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HON. B. K. BRUCE,

Register of the Treasury,

Died Last Thursday Morning at 8:30 O'clock,

IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

HON. B. K. BRUCE,

INVESTIGATORS' REPORT

May Be Presented to the Government This Week.

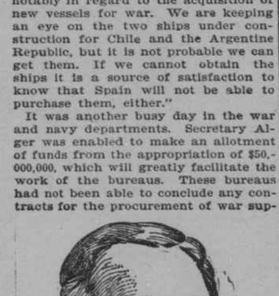
TWO NEW WARSHIPS PURCHASED

They Were Built For the Brazilian Government, But Are Now the Property of Uncle Sam—Warlike Preparations Continue in All Sections.

Washington, March 16.—"The general expectation of the members of the cabinet," said one of them after the meeting yesterday, "is that some report will be received during the present week from the court of inquiry examining into the cause of the Maine explosion. Yet," he added, "it would not be surprising to us if the report should be delayed for a longer time. We have nothing on which to base this hope that I know of, only the feeling seems general that what I have said will be the case. There is nothing at hand as yet to indicate what will be the nature of the findings of the court.

"Today our time was occupied in a general discussion of the measures under way for the national defense, notably in regard to the acquisition of new vessels for war. We are keeping an eye on the two ships under construction for Chile and the Argentine Republic, but it is not probable we can get them. If we cannot obtain the ships it is a source of satisfaction to know that Spain will not be able to purchase them, either."

It was another busy day in the war and navy departments. Secretary Alger was enabled to make an allotment of funds from the appropriation of $50,000,000, which will greatly facilitate the work of the bureaus. These bureaus had not been able to conclude any contracts for the procurement of war supplies, because no allotment had been made, but yesterday afternoon the ordnance bureau was given $2,500,000, and business went forward with a rush. It is true that this sum is already mortgaged under provisional arrangement made during the past week, but with the assurance of more funds to come the work of the bureau is now moving rapidly.



CAPTAIN SAMPSON.

The construction of five modern dry docks was agreed on yesterday by the house committee on naval affairs. They are to be located at Portsmouth, N. H., Boston, League Island, near Philadelphia, Algiers, near New Orleans, and Mare Island, near San Francisco. These docks, all of which are to be entirely new structures, are to be of wood except those at Algiers and Portsmouth. The indications now are that the dock at Portsmouth will be built of stone and that at Algiers of steel. There is a strong disposition in the committee to increase the navy, in addition to the three batteries recently authorized, by the construction of some of the smaller vessels of war. It was stated today that the committee may authorize the building of about ten torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, costing in the neighborhood of $1,500,000 for all.

In all sections of the country the manufacture of ammunition and arms is being rapidly pushed, and several establishments are working day and night. In addition to this a bill has been introduced in congress, at the request of the administration, admitting naval stores free of duty for a period.

At a conference between the war department and railroad officials on Sunday arrangements were perfected for the speedy transfer of troops to points along the southern coasts.

The Army and Navy Register, of New York, publishes an article asserting that the president and his advisers have information from the Maine court of inquiry that the disaster was caused by a submarine mine, and the warlike preparations being made are the result of that information.

Negotiations closed Monday by the triumphant purchase by the navy department, in London, of the two fine cruisers built and building at Elswick for the Brazilian government. Possibly the officers took more pleasure in closing up the business in this manner because of the knowledge that the Spanish agents have been striving to secure these very ships, to whom it is said they would be of much greater value in case of trouble than to the United States, the United States flag will be hoisted over the new ships within a week, probably, and just as soon as the crew can be put aboard the Amazonas she will start for the United States. The other vessel will follow at the earliest possible moment. The terms of sale are secret.

The two Brazilian vessels will be extremely useful additions to the United States navy in either war or peace, in the opinion of Secretary Long. They are steel, sheathed and coppered, with twin screws, and will be the first cruisers in our navy to embody that most important useful feature of naval construction, sheathing, for which Constructor Hichborn has worked earnestly for many years past. He finally succeeded in having some of the smaller gunboats constructed on this principle. The Amazonas is rated at 3,600 tons displacement, with an indicated horse power under natural draught of 7,500, which is calculated to develop 20 knots speed. Thus, while the ship is about the size of the Charleston, she is much faster. Her armament is also much more formidable.

The new cruiser Amazonas, according to present plans, will be manned entirely from the San Francisco. The latter vessel sailed yesterday morning from Libson, and will arrive in the Tyne about Friday. It is expected that she will divide her officers and crew with the Amazonas, placing Lieutenant Commander Arthur P. Nazro, executive officer of the San Francisco, in charge of the latter vessel. Without doubt the Amazonas will be gotten across the ocean as soon as possible, and it is expected that the San Francisco will convoy her.

ACTIVITY AT SANDY HOOK.

And the Navy Board Busily Inspecting Proposed Auxiliary Cruisers.

New York, March 15.—The 300 artillerymen ordered from Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth to Sandy Hook were transferred to the latter point yesterday. Under the direction of army engineers hundreds of soldiers and workmen are busy mounting guns, building ramparts and laying other defenses at he Hook. Not since the civil war has such activity been seen there. All women and all children under 16 years old have been ordered from the Hook. The wives of many of the workmen left Sunday. Hundreds of masons, carpenters and other mechanics are working on the additional quarters needed for the artillerymen. They are nearly completed.

The special board on auxiliary cruisers is kept busy. The list of vessels available, including steamships, yachts, tugs and other craft, which is now in the hands of the navy department, includes nearly 1,000. The great majority of the vessels are at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, where they will be inspected and the list sifted down to those worth considering. As fast as the facts in regard to the vessels are filed consideration will be given to the work of arming them in the best and most speedy manner for effective use. The members of the board remaining in the city are giving especial attention to steam yachts and sea going tugs today. Only those with hulls of iron or steel will be considered, as wooden hulls are not deemed desirable. The board decided not to detain the St. Louis, and she sailed for Europe this morning.

INQUIRY BOARD QUITS HAVANA.

Captain Sampson Wants to Continue the Sessions at Key West.

Havana, March 16.—The Mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed last night for Key West. Captain Sampson, president of the board, assured the correspondents that the decision to leave Havana was not reached until yesterday afternoon, after a consultation of the members. It was decided that, while further testimony might be obtained here, this was not sufficiently likely to justify a longer stay. The court can return if the divers or wreckers make discoveries that add to the stock of knowledge now gathered.

Captain Sampson hopes the court will be allowed to resume its sittings on the battleship Iowa, now near Key West with the flagship New York. All the officers of the court except Judge Advocate Marix are stationed on the Iowa or New York, and on the former the court could be absolutely free from interruption. The greater part of the investigation that remains will consist, unless the court returns here, of a careful study of the plans.

GENERAL MILES IN NEW YORK.

Activity in Military and Naval Circles Continues Unabated.

New York, March 16.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army of the United States, visited the headquarters of the department of the east today. While his visit is ostensibly to attend the military tournament in Madison Square Garden, he will doubtless take occasion to look into the condition of the fortifications about this harbor, over which he was formerly in command.

At the navy yard here there is the same activity that has been apparent for the last fortnight. A shipment of 300,000 pounds of powder was dispatched yesterday to Key West. This is the first shipment of the 400 tons of powder which the navy department directed to be forwarded from this yard. A six inch breechloading rifle intended for the cruiser Philadelphia was shipped to San Francisco by an arrangement that will get it to Mare Island almost as soon as if it had been sent by means of an express train.

A Female Cavalry Troop.

Denver, Colo., March 16.—A troop of cavalry, composed entirely of women, is a Colorado possibility in the event of war with Spain. Mrs. Martha A. Shute will organize the troop. She notified Acting Governor Brush of her intentions, and he advised her to consult with Adjutant General Moss. Mrs. Shute is secretary of the State Horticultural society. She is a fearless equestrienne and handles a gun very dexterously.

A Monster Steel Combine.

Cleveland, O., March 16.—One of the biggest pools the country has ever known was formed in Cleveland yesterday. All Bessemer pig iron producers in the Cleveland, Mahoning valley and Shenango iron districts are bound together by the combine. The only firm in these districts, it is officially stated, not included in the pool is the Cleveland Rolling Mill company, of this city. The pool will control the Bessemer market of the United States. A number of furnaces will be closed, and at the end of the year profits will be divided. Prices will be advanced 50 cents per ton immediately.

Spanish Police Kill Strikers.

Bilbao, Spain, March 16.—The strike that has broken out in the great iron mine at Somorrostro, 15 miles northwest of this city, has led to serious disturbances. The rioters stoned the police, who fired upon the crowd, killing three outright. Troops have been summoned to the scene of the outbreak.

Life Sentence For Koerner.

New York, March 16.—William J. Koerner, the newspaper artist, was sentenced yesterday to imprisonment for life for the murder of Rosie Redgate, his sweetheart, on Sept. 23, 1896. Koerner's attorney will appeal from his conviction.

B. H. Q.

BOTHWELL, VA., March 8, 1898.

The B. P. S. club gave their first grand entertainment on Friday night, March 4th, at the Bachelors' Headquarters at 7:30 o'clock. Vehicles could be heard and seen coming from different directions with the gentlemen bringing in their lady friends, while in spite of the inclemency of the weather many could be seen wandering their way on foot, and at 8:30 p m the Bachelors' Headquarters was packed from pit to dome and every one was enjoying themselves to the full extent of their heart's desire.

The charming young ladies were looking at their best while those of the young men that could not keep up with the bell cow were galloping with the gang. When the hour of 12:30 arrived, we were ushered into the dining parlor and quite a sensation was caused by the groans of agony which the table was undergoing from being over burdened with all the delicacies of the season, and when it was realized fully where those groans were coming from broad smiles could be seen on the faces of all that were present, and every one present did justice to the inner-man

At the hour of 2 a m we returned to the sitting-room where many were engaged in different games and others were busily engaged in the chit-chat. When the hour of four o'clock arrived we were again ushered into the dining parlor, where we found the table heavy ladened with all the varieties of fruit, ice-cream, cakes, candies and wines of all kind; there we spent the time pleasantly, each one giving satisfaction to the inner-man. At the hour of 6 a m many of us could be seen wandering our way home.

Among those present were Mr. J. T Lightfoot, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was enroute to Old Point Comfort. He also visited the Sabbath-school on Sunday morning and our souls were fed with wholesome food from an address delivered by Brother Lightfoot. He left on Monday morning, the 7th, on the 7:15 train over the famous C. & O route to Old Point. Call again Brother Lightfoot. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C.; our popular school teachers, Misses A, V. Johnson, of Richmond and S. F. Terrell, of Taylorville; Mesdames J. W. Randolph, Louisa Thomas, R. F. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lightfoot, Messrs. James Harris, of Hewletts, Isaac Watkins, of Ashland, Misses Susie and Mattie Terrell, Louisa Fountain, Sarah Robinson, Belle Taylor, Agnes and Addie Thomas, Emma and Josie Pleasants, Sarah Lightfoot, of Chilesburg, Caroline Co. Va. Annie Carter, Pattie Guy, Rosa Lightfoot, Belle Nelson, Fanny Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris, Mr. Dickens Cornelius, Masters Phillip Thompson, Lewis Johnson and James Lightfoot, Messrs. Jesse Robinson, Willie Thomas, Marshall Pleasant, Harry Thomas, Richard Greene, J. W Randolph, A. W. Thompson, John Lindsey R. J. Robinson, J. R. Thompson, E F. Lightfoot, president; E. C. Ferrell, secretary.

Much credit is due the B. P. S. Club for the manner in which they conducted such a grand entertainment.

RAMBLER.

REV. PAYNE SPEAKS AGAIN.

REPLIES TO THE PEOPLE'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

More About the Money.

Explanations Concerning the Dividend—The Trouble with a Director.

WAS NOT OUSTED FROM THE PRESIDENCY.

Disagreements and the Cause of Them. The Provisions of the New Policy Criticized.

RICHMOND, VA., March 14, '98.

Mr. Editor:—

In my article dated February 21, 1898, in reply to a circular that has been put out in the city by the People's Relief Association, which article appeared in your issue of March 5, 1898. I completely routed that ill-gotten trash and shall spend no time in speaking of it here. I write now, however, concerning a confused mass of literature, which appeared in your columns the 12th inst. I would say first of all, that the public can see very plainly that the writer evades the issue and does not argue anything as against the strong defense I made. He is like a didapper, who at the crack of a gun jerks his head under the water But some of those things have been shot by men; and, if this one keeps on he will be shot. Yes, he is struck already.

This writer evades the issue by asking a series of questions, and by charging me with being aided by an expert clerk, and with taking two weeks to prepare my article; and of promising to give the public a four column article and there were less than two.

Well, when I showed my article to the editors, they said, they thought it would take about four columns, therefore, I quoted them. If the writer just real s on me, I will furnish him brain and an expert clerk too, for he is sadly in need of both

Now, the first question he asked, whether I can give the names of the seven members of the Board who said they would have voted for me in the annual meeting That question is very suggestive, and I have two answers. The first is, that, I remember when Paul was accused by his enemies, he declared the manner of his life and said, "Which know all the Jews, if they would testify?" But we have never read of their ever testifying to this fact. The next answer as the question suggests, may be found in Dan. 2nd chapter and 9th verse The second question; about my speaking in high terms about all of the members of the Board before Deacon R. J. Bass, but now speaking of them as conspirators. The word conspirators carries with it the idea of persons who lurk in the dark, and not making their real purpose known until they have their plans well laid as they suppose Since I spoke to Deacon Bass, I have learned some things that I did not know then. And, another answer to the second question; the writer breathes hot and cold air at the same time. For in that circular refered to, and in the so-called article that appeared in the PLANET the 12th instant, it charged me with having spoken against some members of the Board and almost in the same breath confessed that I spoke in high terms of all the members of the Board to Deacon R. J. Bass. Reconcile these two statements, gentlemen.

The third question charges me with wanting more money. This is utterly false, as you yourself know. The fourth question, about the old and decrepid members, is not worthy of my notice. The fifth question, about who would object to their daughters making $5 00 a week as an agent of the Association. The answer to that question is this; of the agents, about one makes $5.00 a week and sometimes a little more, and that is a daughter and not daughters. There is no objection to any one making that amount if he can do it upon pure principle; but the objection is to their being compelled to secure lies in the form of a circular through the city for $5 00, or $4.00, or $3.00, or $2 00, or $1 60. And some folks will not let their daughters nor their wives go about the streets collecting at any price, but will hold it out to other men's daughters.

The sixth question charges me with receiving the most benefit from the Association. I will state by facts and figures further on what I got and who gets the most. The seventh question Yes, I will fight it from the pulpit and everywhere else because the members of the Board are responsible to competent. For there is a well defined principle that if a city should harbor a traitor that it should be held responsible, and should be fought until the head of the traitor is thrown over the walls. The eighth question refers me to the 25th chapter of Matthew. This shows that the writer is unacquainted with the Bible. For there is nothing said in that chapter about the settling of personal difficulties. Since the writer does not know what chapter in which such instuctions may be found, that fact shows two things, that he does not read the word of God, and therefore does not know when the instructions are carried out according to the scripture. For that individual who had something against me was prating around the streets, behind my back for months before I had heard of it when it was his duty to have seen me, if he wished to go according to the scripture, which scripture can be found in Matthew 18th chapter and not the 25th chapter.

Since he failed to carry out that scripture just quoted above by me, I hold that I did carry out another scripture which says, "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift." I saw that brother, if I must call him a brother, and asked him what did he have against me, as such was rumored around; and he said, he had nothing But still he went behind my back telling others that he did have something against me, and finally stopped speaking.

Moreover, he treated me with contempt when I went to the office in the discharge of my duty as President and in the Board meetings on Tuesday nights. Some of the members of the Board noticed that fact themselves. Our office is intricate. The Nickle Savings Bank, the People's Relief Association and the office of that individual are all in one, and withal, it is his private residence. Now, shall I leave my home, my high calling as a minister of the gospel, pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church to go to a man's private dwelling and private office to be insulted and treated with contempt? God forbid!

The ninth question; on the night of January 21, 1898, the meeting called by R. J. Bass and Rev. R. B. Hardy, B. D, called or styled an arbitrators' meeting, it happened that all the members were present except two. It was in this meeting that I recounted all that had happened with regards to this matter; proving by witness that I had seen the individual, and that he had denied that he had anything against me. He owned up in this meeting that I had seen him, and that he did say there was nothing of it; and in this same meeting of Jan. 21st, said he did have something against me and that it concerned the Association as well as himself. I proved that he had carried the false statement from the meeting of January 11, '98, that the Association had turned me off. He owned up to this before those present; when every man present said that such a statement was not true They worked on him a great while to get him to tell what it was that he had against me, which thing he hesitated about for a long time. So I decided never to put my foot in the building again under such circumstances.

Deacon R. J. Bass had acted as President during all this time, and when they saw that I had cornered my man they then exclaimed that it was not a Board meeting, therefore, they could not do anything. But I hold that they could have acted then, if they had wanted to, or, if not then, seeing that the thing did concern the company and was calculated to do harm, they could have brought it to the Board meeting. Since they failed to do this, I shall hold them responsible.

This man has done and is doing his mean work and is hid in the company. Therefore, I shall direct my aim at it until they clear their skirts Yes, my son-in-law, Rev. R. B. Hardy, B. D, was in this meeting of January 21, '98, and, if called upon will testify to what he saw and heard.

The tenth question; about the ($580) five hundred and eighty dollars, I am charged with getting ($77.44) seventy-seven dollars and forty-four cents.

The answer is this: that in a previous meeting of the Board ($500) five hundred dollars were declared a dividend, this to be divided equally among the ten men of the Board, which was ($50) fifty dollars a piece I got my ($50) fifty dollars and the ($25) twenty five dollars as a present, or salary as they call it, $2 08⅓ per month The ($2.44) two dollars and forty-four cents which go to make the ($77 44) seventy-seven dollars and forty-four cents, I will explain:

Mr. Henry Cooke, one of the directors was absent from many of the meetings during '97 and heavy fines were put upon him, which fines, up to December 21, 1897 amounted ($22.00) twenty-two dollars. The Board had in a previous meeting decided to divide this twenty-two dollars among the nine members. This being equally divided into $2 44 and a fraction apiece. When mine was handed me, I refused to retain it, and gave it back to Mr. Cooke, with an explanation, in the presence of them all, as he himself will testify.

When the other members saw my example and heard my words, some of them gave him some of theirs back; some gave $1 00, some 75 cents and some 50 cents. So then it can be plainly seen, that I got only ($75 00) seventy-five dollars and ($77 44) seventy-seven dollars and forty-four cents.

In my last article, I made mention of the ($580) five hundred and eighty dollars that had been taken away from the ($1180) eleven hundred and eighty dollars, and I purposely withheld the explanation, for what it was taken, because I wanted them to tell it. Since they have told what I got, and added falsehood, I will tell the gettings of every man. Each man got his ($50) The treasurer got his present of Five Dollars; the man who rents us his office, and occupied the same himself, got his house rent, which, with his Fifty Dollars as dividend amounted to One Hundred Dollars or more. The association pays the business manager, Ten Dollars per week, which is Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars per year. The assistant clerk Four Dollars and fifty cents per week, which is Two Hundred and Thirty-four per year. Now, I would like to know, who gets the most, the man who gets Fifty as dividend and Twenty-five Dollars as salary in a year, or the one who gets One Hundred Dollars or more as dividend and rent, and who has Two Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars, to be added to that, or I, who got Seventy-five Dollars in all? Consider. Or another, who gets Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars in a year and his dividend of Fifty Dollars, making Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars?

Hear and consider which is the largest sum; Seventy-five Dollars or the above mentioned sum? I would say further that I had warned them in the meetings of the danger, that was coming, and also said in my last article, that without a change in the management of the affairs a collapse was inevitable. And behold! that change has come; and it is doubtful if it is death unto death, which I will show a little further on. I wish to show my readers just here, the conflicting statement, as made by my enemies, by quoting from their circular, and the so-called article, which appeared in the PLANET of last week. "We do not know of any unpleasantness between any officer and the Board of Directors"

Just below, I will quote from the article as follows: "Have you forgotten that the meeting of the 21st of January last, was arranged by your son-in-law, and our President, as arbitrators to settle the difference between yourself and the person referred to in your article? Did not the President at that evening lecture to the agents and the Board of Directors? And that by your request the members of the Board then present remained over to said meeting, and that your son-in-law, and the President objected to their taking part in the meeting as directors of the Association? Self-disputors.—I promised to show the change a little further on, and I shall be faithful to my promise. What is the change?

A new policy, about 15½ inches long and 13 inches wide. It promises so much in the beginning, and toward the end takes back almost everything What they do not pay for.

"If injury or death is the result of disappearance, suicide, attempted to commit suicide, intoxication or while intoxicated, hernia, immorality, vene-

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THE SOCIETY'S EXPLANATION.

Rev. Vass and th Collection of Money.

Why His Name Did not Appear.

DR. ROWLAND WRITES.

The following appeared in the Jacksonville, Fla., Evangelist of March 12, 1898:

"American Baptist Publication Society. 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, March 2, '98.

Rev. J M Waldron,

Florida Evangelist, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Brother:—My attention has been called to an editorial in a recent number of The Evangelist reflecting somewhat upon the Society for not including the name of our District Secretary, Rev S. N. Vass, among those asked to receive special offerings for the debt of our Society. We certainly intended no reflection on Mr. Vass, whom we hold in the highest regard and esteem. The explanation is to be found in the fact that we conducted this special effort entirely in the north, only appealing to a limited number of churches.

LIMITED TERRITORY.

"Had we made a general effort we would of course have included Mr. Vass's name, but as the effort was intended only for a limited territory we not only omitted Mr. Vass's name but also the names of Drs. Luther, Robertson and Hatcher of Atlanta, Dallas and St. Louis. I think that you will see from these facts that no reflection whatever was intended. We make no difference here between white and colored in any way, and, as I have already said, we regard Mr Vass too highly to do anything whatever which could reflect in the slightest degree upon his character and his relations to our Society.

Very truly yours,
A. J. ROWLAND."

B Y. P. U.

Quite a large number attended the Baptist Young People's Union of the Fifth Street Baptist Church on Sunday the 6th inst. The programme rendered was indeed interesting and all who attended were highly pleased. The union is steadily growing in interest. Quite a number of visitors was out on last Sunday evening. We would say "Come again." We are always ready to receive visitors in our midst.

The following programme was rendered: Song, "Rock of Ages." Scriptures Reading, Acts 24:24-25. Prayer by Brother Steward; Song, 'Over the Line." A very excellent paper was read by Brother Richard Beverly; Song, "Simply Trusting." A very excellent duett was rendered by Brother John Mabrey of the Moore St. Church and Brother John Graves. The duett was worthy of commendation; Reading of Pledge, Song, Collection, Benediction.

Come out on next Sunday afternoon A fine programme will be rendered. You will not regret having turned out. The executive committee of the Local Union is requested to meet with us on Sunday, March 20th, 1898. Don't forget that our meeting is held every Sunday afternoon, and all are invited to come.

MISS ANNIE HASKINS, President,
MRS LUCY WALKER BEVERLY, Sec'y
B. H. P.

A Brilliant Marriage.

A large assemblage attended the Mt. Zion Church, Powhatan County, Wednesday, February 23rd at 4 P. M, to witness the marriage of Miss Etta Bells to Mr William St. Taylor.

The bride was tastefully attired, while the groom was up to the order of the day Miss Sallie Bradley of Richmond was bridesmaid and Mr. George Morris groom-servant. After the ceremony was performed by Rev. T. P. Harris, the happy party wended their way to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs. Richard Taylor where an excellent repast had been prepared.

Next day the newly married couple took up their residence at the new house of the groom, which had been furnished with all that could be desired to make a happy bride.

Mrs. Dickerson's Demise.

BOSTON, MASS., March 10, 1898.

Mrs. Emily J. Dickerson of 277 Church St., Newton, Mass., passed away on Tuesday, March 9th at her home. Death was due to paralysis. Deceased was born in Nelson County, Va., 60 years ago, and coming north had spent the last few years of life in Newton. Although a constant sufferer she bore it with christian fortitude and left the blessed assurance that she has gone to rest.

Two sons James L., and Joseph and a host of sympathizing friends to mourn their loss.

A Card of Thanks.

BELLS CROSS ROAD, LOUISA CO, VA.

Dear Editor,

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to return thanks to the members of Galilee Baptist Church for the gold watch that was made a present to me on the 6th of February. I thank them ever so much.

The following were the committees: Mesdames Mattie Hackney, Mary Ware, Mr. Frank Boyd.

Pastor of said church,
REV. D. A. COLEMAN.

ANNUAL INSPECTION AND BANQUET

Of the First National Baud—An Enjoyable Evening.

On last Wednesday, the magnificent hall of the First National Band was the scene of gaysty and many of our best and most respectable citizens assembled to witness the first annual inspection of the above named band under the leadership of the efficient and accomplished musical director. Mr. James S, Starkes. Colonel Walker Johnson of the Knights of Pythias was chief of inspection, and declared in no uncertain tones that the band was up to the standard in the musical world. Both sacred and sentimental music was discoursed by this band, and sweet and exhausting were the strains of music to the ear.

After this, all returned to the spacious dining hall where a sumptuous repast was spread, and the inner man was completely satisfied. This band is rapidly making strides to the topmost round in the musical realm and solicit the patronage of the public.

Music furnished for all occasions. Leave orders at the hall, 1314 East Leigh St. Goodbye,

"IONIS."

AN ATLANTA SENSATION.

Lively Fight in the Dining Room of a Fashionable Hotel.

Atlanta, March 15.—The dining room of the Kimball hotel was the scene last night of a sensational encounter between Judge John Berry, of the city court of Atlanta, and Orth Stein, a well known newspaper man and at present editor of The Looking Glass, a weekly publication. The dining room was well filled, and the affair created the greatest excitement. Many ladies and gentlemen, on seeing the blood besmeared face of one of the combatants and a pistol flashing in the hands of the other, became panic stricken. Both Judge Berry and Mr. Stein board at the Kimball, and were at dinner at the same hour. According to Stein, Judge Berry walked up to him, and without a word struck him across the forehead with a bottle of catsup, cutting an ugly gash and knocking Stein out of his chair to the floor. Berry then, Stein says, kicked him several times in the face, making bad wounds. Stein drew his revolver, but in getting it out of his pocket he loosened the breech. Berry then seized the revolver and pummeled Stein with it until he was nearly unconscious and his face covered with blood. The waiters and some of the guests, who had by this time mustered up courage enough to approach the two men, separated them and removed them from the dining room.

Judge Berry's side of the affair differs somewhat from the statement made by Stein. The judge says he walked up to Stein and spoke to him, saying: "How do you do?" Stein did not reply, and Berry then struck him. The revolver, Judge Berry says, was drawn intact from Stein's pocket, and in order to prevent him from using it he (Berry) unbreeched it. Berry was arrested.

The direct cause of the attack was an article in the last issue of Stein's paper, but the real trouble dates back some months, and has a bearing on the support given Mr. Stein's paper.

GENERAL SOUTHERN NEWS

New Orleans, March 10.—William Harris, one of the two negroes who attempted to rob the store of Mrs. Caroline Middleton, of McDonoungville, opposite this city, Tuesday night, was probably lynched, though no trace of his body can be found.

Rome, Ga., March 11.—A mixed train on the East and West railroad, running from Cartersville, Ga., into Alabama, went through a burning trestle near Ribland, Ala., yesterday. The engine and five cars went through the trestle. Engineer Spencer Phillips was instantly killed. He was buried under the debris and his remains have not yet been found. The passenger cars did not go over the trestle.

Abbeville, Ga., March 15.—The Bank of Abbeville has failed. Cashier Latham, in the absence of President Mehegan, made an assignment to Max Land for the benefit of the bank's creditors. Mr. Latham gave the assignee the wrong combination to the safe and left town. President Mehegan has been absent two weeks. The merchants of Abbeville are the principal losers. The amount of the loss cannot be ascertained until the safe is opened.

Nashville, Tenn., March 11.—Mrs. John L. Driscoll was found dead in her room at the Chamber of Commerce building yesterday afternoon, while her husband, in a dying condition, was seated in a chair near her. The discovery was made by a physician, who received a note from Driscoll asking him to call at his room, stating that his wife was dead and that he would be dead when found. Morphine had been taken, probably on account of ill health. Driscoll was a shorthand teacher.

Frankfort, Ky., March 11.—The senate yesterday passed the Goeble election bill over the governor's veto, and the house will do so today. The house passed the bill originally by a larger majority than the senate. This bill puts the entire election machinery of the state in the hands of three commissioners, who are expected to be W. T. Ellis of Owensboro, W. S. Pricer of New Castle and Charles B. Poyntz of Maysville. The commissioners will be selected at a Democratic joint caucus to be held tonight. These commissioners appoint all the election officers in the district and counties.

Pensacola, Fla., March 14.—Fort Pickens, which guards the entrance to this harbor on the east side, is the scene of great activity just now. It is considered one of the strongest of the old style of forts in the country. New six and eight inch rifle guns will be mounted on it. The big disappearing guns are now in position, and it is learned that the troops at Fort Barrancas are under orders to prepare for practice with them, which is expected to begin within the next few days. Large quantities of ammunition have been received at the fort and more is on the way.

Austin, Tex., March 16.—The attorney general has ruled that there will have to be two state elections in Texas this year. The regular election to elect state officers and congressmen, as well as legislators and county officers, will be held as usual the second Tuesday in November, but a special election will have to be held the first Tuesday to pass on some constitutional amendments. It was the intention to make this election fall on the same day as the state election, but this year November comes in on Tuesday. Thus this carelessness on the part of the governor and lawmakers will cost the state nearly $100,000.

Charlottesville, Va., March 14.—General John H. Watts Kearney and Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery Harrison were married at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Green Peyton, near here. The marriage was a private one, and only a few intimate friends being present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Lee, of the Episcopal church. General and Mrs. Kearney left on the 5:40 Southern train for New York, whence they will sail on Wednesday for a bridal tour in Europe. The bride is the daughter of the late Julian Harrison, of Elk Hill, on the James river. Her mother is a Kentucktian, whose maiden name was Phoebe Jonson. In the marriage license General Kearney's age is given as 54.

GEN. ROSECRANS DEAD.

The Veteran Warrior's Death Was Peaceful in the Extreme.

TO BE GIVEN A PUBLIC FUNERAL.

The Veteran Was Stricken With No Particular Disease and the End Came Through a General Weakening of the System—Two Children at Deathbed.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—General W. S. Rosecrans died yesterday at his home near Redondo. The old warrior's death was peaceful in the extreme. For several days he had been between life and death, at times unconscious and again in a comatose state. His splendid vitality kept him alive for days. At the bedside when the end came were a son and daughter of the general, Carl and Anna Rosecrans, and a number of immediate friends of the family, besides the attending physician, Dr. Hakes. His third child, a daughter, Mrs. O'Toole, lives at Helena, Ont.

General Rosecrans was stricken with no particular disease, and the end came through a general weakening of the system. When he was first stricken, more than two weeks ago, it was not supposed the ailment was more than an attack of the grip. He rallied several times, but the physician never held out much hope for recovery, and for the last three days the family and friends had known that the end was very near.

THE LATE GENERAL ROSECRANS.

The place where he died is called Rosecrans, in honor of him, and is near a station on the Redondo, about 12 miles from the city. The general had made his home there on a large ranch devoted to fruit raising for several years. General Rosecrans was possessed of a fine property, and his last days were spent in peace and plenty.

Arrangements are being made to have a public funeral for General Rosecrans, in which all the military bodies of this city and section will participate. A request will be made to have the body lie in state in the city hall until the funeral.

General Rosecrans was born in Kingston, O., Sept. 6, 1819, and was graduated from West Point in 1842. He served 12 years in the regular army, and then entered into business life. At the outbreak of the civil war he reentered the service and was made colonel of the Twenty-third Ohio volunteers. Three days later he was made brigadier general, and served with distinction throughout the war, rising to the grade of major general. After the war he was twice elected to congress from California, and in 1888 was appointed register of the treasury by President Cleveland.

ELEVEN LODGERS DEAD

As the Result of a Fire in a New York Lodging House.

New York, March 14.—Eleven men perished by fire in the Bowery Mission, at 105 Bowery, early yesterday morning. The bodies were recovered, but so disfigured as to make identification in most cases impossible. The register of the lodging house does not aid in the investigation, for Bowery lodgers as often as not register under assumed names. Again, such lodgers are often friendless, and leave none to miss them and search for them.

No. 105 Bowery is one of the best known lodging houses of that thoroughfare. It is called the Bowery Mission lodging house, and is conducted by The Christian Herald. In the basement of the building there is a cheap restaurant, while the ground floor is used exclusively for mission purposes, Gospel services having been held there daily for several years. The four upper floors are fitted up as a cheap lodging house, with accommodations for 150 men, who pay 15, 20 and 25 cents, according to the location of the rooms.

When the alarm was given and the inmates aroused a wild scene of excitement ensued. Many of the lodgers became panic stricken. They rushed into the hallways, and fell over each other in their efforts to reach the street. The majority of them saved only portions of their clothing, and several were naked.

Premier Salisbury to Go to France.

London, March 15.—It is officially announced that the Marquis of Salisbury, the premier and minister of foreign affairs, was greatly fatigued by Friday's cabinet council, and a return of the weakness from which he has suffered, following the attacks of influenza, supervened, with the result that Sir William Broadbent, his physician, advised the premier to take a complete rest in the south of France. Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury, and government leader in the house of commons, will deal with foreign business during the premier's absence. The premier has no intention of resigning.

Threatened Strike of Miners.

Cleveland, March 15.—Concerning the possibility of another great strike of coal miners, Thomas Young, manager of the M. A. Hanna Coal company, extensive operators in Pennsylvania, is quoted as saying: "A strike involving about 20,000 miners will probably soon be in full swing in central Pennsylvania. The operators declare they will not pay the Chicago scale, and the miners announce their intention to strike. It is probable that the Hocking Valley operators will sign the scale rather than lose their share of the spring business."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

New members are joining the Tuesday Night Bible Class. This is encouraging.

The members of the Association held their business meeting Friday night. They are planning for a special effort, Sunday March 28th at 11 A. M., at the First Baptist Church Special sermon by Rev. Thomas H. White.

Rev. D. W. Davis was very helpful to many in explaining the Sunday School last Saturday. Don't miss this opportunity.

Assistant State Secretary, Mr. W. R. Walker was greeted last Sunday by a large number of boys. His address was extremely helpful.

Prof. Benjamin H. Peyton delivered an address to the men last Sunday which was full of truth. Subject, "Are our lives worth living?" Our brother proved that he had carefully prepared for the hour, A solo suited to the occasion was well rendered by Director C. C. Williams. Our International Secretary Mr. W. A. Hunton gave us a hint upon the general work which electrified every man, and caused new love for the work. Benediction by Deacon Edinburgh Archer of the Fifth St. Baptist Church.

Come to the explanation of the Sunday School Lesson to-day at 5 P. M.

Boys' meeting Sunday at 4 o'clock.

Rev. A. S. Thomas will address the men, Sunday at 5:30 o'clock.

Come out to the Grand Literary Public meeting March 25, Friday night at the Sharon Baptist Church 8 P. M. Free.

Surprise Party.

A surprise was lead on Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith at their residence, 425 W. Duval Street on Tuesday night, March 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Wilson were the leaders of the party and deserve special mention for the manner in which the affair was conducted.

The following named persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Quarles, Mrs. M. R. Grey and mother, Mrs. Albert Hooker, Mrs. Joseph Loving, Mrs. Belle Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Nelson, Mrs G. L. Pitman and Miss Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey, Mrs. James Grey, Misses N. Jones, Alberta Burrell, Lillie Jones, Hattie Jones, Mary Evans, Mrs. Dennis Taylor, Mr. Floyd Pryor, Mr. Percy Wilson. Nine pieces of music was furnished by the Allegro Musical Club, and too much praise can not be given them for having rendered such excellent music which greatly enlivened the occasion.

Prof. Sourgeon Appointed.

James R. Spurgeon of Maysville, Ky., an old Richmond boy called at our office last Thursday evening. We were highly gratified to hear that he has been appointed Secretary of the Legation at Monrovia. He left Richmond yesterday morning for Hampton and will leave New York next Wednesday for Liberia via Liverpool Eng.,

Dr. H. L. Harris Returns.

Yielding to a very generally expressed wish of a number of my former