

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Married Under a Wish Bone of White Lilies.

THE MCCORMICK-ROCKEFELLER WEDDING

Ceremony in the Groom's Hotel Apartments.

FRIENDS AT THE BRIDE'S HOME

NEW YORK, November 26.—Miss Edith Rockefeller was married to Mr. Harold S. McCormick at the latter's apartments in the Buckingham Hotel at 12:30 o'clock today.

The apartments where the ceremony took place were beautifully decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums placed against a background of palms. The bride couple stood within a wash-bone of white lilies and orchids, beneath a waving burl of the same color. The guests were composed only of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.

Mr. McCormick's mother, Mrs. C. H. McCormick; his brothers, C. H. McCormick and Stanley McCormick; Mrs. Edmond Blaine and his cousins, the Misses Mary and Henrietta McCormick of Chicago, were present at the ceremony, besides the Rockefeller family. Miss Alta Rockefeller, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the following were the bridesmaids: Miss Caroline Rockefeller, Miss Scott, Miss Grace Scott and Miss Frances Adams. Mr. Stanley McCormick was best man.

The Rev. W. H. D. Faunce of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. John Hall of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were taken to her mother's home, where they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, on behalf of the groom's family, and where the bride and groom remained at the hotel.

CONDUCTOR BIRDSONG DEAD.

In Charge of the Train Held Up at Aquia Creek.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., November 26.—Capt. Merritt A. Birdsong, one of the oldest railroad conductors in Virginia, died at his residence in this city this morning. He had been running on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road for twenty-five years.

Capt. Birdsong enjoyed the distinction of being the only railroad conductor in Virginia ever held up by train robbers. He was in charge of the train which Morganfield and Seay held up at Aquia creek and robbed last August. He was shot both the robbers to Richmond to serve terms in the penitentiary.

Capt. Birdsong was perhaps the most widely known railroad conductor in Virginia. He had been ill about six weeks.

RIOT IN A STATE PRISON.

Revolt by Many Convicts Armed With Bars and Hammer.

JACKSON, Mich., November 26.—A desperate riot occurred at the state prison this morning. Deputy Warden Northrup was struck on the head with a hammer, and is thought to be fatally injured. Superintendent Coffey of the shirt factory was beaten into insensibility with a club, and Foreman Muller slugged with whatever the convicts could lay hands on.

The enraged prisoners also smashed a score of machines with hammers and iron bars. They were engaged in the riot for over an hour, but only eighty were concerned in the riot.

The trouble was caused by the foreman threatening to report Dick Hixley, a twenty-year man, for not doing his work properly. Hixley secured a club, and without warning knocked Muller down. The other officers rushed to the foreman's assistance, when several convicts took a hand and the riot broke out.

HAVE UNITED.

At Organization of Market Men Farmers Today.

The produce dealers doing business on the south side of the Center Market and north side of B street formed a permanent organization this afternoon, for the purpose of continuing to agitate the subject of the protest against the execution of the order of the District Commissioners for their removal from their present locations.

Mr. A. W. Smith of Montgomery county, Md., was elected president, and Mr. Wells A. Freeman of Ash Grove, a secretary. Additional officers will be chosen at a meeting to be held Saturday next at 1 p. m. The meeting will be held in the future make any communications that may be necessary with the Commissioners in writing instead of verbally, as heretofore.

Death of Maj. Wm. A. Dalton.

William A. Dalton, for many years a member of the firm of Dalton & Strickland, shoe dealers, but more recently a District employee, died at 3 o'clock this morning of paralysis after a brief illness. Mr. Dalton was for many years a member and officer of the Washington Light Infantry Corps, having risen to the rank of major in that body, and at the time of his death was an honorary member of the corps.

Mr. Dalton was interred in a vault in the cemetery until 5 p. m., when he was taken to the Washington Light Infantry Corps, having risen to the rank of major in that body, and at the time of his death was an honorary member of the corps.

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MRS. SLACK'S CHILDREN

The New Jersey Court Grants Her the Custody of Them.

A Sensational Turn in the Proceedings Today—The Perrines Fall to Appear.

TRENTON, N. J., November 26.—The habeas corpus proceedings before Vice Chancellor Bird, brought by Mary Kemble Slack, widow of William Slack, a former prominent society man of Washington, against Col. and Mrs. Lewis Perrine of this city, to secure the custody of her two children, who have been with the Perrines for some months past, took a sensational turn this morning.

Neither the Perrines nor the children were in court, and James Buchanan, counsel for the defendant, made a statement that the case was beyond the control of counsel, and that the Perrines and the children were out of the jurisdiction of the state in disobedience of the advice of counsel. He therefore moved that he and his associate, Carroll Gobbins, be permitted to withdraw from the records of the case, and to be held in contempt of court for Mrs. Slack, in view of the developments, asked to be permitted to submit testimony as to Mrs. Slack's legal right to the children, and that the Perrines might be issued providing for the delivery of the children to their mother.

Vice Chancellor Bird was much incensed over the "disobedience" of the Perrines to the court's orders, and he asked counsel not to press for a final order for the children until after disposition had been made of the outrage which had been perpetrated upon the court.

The vice chancellor was of the opinion that if an order was granted for the delivery of the children it would have precedence over contempt of court proceedings, which will be brought against the Perrines.

Counsel for Mrs. Slack then went into consultation on the vice chancellor's suggestion that he be not pressed for a final order for the delivery of the children, and the court took a recess until 12:30 p. m. when Mrs. Slack's counsel will announce the result of their deliberations.

At the conference of Mrs. Slack's counsel, Vice Chancellor Bird decided to take formal testimony to establish the legal right to the children. The testimony was taken and Mrs. Slack was awarded the custody of the children. Action will be taken against Mrs. Perrine.

Mrs. Perrine is the sister of the late Mr. Slack, and claims the children by virtue of the will of her dead brother.

Denied by Mrs. Slack's Brother.

Mr. J. G. Buckley of New York, brother of Mrs. Mary Slack, denies some statements made in the news dispatches in regard to the suit instituted by Mrs. Slack at Trenton, N. J., for the recovery of her children.

The particular statement he takes exception to is that Mrs. Slack had been advised by the vice chancellor to take the children to New York. According to Mr. Buckley, the fact was quite the reverse.

"The motion for adjournment and delay until the next day in Washington had been settled," he said, "was made in behalf of Mrs. Perrine, and was strongly urged, but just as strongly resisted by Mrs. Slack, who insisted that the children be taken to New York immediately."

Proceedings Begun Here. Through Attorneys Carlisle and Johnson, Mary Juliet Grand Slack and Catherine Adelle Slack, children of the late Wm. H. Slack, by their grandfather, W. H. Slack, today filed a bill in equity against Mary Kemble Slack, their mother, and others, praying that the defendants be restrained from instituting, prosecuting or defending any and all legal proceedings affecting the children, and that they be directed to enter the contest here over the will of their father.

On July 11, Slack died the 21 of last month, and by his will, dated July 12, 1885, bequeathed his entire estate to his sister, Mrs. Adelle Slack Perrine of New Jersey, in trust for the life of the children, and to be guardian of the children. Their mother filed notice of contest and also filed in New Jersey a petition for a writ of habeas corpus to secure the possession of the children.

The children, by the bill filed here this afternoon, desire that they should remain with their aunt, and that their father's estate should be administered by Mrs. Slack's efforts to regain possession of their custody they state that their aunt must depend upon the validity of their father's will, and that Mrs. Perrine, by her proceedings here and in New Jersey, be stopped by order of the court here until the contest over the will is decided.

Two Divorces. Alexander B. Bohrer, through Attorney Clarence A. Brandenburg, today filed a petition for divorce from Estella Adelin Bohrer, of the District of Columbia, who was withheld from publication.

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The Star's circulation is believed to be five times that of any afternoon paper in Washington—no other afternoon paper makes public its circulation. On this basis it is therefore easy to calculate that a fair rate for space in other afternoon papers would be one cent a line where The Star charges five and 1 1/2 cents a line as against The Star's charge of 7 1/2 cents.

THE HOUSE OFFICES

Contest for Clerk Becoming Close and Members Holding Off.

WHAT MAY BE DONE IN THE CAUCUS

H. Clay Evans on the Claims of the Southern Republicans.

ONE CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS

The contest for the office of clerk of the House is becoming so close as to make it difficult for the uncertain members who desire to be found on the winning side to make up their minds whose candidacy to support. This holding off of many members is having the effect of prolonging the crisis in the fight and adding to the difficulties of the managers in fixing up their slates, as it leaves too many figures in the doubtful column.

Both sides are claiming the victory, however, and the claims are being made in all quarters.

Charles Sargent, whose police know as "Buck" Sargent, a colored blacktail about eighteen years old, was a prisoner in the Police Court today on a charge of having seriously assaulted a companion named John Williams. Charles was sent to jail on this charge, but, owing to the serious condition of the injured man, it is likely that before the case is tried the charge will be a more serious one.

On B street northwest between 21 and 31 streets these colored individuals, who had been good friends and were managed to get into a dispute over some trivial matter. Words did not satisfy the combatants, and they separated Sargent threw a brick, which landed against Williams' head. So great was the force of the blow that Williams fell, but was able to get up and go home without any assistance.

Later Williams' head pained him and his sufferings became so intense that he went to Freedman's Hospital for treatment. The doctor, Dr. M. J. McKeen, learned of the affair and an investigation soon convinced him that it was necessary to take some action in the matter. This he did by making a warrant for Sargent, and the arrest was made last night by Police-man Newkirk.

Sargent admitted that he had thrown the brick and that he did so in self-defense. He said that he got on "cross words" with Williams and says he threw the brick after Williams had drawn a razor on him. "I wasn't going to let him cut me," said Sargent, "and that's the reason I threw the brick."

He refused to say what the trouble was about, but says he has witnesses who saw Williams have the razor.

Precinct Detective Hartigan, who is in charge of the case, says he has not yet found any witness who saw Williams have a razor, but he was told that they were fully fifteen feet apart when the brick was thrown.

The morning the patient was unconscious and it was thought at the hospital that he cannot recover.

Under proper treatment, was employed as a messenger in a physician's office, and the police say he was a hard-working young man, while Sargent blacked boots on street corners and made a living by selling the streets with other boys at other times.

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"No."

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BUCKET SHOP CASE

Judge Cox Decides That It is a Violation of Law.

A SURPRISE SPRING ON THE COURT

Defendant's Counsel Asks Permission to Produce Witnesses.

NEW EVIDENCE PRESENTED

Judge Cox, sitting in Criminal Court No. 2, today ruled that the "bucket shop" brokerage business in the District of Columbia is in violation of law—that is on the stipulated statement of facts presented to the court and read to the jury. The decision was made in the case of Daniel H. Ferry, who, together with Samuel C. Heald, Jr., was indicted Thursday last by the grand jury for setting up a gaming table, Money, Perry and Heald are the managers of the Hodgson Commission Company, stock brokerage in this city, and the case which was brought to test the applicability of the law in such cases was placed on trial Saturday last.

As stated in The Star, after the presentation of the testimony of one witness, Attorney C. C. Tucker, for Mr. Ferry, asked the jury to return a verdict in favor of a verdict of not guilty. The jury was then excused, and the remainder of the day devoted to arguments on the applicability of the law to the case.

The Supreme Court's Decision. In disposing of the motion that he instruct the jury to return a verdict in favor of Mr. Ferry, Judge Cox this morning quoted Reports, as follows:

"The generally accepted doctrine in this country is that a contract for the sale of goods to be delivered at a future day is valid, even though the seller has not the goods to go into the market and buy them; but such a contract is only valid when the parties really intend to deliver the goods at the price to be paid by the buyer; and, if under guise of such a contract, the goods are merely to be sold at the time and other the difference between the goods at the date fixed for executing the contract, then the whole transaction constitutes nothing more than a wager, and is null and void."

The Course of Dealing.

Judge Cox then considered the course of dealing in the alleged bucket shops, reciting the facts and quotations as supplied and customers order the purchase of stock at a certain price and deposit the price and a margin. In the majority of cases, said the court, there is no purchase of stock at all, and the broker does not incur any risk whatsoever. If the stock rises the contract is canceled, and the difference in the price is paid to the customer.

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MR. GIBSON'S SUCCESSOR

Eastern Shore Men Want Their Part of the State Represented.

After Election They Will Not Oppose Repeal of the Law Restricting Choice by Legislature.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., November 26.—The situation among the aspirants for the United States senatorship has not changed during the past few days, and no new name has come forward. The followers of Congressman Wellington are confident that the general assembly will elect him promptly at the proper time, and he is unquestionably the favorite candidate at present. Mr. Wellington has no formidable rival, as the other aspirants have small followings, and unless some effective combination is made, the appearance of a fight between a giant and a number of dwarfs is out of the question.

A number of eastern short politicians were in town today. They say they are unalterably opposed to the election of any western shore man, although some remark that should an eastern shore man be chosen to succeed Mr. Gibson, they will not oppose the subsequent repeal of the law which provides that one Senator shall be a resident of the eastern, and the other of the western side of the State.

The situation among the eastern shore candidates is somewhat peculiar. Nearly every county has its particular favorite, and the struggle for the especially desirable berths with the closest interest, and they will be prepared to profit by the slightest advantage. It is possible, however, that the general assembly will elect Mr. George M. Russom of Caroline as its representative.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

Exports of Gold to Be Resumed Tomorrow.

FOREIGN DEMAND LIKELY TO LESSEN

Railway Earnings Almost Uniformly Declared Satisfactory.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

NEW YORK, November 26.—The efflux of gold to Europe may be resumed tomorrow, considerably over a million being engaged by the several foreign houses this morning. The exchange market was described as steady, and was moderately well supplied with commercial drawings. The satisfactory progress reported in the London settlements, and the fact that foreign speculative holdings have been materially diminished during the last few months encourage a belief in the early appearance of a moderate demand for gold.

The reports of railroads for this season of the year, and the absence of any pronounced pressure to sell present holdings is a strong indication of confidence in ultimate results. As was the case yesterday, the day's trading centered largely in the interior shares, and declines being recorded in the western side of the market.

American Tobacco was the most sensitive member of the active group, a 2 1/2 per cent advance added to an already long list of gains. The price of the stock was 49 1/2.

Chicago Gold sold down 1 cent on early dealings, and Sugar, with more conservative action, was usually incident to a bear campaign, and fell fractionally from the opening level.

The denial of the report that the attorney general of New Jersey was about to institute proceedings against the company resulted in a moderate covering of room shorts, although the main situation is unchanged.

Manhattan was advanced one per cent almost entirely at the expense of an unwidely short interest, a process made possible by the undercurrent of strength exhibited throughout the regular department. The probabilities of a protracted period of speculative dullness are unaltered, owing to the presence of the trading element to abandon the recent pessimistic arguments applied to the better class of railroad securities. Some declines in the regular list are to be expected, especially should the industrial war continue, which is now highly probable, but no general reaction is to be expected by the weekly showings thus far made.

As the end of the year approaches, a gradual shading off in values is more than probable, owing to the narrowness of speculation and the usual forces operative at that season, but such a movement will, in likelihood, be but the forerunner of activity in the direction of material improvement.

The chronic defects of the present situation have been strongly emphasized for the benefit of Congress, and remedial measures are expected to be speedily inaugurated.

The trading of the last hour was dull, but American iron ready, the industrial iron acting independently of railway shares.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The following are the opening prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange, Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schler, 110 Broadway.