

MAINE EXPLOSION

Was no more an Accident than the Death of Caesar.

TRAGEDY IN HAVANA HARBOR

WAS ONE OF THE BLACKEST ACTS IN SPAIN'S LONG CATALOGUE OF CRIMES AGAINST CIVILIZATION, SAYS REV. MR. AUSTIN, IN AN ADDRESS LAST EVENING AT VANCE MEMORIAL CHURCH. THE FALL OF A PROUD NATION SKETCHED.

Last evening in Vance Memorial church, at Leatherwood, the pastor, Rev. C. B. Austin, delivered an eloquent discourse on "Spain's Contribution to Civilization." A very large audience heard the address, and the expressions of approval that were expressed after the service, showed in no uncertain manner the feeling of the people of this community. Mr. Austin said in part:

"In this time of the rapid succession of startling events, which have culminated in a tragedy of the sea which is full of promise in the results that must flow from it, the question may well be asked, 'What is the world's debt to Spain?' That fair land of romance, of chivalry, of poetry and song, containing a race of people who were at the height of their glory in the world, how much has it done for humanity?"

"Highly favored by nature in its position and resources, as well as in the vigor and intelligence of its people, Spain to-day holds an unenviable position among the nations of Europe. A land that is equal in area to France, as well located and as resourceful, it has squandered its patrimony, lost its proud position among the nations, and now faces the penalties of the outraged laws of God.

"That kingdom of mountain ridges and plateaus is capable of sustaining a large population, yet it has not half the number of people it contained in the days of Rome. With mineral riches practically inexhaustible, worked from a very early day, it is still one of the most favored and fertile countries of Europe. Stories of its fabulous wealth come down from remote antiquity. When Scipio captured New Carthage there fell into his hands 276 golden bowls, 18,000 pounds of silver, and an immense number of silver vessels. When merchantmen from the eastern shores of the Mediterranean returned from Spain they took back anchors of gold that they might thus economize in their freight. Spain has from her very position, and the fact of her invasion and war. In the blood of her people are strains of Iberian, Celt, Carthaginian, Roman, Vandal, Goth and Arabian blood. Her ancient pride was derived from a Roman source. Her austerity, perseverance and passionate-ness is of Moorish origin. Teutonic influences were wrought into her institutions. The first people were Iberians. Then came the Celts from France. In 160 B. C. there was intrusion of Phoenician civilization, followed by Greek. In 19 B. C., after 200 years war with the Romans, the subjugation was complete.

"When Rome dissolved the German tribes from the north came down. The Arabic conquest early in the eighth century was brief and brilliant. Then came a rapid development in commerce, science and literature, in which students flocked from all parts of Europe.

"But Spain did not keep pace with the rest of Europe in these matters. It is true that in discovery, colonization, adventure, in much of her history outside of Europe the nation exhibited many virtues, such as courage, endurance and foresight. Such names as Columbus, Magellan, Cabot, Vesputius, Ximenes and Leizaola are inseparably linked with Spanish civilization. The Spanish language sprang from the Latin, became one of the most extensive in the world, and included most of South America, Mexico, portions of Africa and the Philippine Islands.

"Her flag floated over a large portion of the western hemisphere. In the sixteenth century the empire of Philip the second attained to magnificent proportions. His fame for a time was greater than that of Napoleon. From that dizzy height Spain fell, perhaps because of her greatness itself, and the wealth from the distant lands that flowed into her coffers, introducing a luxury that was fatal to national life. In part it was due to the many wars, which sapped the blood of her people. But the old liberties were destroyed. Between the Pyrenees and Ferdinand and Philip the story of Spain is a story of blood. Absolutism in state and church, war carried to the point of bitterest cruelty, Spain well nigh annihilated herself, her population dropping to eight millions. Such judges of history as Drake, Cavendish, Hawkins, Raleigh and Sydney regarded the Spaniard as a child of hell. Under the baleful influence of the inquisition that proud nation went backward for 300 years. After a war against the Moors, lasting nearly eight centuries, they were finally expatriated, not as a religious crusade altogether, but from a spirit of greed which envied their possession of the richest province of Spain. Then followed the persecution of the Jews, by which 170,000 more of her valuable people were lost to her. The wave of the reformation scarcely got beyond the Pyrenees, her back by the inquisition, which charged with death in Spain and elsewhere of half a million people. Spain has been as cruel and inexorable with herself as with her colonies. Her cruelty, her hatred and injustice, and inhumanity have borne fearful fruit. She has had an opportunity such as few peoples have had, but to-day she is entitled to the hatred of mankind. She is reaping the harvest of her own evil.

"THE BLOWING UP OF THE MAINE IS ONE OF THE BLACKEST ACTS IN HER LONG CATALOGUE OF CRIMES AGAINST CIVILIZATION. It may never be proved to have had official origin. For the sake of humanity may it never be so proved? But it was the legitimate offering of that murderous spirit which has swayed the nation for centuries, and which now moves her to exterminate a people in whose veins flows her own blood.

"THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MAINE WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT, ANY MORE THAN THE TREASON OF JUDAS OR THE ASSASSINATION OF JULIUS CAESAR WAS AN ACCIDENT.

"The graves of the past are now opened, and as the millions of the bitter drops of the cup of humanity, the wrath of the Almighty is plainly seen in a catastrophe as distinct and instructive as that which overtook Babylon or Rome. The forces of this new land, which have their birth in the persecutions of other countries, are now massed solidly behind one personage. God grant there may be no war with Spain. BUT GOD GRANT THAT CUBA MAY BECOME A FREE NATION. And, who knows, perhaps even in Spain herself, a spirit of liberty, such as already dwells in a few souls, may become so strong under this chastening of God, that the land may be redeemed, and its exiles and ashes bring forth fruits meet for repentance."

EXCELLENT TALK

Given to Young Men at Y. M. C. A. By Rev. W. J. Wishart.

Rev. W. J. Wishart, of Allegheny, who so successfully conducted last week's series of meetings at the First United Presbyterian church, duplicated the good impression he made then, in a talk

made yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Simple and forceful, Rev. Mr. Wishart's style reaches home. He urged young men to be useful, and to follow the real purpose in life.

Rev. Mr. Wishart prefaced his remarks with an allusion to an address made to a graduating class, by a western college president, who used the words: "Young men the world needs you; and it needs you at your best." This statement is particularly applicable to the present time, said Mr. Wishart. The next few years are destined to determine the moral status in China, Japan and Brazil, to quote from missionaries.

In this country, the next few years—the opening of another century—will determine the religious status. This age is the crisis age, and it calls for the energy, enthusiasm and earnestness of young men. Christ is calling for strong young men to-day. "The world needs you, young men; and it needs you at your best."

The trouble has been that religious workers in the past have not been sufficiently well equipped. Young men should be strong, physically as well as morally, or mentally. The idea should not be to get Sandow physiques, but to keep bodies in the best possible condition—free from vice or disease. This also means that the best intellectual condition should be striven after. The world needs the best intellectual men, because opposed to the forces of Christ are men with strong intellects.

There are great odds often against attaining a good education, but said the speaker, history discloses the successful efforts for education by great thinkers, who broke down the barriers by their perseverance. And the world needs young men in the best state of spiritual fitness for the service of the Master. It should not be true that men are as ships that pass in the night, idly drifting. There should be an aim, a purpose in life. Live for Christ, should be the motto. No young man is at his best until he takes Christ for his Savior; that is the real purpose in life.

An old school of philosophers taught that happiness on earth was the real purpose, but the real purpose is usefulness. Men are put on the earth to make themselves useful, not for the purpose of enjoying themselves. The speaker referred to the book, "The Life of a Man," detailing the life of a man by that name, who had mastered athletics, stenography, and other pursuits until he mastered Sanskrit and other languages, getting a professorship in Oxford University. Yet while he was an athlete, a student and a scholar, he was a Christian. He knew that he was put on earth to be useful, so he went to Arabia and organized a splendid missionary movement. Eventually, he died of the fever peculiar to Arabia, but while his life went out his influence remains and continues to be an inspiration to all young men.

Rev. Mr. Wishart closed by asking young men to get the proper conception of life, and to attempt the work of lifting up Wheeling and community. This doing they will do a grand work and prepare for the home with the Father.

EXCELLENT MUSIC

Rendered by the Reorganized Fourth Street Church Choir.

The congregation of Fourth street M. E. church were treated to a splendid musical programme at last night's service. The choir had recently undergone a reconstruction, the double quartette giving way to the chorus which was so popular before. Director E. R. Bullard wielded the baton last night, and the efficiency of the new choir was deservedly commended.

The programme included an anthem, "Hear O Father," arranged by Ludden; "Oh, Lord be Merciful," sang by a female quartette; anthem, "The Golden Threshold," Nevins' arrangement; and a baritone solo, "Come Unto Me," Rosecrans' "Come Unto Me." These numbers were beautifully rendered, the choruses being especially pure and full.

The composition of the choir is as follows: Sopranos—Miss Zou Hastings, Mrs. Jessie Morris, Mrs. Dungan, Miss Adele Metzner, Mrs. Frank Lissberg, Mrs. Maude Travis.

Altos—Misses Kate Land, Minnie Wincher, Alice Walters, Lotie Jeffers.

Tenors—Messrs. O. P. McKee, Henry Cooper, William Dulin.

Bassos—Fred Frazier, J. C. Gray, H. E. Bowen, J. H. Devore, Frank Ehrhart.

THE SOCIAL EVIL

And Other Giants of Evil—There is a Pressing for Cales.

Yesterday morning at Wesley church Rev. S. P. Crummett preached a powerful sermon from the words, "Let us go over and possess the land, for we are well able," etc. He spoke of the courage of Caleb and Joshua in contrast with that of the other ten spies who were afraid of the giants who inhabited the land. He said more Cales are needed to-day in Christian warfare. We have giants to meet to-day, or rather the church has to meet them. There is the giant of the social evil that is yearly ruining hundreds of thousands of young people in every city, village and hamlet in the land. The giant of Sabbath desecration in the shape of excursions, the illegal selling of liquor, and many other ways to draw the young away from everything good and noble. The giant of the liquor traffic, entrenched as it is by law and behind the money power, is laying its blighting hand on everything good. We kneel in subservency to it on every election day throughout this broad land. Oh, for Cales enough to meet and vanquish it! It can be done if the church would arouse to a sense of duty.

The revival services at the Wesley church continue with unabated interest, night after night. There have been at least fifteen conversions, and quite a number of others are seekers. Large crowds attend every night and the interest is on the increase.

W. C. T. U. MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The W. C. T. U. of this city will hold a memorial service for the late Frances E. Willard, at Fourth street M. E. church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services of this nature have been held all over the country, and a special sermon on Miss Willard's life and work was recently delivered to the W. C. T. U. by Rev. B. E. Evans, at Zane street M. E. church. The programme next Sunday will be an interesting one.

TO BUILD AN ADDITION.

On Wednesday evening the congregation of the Third Presbyterian church will hold a meeting, to consider contemplated improvements and an addition to the church. A committee appointed to ascertain the needs, and the board of trustees will make their reports, and it is likely it will be decided to order the work done. The present church is too small in some respects and if the question of funds can be satisfactorily dealt with the church will undergo the proposed alterations.

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WELL RECEIVED.

The Intelligencer Suggestion for a Convention Bureau has

MET WITH HEARTY APPROVAL.

THE MATTER MAY COME UP AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—THE WORK OF PREPARATION FOR THE BIG REUNION, EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION, WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATORS' MEETING AND OTHER GATHERINGS.

The suggestion made in the Intelligencer last week that a convention bureau be organized under the responsible auspices of the Wheeling chamber of commerce, has met with hearty approval on all sides, not only among members of the chamber, whose membership is somewhat restricted, but among people who arrange their vacations so as to attend gatherings of bodies of which they are members.

One of the latter, in speaking of the suggestion remarked:

"Last year I attended three big gatherings, one in a West Virginia town and two outside of the state, and I am confident that with the assistance of a Wheeling convention bureau, such as you suggest, we could have bagged this year's gatherings of the three for Wheeling. This is a city of distinctive industries and numerous attractions which would appeal in our favor when intelligently and vigorously presented to organizations meeting elsewhere and which we desired should come here. I hope the chamber of commerce will take up the matter soon. I feel sure the business men of the city who are not members of the chamber, will come to its support liberally."

THE EDUCATORS.

The work of preparing for the visit of educators of the state, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the West Virginia Educational Association, June 29, and July 1, is being pushed vigorously by Superintendent Anderson and the principals and teachers of the Wheeling schools. Recently an executive committee was formed, of which Superintendent W. H. Anderson is chairman, and the other members are Messrs. F. H. Crago, J. C. Gwynn, C. S. Brilles and J. M. Hammond, and Misses Lizzie Clohan, Ettie Bingle and Mary Reppert. This committee has held several sessions already and is mapping out its plans for the entertainment of the visiting teachers, who will probably number from 500 to 700. It has been decided that the teachers, principals and superintendent will contribute one-third of one per cent of their yearly salaries as the nucleus of an entertainment fund. In addition to this amount, about \$200, it is expected the city board of education will appropriate a handsome sum. Entertainments will also be given by the several schools, the proceeds of which will be added to the entertainment fund. The sessions of the association meeting will probably be held at the Y. M. C. A. hall, or in the high school building. One afternoon and evening is to be spent at the Wheeling Park casino, where a reception will take place in honor of the visitors. The details of the programme will be announced later.

THE REUNION.

Chairman C. J. Rawling, of the reunion executive committee, will probably appoint in the near future a press committee, which will send bulletins to newspapers in the central states, giving particulars of the arrangements being made for the entertainment of the Arm of West Virginia veterans at the time of the reunion here next September. This ought to stimulate interest all along the line and increase the attendance.

The reunion committee on finance meets Wednesday evening at the chamber of commerce, when the attendance of all its members is earnestly desired by Chairman George Wise, who will announce plans of procedure in raising the \$6,000 it is estimated to be needed. The work will be divided among sub-committees of the finance committee. Chairman Stalnaker, of the transportation committee, was in Pittsburgh on Saturday, conferring with railroad officials. It is assured that both the Central Passenger Committee (west of the Ohio river), and the Joint Traffic Association (east of the Ohio), will grant liberal rates of fare on the roads entering Wheeling on the occasion of the reunion.

Captain F. H. Crago, a member of the invitation committee, suggests that it would be well for the Wheeling members of regimental organizations—even those that were not part of the Army of

the Potomac—to send a delegation to the reunion.

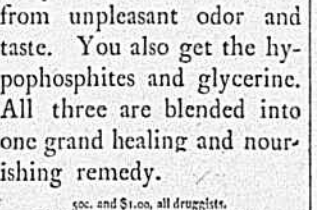
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UNDER BLACK WINGS

Neither Love Nor Duty Can Stay the Suicide's Hand.

Three Women, High in Washington Society, Kill Themselves Because They Believed Health Was Gone From Them Forever.

"Opening his mouth wide, he brusquely thrust the pistol-barrel into the very bottom of his throat and pressed upon the trigger." Of course the shot killed him. He had been challenged to a duel, and the fear of death drove him to suicide. Guy de Maupassant, the great French writer, tells the story. This is no mere fancy of a novelist. It is a dreadful, eternal truth. Men and women, living under the shadow of Death's black wing, fling themselves into the arms of the very enemy they dread. See the proofs of this in the matter-of-fact newspaper reports. Note that in a great city half-a-dozen persons will, in a single day, take their own lives. Why? Various motives are assigned, such as disappointed love, financial ruin, actual or impending disgrace and thwarted ambition. The most prevalent reason is not dwelt upon, except in rare cases, because to the unthinking reader it is less impressive than the others. Yet the fact that sufferers from real or imaginary disease, despairing of a cure, take their own lives, is the most appalling of all the doleful facts connected with suicide. Within a few weeks three women, moving in the highest society in Washington, killed themselves because they saw no hope of overcoming disease. They had struggled and hoped until struggle seemed vain and hope a mocking delusion. One day the shadow of the black wing was so near that it blotted out all the joy and sunshine of the world. The next day's papers told of a historic family's awful affliction.

Aliments leading to self-murder are roughly divisible into two classes: those that are mostly fanciful and proceed from ill-regulated nerves, and those of which the sym-

ptoms are misunderstood by patients and physicians. In the pitiless struggle for existence the sick are at an awful disadvantage. They are trampled under foot like lame wolves in the rush of their strong and hungry fellows. Small wonder is it that the invalid, gloomily reflecting on what he believes to be his hopeless state, resorts to pistol or poison; to the rope or the river.

A few dry words from his doctor have fallen on his ear like a death-sentence. In some medical book the sufferer has read of deadly diseases with symptoms such as he noted in himself. He concludes he has some disease he has read about, an inference as natural as it is unwarranted. Pride, duty and love are powerless to hold the suicide's hand.

Among the readers of this article may be some who have pondered long on the question whether a sick life is worth living, yet have not reached that pitch of despair when they would push themselves across the line between time and eternity. To them a few words of simple, temperate common sense. How do you know that you cannot be as well and strong as any of your neighbors?

cool. Passed up: Princess, Kanawha, Ben Hur, Keystone State.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 9 feet 2 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and mercury 54. Passed down: Argand and Virginia. The Little Kanawha is stationary.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

A very large vote was polled at the Republican primaries at Martin's Ferry on Saturday. The contests were for mayor, marshal, street commissioner, board of education, and council in the Second and assessors in the Third and Fourth wards. James W. Shipman was nominated for mayor; R. A. Lindemuth for marshal; Seth Howell for street commissioner; George W. Tweedy and John Vickers for board of education; Charles Downey for council in the Second, and Walter Duff for assessor in the Third, and Piere Coleman in the Fourth ward.

The total vote for mayor in the five wards was as follows: James W. Shipman, 356; John P. Beazel, 145; John Goodhue, 96; B. B. Williams, 47.

The total vote for marshal in the five wards was: R. A. Lindemuth, 232; Charles W. Ervin, 190; Brock Brown, 165; John H. Moore, 138; Elmer E. Moore, 134; William Renard, 14.

The total vote for commissioner in the five wards was: Seth Howell, 277; Martin S. Myers, 190; John McHenry, 112.

George W. Tweedy and John Vickers were elected members of the board of education, the vote standing: George W. Tweedy, 546; John Vickers, 455; J. T. Hanes, 332.

David Coss was nominated for city treasurer; Ernest G. Smith for city solicitor; Theodore Moore for water works trustee; C. S. Moore for electric light trustee, and F. H. Hadsell for cemetery trustee, all without opposition.

For council, Charles Downey defeated Charles James in the Second ward, the vote being 99 to 89. James Robbins was nominated in the court, C. H. Carpenter in the Third, J. C. Flynn in the Fourth and Lee Woods in the Fifth, all without opposition.

For assessor, Walter Duff defeated Jerry Ebert in the Third ward, by 98 to 83, and the vote for assessor in the Fourth ward was: Piere Coleman, 79; F. D. Stricklin, 40, and Robert F. Smith, 19. Harry Romick was nominated for assessor in the First, Frank Brooke in the Second, and Theo. Coss in the Fifth, all without opposition.

IN PEASE TOWNSHIP.

A big vote was cast at the Pease township Republican primaries held at Martin's Ferry. For justice of the peace (two to elect), Theo. Keller received 774 and S. A. Clemens 766; for township trustee, George Pitner received 490 votes and George Giffin 324; for township clerk, the vote was: William Morgan, 386; William Bartholomew, 241; William E. Thomas, 213.

A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

The gross receipts at the supper and entertainment given by the Twentieth Century Mandolin Club on Saturday night, were about \$350. Miss Clara Hildebom was the lucky contestant for the ladies gold watch, she turning in \$68.15 to \$44 by her opponent, Miss Sina Edwards. For the gentlemen's gold watch, Daniel Isaacs turned in \$44.60 and received the watch, his Wheeling opponent failing to show up.

MARTIN'S FERRY BRIEFS.

Vacant dwelling houses are scarce in Martin's Ferry. A real estate man said on Saturday that by the middle of the week there will not be an unoccupied dwelling house in Martin's Ferry. Several very poor houses were gobbled up last week. New people are arriving from different towns.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the Methodist Episcopal church next Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Joseph J. Richards, a well known Laughlin mill roller, was married to a young lady of Cleveland, and they have gone to housekeeping on Park street.

Rev. John Gray and daughter, of New Concord, are here on account of the serious illness of Miss Ellen Gray, the former's sister.

The Martin's Ferry Democrats will make up their ticket at Scheeche's hall next Wednesday evening.

Attorney George Duncan will move from the Shreve-Hervey building to the J. S. Harrison building.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zink and daughter, of Cambridge, were in Martin's Ferry over Sunday.

Misses Laura and Clara Rodgers, who have been visiting here, will return to Barnesville to-day.

Moss and Misses Emma and Blanch Gillespie spent yesterday at Portland Station.

Frank Harrison, of Barnesville, was calling on Martin's Ferry friends yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis and Mrs. Frank McCarty were at Steubenville yesterday.

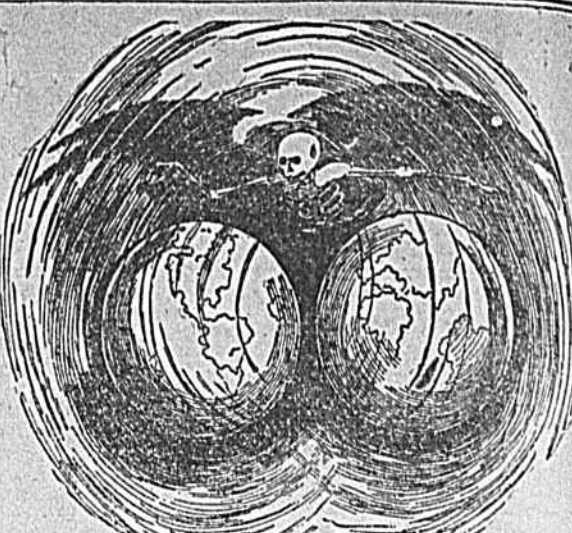
John Feetterer, of New Philadelphia, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Tobias Vickers, who has been sick with typhoid fever, is able to be out.

Miss Grace Lescure, who has been visiting at Harrisville, has returned.

J. E. Klytz, who has been in the east buying goods, has returned.

The condition of Miss Helen Gray was more hopeful last evening.



COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

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In pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Ohio county, West Virginia, entered on the 14th day of February, 1898, in a certain suit of the county of Ohio county, West Virginia, in which T. J. Huges, trustee, is complainant, and Theodore Kraft and others are defendants, I will on

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beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, at the north front door of the court house of Ohio county, West Virginia, all the real estate described in said decree, being all of the real estate of which John Kraft died seized, situated in the city of Wheeling, Ohio county, West Virginia, to-wit: Three-fourths of lot number one hundred and sixty-nine (169) in Chapline and Eoff's addition to the city of Wheeling, and being all of the said lot, number one hundred and sixty-nine, except what was conveyed by the said John Kraft and wife to Christian Wuhler by deed dated August 4, 1882, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of said Ohio county in Deed Book No. 25, page 540, being the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of said lot, fronting street one hundred and sixty-nine, and running back the same width westwardly sixty-one feet; and also except what was conveyed by the said John Kraft and wife to Ludwig Meier by deed dated August 4, 1882, recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of said Ohio county in Deed Book No. 25, page 531, being the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of the said lot number one hundred and sixty-nine, fronting sixteen and one-half feet on Chapline street and running back the same width westwardly sixty-one feet.

Said sale will be upon the following terms, viz: One-third of the purchase money, and such further portion thereof as the purchaser may elect to pay, shall be paid in cash; the remainder shall be paid in two equal annual installments, with interest on each of said installments from the day of sale, the interest on the second of said installments to be payable annually, and the title will be retained until the purchase money is fully paid.

The purchaser shall pay all taxes assessed thereon for the year 1897.

C. E. MORRIS, Special Commissioner.

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