

**BUILDING INSPECTOR  
COMING WEDNESDAY****Superintendent Furchy to Look  
Over Ground Offered to  
Government.**

The following telegram was received by the Postmaster Tuesday morning:

Lebanon, Ky., Nov. 16, 1908.  
Postmaster, Winchester, Ky.:

Will arrive Wednesday morning to inspect sites for Federal Building, notify bidders.

FOURCHY, Superintendent.  
The following sites have been offered:

Justice property, on West Fairfax street.

Oden property, on East Fairfax street.

Parrish property, on South Main street.

The old church property north of the court house.

The Inspector looks over all of the sites offered and makes his report to the Treasury Department at Washington. It is not probable that a decision will be made for several weeks after the report is sent in.

**CITY ATTORNEY FILES  
SUIT AGAINST ESTATE****Executors of V. W. Bush, Deceased,  
Asked to Pay For Work  
Done By City.**

City Attorney, F. H. Haggard, representing the city of Winchester, filed suit in circuit court Tuesday morning against V. W. and L. H. Bush, executors of V. W. Bush, deceased, to recover \$250.00 with interest that the city has spent on building a sidewalk in front of the property on Winn avenue, that is a part of the estate of the deceased.

The petition in substance states that at a regular meeting of the city council, on August 7, 1908, a resolution was duly adopted requiring the defendants to reconstruct a sidewalk in front of said property and that on August 12 the defendants were notified to comply with the resolution and they failed to do so, and the city had the work done at a cost of \$250.00 wherefore they pray for judgment against the defendants for the sum of \$250 with interest from the 7th day of August until paid.

**HUNTER ACCIDENTLY  
KILLS HIS BROTHER****Samuel Crump is Shot Dead Near  
Miller's Station, Nicholas  
County.**

CARLISLE, Ky., Nov. 17.—Samuel Crump, aged 14 years, was shot and instantly killed yesterday near Miller's Station, this county, by his brother, Charlton Crump, 17 years of age. The shooting was accidental.

The two boys were out hunting with their father, Mr. Richard Crump, a prominent farmer, when the accident occurred. The charge from the shotgun took effect just above young Samuel Crump's heart, killing him instantly. His brother is almost prostrated over the accident.

**SUPT. JONES IS TO  
SPEAK IN WINCHESTER****Two Great Meetings to Be Held Here  
Sunday, November Twenty-  
Ninth.**

On Sunday, November 29 at three o'clock, Prof. E. R. Jones, County Superintendent of Franklin county, and a speaker of much ability will speak in the interest of the educational campaign projected by State Superintendent Crabbe.

That night Prof. P. B. Claxton, of the University of Tennessee, will speak at 7:30 o'clock. Prof. Claxton is recognized as the strongest educator in the South and is President of the Summer School which has been attended for years by thousands of students each year.

County Superintendent C. A. Tanner will be Chairman of the occasion, and the musical program will be in charge of Miss Bessie Grigsby.

The Committee will be composed of G. W. Strother, President of the Board of Education; B. T. Spencer and C. L. Lewis, of Kentucky Wesleyan College; Mrs. W. R. Gordon, President of Clark county Improvement League; Mrs. T. C. Allan, President of the Mental Culture Club; Mrs. Carrie Mills, President of the Fortnightly Club; Jos. R. Martin, President of the Commercial Club; J. L. Bosley, Principal of the City Schools; Editors of the city papers and resident pastors of the city.

Judge J. Smith Hays will introduce the speakers.

It is seldom our people have the opportunity to hear such speakers as these, especially Prof. Claxton, who has a national reputation, and an effort will be made to have the evening church services omitted to give the people a chance to hear him.

**GRADING 1907 CROP  
OF TOBACCO IS ON****District Board Hard at Work on  
Pooled Tobacco—Out-  
siders Barred.**

The grading of the 1907 crop of tobacco that is in the Burley Tobacco Society pool is being done Tuesday as The News goes to press.

The grading is in charge of the district board and up to press time nothing has been given out for publication. Newspaper reporters and all other outsiders are barred from where the grading is going on.

**CHANCELLOR IS TO  
REMAIN IN OFFICE****Emperor William and Von Beulow  
Arrange Matter in Satis-  
factory Way.**

Special to The News.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—At a conference at Potsdam, the Emperor William accepted the proposals made by Chancellor Von Beulow, concerning his future conduct in State and foreign affairs. After the meeting, the Chancellor announced that he will remain in office.



MRS. STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, wife of the senior United States senator from West Virginia and mother of the girl who has captivated the royal Italian Duke of the Abruzzi, is the daughter of ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, who was Democratic candidate for vice president in 1904. She is Senator Elkins' second wife.

**GOMPERS WILL GO  
TO JAIL IF FINED****Says Federation Must Not Settle  
It For Him.**

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—President Samuel Gompers at the session of the convention of the American Federation of Labor declared that if he were found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings against him at Washington, he would go to jail before he would pay his fine or before he would allow the federation to pay any fine for him. This statement was made by Mr. Gompers during discussion of the report of the committee on the treasurer's report. The committee recommended that immediately following the adjournment of the convention the executive committee shall take up the proposition of placing its funds where they may be removed from danger of attachment.

During a discussion of the Danbury hat case decision President Gompers said: "I am not in touch with the Democratic party; I am not a Democrat, and I am confident I never will be a Democrat. I owe allegiance to no party. I am a trade-unionist. May the trade-unionists always be right, but, whether right or wrong, I am with the trade-unionists. No man has denounced the Democratic party more than I. But when the Democratic party made our contentions its own, it would not only have been ingratitude but cowardice to desert them. If Bryan had been elected with the hosts of organized labor back of him it would have given spirit to human freedom."

**Three Counties Vote Dry.**  
Columbus, O., Nov. 17.—Three counties voted dry in local option elections. Muskingum and Tuscarawas were both carried by the temperance forces with majorities exceeding 1,000 and Hancock county by 1,900. The number of saloons knocked out follows: Muskingum, 82; Tuscarawas, 92; Hancock, 34. Muskingum is one of the most populous counties affected by the new law.**MUTILATED BODY****Found in Clump of Bushes Indicates  
Murder Mystery.**

Millville, N. J., Nov. 17.—The body of an unidentified man, about 60 years of age, was found in a clump of bushes in this place, under circumstances leading to a suspicion of murder. The right half of the man's head had been blown off and at his side lay a shotgun with one barrel discharged. The clump of bushes in which the body was found is in a thickly-settled residential quarter, but no one has been found who heard the report of the gun. Owing to the disfigurement of the man's features identification is difficult.

**NO COURT BUSINESS**

The regular quarterly term of court was called in Judge Evans' court Monday morning but on account of the absence of witnesses and lawyers in the different cases none were called for trial and they were all carried over until the next term.

**SIX KILLED WHEN  
MINE CAGE DROPS****Ten Men Take Fall of Nearly  
Three Hundred Feet.**

Pittsburg, Nov. 17.—Six men were instantly killed, another was dangerously injured and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at Ellsworth mine No. 1, located in Washington county. The mine is owned by the Ellsworth Coal company of this city. Because of a break in the machinery the cage, occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from near the outlet to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 285 feet.

**Presbyterians Stand by President.**

New York, Nov. 17.—An effort to pass a resolution indorsing the position taken by the Lutheran synodical conference in regard to President Roosevelt's statement that any refusal to vote for a candidate for high office because of his membership in the Roman Catholic church would be "unwarranted bigotry," on which the Lutheran church took issue with the president was defeated at the Presbyterian Ministers' association after an exciting discussion.

**Marshal Shot by Yeggmen.**

Marysville, O., Nov. 17.—John Trippe, marshal of North Lewisburg, was shot and seriously wounded by three yeggmen, whom he discovered at an early hour in the act of blowing the postoffice safe. The yeggmen then stole the horse and buggy belonging to Richard Carl, the local grocer, and escaped toward Milford Center. They drove through town like mad. Marshal Trippe lay helpless on the sidewalk several hours before being found by citizens. It is expected that he will recover.

**OFFICIAL VOTE GIVES  
BRYAN LEAD OF 8632****Six Counties of Kentucky Have Yet  
To Report Their Election  
Returns.**

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 17.—So far official returns from 113 counties of the 119 of the State have been received by the Secretary of State.

The official returns from these 113 counties and the unofficial returns from the other six, give Bryan a majority of only 8,632 out of a total vote as between Bryan and Taft of about 470,000. The vote for the prohibition, socialist and other candidates will bring the total vote of the State up to nearly 485,000, which is over 40,000 more votes than were ever cast in the State before in any election.

The State Election Commission will meet next Monday, November 23, to canvass the returns and issue certificates to the successful electors and Congressmen.

**CONFESSES TO  
MANY FRAUDS****Chicago Man Sentenced Four Hours  
After Arrest—Used Clever  
Device.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Peter Van Vlissingen, a real estate dealer for several years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed to having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary. The arrest, the indictment, the confession and the sentence were the work of less than four hours. Taken in the midst of business from his office desk, Van Vlissingen, a venerable looking man, appeared before the court and in tears confessed that for from 18 to 20 years he had been securing money through the sale of forged documents, and that though he had bought back many of these spurious instruments without detection, at least 25 people would lose an aggregate of more than \$700,000 through the paper which he has not yet redeemed. In forging notes, he declared, he had perfected a unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desktop, so arranged that by an electric light thrown up from beneath he could readily trace from originals forged signatures onto worthless paper. Throughout his arrest and sentence the prisoner made no effort to defend himself, but only asked that his punishment be speedy. Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was imposed, Van Vlissingen, bowing his head, replied, "Only that I be given my punishment at once." His term in the penitentiary was fixed as indeterminate, from one to fourteen years.

Van Vlissingen, who is about 45 years old, was married Feb. 4, 1907, to Mrs. Jesse Roosevelt Blend, who was described at the time as a distant relative of President Roosevelt. The bride was a daughter of Wilton C. Blend, Van Vlissingen had been a bachelor, living at the Calumet club. He was known as being of a philanthropic disposition, giving special attention to the welfare of boys.

The specific charge which led up to the spectacular arrest of Van Vlissingen was made by two men who had bought forged mortgage notes. They are T. J. Lefens and William C. Seipp, who have offices in the same building as that occupied by Van Vlissingen. To the notes for \$4,500 held by them were signed the names of Joseph and Bertha Grossman. As was customary, Van Vlissingen copied the forged papers from the originals, which he disposed of to other buyers. Lefens and Seipp said they first became suspicious of the note last Saturday.

**Taft Will Make Own Cabinet.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—When a report in circulation that National Committeeman William L. Ward of New York might be selected for a cabinet portfolio under Mr. Taft was called to the attention of the White House, Secretary Loeb's only comment was that Judge Taft has said that the newspapers might choose now the entire cabinet if they so desired, but that he would not decide that matter until February.

**TWO MINERS BURIED****By Fall of Slate at Kerr's Run, Near  
Pomeroy, Ohio.**

Pomeroy, O., Nov. 17.—Two men were killed in a domestic coal mine at Kerr's Run, being crushed to death by a large block of slate. The killed are: James R. Stobart, 70, and Albert Young, 27. A large force of men are working in relays to recover the bodies, and it is not thought possible to reach them until late tonight.

**Large Tobacco Crop Sold.**

Owensboro, Ky., Nov. 17.—J. C. Englehart, manager of the American Tobacco company in Owensboro, has announced that the Bowling Green Tobacco Growers' association has sold to the American Tobacco company 3,500,000 pounds of air-cured tobacco of the 1908 crop. The tobacco was sold under the same contract that has been in use in the Green river section for two years. This is the first crop handled in this way in northern Kentucky.

**Claims Heavenly Inspiration.**

Sterling, Ill., Nov. 17.—J. H. Ahrens, owner of a \$40,000 stock of merchandise, says he received a wireless message from heaven to sell his stock and become an evangelist, and he obeyed the command.

**Sullivan is Re-elected.**

New York, Nov. 17.—James E. Sullivan was re-elected president of the Amateur Athletic union for his third term.

**NEW RULER IS  
MAN OF ACTION****Prince Chun Adopts Stringent Meas-  
ures—Bound to Have  
Peace.**

Peking, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. The Chinese have been so accustomed to look on the dowager as the one person dominating all, that the announcement of her death caused but little change in their unemotional natures and easy-going ways during the early hours of the ceremonies attending her passing, but now there has come a marked change. Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

Five thousand gendarmes guard the streets and other military forces are held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent the recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches, and in some cases the regular legation guard was augmented by reinforcements from other places.

There were many occurrences to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new dowager, Yehonala, and Yuman Shi Kai, the grand councillor and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the people and creating alarm amongst Chinese and foreigners alike, who realize how delicate the political balance is at the present moment.

Serious runs on banks occurred and four native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign bank, the Yokohama Specie bank, suffered a big run on its Tientsin notes, but the British, Russian and German banks were not affected. It is probable that a number of other native banks will be closed, and it is believed that the government will step in in an endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

As yet the cause of death in the case of the emperor and dowager empress has not been made public. A number of lengthy reports have been written with reference to this, but they are unintelligible to the foreigners here, who have not yet recovered from the shock of the suspicion of foul play, which was widespread. There is no reasonable evidence, however, to show that death in either case was the result of anything other than natural causes. The emperor had been ailing for a long time and had been in feeble health during the latter half of his life. The dowager empress had carried burdens of state for many years, and in the last few months had shown signs of declining health.

The government entertains fears of the Keh Ning Tang reformers, who are reported to be assembling with a view to taking advantage of the present disturbed condition of the country. While matters have an appearance of tranquility, there are reports of disaffection among the adherents of half a dozen rival candidates for the throne, and to the minds of the foreigners the government itself is disaffected. It is contended by some that the eldest Pu, that is, Pu Lun, is the legitimate emperor, and that therefore the selection of Pu Yi was another of the dowager's illegal acts.

An imperial order was issued in the name of Dowager Empress Yehonala expelling all palace visitors, which means the clearing of the masses who assembled during the period their majesties were believed to be dying, and who have remained within and near the palace precincts ever since.

**Ruef Demands Change of Venue.**

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—In the trial of Abraham Ruef for alleged bribery, a motion was made on Ruef's behalf that the jury be dismissed. This was denied and Attorney Dozier filed an affidavit signed by Ruef asking for a change of venue to some court in another part of the state, as he was convinced that he could not obtain a fair trial in this court. Attorney Ach stated that if the motion for a change of venue was denied he would ask for a continuance of 30 days. Court adjourned in order to give the prosecution time to make counter affidavits.

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