

superior powers, to set aside the verdict and remand the case for a new trial. Especially is this true in a capital case, where the greatest liberty is allowed in granting new trials.

When Mr. Clements was asked yesterday as to a recent movement to secure the signatures of the jurors who convicted Wright to a "peep" for communication of sentence, he said:

"I do not approve of such a petition and will not sanction any effort to place upon Governor Swanson such a responsibility. I have in my office letters from three of the jurors, in which they state that from information they have received since the trial they are convinced that Wright should be given another chance, but I am opposed to a petition for communication of sentence. I believe that he is entitled to a new trial, and I am going to spare neither time nor expense to secure it for him."

Criticism of Judge.
In the petition for a reopening the attorney severely criticized Judge C. E. Nibel for his action in declining to sign the exceptions and stating that he would certify all the evidence and testimony. He requested the Commissioner of the State to write out all the evidence as their respective memoranda and memoranda should disclose it and refer it to him.

Testimony of Annie Green.
The petition further states that the counsel strenuously protested against the admission of the testimony of one Annie Green, a negro under indictment for murder, on the ground of the illegality and incompetency of her testimony. It is noted that without this illegal testimony it is impossible the verdict would have been death. The petition refers to this woman as "the most consummate liar since the days of Ananias."

Proceeding, the petition says: "Again, after the verdict was rendered, counsel for the prisoner carried out the plan for ten days' time in which to present his grounds for a new trial, the chief of which was the admission by the court of illegal and incompetent testimony, but the court refused; counsel then asked for four days' time, and that being refused, for one day, and that being refused, he asked for two days, for ten days, then being two o'clock in the morning. But the trial judge declared from the bench that he had heard enough, and said: 'I will settle it now,' and immediately ordered the prisoner, John Wright, to stand up, and he then and there pronounced the verdict of death. "So that it is made apparent to the appellate court that the positive and convincing after-discovered evidence, unknown and therefore impossible of presentation at the trial, could not be introduced as a reason for a new trial to the court. This evidence could not have been secured at the trial by reasonable diligence; it is material and not merely cumulative and corroborative or collateral, and it would undoubtedly produce a different result could a new trial be had."

Serious Allegations.
One of the most serious allegations of the counsel for petitioner is that the record as approved by the trial judge and entered in the court is so garbled that it deceived the appellate court as to the identification of the prisoner as the murderer. Whatever may be said about the manner in which the four witnesses who testified to the identification is dumped into the record, it is certainly clear that all of them declared in the most positive manner that the prosecutor did not identify the prisoner as her assailant. The petition quotes Judge Buchanan in the opinion of the court as follows:

"The accused introduced several witnesses who testified that they were present at the jail when Miss Risley claimed that she recognized the accused as her assailant, and that she did not do so. Some of them say she pointed out the negro known as 'Alabama Joe' as her assailant, another that she pointed out a negro named Johnston. These witnesses are not only contradicted by Miss Risley and the officer who took her to the jail and who sustain her as to what took place there in every material particular, but they contradict each other. It is declared that this is a grave and serious mistake, and that though it is true that in the record it appears that Edward S. Randall, one of the guards, is reported as having



ATTORNEYS WHO WILL MAKE FIGHT TO SAVE NEGRO'S LIFE



JAMES E. CLEMENTS.

RAILROAD BOTTOM LAND BROUGHT \$98 FRONT FOOT

Real Estate Agent Comment on One of Most Remarkable Sales Ever Known in Eastern Section of City.

One of the most remarkable real estate sales ever consummated in the eastern section of the city was that by which a tract of land on Seventeenth Street, between Broad and Marshall Streets, was sold yesterday afternoon at \$98 per front foot. The property in question is located in what is known as "Railroad Bottom," the section of the city extending practically all the property north of Broad Street, from Eighteenth Street to "Thirteenth Street, and extending to the valley of Shockoe Creek almost to the Richmond Locomotive Works.

The sale was made of a lot 75 by 100 feet, on Seventeenth, between Broad and Marshall Streets, and leased and occupied by Nelson & Laid as a coal yard. It is numbered 311 and 313, being on the east side of the street. The property was sold to satisfy certain claims for arrears of taxes, the sale being conducted jointly by Messrs. Harrison & Grant and N. W. Bowe. The purchaser of the land was Mr. John Mann, member of the Board of Aldermen, and a prominent brick manufacturer and contractor.

That he had bought the land for himself, and not as an agent for any other person or corporation. The sale was well attended and the bidding was exceedingly spirited, the price being started at \$20 per foot. From this figure it was run up rapidly, until it was finally knocked down for \$94 per foot, or a total of \$7,050. A well-known real estate agent yesterday stated that the property would have brought only \$25 or \$30 per foot a few months ago. Recently, however, there has been unprecedented activity in that quarter. It being evident that certain investors were seeking to control all this property for some purpose not yet disclosed, but believed to be for railroad or manufacturing purposes. One firm has acquired much of the land in that vicinity. The quiet movement to corner this land soon leaked out, and owners began to hold their property at almost prohibitive figures. This appears to have been the case in the sale yesterday.

front of her, and said: 'Are you going to answer that question?' She jerked away and said: 'I'm going to tell father how you acted.' I said: 'My God, you can never tell him anything.' She walked on a few steps in front of me, and I raised the gun and shot her. "Jesse Stroop's statement was practically true. When I shot she fell. All I heard her say was, 'Oh, Lord!' I turned and walked away. I got about 100 yards away and then reloaded the gun. I got the butt end on the ground and put the barrel in my mouth with the intention of killing myself. My nerve failed me, and I could not pull the trigger. I picked up the gun and went on to Jack Gochenour's. I gave myself up because I did not think I could escape. I knew I'd be caught anyway. I first determined on Thursday night at Noah Stroop's to kill her and then kill myself. "I can only say I am satisfied with my fate. I deserve it; my life is no better to me than her life to her. I have no ill feelings against any one. I feel that my peace has been made with my God."

Victim of Illegal Testimony.
In concluding the petition asserts: "The undeniable truth can be shown that the prisoner was the victim of manufactured and illegal testimony, colored and distorted by prejudice and public clamor, which unfortunately had not at the time of the trial had time to cool or become quieted; the crime was charged, the prisoner, Wright was accused of it, therefore he was not a party to it, and he was put to death; this reasoned the excitable public until after he had been condemned and sentenced. 'Then thoughtful men took up the threads of testimony, and they were not disinterested. It finally discarded it as unsubstantial and insufficient in every essential element that could justify such a conviction, and citizens of Alexandria came became solicitous for the good name and fame of their country, lest the blot should be placed upon it of having put to death an innocent man by authority of law."

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ASKS EXPRESSIONS OF PROMINENT MEN



Mr. Thomas Writes to President Roosevelt and Others on the Temperance Question.

A Bible Study Brotherhood has been organized in Trinity Methodist Church by Mr. S. L. Thomas, general secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, and the first meeting will be held to-morrow morning, when a world's temperance lesson will be given. Mr. Thomas gave out to a number of prominent men in the United States to get from them expressions for or against the temperance question. Among those to whom Mr. Thomas wrote are President Roosevelt, the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and the railroad presidents and a college president, who has a reputation for a fondness for strong drink.

Last year a similar Bible Study Class was organized in Venable Street Church and within a year the class numbered 200 members. The first meeting will be started with five men, and it is desired to achieve a membership of 100 within ninety days.

FAST GAME EXPECTED.

Hermitage Team to Line Up Against McGuire's Boys.
The first game to be played by the Hermitage Golf Club baseball nine will be seen this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the team will line up against the team of McGuire's School. McGuire's is a strong organization, and the little fellows will give the grown-ups something more than practice.

SCHOONER TOPPLES OVER: ONE KILLED, ANOTHER HURT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 22.—The two-masted sailing schooner *Latonis*, owned over from a railway in Colman's Shipyards late this afternoon, George Bright, master, was found to have capsized. The schooner was on the railway for repairs. It was not much damaged.

Springfield Team.

The baseball team which will represent Springfield Public School for the season of 1907 has been organized, with the following roster: Henry Bradley, Julian Newman, Waverly King, Oils Tucker, Ray Bowles, Claude Campa, Leslie Dietrich, Henry Chandler, Roy Bradley, Julian Rubenstein and Donald Whitshire. This team will be known as the "Regulars."

Up to Justice John.

Dick Jones, colored, was arrested last night on the charge of taking \$15 from the pocket of a woman. He is held on the charge, but was locked up at the First Station, and will have to tell Justice John about it to-day.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia—Fair and continued warm. Saturday: Sunday fair, slightly cooler in northern portion; light south to southwest winds.

9 A. M.	88	6 P. M.	76
12 M.	81	9 P. M.	71
3 P.	89	12 Midnight	71

Highest temperature yesterday... 89
Lowest temperature yesterday... 50
Normal temperature yesterday... 73
Departure from normal temperature 20

THIS DAY LAST YEAR.

9 A. M.	88	6 P. M.	48
12 M.	39	9 P. M.	39
3 P.	40	12 Midnight	35

Average... 45-2-3.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(at 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place	Temp.	Weather
Ashville, N. C.	74	Clear
Augusta	82	Clear
Atlanta, Ga.	80	Clear
Buffalo, N. Y.	46	Rain
Chicago, Ill.	54	Clear
Cincinnati	50	P. Cloudy
Davenport	58	Cloudy
Detroit, Mich.	72	Clear
Hartford, N. C.	74	Cloudy
Jacksonville	80	Clear
Norfolk, Va.	80	Clear
Kansas City	80	Clear
Memphis	80	Clear
New Orleans	76	Clear
O'Fallon, Mo.	76	P. Cloudy
Pittsburg, Pa.	76	P. Cloudy
Raleigh	78	Rain
Savannah	78	Clear
St. Louis	78	Clear
Tampa, Fla.	73	Clear
Vicksburg	78	Clear
Washington	76	Clear
Yellowstone	82	P. Cloudy
Yellowstone	82	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises... 6:10
Sun sets... 6:33
Moon sets... 1:18
Evening... 1:18

TELE THOUSAND JEWS HOMELESS
Seriousness of Agrarian Riots in Moldavia Is Not Exaggerated.
85 MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED
Peasants Attacked Town Garrisoned by Regulars, Who Repulsed the Charge.

VIENNA, March 22.—The seriousness of the situation in Northern Moldavia growing out of the agrarian disorders has not, according to the latest geographic reports reaching here from Constantinople, on the border, been exaggerated.

From the estimates of the damage made to-night, it appears that 450 farms have been devastated, 8,000 fugitives have fled over the Rumanian frontier into Austria, and a total of 10,000 Jews are homeless. The number of dead and wounded cannot be given accurately, but the reports of to-day give a total of about 85 men killed and in the neighborhood of 150 wounded.

The movement is really more agrarian than anti-Semitic. The peasants revolted against the great farming trust, which leased half the cultivable land in Moldavia.

Attacked Vaslui.

A more successful attack was made at Vaslui to the south of Jassy, where a body of 2,000 peasants forced their way into the town. The prefect of Vaslui did not have sufficient troops at his command to stop the infuriated contumacious. He stood by a helpless witness while the rioters in an increasingly short space of time plundered practically all the buildings on the main street, and then set them on fire.

Postal News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Postmasters appointed: Virginia—Valeria, Nansemond county, Henry Duck, vice Putnam O. Duck, resigned.

Mr. Portia V. Langley.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 22.—Mrs. Portia V. Langley, widow of Charles H. Langley, died here this morning. Mrs. Langley had been ill with double pneumonia for a week, and her condition caused her death. Mrs. Langley was a native of Norfolk, and was 72 years of age. She was a member of the Baptist church, and was a devoted wife and mother.

THREE FIRES YESTERDAY.

All Blazes Were Small and Were Soon Extinguished.
Good work on the part of the Fire Department yesterday morning prevented a conflagration at the plant of the Richmond Paper Manufacturing Company, at Eighth and Arch Streets. There was more smoke than fire, and the firemen had a lot to contend with in subduing the incipient fire. An overheated hot-box was the cause of the trouble, and the damage was between five and six hundred dollars, covered by insurance.

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PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT.
"Save for my daily range Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ, I might despair."—Tennyson.
The REV. DAVIS W. CLARK, D. D., Editor, Cincinnati.

With a hammer, stricken to earth, I never so agonized a death became a mere shadow of former grandeur.
The luxurious refinement of the kingdom of Israel and its crimson-clothed nobles, as described by Amos makes one think of the palaces and villas of Pompeii as they have been brought to light by extensive excavations. Amos saw the winter houses, ivory palaces, gardens, vineyards, fig orchards, olive-yards, melody of viola de Geds of ivory, fragrant ointments and wine by the bowlful in the prophet's inventory. This cultivation of aesthetic effects for eye and ear and palate is not, in itself, reprehensible. But a hall must be called when the beneficent Giver is forgotten in the greedy enjoyment of the gift. And the proportion of life must be maintained. To lose that proportion, even in perfectly innocent things, is to be intemperate. Intemperance of any kind tends to lower the moral tone. Intemperance persisted in, ends in total loss of moral sense. The man who is intemperate is in a sense the unforgivable sin. For the human is the temple of the Divine and when the temple is ruined the living must make it up.

In our day, as in Isaiah's, some priests and prophets are seen through drink or other forms of intemperance. But discrimination must be shown between the genuine and the professional priest-and-prophet. There is a suppurous officialism which counts for nothing in the cure of souls.

Christian Endeavor, Epworth League and B.Y.P.U. Topic

MArch 24, 1907.—I Thess. 1: 2-9. FROM NOBLE MEN AND WOMEN OUTSIDE THE BIBLE.
"We do not know the names of the eminent members of the Church of the Thessalonians. The roster is lost. But the apostle makes record of their character and of their joy in it. They became examples to whole villages. Their exemplary influence was so potent as to almost make the world of that day. A good life is the irrefragable argument for religion. It is like a letter instinct with life.

THAW'S FATE IS IN THE BALANCE

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conductor, I was simply unfortunate in my expression!"
Mr. Harridge said:
"The district attorney's remarks were given the widest publicity, and I did want to have an opportunity to reply. What he had said to me was in the course of private conversation, at which no one else was present. It was only a suggestion that if anything developed in the line of what he has pointed out he would take the matter up."
"I replied to Mr. Jerome by telling him that if he thought our client was insane he should come out and say so. He answered that there was a big difference between a personal opinion and a professional one, and that he was an official opinion, that if he was convinced officially that Harry Thaw was insane he would come out and say so. He also said that we ought not to suppress any testimony which would tend to shed light on the defendant's present mental condition. I told him we were not hiding or suppressing anything."

Kept Back Nothing.

"He wanted to know what we intended to do with regard to the testimony of Dr. Deemar, Dr. Deemar, many of our family physicians, and asked if we would permit him to examine them in his office. I said we had not the slightest objection so long as I could be present at the examination. This examination took place, and it was our understanding that anything the physicians said was to be presented to the jury."
"We tried to get the testimony of these physicians before the jury at the beginning of this trial, but it was ruled out on technical legal objections introduced by the district attorney. When these doctors went back to Pittsburg it was the express understanding, announced in open court, that they would return whenever that district attorney desired them."
"That is all that was said with regard to the suppression of testimony. Now, Your Honor, will see that instead of suppressing the testimony of these witnesses, we brought them here placed them on the stand and at last went to the extreme of allowing the district attorney fully to examine them in his office. He had nothing more to say at this time, and court adjourned."

ANALYSIS AND KEY.

1. Tropic of luxuriance of Ephraim. Exuberance ovescent—fading flower.
2. Capital, court, populace enslaved to drink.
3. Judgments against Israel. Shalmaneser an instrument. Samsyriam, the word, more like Samsyriam, a prophet's repeated charges.
4. A Messianic Pendant. Under picture of Samaria's fall. Faithful residue of Judah.
5. Judah's accusation. Degrading sin of drunkenness.
6. The charge resented. Drunken scoffing.
7. Prophecy of invasion. Foreign accent of invaders. More like stammering than prophet's repeated charges.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

The Prophet Isaiah appears in a new role. He is far excellence the temperance reformer of his age. He is the moralizing and the moralizing. He is in his attitude in his attack upon intemperance. Yet for moral earnestness he is not surpassed.
Drunkenness is usually insolent. It was ribald and abusive toward the prophet. But this did not deter him. He warned the sinner with a terrible denunciation.
Canaan was the bridge between Syria and Egypt, and the powers of that age coveted it. Possession of it was a strategic necessity. It could be used either as a thoroughfare or a barrier. But the Israelites held it against the country against all comers. Its mountainous character, its natural defenses, horses and chariots (the artillery of the ancients) could not be used there.
But drunkenness was the real foe both to the northern and southern kingdoms. It led to their overthrow. The wine-drinkers were hit as

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