

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TANNER SPENDING HOLIDAYS IN JAIL

Does Not Pay Judgment of \$5,000 in Stevenson Damage Suit nor Furnish Supersedeas Bond for an Appeal—May be Released January 5th.

County Superintendent C. A. Tanner began Tuesday morning serving ten days in the county jail. This is the result of proceeding in the case of Miss Stevenson against C. A. Tanner. She obtained judgment for \$5,000 in an action for libel growing of certain portions of a letter sent by Superintendent Tanner to State Superintendent Crabbe, reflecting on the moral character of Miss Stevenson, who was a teacher of this county.

A motion for a new trial of the case has been made by the attorneys for Mr. Tanner and has been denied by Judge Benton. The plaintiff secured a writ of fieri facias on the judgment but the Sheriff reported no property found to satisfy the judgment. Then the plaintiff asked for a writ of capias ad satisfaciendum against the defendant and in answer to this writ the defendant was either compelled to pay the judgment, appeal and give bond to cover the judgment, or if he did neither, go to jail. Mr. Tanner chose the latter course. On January 5, he will have

served ten days and will then be brought before the County Judge to be interrogated as to his ability to satisfy the judgment. If he is found by the Judge to be financially unable to respond, he is discharged.

Mr. Tanner's time to appeal the case has not yet expired, but he stated that he intended to take an appeal.

Superintendent Tanner was visited this morning by a reporter for The News in his quarters at the county jail. He conversed very freely about his case and his serving the term in jail and seemed perfectly contented with a few days of jail life. Mr. Tanner is occupying one of the new cells that were recently built and he is the first one to use it. Everyone who calls on him writes their name on a book and already there are over 125 names registered. Superintendent Tanner said that he did not regret his act; that if the same thing had to be done again he would do it cheerfully and would feel that he was only doing his duty.



CATHERINE VILSACK, PITTSBURG HEIRESS, WHO IS TO WED ATHLETE.

A betrothal which aroused much interest in political and financial circles in Pittsburg and New York was that of Miss Catherine Vilsack of Pittsburg to John F. Mulcahy of New York. Miss Vilsack is an heiress and one of the most beautiful young women in Pittsburg. Her personal fortune is estimated at \$3,000,000. Mr. Mulcahy is a famous athlete and yachtsman and is popular in political circles in the metropolis.

CASTRO FORCES WIN IN FIRST FIGHT AGAINST GOMEZ' ADHERENTS

Twenty Men are Killed and Fifty Wounded in a Sea Fight Off Coast of Venezuela—Gomez Party Retreat.

Special to The News.
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 29.—A battle was fought at Macuro on the Venezuelan coast between the adherents of Castro and the crew of a

gunboat working in the interest of the President, Gomez. Twenty men were killed and fifty wounded. The Gomez party was compelled to withdraw temporarily.

SEVENTY THOUSAND ARE NOW ESTIMATED AS KILLED IN ITALY

Latest Reports Show Whole Towns Wiped Out—Entire Religious Community at Messina and Eggio are Destroyed by Earthquake and Fire.

Special to The News.
MONTELEONE, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi has been destroyed. There is a thousand dead. A large number were also killed at Bagnara.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The total cas-

ualities in Calabria and Sicily are now estimated at seventy thousand.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Pope has been notified that the entire religious communities of Messina and Eggio, including the bishops, priests, monks and nuns were wiped out by earthquake and fire.

FOG SPREADS OVER CITY DURING NIGHT

Descends About Nine O'clock and Does Not Clear Off For Several Hours.

A thick fog set in over the city last night and stayed for several hours. Although no rainfall was visible, the streets soon became wet and damp and walking became disagreeable. Fogs are caused like clouds by differences in atmospheric currents. When one stratum of atmosphere meets a colder one it causes a fog. The fog became so thick last night that people standing on the corners could hardly see the arclight at the other end of the square. The temperature continued to rise and about 3 o'clock in the morning the fog turned to a slow drizzling rain.

WAS A SUCCESS.

The oyster supper given by Elkin Lodge F. & A. M., Saturday night at the house of John R. Lisle was quite a success. Everybody had a good time, there was plenty to eat and about twenty-five dollars was realized which will be added to the building fund.

MERCHANTS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Will Be Held Tuesday Night in County Court Room to Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Merchants Protective Association will be held Thursday night in the county court room at the court house. Nothing is on the program but the election of officers for the ensuing year but there are several important matters that will probably come up before the meeting for discussion.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

Nominating Committee to Report and Officers For Year To Be Chosen.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club is scheduled to take place Tuesday night for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

FEW CATTLE LOW PRICES

December Court Day Was the Slowest on Record—Very Little Done.

There was an exceptionally large crowd in town Monday, court day, and there was lots of money in circulation but the live stock that was offered for sale at the stock yards was of the poorest quality that has been seen here in some time.

There were only about 600 head on the market all told, which is an unusually small amount. The heaviest bunch that was sold only averaged 900 pounds. All that were offered were sold; the demand for them was great and as many more could have been sold if they were on the market.

There was only about twenty-five sheep offered, but there was no demand for them and none of them were sold. The average price for cattle was 3½ to 4½ cents. As a rule December court days are always quiet at the stock yards but this one was the worst on record. The following is a list of some of the sales that were made:

- W. Allan to B. D. Goff, 10 cattle averaging 750 pounds for 4½ cent.
- J. M. Daniels to Bell Bros., 12 cattle averaging 700 pounds for 3½ cents.
- Willis Allan to Brack Lysle, 14 cattle averaging 700 pounds for 3½ cents.
- Connor and Horton bought of different parties thirty-six cattle averaging 700 pounds for 4 cents.
- Treadway & Holsley to W. H. Hodgkin, 37 calves for \$10 each.
- W. E. Little to J. Hatcher, 8 cattle averaging 700 pounds for 3½ cents.
- Treadway and Hosley to W. McKenney, 10 cows averaging 800 pounds for 3½ cents.
- J. M. Daniels of B. D. Goff, 9 cattle averaging 750 pounds for 4 cents.
- W. H. Holton to M. Weil, of Lexington, 29 cattle for 3½ cents.

A BARGAIN SALE.

Mat Bean is compelled to hold a bargain sale of his harness, buggies, etc., to prepare for moving to his new building. It opens December 31. The present structure is to be remodeled to make offices for Drs. Lyon and Lyon, who were burnt out recently.

COL. THOMSON TO JUDGE BENTON

Issues Card to the Democratic Voters of the 25th Judicial District.

Thompson, Ky., Dec. 29, 1908.

To the Democrats of the Twenty-fifth Judicial District of Kentucky:

It is with regret and a greater degree of reluctance that I feel called upon to address you at this particular juncture. I feel that I owe it to myself to refute an indignity offered me by Judge J. M. Benton in a card headed, "Judge Benton's Final Reply."

The paragraphs to which I refer are omitted in the circulars sent out in Clark county, but are included in all those distributed in Madison, Powell and Jessamine counties. If they had been addressed only to the Democrats of Clark county, to whom I am well-known, I should not have felt called upon to make any response, but as he has circulated them widely among a great number of people to whom I am a stranger, it behoves me to perform this unpleasant duty.

The paragraphs are as follows: "I do not know who are Mr. Hays' friends in the other counties, but I do know that in Clark county his candidacy was promoted and encouraged, and is now being pushed, by such men as John E. Garner and H. P. Thomson, the former, now holding office under Gov. Willson, and who has not voted for a Democrat for ten years and who has always been recognized as a bolter, while Thomson led the bolt against Bryan in Clark county. These men and their followers are my political enemies because I have in every election always voted the Democratic ticket and made a square fight for the Democratic party and its candidates.

"I do not question Mr Hays' loyalty as a Democrat, but I simply call attention to the political character of the men who are leading his fight against me in Clark county to better enable the loyal Democrats of the district to decide where their duty lies in this race."

While in answering this charge against me, I do not consider it material, but in justice to Mr. Hays, I know that his candidacy was not promoted by any two or by any dozen men. In being around his office

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HAINS DEFENSE SCORES POINT

Witness Tells of Trip to Bayside—Takes Blame Himself, Invited Defendant.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The defense scored two material points in the evidence developed in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, which the defendant's counsel assert disproves the charge that the author was a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club, in Little Neck bay. An exhausting cross-examination of the two witnesses for the defense left the main points of their testimony unshaken, and Thornton Hains returned to Long Island declaring that the evidence proved his innocence.

Testimony that Thornton Hains did not go to Bayside to kill Annis, but to look at property, was testified to by Charles R. Weaver, sales agent for the Hains Concrete Mixer company, who further declared that it was at his insistent invitation that the Hains brothers on Aug. 15 postponed a trip to Sandy Hook and went to Bayside to inspect real estate there. Weaver almost sobbed on the stand when he said that he felt responsible for sending the Hains brothers on the journey that ended in the death of Annis. The mental condition of Captain Hains previous to the shooting was testified by Mr. Weaver, who asserted that from the actions of the army captain he believed him to be irrational.

The second material point brought out by the defense was drawn from John Tierney, a garbage collector, who said he was an eye witness to the tragedy. Tierney declared that Captain Hains had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the float, and the defendant did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Captain Hains with the captain's revolver in his hand. Tierney said that Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at any one on the float, but called for an officer to arrest his brother. He did not see Mrs. Annis on the float. A severe cross-examination did not make Tierney waver in the essentials of his direct testimony.

DESPERADO SENDS WORD TO OFFICERS

Offers to Surrender to Certain Militia Officer.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 29.—Berry Simpson, the leader in the troubles at Stearns, is stationed at Paint Rock, in the mountains, a short distance from the scene of the bloody conflict of Christmas day. He dispatched two of his sympathizers to Captain Henri Waddell and agreed to surrender provided General Warren, one of the soldiers, be sent for him. Reuben West, wounded in the Christmas day battle, is with Simpson, and 75 desperate men are also in Simpson's camp, and the officers fear to send out Warren. The messengers were told to tell Simpson to come to Stearns. It was later stated that he would be there, but he failed to appear.

Blame "Blind Tigers."
Stearns, Ky., Dec. 29.—Blind tigers in this county were declared by Sheriff Crawley to have been the cause of the battle here on Christmas day between the miners and the United States marshals, which resulted in the death of two men. Sheriff Crawley was induced to make the remarks at the end of a day which was devoid of incident, save the firing of a single charge into a bank where one company of soldiers are quartered. The sheriff made a visit to the mountain "stills" in the neighborhood, but found them deserted.

Hand Bequets to Griscom.
Rome, Dec. 29.—The resignation from the diplomatic service of Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador to Rome, is announced by the Italian press. The news is accompanied by many flattering expressions of regret at the ambassador's departure. Mr. Griscom will remain in Rome until March 4.

Friend of Garfield Dies.
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 29.—Robert Emmett Fisk, for 35 years editor of the Helena (Mont.) Herald, and confidential friend of President Garfield and James G. Blaine, died at Mrs. Berkeley home, aged 71. He served in the civil war, attaining the rank of major, and established the Helena Herald in 1867.

THOUSANDS DIE IN EARTHQUAKE

Southern Portion of Italy is Devastated and Two Villages Disappear.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio Di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, of "the toe of the boot," were devastated by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partially destroyed, and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed. Owing, however to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done.

The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country, which seems to have been most blessed by nature, will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature, which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily, sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

The Italian government proceeded energetically to relieve the widespread distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need troops and engineers. Members of the Red Cross were dispatched to various places, and camps with provisions were immediately established, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transport.

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from that quarter stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed. The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in that harbor, later proceeded to Catania, loaded with injured, who were so stupefied by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come.

At Catania, the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses, and are camping on the squares which are free from water and the surrounding country. The tidal wave sunk five hundred boats there and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda.

Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina which flank the water, covering them with a thick layer of mud, which rendered more difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzirri, adjoining Messina, have disappeared. The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire, through an explosion of gas, the flames sweeping along several of the streets adding terror upon terror.

Thousands of people abandoned their homes, although a terrific rain-storm prevailed, and fled the air with lamentations and prayers. In some places, such as Prizzo, Cotrone, Santa Severina and Piscopio, the people had the courage to enter the churches almost while they were falling and carry out the saints. They bore these in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of God.

The pope was greatly distressed at hearing of the scourge that had afflicted the loyal population in the south. He could hardly credit the truth of the dispatches describing the devastation and fatalities as ten times greater than in 1905.

Dozen Firms Burned Out.
Bracebridge, Ont., Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed Silbetta and the McCosh blocks. About a dozen firms were burned out. Loss \$100,000.