

# THE \* COMET

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hal H. Haynes offers to again serve the bar and people of the First Chancery Division of Tennessee, subject to the action of the republican party, if deemed to be entitled to a renomination and re-election, upon his record as Chancellor. 1320

"There is no death! What seems so is transition."

"This life of mortal breath is but a suburb of the life elysian. Whose portal we call Death."

"He is not dead—the child of our affection— But gone unto that school Where she no longer needs our protection, And Christ himself doth rule."

"In that great cloister's stillness and seclusion, By guardian angels led, Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution, She lives whom we call dead!"

—Henry W. Longfellow.

## STACY HELEN LYLE

The Angel of Death has once more called at our home and taken from us little Stacy Helen, our baby girl. For three years and seven months only this little darling had been permitted to brighten our lives, and with scarcely a moment's warning, in the midst of sturdy health, the precious soul was recalled by Him who has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Last Saturday morning at 8 o'clock God's finger touched her and she slept, after battling all night with croup. The human heart is truly a wonderful structure. Each child builds its separate estate in the heart, yet never crowds it, and when one dies the suffering seems in no way relieved by the number living.

Some writer has said that "when we weep, we weep alone." This is not true in the sense that we have no sympathy in our deepest afflictions, but it is true only in that we must bear our suffering sorrow alone. We alone miss the pattering feet and hissing tongue, just as we alone enjoyed them. Our hearts are emptied only because they only were filled. The mystery of death is so profound that it is hard to keep human hearts from rebelling at death. God knows how we tried to keep her, how we ministered to her wants and plead with Him to let her get well, but in His infinite wisdom He thought best to take her back.

Funeral services were held at the

residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and conducted by Rev. S. B. Vaught and Rev. Geo. D. French and the little body laid to rest in the family plot at Oak Hill and the mound covered with floral gifts of sorrowing friends.

May God bless those who have spoken words of sympathy and performed acts of kindness, and shield them from a similar affliction.

Oh! how we loved her God can tell; Her heart was folded deep in ours. Our hearts are broken, Baby Bell! At last he came, the messenger, The messenger from unseen lands; And what did dainty Baby Bell? She only crossed her little hands, She only looked more meek and fair! We parted back her silken hair, We wove the roses round her brow— Wrapt her from head to foot in flowers; And thus went dainty Baby Bell Out of this world of ours.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

## THREE ACCIDENTS OCCUR AT ERWIN

At Erwin last week Will Bristoe and Richard Justice, carpenter, fell from the top of a two-story building, the scaffold giving way, causing both men receive serious injuries. J. R. Webb, master boiler at the Erwin shops of the C. C. & O. railway, while repairing an engine, fell from it and dislocated his hip. The accident was very painful, and it will be some time before the injured man can resume his work.

## WOULD SINK PERSONAL INTERESTS FOR PARTY

Memphis, Oct. 30.—Jacob McGavock, Dickinson, secretary of war, supplemented here yesterday his Nashville interview regarding the question of his becoming a candidate for United States senator from Tennessee to succeed Jas. B. Frazier, the incumbent. In reply to a question upon this much-discussed subject, Secretary Dickinson said that he had not yet given the subject the serious consideration that so important a topic demanded.

"If it should appear to me," said Judge Dickinson, "as has been urged, that my candidacy would be the means of unifying the present warring factions in the democratic party, I should consider it my duty to sink personal inclinations and accept the situation."

## NOW FOR TEST OF TAX ON SOFT DRINK STAND

Nashville, Oct. 30.—After several days of consideration the matter of the legality of forcing the soft drink dealers to take out tipping licenses is ready to be tested in the courts. Counsel for the dealers and for James R. Jetton, state revenue agent, have arrived at a satisfactory understanding, and S. C. Austin went to the office of the county court clerk and took out a license "to keep a tipping house in Nashville" for a period of six months.

The license issued to Austin was the same as those issued to saloons before the present temperance law went into force.

## FAILURE OF COMPULSORY PRIMARY LAW

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The Nashville American comment upon the decision quotes from it as of superior significance, the following extract:

Who will undertake to give a single sound reason why the "state board of election commissioners" and the two "boards of primary election commissioners, elective by the joint vote of the general assembly," shall not first be nominated in a primary election, just as the state officers and United States senators are required to be, and all of whom are likewise "elected by joint vote of the general assembly?" If this was a mere oversight, it was a grave and unfortunate one.

This will be taken as conclusive by most people of open minds and not once satisfy every fair-minded citizen of the necessity for first having laws consistent with justice and right and drawn in accordance with requirements of the organic law before we make too strenuous demands for their enforcement. The chancellor did not refer to it in his opinion but the fact is this law, as does the new election law, breaches a very plain constitutional inhibition against the selection of any county officer in any other way than by the people or the county court.

With this ill-advised law out of the way the democracy of the state stands in very much better attitude for reaching some sort of harmonious agreement on a primary law that will hold and for which the party itself will be responsible with share to smart republican politicians. — Chattanooga Times.

## DRAW THE LINES.

"Draw the lines in every single solitary contest from constable down to the present governor." — Nashville Tennessean.

The News-Banner, as is well-known, has fought against such action as is advised in the above, but it is only too evident that the state-widens are determined to force the issue, and there is no course left the old line democrats but to accept the challenge.

The war is inevitable, so let it come, and all democrats should fall in line. When we say "all democrats" we mean all voters who really have the best interest of the state and its affairs at heart, regardless of whether they supported Patterson or Carmack in the June primary of 1908. The News-Banner is unalterably opposed to the return of the saloon, but we are also determined in our opposition to the retaining of certain laws enacted by the last unlamented legislature on the books.

The Tennessee has thrown down the gauntlet; let democracy take it up. — Murfreesboro News-Banner.

The democratic Johnson City Comet wisely concludes that as the democrats in the first chancery division have never got in the habit of electing a chancellor, that the next best thing for them to do is to vote for Chancellor Haynes and elect him without opposition. That will be the thing to do, and it looks as if that is what will be done. — Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

## MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

Full Confession of Suspect Expected When Trial Begins—John Cash is Held for Murder.

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 31.—The case of A. J. Shagle, the Jonesboro lumberman, who was murdered and his body thrown into the French Broad river, near Newport, is still a mystery, despite the confession of John Cash, the youth, who says he saw John Hyden Spenser commit the crime and helped him to dispose of the body.

The general belief now is that the secret of the murder was buried in the breast of Spenser, who committed suicide by drowning himself in a rain barrel at the home of the dead man, when he learned that he was suspected of the horrible crime. This much is certain, that Spenser went to Newport to keep an imaginary pot of gold, which Spenser claimed to have hidden in the mountains, and upon which Spenser had advanced him more than \$1,000. He never returned, and his body was found a week later with the hands and feet tightly bound and the head beaten to a pulp, in the river near Newport.

Cash will be tried shortly, before Judge Coleman, the charge of having been a principal in the gruesome murder, and his confession that he witnessed it and afterward helped to bind the limbs and throw the body in the river, will be used against him. He is only about 20 years old and ignorant, though called shrewd. The theory is that he has made a full confession. The tragedy has aroused much interest in East Tennessee.

## ACK HALE WANTS PARDON

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 31.—It is possible that a movement will be made to secure a pardon for Ack Hale, the youth who was sent to the penitentiary for life from this city, following the celebrated trial of the Hale brothers for the murder of his sweetheart, Lillie Davis, in East Hill cemetery, in this city, on the night of March 27, 1907, on a most unique ground.

His brother, Roy Hale, was sent to the penitentiary for twenty years for the murder of a brother of the former's victim. The brothers, who murdered brother and sister, are now serving their time at Nashville and Brushy Mountain.

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but the jury decided that he murdered her because of jealousy of a suitor whom she was to have married three days later.

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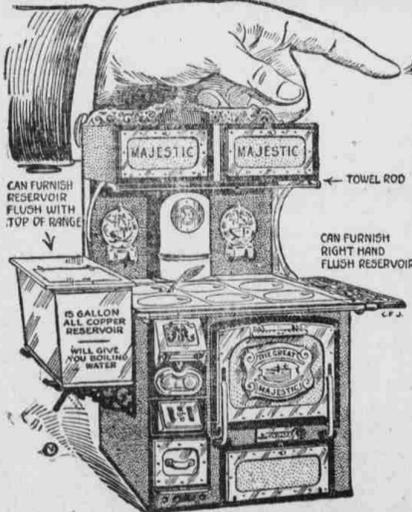
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