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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 6, 1900.

As PREVIOUSLY stated in the Gazette "Snowdon," belonging to the estate of the late Major John Seddon, situated on the Rappahannock river, a few miles from Fredericksburg, and containing some 500 acres, was sold by public auction on Saturday last for $8,100. This sale possesses more than common interest. In ante-bellum days this estate consisted, as we remember, of some twelve hundred acres. The family mansion was spacious and comfortable. It was in its appointments and management a typical Virginia home and the seat of a generous, gracious hospitality. Major Seddon was a man of liberal culture, had traveled extensively in Europe and possessed intellectual and personal gifts that endeared him greatly to a wide circle of friends. He was an active, earnest democrat, and a prominent figure in Virginia politics. His accomplished wife was deservedly a general favorite, and possessed in rare measure the virtues and graces which made the old Virginia home so full of refinement, happiness and joy. It would be difficult to recall an atmosphere so replete with all the best elements of country life. The woods, the well-cultured fields, the happy contented servants, the children in their sports, the dumb creation, the grand river flowing in front from the foot hills of the Blue Ridge to mingle its waters with the sea—all these, and more, made up a picture which one who has once witnessed it would no willingly dismiss from his mind. It was idyllic, but the same may be said of many such country seats of the Old Dominion in the better days of her history.

Then came the shock of war—the havoc of a cruel, unsparing foe; the burning of the noble homestead at Snowdon as a vengeance upon the owner who had entered the Confederate service, the destruction of this charming abode of hospitality and refinement. This act was of a piece with many others all over the South. A special expedition, it will be remembered, was dispatched by General Butler to destroy the home of Senator Hunter, of Essex county, lower down the river. Neither gentleman was at home when the raiders came, both being in public service. Major Seddon died during the war, the victim of exposure in army life, but at no time did the wrongs of the enemy abate one jot of his patriotic devotion to the cause of Virginia. The people who perpetrated the savagery of which we write, and their descendants of today, are proud of all these cruel acts and have canonized the Shermans, Grants and Butlers, under whose orders these crimes were committed.

We need not pursue the history further than merely to allude to the fact that an estate which in 1860 was one of the best in Virginia, worth probably fifty or sixty dollars per acre, sold the other day at about six dollars per acre. By this fact we are able to measure the fruits and beneficence of republican rule and policies in the agricultural districts of Virginia and other portions of the South. Clearly if we owe anything to our conquorers it is not affection or gratitude. Grievious injuries may be forgiven, but, unfortunately, they cannot be forgotten.

Now that England and Germany have moderated their harsh and cruel demands upon China, Mr. Conger, the U. S. Minister to that country, has been instructed by his government to agree to the terms of negotiation for a settlement of the troubles between the allies and the government of China, and to sign that agreement at once. Mr. Conger experienced some of the inconveniences incident to besiegment in Pekin, and is wroth with the Chinese, and like the missionaries, thinks they ought to be destroyed root and branch.

As expected, the republican members of the ways and means committee of the U. S. House of Representatives have agreed to report a bill to remove the stamp tax on telegrams, checks and other bank paper, nearly all of which is paid by the rich, but the idea of removing the tax on salt, sugar or any of the other necessaries that poor people have to buy in order to live, has never entered their heads. However, that it should not is perfectly natural, as the poor people of the country, only four weeks ago, told them they didn't want their taxes reduced.

SENATOR FRYE is willing that one or two rich American corporations shall buy foreign built ships and sail them under American register, but he is utterly opposed to extending that privilege to every American who may want to buy a ship in the cheapest market. Except in the matter of negro suffrage in the South, Mr. Frye is in favor of restricting governmental privileges to the smallest limits.

EX GOVERNOR O'FERRALL, who followed Mr. Cleveland out of the democratic party four years ago and has remained out of it ever since, is now reported as saying "the result of the recent election is received with general satisfaction throughout Virginia." If the ex-governor did not confine his reading to the republican and quasi republican newspapers of Richmond, he would be better informed in respect of the popular feeling of his State, and would not have made such an egregious mistake as that referred to.

THE Nicaraguan canal schemers not only wan to build a canal through foreign territory for the peculiar benefit of a few Northern ship owners, and the parties to the scheme, at the expense of the poor people of this country, but some of them want to take sole control of it, in time of war as well as in peace.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, December 6.

Practically the whole of today in the Senate will be given up to the consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The republican managers propose to press this convention to the front whenever there is no one ready to proceed with the debate on the ship subsidy bill. While no time has been set for a vote on the treaty it is believed that it will not be long delayed. Senator Lodge, who is in charge of the matter, said this morning that the indications were favorable for the adoption of the treaty without a very extended debate, provided the Davis amendmennt was accepted. Without that amendment he doubted whether the treaty could be ratified at all, and he indicated that the administration, rather than see it fail altogether, would accept the amendment. The paragraph which it is proposed to insert in the treaty provides that the United States may take measures for the defence of the canal whenever it may deem it necessary. This would not only permit the United States to send warships to the two entrances to protect it from attack from without, but also to send field artillery and men to guard it from land attacks. This presentation of the case is expected to meet the views of the Senators who have additional debates to offer providing for the erection of fortifications at the mouth and along the route of the canal. After the Senate has adopted the treaty, it will have to be again submitted to Great Britain for its approval of the added amendment and negotiations will have to be opened afresh between Secretary of State Hay and Lord Pauncefote. Senator Lodge expressed the opinion that Great Britian would raise no objections to the amendment, especially in view of the fact that it is merely the insertion of the same language as is used in the Suez canal treaty.

The House committee on ways and means this morning adopted the bill prepared by the republicans providing for a reduction of $40,000,000 in the war tax revenue with out one change, that one providing that it shall take effect at once instead of after 30 days. The democrats fought it at every point Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the democrats, declared that there would be no captious opposition. His first motion was to make the tax on beer $1 flat, instead of $2 minus 20 per cent. rebate. This was lost by a party vote. Mr. Swanson moved that the bill be re-referred to a sub commitee with instructions to make the total reduction sixty millions. Lost. Mr. Swanson moved to eliminate all special taxes on tobacco dealers. Lost. Mr. Underwood moved to restore the tax on telephone messages and Mr. Newland amended to include telegraph messages. Mr. Copper moved to exempt religious and charitable institutions from the inheritance tax. The motion to have the measure take effect at once after passage was made by Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Underwood submitted a substitute, providing an income tax and an inheritance tax and abolishing the war revenue. The nine republicans voted against it, 4 democrats for it, 2 democrats not voting. On the motion that Chairman Payne be instructed to report the bill the democrats refrained from voting, The bill will be reported Friday or Saturday. "We are not satisfied with the bill," said Mr. Richardson, the democratic floor leader. "It will meet with democratic oppositon on the floor. We want a greater reduction." The representatives here of brewers' interest are dissatisfied with the 20 per cent. rebate. They wanted it $1 flat. 'We would rather have nothing than an additional rebate,' said one of the lobby, 'because now the saloon keepers will demand not only the 12½ per cent. additional rebate granted, but also the 7½ per cent. rebate already in existence, which only covers losses on wastage, sour beer, etc.'"

At the morning session of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union the present general officers were re-elected for a term of one year. The delegates were received by President and Mrs. McKinley at the White House this afternoon. The members of the Cabinet with their wives were present. The five hundred delegates assembled in the East room and in single file passed before the receiving party, the President shaking the hand of each. The national officers were given an audience by the President before the reception. Pickpockets have made matters very unpleasant for the delegates. Several pocketbooks and numerous pieces of jewelry have been stolen lately and now detectives are in attendance upon every meeting.

President McKinley pardoned a dead man yesterday. Marion L. Whelchel who was serving a sentence in the jail at Nashville, Tenn., for illicit distilling in the northern district of Georgia officially received executive clemency yesterday about twenty-four days after the man had died.

The Underwood bill providing for the repeal of the war tax measure was introduced into the House this afternoon. It provides an income tax of three per cent on incomes of more than $2,000.

Orders issued by the Secretary of War today announce that the remainder of the sentence imposed upon Commissary General Charles B. Eagan is remitted and he is restored to active duty in this city. A second order made public simultaneously states that Gen. Eagan is, upon his own application, retired under the 30 years service provision. Eagan's retirement promotes Acting Commissary General John Weston to the vacancy he being senior in rank.

The new elevator in the south wing of the Capitol dropped two floors this morning. Fortunately only the elevator man was aboard. He was not hurt.

Several amendments to the ship subsidy bill were adopted this morning at a meeting of the Senate committee on commerce. Of the important ones the first provides that no subsidy shall be paid to vessels which do not carry at least fifty per cent. of their tonnage in cargo on leaving a port of the United States. Another relates to the admission of foreign built ships to the benefits of the subsidy and provides that any vessel of foreign bottom before being paid one cent in subsidy, must be represented by a vessel of similar speed and tonnage built in an American yard. No foreign built vessel not coming within the limits of the bill can be admitted to American registry. All foreign built vessels admitted to the subsidy must be classed as A1, and can only receive fifty per cent. of the bounty provided for American vessels.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate today were the following; to pension soldiers and sailors confined in confederate prisons; to prohibit the sale of fire arms, opium and intoxicants to aboriginal tribes and native races in the Pacific Islands; to repay to the government of Mexico $171,899, which was collected and paid by the United States to Benjamin Weil on a claim afterwards found to be frandulent; to provide for a board of 9 commissioners to take charge of the work of construction, administration and operation of the Nicaraguan canal. Seven of the members are to be appointed by the President of the United States and one each by the Presidents of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. They are to be paid $10,000 per annum, as salary. On the completion of the canal, they are to pay from the net proceeds quarterly 90 per cent. to the Treasurer of the United States; 7 1-2 per cent. to the Treasurer of Nicaragua; and 2 1 2 per cent. to the Treasurer of Costa Rica.

Representative Rixey, of Virginia, introduced a bill in the House today appropriating $50,000 for enlarging the Custom's House in Alexandria. Mr. Hay of the same State introduced one authorizing the medical corps of the army to select the sites for military encampments, and to control the transportation of sick and wounded soldiers and medical supplies, instead of the quartermaster's department as at present.

When Mr. Hoar introduced in the Senate today the resolution of the Massachusetts legislature recommending the purchase by the government of the Temple farm, the scene of the Yorktown surrender, Mr. Martin rose and stated he felt very much gratified at the action of Mr. Hoar and that of his State, and added that he was preparing a bill for the purpose referred to, and would introduce it at an early day.

In the House yesterday Mr. Otey of Virginia introduced a bill for a monument to Andrew Lewis, of Revolutionary fame, at Roanoke.

Mr. Agnew, chairman of the republican State committee of Virginia, who was here today, said that committee will recommend Capt. Asa Rodgers to fill the vacancy in the internal revenue service occasioned by the death of the late Collector Brady, and he supposed he would be appointed.

Oklahoma' claims for statehood, as set forth in the report of Governor Barnes, to the Secretary of the Interior, was made public today. The Governor says: "We have a larger population than Delaware, Idaho, Montana Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, or Wyoming We polled a larger vote in 1896 than Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota or Rhode Island We have, as now organized, a larger area than Connecticut, Delaware Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, or West Virginia. The actual wealth of Oklahoma is not less than $135,000,000, the assessed valuation of taxable wealth for the year is more than $49,000,000." The late census figures show a population for the territory in 1900 of 398,245

Today's session of the committee of the Presbyterian Church to decide the question of the revision of faith adjourned at noon without reaching a definite understanding. The morning session was devoted to the discussion of ideas submitted by ex-President Harrison, Associate Justice Harlan, Rev. S. A. Dane, and Rev. Henry Van Dyke The discussion was carried over into the afternoon session.

The Secretary of War recommended to Congress today an appropriation of $400,000 for the Appomatox river in Virginia

Mr. Morgan in the executive session of the Senate today favored the adoption of the British treaty either with or without the Davis amendment, the main thing for which he contended being the early ratification of the treaty so that it could no longer obstruct action on the Nicaragua canal bill. He indicated that the democratic Senators of the South stood with him in this position, their desire being to ensure the passage of the canal measure at this session.

Notwithstanding the result of the recent election the democratic members of the Virginia Congressional delegation say they are besieged daily by applicants for employment in the federal departments here, though the applicants should know that they have even less influence now than they had before, and that to oblige them they subject themselves to refusals which naturally are disagreeable.

Senators Daniel and Martin and Representatives Swanson and Otey called upon the President yesterday to pay their respects. During the visit Mr. McKinley told them that nothing would be done during his administration to disturb their State and section by any attempt to restrict Southern representation.

Among the nemirations sent to the Senate today were the following: Ramon Alfonzo Rivera to be postmasters at Arecibo, Porto Rico, and Lewis I. O'Neal, of the District of Columbia, to be a Justice of the Peace in the District of Columbia, reappointed; also a number of army and navy recess appointments

By the new tariff bill, agreed on today, the tax on beer will be $1.60 instead of $2 a barrel, a reduction of 60 cents a thousand will be made on cigars, and the tax on express packages, telegrams, telephones, checks, mortgages and conveyances, will be abolished.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Arbuckles yesterday advanced the price of refined sugar five points.

Lord Kitchener reports that General Knox drove General De Wet from his position near Bethule, on the Smithfield road.

In the House yesterday Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment to repeal the fifteenth amendment.

President McKinley yesterday told Senators Daniel and Martin, and Representatives Otey and Swanson, of Virginia, who called together on him, that he was opposed to any measure proposing to reduce the representation of the South.

President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Gage and Private Secretary Cortelyou yesterday attended the marriage of Miss Mary McComas, daughter of Senator McComas, of Maryland, and Mr. Clinton Goodloe Edgar, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington.

The republican members of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives have prepared a bill reducing the war tax revenue $40,000,348. The tax on beer and cigars is made materially lighter and stamp taxes on telegrams, bank checks and the like are entirely removed.

As the result of investigations, C. W. Morgan, trading as C. W. Morgan & Co, New York stock brokers, and Morgan's bookkeeper, Michael Hart, were yesterday arrested on the charge of conspiracy and grand larceny. The men were locked up in police headquarters. Members of other firms had been given the tip and they could not be found. Morgan made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors this morning.

According to a report that reached Wall street, New York, yesterday, Vickers' Sons & Maxim (limited) of England, have instituted negotiations for the purchase of the Midvale steel works and the Cramp Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia. It is believed to be the purpose of the English company to secure a share of the United States government contracts for warships, armor plate and ordnance. Charles H. Cramp, head of the shipbuilding firm of Philadelphia, who is in Washington to attend the opening of the bids for the five big naval vessels, denies most emphatically the above reports.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Capitalists have an option on the Petersburg Gaslight Company. Nothing definite is known concerning the negotiations. It will doubtless be consummated this week.

Mrs. Bettie Powell Moore died suddenly at the residence of Mrs. Jno. H. Powell in Richmond Saturday afternoon last. Mrs. Moore was a sister of the late Louis H. Powell, of Leesburg.

Miss Cora Lena Dodd, daughter of Mr. J. H. Dodd, was married yesterday to Mr. C. M Perkins, of Columbia, Fluvanna county. The marriage took place at the home of the bride, near Casanova.

Admiral Cervera has cabled the following from Madrid: "I am greatly afflicted to learn that the valiant Hobson is in an unhealthy state. I am praying to God to return him to health and if he dies to receive him into his presence."

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad yesterday placed an order with the Richmond Locomotive Works for twenty-five consolidated engines, duplicates of a like number being made there for the same company. The two orders aggregate $750,000.

The President yesterday sent the name of E R. Warner McCabe, of Virginia, to the Senate for confirmation as first lieutenant in the army, and that of Assistant Surgeon Eland E. Cofer, of Virginia, to be passed assistant surgeon in the Marine Hospital Service.

Dr. H. J. Smoot, the oldest member of the Lunsy bar, died Tuesday night, aged 72. In 1887 he was elected to represent Page and Shenandoah counties in the Virginia Senate. He enjoyed a very large practice, and in early life was a successful physician.

The season's charity ball took place in Richmond yesterday evening on the flower-bedecked roof garden of the Jefferson Hotel, and was a magnificent gathering of society people. The "Reilley" was danced and the participants partook of an elaborate supper.

Judge Nicol, of the Circuit Court, of Fauquier, has granted a supersedeas in the case of H. A Davis, who has been twice convicted in the County Court for poisoning the well of Thomas B. Stewart in December, 1899. The case will come up for argument next week, when the Circuit Court convenes.

A telegram was received at Winchester yesterday by Miss Sarah Wood announcing the death of her brother, Col. Robert C. Wood, which occurred in New Orleans, La., on Tuesday. Colonel Wood was a member of a distinguished southern family. His grandfather was Gen. Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States.

Geo. D Wise, counsel for A. C. Gilligan, in the Court of Appeals yesterday moved for the transfer of Gilligan from the penitentiary to Isle of Wight jail, pending the question of a new trial before the Supreme Court of Virginia. The motion for the transfer of Gilligan was taken under consideration. It seems likely now that Gilligan will get a new trial, as the record made up by the clerk of Isle of Wight county is very defective.

Judge Prentis, in the Circuit Court of Norfolk, yesterday decided that the white widow of Emil Rach, a wealthy Portsmouth merchant, is entitled to the entire estate of her husband, notwithstanding deeds to some $20,000 worth of property given by Rach to his children by a negro common law wife. The court held the deed to be in the form a will, revoked by the making of a latter will leaving everything to the wife for life.

A cablegram announces the death in Paris of Mrs. Marie Antoinette Nathalie, who was run over by a carriege November 30. She was the daughter of a French nobleman, who landed in Norfolk many years before the civil war, an exile from San Domingo. She was the wife first of James L. Dowell, of Petersburg, who divorced her. She afterward married E. A. Pollard, of Richmond, whom she shot and slightly wounded in a Baltimore drug store in 1870. After his death she took to the lecture field. How long she had been in Paris is not known.

In the United States District Court of Norfolk yesterday, Frank S. Oliver was convicted of attempted criminal assault upon Amelia R. Donati, the 10 year-old daughter of Charles Donati, of Richmond. The offense was committed at Old Point Comfort, where, last August, Oliver was employed as a piano player at the Chamberlin Hotel. The action of the jury in finding Oliver guilty of attempted criminal assault, instead of on the original charge of assault, probably saved his life, as the latter offense is punishable by death, Judge Waddill sentenced Oliver today. The prisoner is 31 years of age and is a native of London, England. He has every appearance of a degenerate.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY.—William Wirt Henry, grandson of Patrick Henry, died in Richmond yesterday. He was a man widely known as a lawyer and a writer. Mr. Henry was born at his grandfather's old homestead in 1831. He was for a long time president of the Virginia Historical Society, served as president of the American Historical Association, vice president of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, president of the Scotch-Irish Society of Virgicia, vice president of the American Sunday School Union, chairman of the advisory board of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and commissioner from Virginia and member of the board of trustees of the Peabody educational fund. He wrote the life of his grandfather in three volumes.

In 1875 Mr. Henry married Lucy Gray, daughter of Col. James P. Marshall, a soldier in the war of 1812. He is survived by Mrs. Henry and four children—Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Matthew Bland Harrison, W. W. Henry, jr., and James Marshall Henry, both of Charlotte county.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, December 6.

SENATE.

The prayer by the chaplain caught Senator Teller of Colorado in the work of interlining a bill and so intent was he in the work that while he arose to his feet and stood with bowed head, his work of interlining continued.

The credentials of Senator Bacon for the term ending March 3, 1907, were presented and read.

Mr. Carter gave notice that on Tuesday next he would call up the Senate resolution referring the credentials of Wm. H Clark and Martin Maginnis, appointed Senators from Montana, to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition from the Massachusetts legislature requesting the United State government to purchas the Templar Bar and Moore House at Yorktown, Va, to preserve them as memories of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Martin said he would prepare a bill in the near future. The Senate went into executive session for the further consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

HOUSE.

Mr Hull renewed his motion for unanimous consent that the oleomargarine bill, which is a special order for today, go over until to-morrow to allow continued consideration of the army bill. This consent was given and the army bill was taken up under the five minute rule

Mr. Hepburn's amendment, pending from yesterday, which allows promotions of volunteer officers to the higher grades in the four supply divisions of the army, was voted down.

An amendment providing an addition of 150 assistant surgeons for duty in the Philippines was adopted.

Mr. Otey proposed an amendment providing a corps of dental surgeons for the army. The amendment was agreed to.

A provision establishing a veterinary corps in the army was adopted.

An amendment was adopted slightly increasing the number of officers in the pay department.

When the section of the bill which gives the President power to increase the army to 100,000 men, was reached, Hay (dem. Va) counselled the members of his party to vote for a substitute which, he said, would be offered, and which would limit the time such an army could be maintained to two years.

Mr. Smith secured the adoption of an amendment allowing a soldier to secure his discharge in case one of his parents became dependent upon him by reason of the death of the other.

A MINISTER SHOT AND KILLED.

Two weeks ago Rev. John H. Wohl, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Williamson, W. Va., illustrated a sermon with a cartoon showing a dance given by the young people of that town From the ballroom were pictured the various roads leading downward. Nothing has ever stirred up more comment in society circles. The minister now lies a corpse and in the hands of the law is his slayer, S. Davis Stokes, a member of an old Virginia family, lately a candidate for the State Senate in that district, refree in bankruptcy, an Elk, a Shriner, and a brilliant lawyer.

Until this unfortunate caricature the men were the best friends, each recognized as a leader in his field Shortly after the sermon Stokes told Wohl that were it not for his ministerial garb he would not hesitate to thrash him. This provoked the reply that Stokes need not be deterred by that circumstance. This was some days ago. Acquaintances supposed the slight quarrel would amount to nothing more, but yesterday afternoon Stokes, who was standing in front of the house occupied by the minister talking to an acquaintance, was ordered to leave the street by Mr. Wohl. An altercation ensued, and in less time than it takes to tell it the men were engaged in a wordy quarrel, Wohl standing on his porch, Stakes upon the sidewalk.

So fast did the quarrel proceed that it was almost impossible to distinguish what was said until the sharp "You are a liar!" fell from the lips of the minister, who now rushed upon Stokes, at the same time, it is said, drawing from his hip pocket a revolver and leveling it upon the lawyer. Both men were now in the street, Stokes slowly backing from his approaching assailant.

The click of the pistol broke the stillness, and Stokes reeled and fell to the sidewalk, drawing as he did so his revolver and covering Wohl with unsteady hands. The men were not more than 10 feet apart. Again the preacher fired, and at the same instant was heard the report of Stokes's pistol. The approaching crowd, which now filled the narrow street, saw two men lying in their own blood—one the minister dead, shot through the forehead, the other the lawyer, pierced through the side and seriously wounded.

Stokes was taken charge of by his friends, who at once surrendered him to the officers. Rev. Mr. Wohl's family, now visiting near Lexington, Ky., have been wired. Mr. Wohl had been married less than a year and but two weeks ago became a father. The fearful tragedy has cast a gloom over the entire county.

THE GRAND LODGE.

The session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A, F. and A. M., in Richmond last night was lengthy, although the election of grand officers for the ensuing year was the only business done. The election resulted as follows:

Grand Master, H. O. Kerns, Halifax county; Deputy Grand Master, Ed. N. Eubank, Newport News; Grand Treasurer, Fred. M. Pleasants, Richmond; Grand Secretary, George W. Carrington, Richmond; Grand Senior Warden, Thomas N. Davis, Lynchburg; Grand Junior Warden, K. Kemper, Alexandria; Grand Senior Deacon, W. J. Quinn, Fredericksburg; Grand Junior Deacon, Joseph Eggleston, Richmond; Grand Pursuivant, J. A. Cosby, Richmond; Grand Tiler, W. C. Wilkes, Richmond; Grand Steward, William Krause, Richmond.

All the new officers, with the exception of Grand Junior Deacon, are simply promoted, Grand Master Wright having retired. There was a contest over the position of Grand Junior Deacon, Dr. John W. Kelham, of Accomac county, proving a close competitor of Dr. Eggleston.

None of the committees reported last night, although all of them held sessions yesterday.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Shickell vs Berryville Land and Improvement Company. Argued and submitted.

The next case to be called will be Turnbull vs. Mann.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News.

London, Dec. 6.—It is stated in political circles that the government will shortly announce a modification of the "devastation" policy in the Transvaal. The effect of the policy on the people at home has caused the government much anxiety.

Rome, Dec 6.—The Messagerro says today that Dr. Mazzoni has operated on the Pope for tumor under the arm. On March 1st, 1899, a cyst was removed from the Pope's thigh. The Pope's physician denied the report that the Pope had been operated on. He says the Pope dropped a paper weight on his toe, bruising the member. He will officiate publicly at St. Peters tomorrow

London, Dec. 6.—Dr. E. Rumley Dawson read a paper before the Obsetrical Society last night in which he claimed to have made a great discovery relating to the pre-natal determination of sex. His idea was similar to that of Dr. Schenck, the Austrian physician, but follows new lines and is more complete and definite. A long discussion followed the reading of Dr. Dawson's paper and the society will probably investigate the alleged discovery exhaustively.

The Hague, Dec 6.—President Kruger arrived here this afternoon and was given a stirring reception by the Hollanders. He was received at the station by the Burghers and members of the Council who presented him with an address of welcome. Neither the Queen nor the government sent representatives to greet the Boer President.

The Queen's Speech.

London, Dec. 6.—With today's session the real work of the new parliament began. There was a full attendance. The object of the present session was set forth succinctly by the Queen's speech, which was read in the Commons at 2 o'clock. It is the shortest from the throne on record, and says: It has become necessary to make further provision for the expenses incurred by the operations of my armies in South Africa and China. I have summoned you to hold a special session in order that you may give your sanction to the enactments required for the purpose. I will not enter upon the other public matters requiring your attention until the ordinary meeting of parliament in the spring." The debate will open with the moving of an amendment by the opposition to the address in reply to the Queen's speech. According to the present indications an attack is to be made upon Mr. Joseph Chamberlain for his alleged financial interests in certain firms who have been engaged in supplying the government with supplies and ammunition. It is said today that a member of Chamberlain's family has served the Evening Star with a writ of libel, in connection with statements by the Star that the Chamberlains are pecuniarily interested in firms which are filling government contracts.

Boy Bridegroom in Disguise.

Jeffersonville, Md., Dec. 6.—A farm hand, he was brighter than appearances indicated. He knew the girl he loved had other sweethearts, and he wanted to clinch matters. He tried to get a license, but when he said he was only fifteen, the clerk said "Nay, nay." Then he assumed the disguise of an old man with burs in his whiskers. He went to the marriage license clerk again, said he was "John Dean, aged fifty," and wanted to marry "a gal." With the license in his pocket, he called on Agnes Byrne, the girl, and she went with him. They were wedded at midnight, and the girl went back home. That was two months ago. Agnes kept her secret until yesterday, when she had to tell the truth to keep David Harper from proposing.

Burned While Asleep.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 6.—Lottie Sutton, of Brooklyn, N. Y, a member of the Rice and Finberg theatrical company, was seriously burned early this morning. She is troubled with insomnia. She arose at 4 o'clock this morning and wrapping herself in a blanket sat by a window smoking a cigarette thinking that it would induce sleep. She dozed off, the cigarette fell from her hand, ignited the carpet and finally burned off the leg of the chair on which she was sitting. In the meantime the smoke had rendered her unconcious, so that when the chair collapsed he fell to the floor. Oliver Baily and Arthur Kelly, members of the company, were awakened by the smell of smoke, burst open the door of Miss Sutton's room and rescued her. She is in a critical condition.

A Child Murderer Arrested.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 6—W. L. Geiger, deputy sheriff, arrived here this morning and had in charge Wm. Gibson, colored, the fiend who tortured his stepdaughter at Catlettsburg Charles Davis and Mr Griffith captured Gibson at an old barn shack in Carter county yesterday. When he was placed in jail he said there were others implicated in the death of the child and she was killed to secure insurance money. He also said that the object in spotting the child with a red hot poker was to leave an impression that she died of smallpox. Just a year ago today Dick Coleman, brought from Covington here, was burned on a crime not much greater than Gibson's. The prisoner will be kept here until the next term of the court at Catlettsburg.

Kruger in Holland.

Cologne, Dec. 6.—President Kruger left for The Hague this morning and arrived at his destination this afternoon. At the Holland capital he is assured of the heartiest reception in Europe. In France and Germany the enthusiasm was as much a protest against England as a tribute to Kruger, but among the people of his own blood and his own tongue, the expressions of admiration and sympathy were undividedly for the old Boer chief and the cause he represents but politically it cannot be very fruitful of results. It is thought that for the present Kruger will be content to remain quietly in Holland recruiting his strength. Later, a visit to the Czar may be undertaken.

Triplets Born in an Ambulance.

New York, Dec. 6.—The police of the east Fifty-first street station were notified last night that Kate Lonagan, the wife of a coachman out of work, was sick and destitute at her home, 343 east Fifty-first street. An ambulance was soon there. While it was taking her to Flower Hospital the woman gave birth to triplets, all boys. The mother and triplets are in the hospital. All are doing well.

The Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Jan 71; Dec 77.

Georgetown, Dec. 6.—Wheat 65a70.

Jealous Girl Kills Herself.

New York, Dec. 6—In a moment of jealous frenzy last night, Minnie Gerhardt, a pretty young girl, killed herself by drinking carbolic acid She had invited a number of her friends to spend the evening at her home and they had been dancing. Miss Gerhardt was in love with Eugene Price and imagined that he was not giving her as much attention as he was bestowing on some of the other girls. After the guests had departed the girl swallowed the poison and died in a few moments.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Nellie Boylston, a young woman of Chicago, has come into a fortune by the will of her brother under the express condition that she neither marry nor become a nun. If the conditions are not fulfilled she is to distribute the money equally between relatives. The estate is valued at $20,000.

Judge Sharp Wilson at Beaver Falls, Pa., this morning granted the defendant a compulsory non-suit in the famous suit for slander brought against John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, by ex-superintendent of Public Printing Thomas Robinson.

The breaking of a suspension foot bridge at Berlin, N. H., yesterday caused the death of two men by drowning, and gave others an involuntary bath in the waters of the Androscoggin river.

Two miners were smothered to death at Shamokin, Pa., last night by mine gas.

THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER.—The President and Mrs. McKinley inaugurated the official hospitality of the season last night with a state dinner in honor of the Commissioners of the United States to the Paris Exposition, and their ladies, there being invited to meet them other distinguished guests.

The white and gold dining room was tropical with palms. Garlands of smilax swung in festoons from the crystal chandeliers, and from the fern banked mantels and window niches glowed crimson masses of poinsetta blooms. The floral color of the table was pink, its entire length and extended ends being grouped with artistic mounds of pink begonia blossoms bedded in fern and La France roses in tall glass vases. Myriads of candles in massive silver candelabra burned under rose pink shades, and grouped at intervals down the board were dainty pink confections and gold and silver plaques holding pines and other tropical fruits.

The Marine Band was stationed in the main corridor and as the President and Mrs. McKinley descended the stairway their approach was heralded by the martial strains of "Hail to the Chief." The guests, who had been directed upon arriving to the cloak rooms on the second floor had assembled in the East Room, where they were received by the President and his wife, Colonel Bingham making the presentations. The way to the banquet hall was led by the President and Mrs. Potter Palmer; Senator Allison following with Mrs. McKinley.

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