives to halt. Howard was covered by Carson and surrendered, but Farrall drew two revolvers and opened fire, shooting Officer Barry through the arm. Then Farrall dashed down into the brush, followed by Barry and Officers Frans and Shea, who had by this time reached the scene of battle. A running fire ensued in which over 40 shots were fired. Farrall was finally shot through the left breast at a point just above the heart and is in a dying condition. Farrall is supposed to have come from St. Louis. When he ran out of Haag's place, he yelled to his partner: "I have shot the wrong man," disclosing that it was his intention to kill Haag for giving the plot away to the officers.

CAPT. CARTER SLIGHTLY BETTER.

Confederate Veterans Organize—Lindley Training School Opened—An Asheville Pastorate Accepted—Prof Hidden There.

Special to the Observer.

ASHEVILLE, May 1.—At a meeting of Confederate veterans here, Z. B. Vance Camp of United Confederate Veterans was organized, with Col. Jas. M. Ray commandant and Wm. E. Breese adjutant pro tem. Committees were appointed to prepare for the proper observance of Confederate Memorial Day, May 10th. Part of the celebration will consist of exercises at the First Baptist church.

The Lindley Training School, an institution for the reformation of fallen women, was opened formally yesterday. The home is situated a few miles west of the city and cost $10,000.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Felix, of Lynchburg, Va., has accepted the call recently extended by the Asheville First Baptist church, and will be here to take charge of the pastorate Sunday.

Prof. Wm. E. Hidden, American manager of the Piedmont Mineral Company, is here purchasing machinery with which to begin gold-mining on the company's property in Burke county. The property is to be fully developed. Prof. Hidden will spend one week of each month here.

Collector Carter is thought to be slightly better to-night.

THE "HONEST MONEY DEMOCRATS."

The Honest Money League in Illinois Issued an Appeal.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 1.—An address relative to the called convention of Democrats of Illinois and the monetary question was issued to-day by the Honest Money League of Illinois to the Democrats of Cook county. The address declares it to be "unwise in policy and dangerous to the financial and commercial interests of the country to establish, or even advocate, the free and unlimited coinage of silver, without international co-operation, at the ratio of 16 to 1." It declares the calling of the State convention to be wholly unwarranted and contrary to all party precedents, as well as calculated to destroy the national character and influence of the party. It closes by appealing to all honest money Democrats to ignore the State and county conventions.

An Arrest in Salisbury—The Damon and Pythias Play—Personal.

Special to the Observer.

SALISBURY, May 1.—The Knights who have the beautiful drama Damon and Pythias in hand are very enthusiastic over the play and promise a rare treat. Visitors from Charlotte, Concord, Lexington, Statesville and other points are expected.

A negro was captured at the Vance Cotton Mills this morning by Messrs. Campbell and Page, employes of the mill, for whose arrest a reward of $200 is offered at Savannah, Ga. The negro answers the description sent out, it is said, in every particular.

Miss Bessie Henderson, who has been in Washington the past month or two, returned last night. She is much improved from her vaccination, from which she suffered severely. —— Rev. C. B. King, Rev. C. A. Rose and Henderson M. Brown left this morning for Troutman to attend the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Reports of Decisive Insurgent Victory.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 1.—A cablegram to the Times-Union from Key West, Fla., says: It is reported here that a battle was fought yesterday between the insurgents under Gomez and Spaniards under Salcedo. The fight occurred near Guantanamo. Gomez had 1,000 men and Salcedo 2,000, but the latter was defeated with heavy loss.

It is also reported here that the five Spanish officers, who were with Lieutenant Gallego when he was surprised by the insurgents, were shot at Cabanas this morning. Gallego was shot at Santiago a few days ago.

Strong Appoints a Fire Commissioner.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Austin E. Ford was to-day appointed fire commissioner by Mayor Strong to succeed S. Howland Robbins. He was summoned to the mayor's office at 10 o'clock and took the oath of office. Edward Einstein, the lately appointed dock commissioner, was re-appointed by the mayor to-day. The mayor did this to escape any involved question relating to the terms of office of the new appointees.

Minister Ransom's Health Improved.

A letter received in this city last night from Mr. Robert Ransom, private secretary to his father, Hon. Matt. W. Ransom, minister to Mexico, dated City of Mexico, April 27, said: "I am glad to be able to say that father's health has greatly improved and that he has entered upon the active discharge of his official duties."

Near Carlinville, Ill., on the Chicago & Alton, the engineer and fireman of a train returned the fire of would-be train robbers. Engineer Holmes was killed, and one robber captured, two escaping.

In the New York Assembly yesterday, at Albany, Mr. Ainsworth introduced a resolution bitterly condemning the administration at Washington for not enforcing the Monroe doctrine in the English-Nicaragua complication. The resolution passed, 91 to 13.

THERE IS TOO MUCH SECRECY

IN REGARD TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

The State Department Sends Out a Circular Containing the Monroe Doctrine—Nothing New Develops in the Nicaraguan Situation—The Republic Anxious to Reach a Settlement.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—So far as is known here there have been no new developments in the international complication in Nicaragua, and no official advices have reached here in regard to the situation beyond a dispatch received to-day by the State Department, stating that the Nicaraguan government yesterday sent a cablegram to Senor Medila, the Salvadorean minister at London, requesting him to lay before the British Foreign Office the proposition advanced by Nicaragua that the sum of money demanded as indemnity by Great Britain will be paid by the Nicaraguan government within fifteen days in London, provided the British troops are withdrawn from Corinto. Senor Medila is asked to urge upon Lord Kimberly the advisability of such a settlement.

In order to make better understood its position in the present trouble between Great Britain and Nicaragua the State Department has had printed for distribution to all persons interested on the bearing of the Monroe doctrine in the attitude of the British in landing troops at Corinto, a circular of convenient size, containing the text of the famous principle enunciated by President Monroe. There is nothing about the circular to indicate for what purpose it was issued, and the words "Department of State, Washington, D. C.," in the lower left hand corner of the last page, serve alone to show its origin. The circular is headed: "Extracts from the seventh annual message of James Monroe, President of the United States, dated December 2nd, 1823."

While the contents of the circular can hardly be defined as an official statement of the policy being pursued in the Corinto affair, it is nevertheless issued with a view to correcting what the State Department officials believe to be a popular misconception of the rights of this government in relation to the other American republics obtained through the annunciation and recognition of the Monroe principle. There has been much dissatisfaction among the officials of the administration over the fact that, barring an interview with an unnamed cabinet officer, the government has not defined its present attitude and thus saved newspaper and other criticism. It is claimed by these officials that a simple perusal of Monroe's famous message will show conclusively that it does not give the United States any semblance of authority to interfere between a Central American State and another sovereign State (in this case Great Britain) in the settlement of any difficulty they have had.

A government officer in speaking to-day on the subject voiced the views of a number of his official associates in these words: "The mistake of this whole affair has been the action of the administration in declining to make public its position in the situation. In this case the policy of silence which has pertained recently in connection with everything relating to our foreign affairs, has been carried to excess."

Several hundred requests have been received daily at the State Department since the British landed at Corinto, asking for copies of the Monroe doctrine and it is said at the Department that the circular was printed to supply this demand.

THE DURANT TRIAL.

The Murderer Proposed to Blanche Lamont, Though Engaged to Another Girl.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Blanche Lamont, one of the girls found murdered in Emanuel Baptist church, was commenced this morning. Mrs. C. J. Noble, aunt of the dead girl, was the first witness. She testified that on the night of the murder she attended prayer meeting at the church. Durant was there and asked her if Miss Lamont would be present. She told him no. Durant stated that he had met her niece on the car that morning and promised her a copy of "The Newcomes," which was asked for. He called at the house Friday morning following and left a copy of the book.

Durant had once accompanied Blanche to the park. In the early part of January, Blanche had heard that Durant was engaged to another girl. Durant denied it when spoken to about it. The rings sent Mrs. Noble by mail were shown to her and she identified them as having been on Blanche's fingers on the day of her disappearance. Just before Christmas, the witness said, Blanche told her that Durant had proposed to her and she thought that he did not mean it as she had known him so short a time. As she thought he was joking she mumbled an affirmative reply only in jest. When she learned that he was engaged, she told him that she would not marry him.

Durant was found guilty at San Francisco, Cal., yesterday, of the murder of Blanch Lamont.

CLASSIS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

The Opening Session Yesterday—Rev. J. A. Foil, President—Subjects for Last Night.

Special to the Observer.

THOMASVILLE, May 1.—The Classis of the Reformed Church in North Carolina met in annual session in Calvary Reformed church, near this place, at 11 o'clock to-day. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., of China Grove. His text was Eph. iv., 3, 4, 5. The subject was "Unity," and the sermon was pronounced a masterly effort.

Following the sermon the Classis was formally organized by electing Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., of Catawba College, president. The afternoon was taken up in hearing the reports of the pastors. These reports show prosperity in the different congregations.

To-night an interesting meeting will be held subjects assigned will be discussed. The Rev. Dr. Clapp, president of Catawba College, will speak on "Beneficiary Education." "The Heidelberg Catechism" will be the subject upon which Rev. Davis will speak. "Our Church Literature" has been assigned to Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Prominent among the lay members in attendance I notice Hon. A. C. Shuford and Hon. S. T. Wilfong. Maj. S. M. Finger will arrive to-night.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Queen Victoria arrived at Windsor yesterday. She is in excellent health.

General John Newton, president of the Panama Railroad, died yesterday in New York.

The Socialists May Day demonstration in London yesterday was a miserable affair.

The Little Gleaners of the Second Presbyterian church will meet to-morrow afternoon.

Young Marshall E. Price is being tried in Denton, Md., for assault upon and murder of Sallie E. Dean. Intense excitement prevails and the sheriff is exercising unusual vigilance to prevent the lynching of the prisoner.

THE OLNEYVILLE MILL TROUBLE.

The Lock-Out is Because the Future of the Olneyville Market Must Be Guarded.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 30.—Notices were posted in the mills affiliated with the Manufacturers' Club to-night announcing that there will be a general shut down of all of these mills on May 13th, if the strike at the National Mills is not settled and the people in all of these mills are not satisfied to be at work on the present rate of wages by that time. The mills connected with the Manufacturers' Club are the Providence, National, Riverside, Weybosset, Saxon and Manton mills at Olneyville, employing over 6,500 operatives, and the Farwell mills at Central Falls, employing 500 more.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 1.—A manufacturer says of the causes that led up to the decision yesterday to close all the Olneyville Mills: It is difficult for the people to understand the condition of affairs in the Olneyville Mills. The manufacturers are in a position to see that they are confronted by a difficulty that threatens not only the business of the mills, but the prosperity of Olneyville as a manufacturing town. Long before the big labor trouble of 1893, Olneyville had obtained the reputation of being the centre of labor agitation, and the New York commission houses looked upon it as a place where it was questioned whether an order would be filled or not, as a strike was likely to be precipitated at any time.

The strike of 1893 only tended to confirm them in this opinion and since that time it has been very difficult for the Olneyville mills to obtain the best market for their goods. Again and again they had been given to understand that it would be impossible to send orders to Olneyville while such a condition of affairs prevailed and they had long ago decided that it would be necessary to take the bull by the horns and adopt some measures to protect themselves and put things on a better plane.

The present labor troubles compelled them to look with anxious eyes upon the future of the market, and it was therefore determined to take the action necessary to settle the issue.

It was for this reason that it had been decided to order a lock-out. If the market for the Olneyville goods was to be preserved the labor troubles must end at once, and for all time, and if the spirit of discontent continues to prevail among the help, the mills must be closed until they are ready and willing to go back and stay.

The closing of the mill gates will be for an indefinite period, but this means that the mills will not be opened until the trouble is settled, if it is necessary to keep them closed until next winter.

The Strike Will Affect 7,000 Workmen.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 1.—The weavers in the Weybosset Mills, Olneyville, went out at noon. Manton Mill weavers refused to work this morning and it is expected that the Riverside weavers will come out at any minute. A general strike in all the mills affecting fully 7,000 operatives is likely to be on before the day is over.

THE LAW'S DELAYS.

If Warden Sage Obeys the Deputy Attorney General, Dr. Buchanan May Never Hang.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Supreme Court officials say that if Warden Sage, of Sing Sing, literally construes the letter of Deputy Attorney General Hasbrouck, of New York, in the Buchanan case and follows its directions, Dr. Robert W. Buchanan has an unlimited lease on life. The Deputy Attorney General's letter to the warden advises him "to defer the execution of sentence against Dr. Buchanan until the appeal claimed to have been taken shall have been dismissed or determined."

Inasmuch as no appeal is docketed on the records of the Supreme Court, officials say there is nothing to be dismissed or determined. So far as the Supreme Court is concerned that tribunal does not know Dr. Buchanan; his fate remains wholly with the State authorities.

Buchanan Granted Another Week's Respite.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 1.—Dr. Buchanan, who was to have been electrocuted in Sing Sing prison to-day for poisoning his wife, was granted another respite of one week by Governor Morton to-day. This was done on the recommendation of District Attorney Fellows, of New York, who regarded it as the easiest, shortest and best way out of the complications which have arisen in the case. Col. Fellows assures the Governor that he can within a week clear away all matters connected with the alleged appeal taken to the United States Supreme Court on the habeas corpus proceedings, and also avoid all the sensation, trouble and expense connected with the taking of Buchanan to New York city for re-sentence.

Kimball Re-Elected President of the Norfolk & Western.

ROANOKE, Va., May 1.—The annual meetings of the stockholders of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, and fifteen allied corporations with headquarters here, were held in this city to-day. F. J. Kimball was re-elected president of all of the most important of them and he was also re-elected president of the Norfolk & Western. The Norfolk & Western board of directors for the next year was elected as follows: F. J. Kimball, Jos. I. Doran, Richard S. Brock, Samuel A. Crozer, A. J. Dull, U. S. Boyce, Walter H. Taylor, Henry Whelen, Harry F. West, H. S. Trout, Harold M. Sill, William B. Campbell and Clarence H. Clarke.

Gordon Granted Bail at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 1.—Upon the application of Fulton Gordon's attorneys, Police Judge Thompson this afternoon reversed the action of Special Judge Smith in refusing to release the slayer of his wife and Arch Brown on bail. Judge Thompson fixed the bond at $3,000 in each case, which was promptly furnished, and Gordon was released.

A Prominent Local Politician Charged With Counterfeiting.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 1.—Chairman J. B. Michener of the Democratic central committee of Stark county, and a prominent attorney of Canton, Ohio, was bound over to the October term of the Federal Court to-day by Commissioner Williams on the charge of counterfeiting. Bail was fixed at $2,000.

The Old Schedule Will Be Adopted at Jellico.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 1.—Miners and operators of the Jellico district have been in session since Monday discussing wage schedules for the next year. They have practically reached an agreement and the old scale will be adopted with only a few slight changes.

The Hotel Help Trains Pass Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The special hotel help trains from Jacksonville, Fla., en route to New York via the Plant System and the Atlantic Coast Line arrived here this morning at 8:26 and left for New York at 8:59, and the one via the Southern Railway arrived at 10:12 and left for New York at 10:25.

The Big Stone Gap Bank Fails.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 1.—The Appalachian Bank at Big Stone Gap, Va., has closed its doors. It was organized five years ago with $50,000 capital. Assets and liabilities are not given but it is stated that all claims will be paid in full.

THE COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

No New Developments from the Pocahontas Fields—The Company Hopes the Trouble Will Blow Over Soon.

ROANOKE, May 1.—A special to the World from Pocahontas says: "No new developments in the fields to-day. Everything is perfectly quiet with the probability that nothing of interest will take place before Sunday, and all of the West Virginia miners of the Flat Top mines are out, the South-West Company and the Browning mines at this place being the only ones in operation in the field. A committee of strikers will make an appeal to the miners here by printed circulars asking them to stand by the strikers by stopping work and thus prevent the reduction of the 20 per cent. posted by the operators. The South-West Company is preparing to open the West Mine which has been closed down for a year or two and to work it along with the East Mine."

Soon after the Norfolk & Western went into the hands of receivers, the Pocahontas Coal Company was succeeded as agents for the Flat Top operators by Castner & Curran, and a new adjustment of the arrangements by which the coal was handled was made necessary. At a meeting of the operators held in Bramwell last week it was decided to accept the proposition offered. This the operators claimed made it necessary to make the 20 per cent. reduction in the rate of mining. A great part of the traffic of the Norfolk & Western is the shipping of coal, and the strike, which has practically suspended operations in the