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T. J. WALLACE DEAD.

Prominent Missourian Passes Away—Funeral To Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bonneterre, Mo., March 16.—The T. J. Wallace of Centre Company, at [illegible] the Democratic party, [illegible] and political [illegible] of the 11th District [illegible] donations to all [illegible] especially the colleges of the district. He was especially [illegible] and was [illegible] a number of them in obtaining an education and started in business. He made many contributions to charity, of which the world at large never knew. His death casts a gloom over the entire community, in which he lived.

He was prominent in the councils of Masonry; member of the Lodge at Bonneterre, which bears his name. His wife, who survives him, is a cousin of Francis M. Cockrell, present United States Senator from Missouri; of the four sons who are living, the oldest, Roger, is connected with extensive mining interests in the State of California, Arthur is managing the family farm at home, T. J. Jr. is a student at Yale Law School and Wilber is a student at Yale College.

Mr. Wallace will be buried at Bonneterre Saturday at 11 a. m. by the Wallace Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Duval Commandery of Knights Templars.

T. J. WALLACE,
Who Died Near Bonneterre, Mo., Thursday.

THREE NOMINATED.

Those Who Desire to Succeed Archbishop Hennessy.

Dubuque, Ia., March 16.—The council of the Catholic Archdiocese has selected Archbishop Keane of Washington, Bishop Cosgrove of Davenport and Bishop Lenihan of Cheyenne, Wy., as candidates to succeed the late Archbishop Hennessy of Dubuque.

It is understood that a preference exists in favor of Archbishop Keane, but he is expected to decline the position. If Bishop Cosgrove becomes Archbishop, Bishop Lenihan will probably be transferred to Davenport and a new Bishop sent to Cheyenne.

Reception in Ruhey's Honor.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

La Plata, Mo., March 16.—Thomas L. Ruhey, who recently filled Congressman Benatorial primaries, returned home and gave a big reception in his honor in Central Hall today. He was met at the train by brass bands, fires and a brass band, and escorted to the Courthouse, where speeches were made.

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DEATHS.

DEVANEY—On Thursday, March 15, 1900, at 8:55 a. m., at her residence, No. [illegible] North Tenth street, Mary Ruth Devaney, aged 31 years. Funeral Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. from Second Christian Church, corner Eleventh and Tyler.

HILL—Wednesday, March 14, 1900, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Ezra B. Hill, beloved husband of Mary E. Hill (nee Lindley), aged 47 years. Funeral Saturday, March 17, at 2 o'clock p. m. from family residence, No. [illegible] North Ninth street. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Member of Aurora Lodge, No. [illegible], A. F. & A. M. and secretary of Commodore Foote Association of Naval Veterans.

McLEAN—Henry C. McLean, in his 16th year, at the family home in Kirkwood, son of the late Hector Duncan and Mary E. McLean. Funeral Sunday, March 18, at 1:30 p. m. from Eberle & Heres's rooms, No. 1108 St. Ange avenue, to St. Xavier's Church 2:00 p. m., Grand and Lindell, thence to Calvary cemetery. Interment private.

REYBURN—At Clear Creek, Washington County, Missouri, March 15, 1900, at 1:30 p. m., James A. Reyburn, secretary and manager Clear Creek Stock Company. Funeral Sunday. Interment at Caledonia.

WOOD—David P. Wood, suddenly, on March 16, 1900, at his home near Gray's Summit, Franklin County, Missouri, at the age of 32 years 1 month 16 days. Funeral will be Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

JAILED FOR CONTEMPT.

Mrs. Charlotte A. Duell Refused to Answer Questions in Court.

Kansas City, Mo., March 16.—Judge John F. Philips in the United States Circuit Court today issued an order committing Mrs. Charlotte A. Duell of Garden City, Mo., to jail for contempt of the referee of bankruptcy. The Court order instructs that she be held in jail until the accounts for a number of goods which she secured for her general merchandise store at Garden City, Mo., Duell bought $[illegible] worth of goods for her store between July [illegible] and December last she [illegible] and took advantage of the bankruptcy law. Examiner T. T. Crittenden was appointed referee and required Mrs. Duell to make a statement of what had become of the goods. In her statement she [illegible] accounted for. Mr. Crittenden could secure from her no clear statement of her affairs, and was forced to have her taken before Judge Phillips for contempt.

Mrs. Duell would make no definite answer to the question of the Judge. She denied that any of the goods had been spirited away. She had deposited no money in the bank. She kept no book accounts, and she would make no explanations. Mrs. Duell was ordered committed to jail in Bates County, Missouri.

SEMIANNUAL MEETING.

Illinois Local Fire Insurance Agents Convened in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—The semiannual meeting of the Illinois Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents was held here today with more than 300 persons present from all parts of the State. It was decided to take immediate action to check the alleged evil of the multiple policy contract. President R. M. Bennett, R. S. Critchell and others spoke strongly on the subject, President Bennett claiming the system was the main cause of the present high expense ratio of the companies. President C. H. Wordsworth of the National Association, with headquarters at Boston, was present and addressed the "Stipulated Policy Agents' Association." Other addresses were made.

NEW YORK PLANT CLOSED.

Tobacco Trust Threw Five Hundred Out of Work Friday.

New York, March 16.—The American Tobacco Company discharged its entire list of 500 employes, men and women, today from the cigar factory at Fifty-second street and East River, and it will move its plant to its factories in Richmond, Va., Baltimore, Cincinnati and Lancaster, Pa. This is the only factory the company had in this city.

Manager Gordon of the factory said that the shutting down was on account of the expense. "Labor is too expensive here," he said, "and we can get it cheaper in the other places."

CANCELED ALL RISKS.

Nippon Marine Insurance Co. of Japan Draws Out of Frisco.

San Francisco, Cal., March 16.—The Chronicle says that the Nippon Marine Insurance Company, Limited, of Osaka, Japan, has canceled and repudiated all risks and policies written in its name on its behalf in this city since January last, according about $[illegible]. Such is the information which came in the last mail from Japan. The company's agents in this city, H. M. Newhall & Co., who are at a loss to account for and bitterly resent the unwarranted action of the Japanese company. The agents and their clients are at a loss to surmise even what could have caused the Japanese directorate to take such arbitrary and sudden action.

TO PREVENT INVASION.

President Iglesias of Costa Rica Declares Himself Dictator.

New Orleans, La., March 16.—Advices from Port Limon and Greytown by steamer today say that President Iglesias of Costa Rica has issued a proclamation suspending the Constitution of the Republic and declaring himself dictator until after the threatened invasion on the part of Mora occurs or has been thwarted. The Constitution has not been suspended for two weeks. Costa Rica is in a turmoil, and troops are being put in the field in both countries are kept thoroughly stirred.

WAGES TO BE ADVANCED.

Forty Thousand Iron Molders Will Be Benefited.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—The Stove Founders' National Defense Association, whose representatives have been in session here for two days with delegates from the Iron Molders' Union of North America, have agreed to advance the prices paid molders 15 per cent over the figures in effect in 1898. The result means increased wages to about 40,000 iron molders in all parts of the United States.

Simmons—Reynolds.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., March 16.—Walter Simmons and Miss Effie Reynolds went from Chillicothe to Linneus yesterday and were married.

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INTERESTING NOTES FROM THE BOOK WORLD.

"As the Light Leads," a new novel from the pen of James Newton Baskett, author of "At You-All's House," is in press at the Macmillan Company's. Like his first book, the scene is laid in Northeastern Missouri, though it is not a "feature tale" in the sense that "At You-All's House" was. It is a love story of rural Missouri of the late eighties, when the political issues of that part of the State were at only second to the disputes of the Primitive Baptists and the Free-Will Baptists.

The extraordinary hold Miss Mary Johnston's "To Have and To Hold" is certainly maintaining its position of [illegible] independence. The book was published two weeks ago, and [illegible] thousand and twenty-seven copies. Even "Uncle Tom's Cabin" probably the most popular American novel ever published, sold about [illegible] copies in two months after publication, [illegible] copies of Mrs. Stowe's book sold in one year, but it took a year to [illegible] copies [illegible] number. To date the publishers of this novel are [illegible] their interest and satisfaction [illegible] reading public. The [illegible] discount enthusiasm [illegible] "To Have and to Hold" are [illegible] of Paul Leicester Ford's [illegible] romance, "Janice Meredith," which three months after publication had reached the total of [illegible] copies.

The reports of the leading libraries throughout the United States, as printed in the March Critic, show that one of the books most called for is Brooks's "Impressions of South Africa," the new edition of which contains the Architect's conclusions of 1881 and 1884, and an introduction bringing the work down to the beginning of the war.

It is said that James Lane Allen, in his "Choice of Love," which will be published by the Macmillan Company in the near future, has chosen for the scene of a novel in the hemp fields of Kentucky. The period of the story is around 1865. The chief characters are a young man and a young woman. The latter is a very child of the old South, and adapts herself to the new conditions of social liberty. The young man is a soldier, but along the lines of religion and scientific thought. Thus these two characters, both a child of a revolution, finally meet, and the latter half of the story shows their lives blend with each other. The young man represents the passage from the highest social emancipation to the strength and hardest manual work. The young man represents the passage from the lowest condition to the highest intellectual plane. Mr. Allen's love for the Kentucky backgrounds is evident throughout the book.

Jeanette Lee, the author of "Kate Wetherill," which The Century Company is to publish March 24, is the wife of the Reverend Gerald Stanley Lee, on the same date this house will present Jessie Weir Macdonald's "Autobiography of a Quack," Ernest Seton-Thompson's "Biography of a Grizzly," Captain Joshua Slocum's "Sailing Alone Around the World" and Edwin A. Davis's "Boston Broilers." Mr. Davis is a Boston man who has recently made his home in Colorado.

The Bowen-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, publishers of one of the successes of last year, "When Knighthood Was in Flower," of the Riley poems, and of many other successful books, has just received a telegram from a Toronto book dealer to this effect: "How soon can you ship 1,000 more Wolfs. Sold first edition on date of publication." The "Wolfs" here mentioned means Harris Dickson's novel, "The Black Wolf's Breed."

Not even excepting Jacob Riis, whose view of things in the city wilderness is always most cheerful, has any writer struck a more hopeful note in dealing with the slum and the tenement than I. K. Friedman in his "Poor People," a novel of tenement life and love. It strikes the note of idealism and sincerity, but above all rings true with humor, and the hopefulness that, too often, the writer of the romance of real life wholly omits from his work. Mr. Riis himself was first to call attention to this when he told of "Poor People." "It is full of tenement proof, that it is true, for the tenements of the poor are full of fun. If they were not, no one could stand living in them."

Apropos of the venue of the historical romance, it is related of "To Have and To Hold," Mary Johnston's story of the Jamestown settlement, that it had been followed throughout its career in the Atlantic to within a month or two of its completion by a practical, hard-headed man of business. The practical, hard-headed man of business one day had occasion to call on the publishers of the book at the Riverside Press. He espied the book upon a desk, and though he had come to sell paper, not to buy books, he refused to do anything until he had sat down in an out-of-the-way corner of the office and finished the story which had so seized upon his fancy.

The love story of "Tommy and Grizel" reaches one of its most interesting climaxes in the April Scribner's.

One of the curious things about the methods of modern war correspondence is shown in the April Scribner's, where H. J. Whigham's article on the battle of Magersfontein appears richly illustrated with photographs, which were developed, printed, and engraved thousands of miles from the battlefield. Mr. Whigham will know nothing of his results until at some future day he picks up a copy of the magazine. He simply knows that he snapped a camera in the direction of the fighting and inclosed the films in a tin box.

Those who expect to read in this season will be particularly interested in Miss Yarfield's article on "The Charm of Paris," which is to appear in the April Scribner's, with abundant illustrations by a group of the best modern French artists.

On March 1 the Century Company had sold 200,000 copies of the three books by Rudyard Kipling which bear its imprint—"Captains Courageous" and the first and second "Jungle Books."

Both the January and February St. Nicholas are out of print, the large sale of the two numbers being attributed to the popularity of the new departments, "Nature and Science" and "The St. Nicholas League." Outdoor study and scientific investigation are aided and encouraged in both of these departments, and the youthful readers of the magazine have shown a prompt and hearty appreciation of the opportunities thus thrown open to them. Various prizes are offered, to stimulate their interest in the tasks assigned them.

"Mirry-Ann" is the title of a new novel of the Isle of Man, which is to be published immediately by D. Appleton & Co. This is described as a quaint and delightful story by a writer new to American readers. It is a love story rather than a drama, although there are dramatic episodes.

The four hundred and thirty-fifth thousand of "David Harum" is announced, and it is reported that the sales keep steadily on. Under the title of "David Harum in Figures" the New York Times Saturday Review has made some curious calculations, based on a production at that time of 430,000. To print that number of copies, 2,000 pounds of ink have been consumed, about 1,900 miles of thread have been used in the binding, and 5,865 reams of paper, weighing eighty-seven pounds a ream, have been needed for the book. The 430,000 copies represent 2,582,500 papermaker's sheets, each measuring 26x41 inches. If placed end to end the books would extend over a horizontal route for about fifty miles. If placed one upon the other they would make a tower seven miles high. And so the interesting axioms might be multiplied. But perhaps the greatest achievement is the part played by the plates from which the book is being printed. Only one set has been used to print the 430,000 copies. Over a year ago, when certain signs indicated that "David Harum" was fast winning an extraordinary popularity, a second set of electrotype plates was cast, to be used in case of emergency, but as well has the printer done his work that this set has not as yet been pressed into service."

An experiment of interest to readers of the Bible is announced by the Macmillan Company. They will publish immediately in current and popular English the Epistles of the New Testament. The work has been done by the Reverend Henry Hayman, D. D., [illegible] of Rugby School, "Honorable Canon of Canterbury," the author of [illegible] and editor of Rabbinic Hebrew [illegible] Bible. The aim of the work is to present the Epistles in a form in which the average reader may read them. In the letter the spirit, he restores the freshness of every earlier version in our language, and the distinctive [illegible] which have taken place in our native tongue. The authorized version is printed on the left-hand pages, and the modern English on the right.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL TO SMITH ACADEMY BOYS.

AUTHOR'S ADDRESS ON "SCHOOL SPIRIT."

Advocates College Athletics and Class Organizations—Good Advice.

At Smith Academy yesterday morning Winston Churchill, author of "Richard Carvel," entertained the boys with what he declared was his maiden speech. Mr. Churchill was attended in his visit by two of his classmates, William G. Pettus and Allen G. Orrick, who graduated from the academy with Mr. Churchill with the class of 1891. Professor Charles P. Curd, principal of the academy, introduced him as "the most extensively known graduate of Smith Academy."

Mr. Churchill's first remark brought his audience in touch with him and with his subject. "Mr. Curd has told me I could speak two and a half hours, but I suspect the boys would not care if I spoke longer, inasmuch as regular recitations will be suspended pending my remarks." His general subject was "School Spirit." He compared the school of fifteen years ago with the modern Smith Academy, and heartily indorsed the loyalty and school feeling.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Charles, Mo., March 16.—The thirty-fourth annual conference of the St. Charles District M. E. Church, South, adjourned this evening after a three days' session. It has been a busy meeting and the attendance was unusually large.

The various committees submitted reports which were adopted. Jonesburg and Flint Creek were placed in nomination as the place for holding the next district conference and Jonesburg was selected by a close vote. The Committee on Resources in their annual conference submitted a report recommending that the Reverend James A. Mellor of the Center Work and the Reverend Thomas M. Taylor of the Whitefield Work be admitted to the annual conference. The report was adopted.

M. A. Dorsey of O'Fallon and James Noble of Wayhalla were elected as alternate delegates to the annual conference at Fulton in September. The Reverend Z. M. Williams, president of Central College at Fayette, was present and made an address in the afternoon. This evening he delivered an educational sermon. The Epworth League Conference also adjourned this afternoon after a two days' session, during which it was decided to hold the next league conference at Jonesburg at the same time as the church conference. During the session addresses were made on various topics connected with the Epworth work. The Reverend M. F. Crow presided over the league during its sessions, and papers were read and discussed at length by the delegates.

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