

PROBING A MYSTERY.

PETERSBURG GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING A MURDER.

THAT OF WILLIAM WESTMORELAND,

Who Was Shot Some Months Ago-- Rumors Caused Present Proceedings--Illness of a Gallant Ex-Confederate--Other Notes.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 25--(Special).--In the Hastings Court this morning Robert Hennessey, proprietor of a saloon on Halifax street, was convicted by a jury of selling liquor on Sunday, and fined \$100 and costs. The Court complimented the jury on their verdict, and in addition to the fine, revoked Mr. Hennessey's license to sell liquor. This was an appeal case from the Mayor's decision. The Mayor imposed a fine of \$50 and costs, and the jury increased the fine \$50. Judge Mullin sometime ago announced that he would revoke the license of any one convicted of selling liquor on Sunday.

The grand jury, which was adjourned over last Thursday until today, was engaged nearly all day in examining into the murder of William Westmoreland, the night watchman at the Battistoni cotton factory, who was mysteriously shot to death on the night of the 14th of last October. The Governor offered a reward for the capture of the murderer, and every possible effort was made by the police and the friends of the deceased to clear up the mystery, but no sufficient evidence was ever found upon which to issue a warrant for the arrest of any person. Westmoreland was a most estimable citizen and a faithful employee. He had no enemies, as far as could be ascertained, and no motive could be established for his murder. The police theory was that he was killed by tramps, whom he had found trespassing upon the factory premises, he believed to have been in search of bolts, and whom he had ordered off. The pistol shots fired at him awakened the night watchman, who was in the vicinity, who found the wounded man lying on the ground, but unable to tell how, or by whom, he had been shot. He died in a little while without being able to throw any light on the affair. Lying near the body were found several articles supposed to have been left by the murderer, or murderers, among which was a bottle of explosive fluid.

Recently, however, there have been rumors abroad connecting the name of a young citizen of the West End with the murder, and while these reports have been founded, in the main, on suspicion and hearsay, they have deemed advisable by the Chief of Police and the Commonwealth's Attorney to bring the matter before the grand jury for the fullest investigation. On this work the grand jury has been engaged all day, this evening until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Only half of the witnesses summoned were examined to-day.

The funeral of Thomas Shelden, one of our oldest and most respectable citizens, took place today. Mr. Shelden was about 88 years of age, and was of Scotch nativity, but had been a resident of Petersburg for a great many years. He was a contractor and builder, and had in his career erected many of the most substantial buildings are monuments of his workmanship. Rev. Dr. J. W. Rosebro, of Fredericksburg, conducted the funeral services.

Miss Dolie, sister of Clifton Forge, and Miss Lizzie O'Neil, of Richmond, are visiting in the city. Mr. Pascal Davis, of Richmond, was in the city to-day. Mr. Thomas Mulcaha, now about 80 years of age, is lying ill at his residence on West Washington street. Mr. Mulcaha was one of the bravest soldiers in the Confederate army, and bears many scars as evidences of the wounds he received. He was wounded half a dozen times. Once he was bayoneted through the neck, and once he received a sabre cut, which nearly cost him his life. He belonged to Harris's Mississippi Brigade, and was one of the men of that famous command who held Fort Gregg, near this city, on the day before the evacuation against the overwhelming attacking force of the enemy. That was one of the most gallant and desperate defenses of the war, and Mr. Mulcaha was one of the very few who escaped alive from the fort.

Mr. William Saunders died yesterday at his home in Prince George county, in the 68th year of his age. He was a gallant Confederate, having served through the war in Mahone's Brigade. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters.

Captain Richard Wilson, an old and widely known citizen of Chesterfield county, is critically ill at his home, a few miles from this city. Captain "Dick" Wilson is the most familiar name of men, and is a Confederate veteran of splendid record.

Rev. R. P. Kerr, of Richmond, lectured last night at Old-Street Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle has received, and will probably accept, an invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Anniston (Ala.) College on May 15th.

THE HILL CITY.

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THE LAW AND THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. Vest, of Missouri, offered the following amendment to the Philippine provision: "That no judgment, order, or act, by any of said officials, so appointed, shall conflict with the law and Constitution of the United States." Mr. Spooner thought this unnecessary. Mr. Vest replied that the doctrine that the Constitution was in force in the Philippines was held by such good Republicans as ex-Senator Edmunds, ex-President Harrison, ex-Governor Boutwell, and many others. He said it was rumored that the Supreme Court would not decide the question at all as to whether the Constitution extended to the islands, but that the court might say that the government of the island possessions of this country was entirely within the military power of the government.

CARPET-BAG GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Tillman vigorously declared that the Philippine amendment was a bold and naked proposition to invest the President with plenary power to govern the Philippine archipelago in a civil way; yet, he said, the object was raised to the Constitution of the United States. It was not proposed, he asserted, that the President should be hampered, even by the Constitution. Mr. Tillman declared that the enactment of any person, in whom shall be vested every power in or over the Philippine Islands, before the same shall be such power, shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

DENUNCIATION OF MAJORITY.

Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, denounced the act of the Republican majority in bringing into the Senate at this time in the session, propositions of so far-reaching a character as those relating to the Philippines and to Cuba. It was, he said, "a despotism in legislation unparalleled in the history of the world." Mr. Morgan insisted that there was no war in the Philippine Islands. "We are dealing," he said, "with citizens of the United States, as much entitled to the protection of the Constitution and laws of the United States as are any of our citizens." Mr. Morgan praised the Taft Commission. At 5:30 the Senate recessed till 8 o'clock.

THE MANILA CENSORSHIP.

At tonight's session Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, offered a resolution, which went over, requesting the President for information as to the censoring of dispatches from Manila prior to February 1st, 1898.

HONOR A RETIRING BOSS.

Mr. McCallister of the Locomotive Works Given a Diamond Ring. Mr. M. M. McCallister, boss boiler-maker at the Richmond Locomotive Works, has accepted a diamond ring from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, and will leave for the shops, in Cleveland, O., in a few days. The men who have worked under him presented him with a handsome diamond ring yesterday afternoon. The presentation address was made by Mr. W. P. Leaman, and Superintendent Gillis also added his good wishes to the expressions of esteem and good will, so admirably voiced by Mr. Leaman.

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COURT INVESTIGATION.

School Authorities, However, Want a Just Critic--A Correction. Concerning the statement that the Outlook will further investigate the Richmond schools, with a view to the publication of another article, Superintendent Fox said yesterday that he always welcomed competent and fair criticism, for nothing is perfect, not even the school system, and fair criticism leads to improvement. "We prefer criticism from a just and competent source," said Superintendent Fox. "Mrs. Betts acknowledged that she was not a perfect critic. We have been criticised by competent people, and always invite such criticism." The following communication explains itself: Editor of the Dispatch: In Sunday's issue of your paper, you stated in an article under the heading "To Write Us Up Again," that "later, several of the principals of the district schools of Richmond asked Mr. Frank P. Brent, secretary of the State Board of Education, to write to the Outlook and defend the schools, as far as possible." This is a mistake. The facts are as follows: The principals endeavored to get the Outlook to publish a reply to the article criticizing the Richmond schools, but were unsuccessful.

LECTURES.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE. BY CAPTAIN HERBERT WESTER, U. S. N., SAMO, AND THE SAMOANS. for the benefit of the Richmond Art Club. JEFFERSON HOTEL. SATURDAY, MARCH 2d, at 8:30 P. M. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets on sale at the Jefferson Hotel office and Rosemary Library. LECTURE. BY DR. Z. T. SWENNEY-- "GOING UP TO JERUSALEM"-- for the BENEFIT OF THE WEST-END CHRISTIAN CHURCH, at ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th. Tickets, 50c. No extra charge for reserved seats. BUSINESS PERSONALS. NOTICE TO RICHMOND FIRE ASSOCIATION OF RICHMOND, VA. That a notice will be made in the Quarterly Court of Richmond, on 1st day of April, 1901, to have marked satisfied a debt of \$100.00, due to the said association, by means of a ladder, the exit being made from the rear window of the second story. The blaze, which turned out to be insignificant, originated in the basement of the building. A lot of trash and rubbish had been ignited. The alarm was turned in promptly and the response of the department was equally prompt. These two circumstances are largely responsible for the fortunate fact that the fire turned out to be no more serious than it was. But the smoke spread itself through the halls and rooms of the house and those on each side, and made it look as if a great conflagration was going on. The lady, children, and servant appeared at the window of the house next door, and rather than run any risk the firemen took them out of the window.

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LECTURES. ILLUSTRATED LECTURE. BY CAPTAIN HERBERT WESTER, U. S. N., SAMO, AND THE SAMOANS. for the benefit of the Richmond Art Club. JEFFERSON HOTEL. SATURDAY, MARCH 2d, at 8:30 P. M. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets on sale at the Jefferson Hotel office and Rosemary Library. LECTURE. BY DR. Z. T. SWENNEY-- "GOING UP TO JERUSALEM"-- for the BENEFIT OF THE WEST-END CHRISTIAN CHURCH, at ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th. Tickets, 50c. No extra charge for reserved seats. fe 26-Tu

BUSINESS PERSONALS. NOTICE TO RICHMOND FIRE ASSOCIATION OF RICHMOND, VA. That a notice will be made in the Quarterly Court of Richmond, on 1st day of April, 1901, to have marked satisfied a debt of \$100.00, due to the said association, by means of a ladder, the exit being made from the rear window of the second story. The blaze, which turned out to be insignificant, originated in the basement of the building. A lot of trash and rubbish had been ignited. The alarm was turned in promptly and the response of the department was equally prompt. These two circumstances are largely responsible for the fortunate fact that the fire turned out to be no more serious than it was. But the smoke spread itself through the halls and rooms of the house and those on each side, and made it look as if a great conflagration was going on. The lady, children, and servant appeared at the window of the house next door, and rather than run any risk the firemen took them out of the window.

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