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PRIEST GOES WRONG LIKE THE OTHERS

The suspension the last day or so of Daniel Coyne, telegraph operator at Salem, for thirty days, causes some interesting public gossip of a sensational incident that happened here not many weeks ago, and, as usual it is all about a preacher, this time a priest.

Not many months ago a Catholic priest, Rev. Father Thomas Collins, was stationed there, and recently he left hurriedly, just as a preacher or two before of other denominations did. And they all left under shady circumstances.

Father Collins, it seems, left within two hours after being notified and with a citizen after him with a gun.

This citizen is a prominent Salem physician whose wife had been made advances to by the priest, or, at least, that is the claim, and the husband certainly meant business as he gave the man of the garb just two hours to get out of the city and not come back.

The priest accepted him at his word, and, it is said, the telegraph operator flagged No. 1, which does not stop there regularly, and the priest lost no time boarding the train and getting away.

The incident has caused considerable gossip, following so closely the unbecoming conduct of Rev. A. A. Kelley there and his flight in the night time, though the priest may have been innocent of any wrong-doing. But the ire of a husband was enough to persuade him to leave without taking time to protest his innocence.

REFEREE JOHNSON HOLDS COURT

Referee George W. Johnson, of Parkersburg, held bankruptcy court Monday in the law office of John Bassel. The object of the court was to hear evidence in the matter of certain debts which had been proven and charged to the Randolph Coal & Lumber Company, bankrupt. It was claimed that it had been discovered that these debts should not have been chargeable to the bankrupt, and the bankrupt contested them, thus causing the referee to hold this session of court.

Attending the court were Col. J. D. Copeland and C. W. Williams of Alexander; F. A. Schuyler, of Merharrin, Va., and W. S. O'Brien and F. C. Pifer, of Buckhannon, all interested parties.

DAVIS SHOOTS HIMSELF MAY LOSE LIMB

Raymond Davis, of Quiet Dell may lose his right lower limb as the result of a mishap received while hunting in the mountains back of Buckhannon last Wednesday. He accidentally shot himself through the right foot with a shotgun. The entire load of shot entered the foot and inflicted a very ugly and painful injury.

Natural Gas Exp'odes

Mrs. Belle Cromwell was painfully but not seriously burned this morning at her residence, 315 Mechanic street, by an explosion of natural gas. The gas was either escaping or had been turned on without her knowledge, for when a lighted paper was thrown in the stove the explosion took place. The report of the explosion was heard for quite a distance, and was of sufficient force to blow the door off of the back oven. The door struck Mrs. Cromwell in the head and the flames singed her face and eyebrows, but fortunately not injuring her eyes. The most serious burns are upon the hands, but prompt medical attention has relieved the pain. Now that the cold weather is approaching and the natural gas will be in constant use, it would be well to use great caution to see that the gas is not already turned on before lighting and avoid such accidents and injuries.

Infant Dies

Samuel Green, aged 6 months, son of John and Sarah Green, died Sunday of lung trouble. The interment will take place at Elk Valley cemetery at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

HENRY WATERTON CHAMPIONS TEDDY

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 23—In his characteristic style, Henry Waterson, in a long editorial published in the Courier-Journal, talks of the visit of the President to the South and becomes his champion. He reviews the causes which led him (Waterson) and the people of the South to entertain a cordial dislike for the strenuous President, these objections arising particularly from the attitude of the President in the Booker Washington incident, the "Crum affair," and the "riding rough shod over whoever and whatever got in his way."

"But," Mr. Waterson says, "the different Theodore Roosevelt appeared upon the scene, the big stick was laid away, the habiliments of the rough rider were exchanged for more conventional apparel, etc."

Mr. Waterson characterizes the speech of the President at Lee over the statue of Stonewall Jackson, as something equal to anything ever said by Abraham Lincoln. In conclusion Mr. Waterson says:

"The South has wandered forty years through a wilderness of sectionalism for this vision of the promised land of perfect nationality. It has longed for some mesiah of patriotism and brotherhood to rise in the North and to reach out to it the hand of equality, having a heart in it. To Theodore Roosevelt this happy lot has fallen.

"Though we differ tomorrow, never again shall there be from us acerbity of thought or speech. To-day at least shall be given to the love of God, to the fellowship of manhood and to their nity and glory of our great country. Let mean and paltry bigots, let glum-faced partyism for a moment stand aside. Room, room also, while the President passes through 'the states lately in rebellion' for the grandeur of the nation and the majesty of the people."

HERRICK WINS SAY THE FIGURES

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 23—The Times-Star poll of the state, published today gives Herrick an estimated net plurality of 37,500. The paper announced that the poll had been made from both Democratic and Republican sources, and when the totals were made up, the Herrick figures were given the minimum and Pattison the maximum estimate.

BIG NAVAL REVIEW IS HELD AT TOKIO

Tokio, Japan, Oct. 23—The naval review was an interesting sight with 308 war ships fresh from war with victories unprecedented in magnitude. Among them were three captured Russian battleships, two iron-clads, three auxiliary cruisers and several torpedo boat destroyers. Togo was with the Emperor. Later the Emperor received in audience the officers of British and American warships, the latter being the Wisconsin and the Cincinnati.

Death of Child

Laura Morgan, aged eight years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan, died at their residence at Twolick, Friday, Oct. 20, of dropsy. The funeral occurred from the residence, Sunday, Oct. 22, and interment was made at the Bailey cemetery near Bridgeport.

Wheeling Visitors

Ex-Mayor Sweeney, of Wheeling, Thomas Fox and other gentlemen from that city, returned home Sunday, after having spent a couple of days here looking after the Acme lamp black and carbon factory, at Bristol, in which they are interested. They met many friends here and enjoyed their stay greatly.

LEDGE OF ROCK IN CUT KNOCKS FIREMAN LIFELESS

TWIGGS FRENZIED FINANCIER

E. O. Twiggs, accused of the forgery of the names of B. M. Heavner and C. D. Piersol, to a \$2,000 note as manager and treasurer of the Buena Oil & Gas Company, with holdings in Cabell county, was before Justice S. W. Gordon at two o'clock Monday afternoon and it was decided to take him by way of Parkersburg to the county jail there.

Twiggs voluntarily surrendered the note to Heavner, Piersol and H. M. McCune, who as members of the company had signed it, and then he asked the privilege to go to Parkersburg with a constable to raise funds from Marietta friends and holdings with which to discharge his obligations. His case was continued one week.

At the hour he was taken before Justice Gordon it developed that he was in serious financial trouble at Milton, Cabell county, a warrant having been sworn out in the county against him of a serious nature.

The warrant from Cabell county was issued by Justice A. L. Gregory upon complaint of C. L. Harshbarger, cashier of the Milton bank, at Milton, charging him with defrauding the bank out of \$2,500 by false pretense. He is charged with representing to the Milton bank June 20 that his oil company had \$2,500 in the Union National bank here, and gave a check on the Union National for that amount. The Milton bank then placed \$2,500 to the credit of the Buena Oil & Gas Company. On the 28th of August Twiggs as treasurer of the oil company drew on this account by giving the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh a check for \$2,000, which the Milton bank paid, and then the latter was advised by the Union National here that the company did not have funds with it to the amount of \$2,500.

Mr. Harshbarger came here accompanied by Constable H. H. Bevan, to execute the warrant and appeared at the hearing.

Twiggs formerly lived at Marietta, Ohio, and the Register of that city claims he has been leading a dual life. It says of him:

"Since the arrest of Twiggs it has been learned that he has been leading a pretty fast life since leaving Marietta. He has done business of all alleged shady nature, both at Huntington and Milton, W. Va., and a well known business man of that part of the country, who was in Marietta Thursday evening, is prepared to go after him on a claim of \$2,000, which he alleges he lost by crooked work of Twiggs. One of the banks at Milton, W. Va., is said to have an overdraft of some \$2,800 against Twiggs, and the officials of that institution are now on the anxious seat.

"During the past two years Twiggs and his family have resided in this city, and although he has been away the greater part of the time, he has made frequent trips home, never staying longer than one or two days.

"It is alleged by those who are conversant with the case that he has been leading a double life in more ways than one, and his arrest at Clarksburg may also stir up a sensation in Marietta."

BRIBE CHARGES ARE QUASHED

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 23—Four indictments against former County Commissioner A. C. Shaver charged with bribery by former sheriff, now Mayor John A. Jarrett for influence in granting and withholding liquor license, were quashed on demurrer in the criminal court today on the ground that the statute does not provide for the indictment of ministerial officers unless those offering bribes are also indicted.

COL. BRADY LEAVES FOR ALABAMA

Col. Thomas G. Brady, the well known promoter, left Monday evening for Alabama, where he will inspect several manufacturing in Birmingham and vicinity. Mr. Brady says that he will bring back with him anything that can be moved, and a part of Alabama itself, if possible.

Steamer is Lost

Cleveland, O., Oct. 23—The steamer S. J. Hecker and crew of 23 has not been heard from since Thursday last at Port Hudson. She should have reached Sault Ste Marie Saturday.

A later telegram received at noon today from Two Harbors, Michigan says the steamer S. J. Hecker has arrived safely at that port.

Roosevelt in Alabama

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 23—The President's train arrived here at 11 a. m. today, exactly on time.

Th President made a short address of greeting from the rear platform of his car and was heartily cheered.

HOO HOOS HOLD BIG MEETING

The Order of Hoo Hoos, or "Black Cats," held a concatenation at the Elks hall Saturday evening, Oct. 21st, at 8 p. m. Five members were initiated into the mysteries of the order, those catalogued to be put through their catechism, were when duly catechised, found to be: Walter J. Sharp, with Churchhill and Sim, of Liverpool, England; James Holland, with J. S. Alcock & Company, of Baltimore, Md.; Thomas F. Welch, of Grafton; J. S. Ocheltree, of Grafton, and Dorsey L. Arnold, of Jane Lew.

Ratlift is a single man, aged about thirty years. He was the fireman of passenger train No. 6, running from Richwood to Morgantown. The accident occurred at 10 o'clock this morning on the W. Va. & P., between the stations Jack and Erbacon.

Shortly after leaving Jack, the engineer, Ross King, fancied he heard a slight noise, like a sigh or groan coming from the side of the locomotive cab occupied by Ratlift. Only a minute at the most could have elapsed until he looked across the cab and saw the figure of Ratlift sitting bolt upright in his seat, with blood streaming from his face. The train was stopped and the unconscious form taken to the baggage car. With the assistance of the train crew acting as firemen, the train proceeded to Erbacon, where another fireman was obtained.

The train arrived in this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon and Ratlift, unconscious from the time of the accident, was hurried in an ambulance to the Kessler hospital for medical treatment.

The only possible explanation for the occurrence is that a ledge of rock had become loosened by the recent rains and had pushed its way forward. In looking from the cab window Ratlift, unaware that the rock formation was nearer the cab than usual was struck upon the head. The theory advanced, that he was struck by a missile hurled by some one on the tracks is improbable, as the steep cliff rising from the track on the side occupied by Ratlift would not afford sufficient foothold for a person to perpetrate a deed of this nature.

Ratlift's skull is fractured and he is still unconscious. Whether or not he will survive is impossible to ascertain at present.

JUDGE MASON ON THE BENCH

The Hon. Judge John W. Mason, of Fairmont, was on the circuit bench here a short while Monday morning. He handed down opinions in two cases that had been submitted to him.

In the damage suit of M. J. Francis against John W. Brown for \$10,000 for malicious prosecution, Judge Mason over-ruled the demurrer made by the defendant.

In the case of C. W. Lynch, administrator, against Wilson J. Chorpensing, and others, Judge Mason decided an important point. The father of Chorpensing died leaving a will, in which he directed that his estate be divided equally among his children, or their children, if his children died, and that certain sums that had already been given by him to some of his children be regarded as advancements. For instance, one son had received \$7,100 and another only \$6,500, making a difference between them of \$600. But the division was not to be final until after the death of his wife and she lived about 20 years after his death. The point was whether the \$600 was to draw interest from the time of his death or hers. Judge Mason decided that the interest dated from the death of the widow.

Judge Lynch resumed the bench after Judge Mason had delivered his opinions. All the jurors except those engaged in a trial were discharged for the term.

The jury in the case of Ellsworth Cork against the Adams Express Company gave him a verdict for \$75. He sued for \$100.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE LEADS FAIRMONT

The government has just issued a statistical report of the receipts of post offices in West Virginia for the past fiscal year. Clarksburg shows decided gains. Last year the receipts of the office here amounted to \$31,448 and this year they are \$32,522. The receipts of the Fairmont office this year are only \$30,673, showing Clarksburg ahead of the town down the river to the extent of two thousand dollars. The receipts at Salem last year were \$4,881 and this year \$4,915.

MISS ROOSEVELT LANDS IN AMERICA

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 23—The steamer Siberia was sighted fourteen miles out at 10:10 a. m. today. Miss Roosevelt and E. H. Harriman, who are on board will probably land about noon.

Excursionists Was Here

The excursion from Wheeling Sunday consisted of three well filled coaches. The train arrived here at 12:30 and started on the return trip at 6 o'clock in the evening, after the excursionists had spent the afternoon taking in the city to their satisfaction.

Hot Springs Open

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 23—The independent quarantine was lifted by the local board of health today. Hot Springs is now open to all points.

FLESHER NEGLECTS HIS PARALYZED BOY

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In response to a letter received by Humane Officer B. E. Stout he went to the home of Elijah Flesher, one mile from West Milford, Sunday to look after a case of neglect there.

The complaint was that Flesher had a thirteen-year-old son that was partially paralyzed from the hips down and that his mother was dead and there were none to care for him, not even to cook him something to eat. It was asserted that his father neglected him and that physicians claimed they could do nothing for him at home and that he ought to be taken to a hospital.

It is stated that, when Flesher heard the humane officer's attention had been brought to the matter, he took the boy to Dr. Bond, at Bockford, who informed him he would have to leave him there, if treatment were to be effective. He declined to do this and took him back home. Sunday morning he received a telephone message that the humane officer was coming, and he gathered the boy up and took him to Johnstown, where he left him with Dr. Winfield.

Mr. Stout went to Flesher's home Sunday but found the father and son gone, and, of course did nothing with the case. However, he was informed by neighbors that the boy had been abused by the father and that it was the belief that the boy's affliction as the result of his having been kicked by the father.

Friends of Flesher claim the neighbors have it in for him. But recently he served an hour in jail here on having confessed to the theft of one of his neighbor's chickens, the circumstances being that his chickens and his neighbor's got together, and he might have driven one of the latter's home with his own. Flesher is a director of one of the Weston banks and is well-to-do.

CONFERT AT THE WALDO

Wells' orchestra gave a delightful concert at the Waldo last night, and quite a large number of listeners applauded their efforts. "The Telegram" march, arranged by Col. Waterson Walters, dedicated to the Clarksburg Telegram, was quite an ear tickling composition, and was redemanded. Prof. Walters is at work upon a new composition which he calls "An Autumn Idyl," or "Reminiscences of Buda Pesth." It will be given its first rendition soon.

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