

## GRAND CHILD SUES MINISTER

Aged Baptist Minister is Accused of Slandering His Granddaughter.  
SUES FOR BIG SUM  
Defendant Claims He Was Mistaken and Wrote Her an Apology.

Of a sensational nature is a damage suit in the federal court styled Rosa A. Stump against Daniel Huffman, the parties to the suit possessing considerable prominence. The plaintiff resides in Ashland county, O., and is quite well known in Gilmer and adjoining counties in this state. The defendant is an aged and prominent Baptist minister.

Mrs. Stump claims damages from Huffman to the amount of \$10,000 on the ground of defamation of character. The suit is the outcome of a charge made by Huffman that Mrs. Stump forged his name to a note for \$125.

The prosecution is represented by Davis & Davis and Senator Robert F. Kidd and the defendant by Bassel, Linn and Barnett.

Adding to the interests in the suit is the fact that the defendant is the grandfather of the plaintiff, in other words, the granddaughter is suing her grandfather.

The alleged libel is based on the claim that after she moved from Gilmer county to Ohio, her grandfather wrote her a letter charging her with forging his name to the note, but it is stated that he afterwards wrote her that he was mistaken and offered her in the letter an apology.

The trial will not likely conclude until next week.

### ALVORD TO SPEAK

Theodore Alvord, president of the Anti-Slavery League of the state, will speak in Ash Chapel church in Broad Oaks Sunday night, October 11.

## Taxes Dodged By Candidate

Record of Louis Bennett On His Taxes in the County of Gilmer.

A Democratic county court in the county of Gilmer, slashed \$46,481.68 off the valuation of seven tracts of land, aggregating 12,526 acres, owned by Louis Bennett, the holder of vast properties in the counties of Lewis, Calhoun and Gilmer, and recently made the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of West Virginia.

It has been shown that Bennett's taxes in the county of Lewis, have been doubled on several tracts of rich mineral lands. The valuation under the tax reform laws has more than been doubled on these rich mineral lands which had almost escaped taxation under the old laws. That is reason No. 1 why Bennett has attacked the tax laws.

Next it has been shown that in the county of Calhoun, where Bennett also has rich holdings of the most valuable land in West Virginia, his taxes have been almost doubled on some five thousand acres. The same record taken from the books of the county, show that under the old laws, Bennett by some means has a Democratic county court in the county of Calhoun make slashing reductions on

District	Acres	1905	1907	1905	1907
DeKalb	176.00	\$ 440	\$ 1,478	\$ 9.68	\$ 13.32
DeKalb	33.00	74	277	1.64	2.48
DeKalb	57.50	129	552	20.86	4.97
DeKalb	88.25	221	741	4.84	6.66
DeKalb	90.75	204	871	4.49	7.85
Center	137.75	413	1,378	9.09	11.04
Center	11,831.00	29,575	118,310	6,507.70	946.50
Glenville	20.00	40	528	.72	3.39
Glenville	126.25	328	3,333	5.91	21.40
Total	12,560.50	\$31,424	\$ 127,468	\$ 689.93	\$1,017.61

The following table shows seven tracts of land in Gilmer county on the valuation of which a Democratic

District	Acres	Assessor's '05 Valuation	Fixed by Co. Court '05	Reduction
DeKalb	80.28	\$12 per acre	\$10 per acre	\$ 481.68
Glenville	126.25	70	22	6,060.00
Glenville	25	10	5	125.00
Center	307	17	7	3,070.00
Center	137.25	15	8.50	892.00
Center	11,831	15	12	35,493.00
Glenville	20	40	22	360.00
Total	12,526.78			\$46,481.68

Like the celebrated Hearst disclosures the tax record of the Democratic nominee has left a trail across

## SENSATIONAL

Case Comes Near Trial in Magistrate Gordon's Assizes.

A case which promised to furnish some sensational testimony came near to trial in Magistrate George H. Gordon's court late Friday afternoon, but action of the complainant at the last minute in withdrawing the warrant caused it to be dismissed.

Stella Ash, of Lumberport, swore out a warrant against Leo Ganz, of Glen Elk, charging him with having improper relations with her in a room in this city on September 24 last. She had two witnesses summoned, a young man and woman, but it was said in the magistrate's office that they, too, were guilty of the same offense with each other at the same time and place.

One reason the Ash woman gave for withdrawing the warrant was that she had a number of intimate acquaintances of prominence in this city and Lumberport whose names she did not like to bring into the proceedings. She paid the costs of the case in withdrawing the warrant and the case was accordingly dismissed.

### ASYLUM BOARD

Makes Up its Appropriation Schedules for Next Two Years.

The board of directors adjourned its October meeting at the Weston asylum last evening at 5 o'clock. All the members of the board attended the sessions. The accounts were checked up, the appropriation schedules for the next two years were made up, the new filter and water system inspected and approved and a lot of routine business was transacted.

## CHILDISH EFFORT IS MADE TO BELITTLE A LOYAL CITIZEN

Vicious Attempt of Democrats to Slander United States Senator Falls Flat.

FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

Gives His Energy and Brain to Work of Developing State and Its Many Resources.

In their desperate efforts to keep up a bold front and to delude voters with queer fancies, the Democrats are passing around cards bearing the vacuous words "Shall Elk Rule, or the People?"

Exactly what meaning they intend to convey by these words is not clear, but one thing is clearly shown to them and that is a display of childish effort to frame up a catch phrase for the populace, somewhat in imitation of William J. Bryan's puerile attempts along the same line.

It is assumed, however, that Democrats are trying to convey an impression by these words that United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins is the high and mighty ruler of the State of West Virginia and paragon of the Republican party. It was shown, the Democrats falsely, by the nomination of William Glasscock for governor at the election of Senator Elkins.

Any person at all familiar with the political situation in West Virginia knows that Mr. Glasscock was not Senator Elkins's choice for the gubernatorial nomination at first. It is a well known fact that the senator advocated the selection of Ira E. Robinson, Judge John H. Holt, Fred C. Blue and one or two others for that nomination, but, when Mr. Glasscock was named, he abided by the selection and straightway put his shoulder to the wheel along with the other members of the Republican party and pushed for a victory for Mr. Glasscock, in whom he recognized a man of eminent capability and sterling character.

But that musty argument put up by the Democrats was exploded time and again. Then, in what general or particular way does "Elkins rule?"

Instead of being a ruler, Senator Elkins is, and always claims to be, only a member of the Republican party, willing to work for its success and to abide by the decisions of the



Patriotic West Virginian Who Has Done Great Work in Developing the State.

party membership. He does not set himself up as a leader of the party. He has not tried to lead the party along ways to suit his fancy, but, on the contrary, has always followed the will of the party's councils and consulted with the party's membership before taking his stand upon any political measure or party plan.

This was adequately manifested in the passing of the new tax reform laws by the Republican party in this state. Senator Elkins favored the new tax laws, and insisted, from time to time, when they were being talked about and when they were being framed, that the interests of the whole people—that the small property owner along with all others be given fair and equal consideration.

In spite of the fact that Senator Elkins was himself interested in a number of corporations that would have to pay greater taxes under the new laws, he overlooked his personal

interests in the matter and advocated the passage of the laws. He was well aware of the fact that under the old Democratic system of taxation the people were not being treated fairly and equally, and he wanted righted a wrong inflicted upon the people. Was this an instance of Elkins ruling, or the people?

Senator Elkins is one of the best friends the State of West Virginia and the people of West Virginia have. He has done more to build up and develop the state than any other man. He has promoted railroads, giving employment to thousands of men, and opening up new territory; and has promoted business and industrial enterprises in various parts of the state. He and his associates promoted the West Virginia Central railroad from Cumberland to Elkins, which was built through wild terri-

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## Col. John T. McGraw is Sued For a Quarter Million Dollars

## WAR SURE

Advices from Serbia Say That Hostilities Can Not Be Averted.

BELGRADE, Oct. 10.—Even in official circles it is now believed war is unavoidable. Minister of War Pades today declared to a correspondent: "Hostilities can hardly be avoided."

A big mass meeting was held this morning after which the demonstrators marched to the Skupshina, the members of which were assembling, clamoring for war. There is a feeling among the assembly apparently warlike.

Two Austrian flags were burned by a mob in Theatre Square this morning.

PARIS, France, Oct. 10.—A Vienna correspondent reports that the Eleventh and Thirteenth Austro-Hungary army corps with arms and ammunition are being hurried in the direction of the Serbia frontier and hospital trains are being prepared.

### FIVE YEARS

Nick Stiff Must Serve in Prison for Killing Isador.

Judge Charles W. Lynch in circuit court has overruled the motion to set aside the verdict of manslaughter against Nick Stiff alias Steve Innin, and sentenced him to imprisonment in the penitentiary for five years. He was charged with killing Thomas Isador at Grassell a few weeks ago. He will be taken to the penitentiary at Moundsville by a guard from that institution within a few days.

J. W. Williams, of Marshville, is a city visitor.

### MR. SWISHER IS HERE.

Charles W. Swisher, secretary of state, is a prominent visitor here from Charleston. He is visiting Republican state headquarters and is arranging a campaign itinerary for the state ticket. He is elated over the outlook for Republican success in the state.

### KERN SPEAKS

At Point Pleasant to Democrats and Will Be at Huntington Tonight.

HUNTINGTON, Oct. 10.—Kern reached this city at 5 o'clock this morning from Clifton Forge, Va., and left two hours later for Point Pleasant where he spoke at noon. He will address a meeting here tonight which will conclude his southern speaking campaign.

POINT PLEASANT, Oct. 10.—Kern spoke before a good sized audience of Mason county Democrats here today. After the speech he returned to Huntington.

### DOES NOT APPEAR

When Sampson Harbert, of Davisson's Run, appeared in Magistrate George H. Gordon's court Saturday in answer to a warrant sworn out by W. H. Fisher, charging Harbert with stealing a quart of whiskey from him, the complainant did not come to prosecute the case and the same was dismissed.

### BABY DIES.

The ten-days-old daughter of C. Shannon, of Northcott avenue, died Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The body will be taken to Virginia for burial.

## JUDGE WANTS IT INSPECTED

### SCOURING

County Are Democrats for Peruna Testimonials for Lester McMillan.

The Democratic gang and their henchmen, the Daily News, are in separate straits over their county set.

One of the serious difficulties they are trying to get around in that they have no reason why J. Lester McMillan, Democratic nominee for the circuit clerkship, should be elected to that office.

In their desperation the gangsters are scouring the whole of Harrison county from border to border to find out why McMillan should be elected. Reasons why McMillan should not be elected to that office are evidently being made for them.

Having exhausted various methods of search for reasons for McMillan, the gang is now engaged in making a personal appeal to every Democrat in the county to write a scathing testimonial for the benefit of Mr. McMillan's campaign. It is also, doubtless, to supply some under for Mr. McMillan's personal use.

This personal appeal is being made by letter, copies of which are being sent broadcast throughout the county. These are to be followed up with other and more emphatic appeals for assistance, and some are inclined to believe that a species of coercion will be employed to persuade the Democrats to give a written indorsement of McMillan.

### GAINES SPEAKS

Congressman Joseph Gaines, of gone to Parkersburg to visit relatives and went to Sistersville today to address a political meeting. Sistersville is in Congressman Harry Woodruff's district.

Methods of Fairmont Brewery Arrest Attention of Federal Court.

RESULT OF A TRIAL

If Officers of Company Are Guilty Heavy Fine and Sentence Are in Store.

During the trial of Kate Lemasters in federal court Friday evening, two witnesses, as well as the defendant, related the method of the Fairmont Brewing Company in distributing beer in this county, from which recital Judge A. G. Dayton was led to inquire into the matter, after which after the jury had retired to act on the evidence and bring in a verdict, he made further inquiry and then in sentencing the woman, whom the jury found guilty of an internal revenue violation, he stated that in his judgment the brewing company needed both state and federal investigation, and, if the officers of the company were to be found guilty in his court he would fine them \$5,000 each and send them to prison for two years.

The evidence disclosed that three or more car loads of beer were shipped from the brewery to Enterprise every week and distributed from that point, deliveries being made from house to house and the agent collecting for the beer on pay days. The woman claimed she bought at retail from the agent more than once.

Assistant District Attorney E. M. Showalter made extensive notes on the evidence and will use this memorandum in an investigation to be made of the brewery's practices.

Kate Lemasters was found guilty of a revenue violation near Enterprise.

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## Fight for World Honor Begins

### PRIMARY LAW

Is Promised by Glasscock, if He is Elected Governor of the State.

HUNTINGTON, Oct. 10.—At Point Pleasant yesterday afternoon Mr. Glasscock, Republican candidate for governor, addressed more than 500 people who crowded the court room of the Mason county court house.

He discussed at some length the plank in the Republican platform promising a primary election law, stating that in case the law is not passed before he enters office, he will work as hard as he can during his tenure of office to see that the measure is passed.

He also took up the Negro question and tax reform, reiterating his declaration of his position. It is generally admitted that the Republican majority in Mason, usually about 700, will be nearly 1,000 this fall.

### INVITATION

To Attend Wheeling Taft Rally is Extended to Clarksburg Taft Club.

Secretary Thomas Ramage, of the Taft, Republican Club of this city, has received an invitation from the Ohio county Republican committee for the local club to participate in the immense parade and attend the big Republican rally to be held in Wheeling next Wednesday when Judge Taft will be there to deliver an address. The Ohio county committee is putting forth all efforts to make the gathering a gigantic success and it is expected that an enormous crowd will be in Wheeling that day. The committee has already received assurances from the American and Tariff Clubs, of Pittsburg, and the Tippecanoe Club of Cleveland, that they will attend.

### MANNINGTON IS CHOSEN

The West Virginia Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Moundsville decided to hold its next annual meeting at Mannington. The semi-annual session of the board of bishops next spring will be held in Wheeling.

Vast Crowd Witnessing First of Great Baseball Series at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 10.—With baseball interest throughout the country at almost unprecedented intensity, Detroit and Chicago took the field this afternoon to begin their second battle for the world's championship. Both teams are in the finest condition, each confident of winning. After the opening here this afternoon the clubs will move to Chicago for games Sunday and Monday and return to Detroit to play Tuesday and Wednesday.

There was every early indication today for an auspicious opening of the great series before a record-breaking crowd under beautiful weather conditions. Before daylight enthusiasts began forming in line before the ticket windows at Bennett park waiting for the sale of general admission tickets to open. Seats were ready for about twenty thousand spectators in the park.

Incoming Chicago trains today brought crowds of enthusiasts bent on witnessing the game.

### FOOTBALL GAME

Between the Tigers and the Weston Athletic Club Sunday Afternoon.

There promise to be a large attendance at the football game between the Tigers and the Weston Athletic Club team. An admission of 35 cents will be charged to defray the expenses. The Tigers will be lined up as follows:

C. Boughner, r. e., A. Stager, r. t., Ed Bell, r. e., Tom Coughlin, c., Dugan Limer, l. e., French Jackson, l. t., Tom Mulheran, l. e., Dan Boughner, q. b., Sam Robinson, f. b., Louis Carr, l. h., F. Atkinson, r. h., and Jim Deison, Tom Jackson and J. Mulheran, substitutes.

### FLEET TO REMAIN.

SPEZIA, Italy, Oct. 10.—The Italian fleet which has just completed its regular fall maneuvers has received orders to remain concentrated here.

### CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 10.—Wheat \$1.00 5-8, corn 64 7-8, oats 49 1-4.