

Virginia Items.

We heard it and jotted it down. What happened in and out of town. Mrs. Geo. Thompson spent last week at Hume doctoring. Her health has been failing for some time.

Miss Mamie Boyer, who has been with her sister in Kansas City the past six weeks, returned to her home last week.

Mother Witherspoon died Tuesday Nov. 4. She had been in poor health for a number of years. She was born in Tennessee 76 years ago. She joined the church in early girlhood, and has ever since been an active worker in her Master's vineyard. We have known Mother Witherspoon for 23 years. Her house was the home of the Free Methodist preachers during that time and how much longer we know not. Her husband died 25 years ago, and since then a son and daughter have passed over. She was dearly loved by all her neighbors. Funeral services were held at her home, conducted by her pastor, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Forbes graveyard near Vinton.

Frank Zinn's little girl, who has been very sick with fever for some time, is reported much better.

Rev. Bertha J. Bowers of Trenton, Mo., in the employ of the W. C. T. U. spoke at Virginia Friday night and Saturday night, Sunday morning and night. Her lectures were grand and to the point. I wish some of the late speakers in the campaign had been there and heard her. They surely would have prepared different kind of speeches for the next campaign, especially the church members. The Virginia band rendered some fine music, for which the lady thanked them. She organized a W. C. T. U. which we hope will continue to work for the uplifting of young men and women. They will hold their first meeting Saturday night at the church. They are after the old men who use tobacco. That is where to commence, example is what the young people want.

Miss Ivy Jenkins visited Miss Clara Dillon and Mrs. M. D. Maloney. Miss Dillon leaves Thursday for her home at Paris, Ill., after a four months' visit with her aunt and other relatives.

Frank Adison, of Panama, was in Virginia Saturday of last week. He purchased a red hog.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. McFadden entertained Miss Bower while she was in Virginia talking prohibition.

One Prohibitionist voted last Tuesday for T. K. Lisle. Some on the other side think it strange that he did so. We know not who the person was, but do know that the Democrats were the original prohibitionists from 1848 to 1854 when another party came into power repealed the Democratic laws. I don't blame a person for not voting with a party which is running 260,000 saloons today in the United States and who got up the infernal system in 1862 of taking a revenue of the appetite of the men and women of the United States. We believe he chose wisely between the two old parties; help the men that needed help is the golden rule.

The people of Virginia were shocked last Wednesday when the mail hack stopped at the office with a dead man, who had died on the road from Butler. The man was Ed Penny who had gone to Butler with the mail man full of life and health and was brought back dead. He had served in the Philippine war, returning last spring to his home at Amoret. He was to have been married this winter, the lady attended the funeral. Dr. Benick held an inquest at Amoret Thursday.

Mrs. G. W. Park is still confined to her home with an injured knee.

AARON.

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50 cts at H. L. Tucker's drug store.

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COLUMBIA MUST BE QUICK

If Money for Purchase of Panama Canal Is Not Expended Soon It Will Lapse.

GREAT ENTERPRISE NEAR A CRISIS.

All Appropriations Not Used Before the 4th of March Cannot Be Used—Columbia Is Unable to Ratify a Treaty Because It Has Had No Legislative Body for Three Years.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Senator Harris, of Kansas, a member of the senate committee on interoceanic canals, expressed his opinion in discussing the canal situation that if President Roosevelt does not expend any of the \$40,000,000 appropriated at the last session of congress for the purchase of the property of the Panama Canal company before March 4 next, the date of the expiration of the Fifty-seventh congress, the entire appropriation will lapse, and a new law will have to be enacted, and a new appropriation made if the negotiations are to be carried on after that time. Mr. Harris declared that it was a well-known fact that all appropriations made by congress, if not used in part or in full, lapse with the expiration of that congress. In discussing the likelihood of a payment of some portion of the \$40,000,000 before the 4th of March, the senator called attention to the fact that before the property could be acquired a treaty would have to be ratified by the senate of the United States and by the legislative body of the Colombian government. The Colombian government has had no legislative body for three years and is now in a state of revolution. It would seem, therefore, almost an impossibility for the president to have a treaty negotiated and ratified by the two governments in the short time now remaining before the expiration of the present congress.

MASON FREE, NEGRO HELD.

The Sensational Morton and McPhee Murder Cases at New Cambridge, Mass. Take a Sensational Turn.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 11.—The discharge of Alan G. Mason, the Boston club man, accused of the murder of Clara A. Morton, of Waverly, a week ago last Sunday night, occurred Tuesday. The government lawyer announced that an investigation had failed to disclose evidence sufficient to hold the accused man and ordered the discharge of Mason. Almost immediately George L. O. Perry, a young negro, who had been held as a witness against Mason, was charged with the murder of Miss Morton. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded without bail for a hearing November 18. After his release, Mason held an informal reception and after a short time was driven to his home in Boston.

Preacher Elopes with Young Girl.

Morehead, Ky., Nov. 11.—Great excitement has been created by the arrest and return to this city of Charles Cox, a well-known minister and educator, who eloped from here with the 17-year-old daughter of Columbus Quissey, a prominent citizen of Morehead. The couple were apprehended at Olive Hill, in Carter county, and brought back. Cox has a wife and five children, and occupied a high position in the community.

Cross Will Contest Election.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Nov. 11.—William Cross, the defeated democratic candidate for delegate to congress, will contest McGuire, the republican candidate. Returns show McGuire 350 ahead, but Cross claims that five townships in Comanche county were illegally thrown out, which, if counted, would give him 78 majority.

He May Be a Fraud.

Decatur, Ala., Nov. 11.—For several days past a negro has been in this locality advising negroes to leave Alabama and go to Liberia, Africa. Thus far he has succeeded in getting about 100 families to promise to go with him. He is charging them a fee of \$2, and some say he is a fraud.

Lawton to Have Waterworks.

Lawton, Ok., Nov. 11.—The city council has awarded the contract for a waterworks system to cost \$104,958. Nine miles of mains will be laid. The United States government pays for the system from money derived from the sale of town lots.

Girl Killed a Negro Burglar.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Nov. 11.—Miss Lula Dees shot and killed Sumner Johnson, a negro, when he was attempting to force an entrance into her home. Johnson has a brother in the penitentiary for an attack on another white woman.

Tariff Subordinated to Trusts.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The president's message will unquestionably deal with both the control of trusts and the revision of the tariff; but the tariff question will be subordinated in a most marked manner to that of the trusts.

A Horse Broke His Neck.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Nov. 11.—John Walter, a wealthy farmer near here, was thrown from his horse while chasing cattle. His neck was broken and he died. He settled in this county in 1840.

Farmers to Try Butler.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 11.—The jury to try Col. Ed Butler, of St. Louis, consists of 11 farmers and one merchant.

HYPNOTISM AS A TEST.

Georgia Officers Resorted to Unusual Method to Extort Particulars of a Crime.

ILLITERATE NEGRO WAS THE SUBJECT.

He Had Confessed in Two Murders, But Alleged That a White Man Hired Him to Commit the Deeds—After Being Put into a Trance He Confirmed the Story Previously Told.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 11.—Hypnotism has been applied as a test to a former convict named Miller, a negro who confessed to the murder of Gugie Bourquin and his colored body servant. Miller claimed that he was hired by a white man to kill Bourquin. His confession has been generally regarded as a pure fabrication and he was put under hypnotic influence in order to prove or disprove his strange story.

Miller in his trance said he did not fire the shots that killed Bourquin, but that he heard them and knew who fired them. He was put into a buggy with two officers and made to go through what he alleges to have been in connection with the tragedy. Still in a trance he drove into the country and pointed out the exact locality where he claims the shooting occurred. Miller described minutely four men who, according to his story, murdered Bourquin. Miller is illiterate, being able neither to read or write. His story is not believed to be true in spite of its apparent hypnotic confirmation.

CHAFFEE IS HOME AGAIN.

After Three Years in the Far East He Reaches San Francisco, Though Voyage Was Perilous.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—The United States transport Summer arrived in port this evening from the Philippines, after a most stormy and perilous voyage. Shortly after leaving Yokohama the vessel encountered one of those terrific storms peculiar to Asiatic waters—the typhoon. Boats were smashed, portions of her rigging carried away, and during the night of the storm a launch was torn from its fastenings and struck Mrs. Chaffee's stateroom with terrific force. On board the transport were Gen. Adna R. Chaffee and wife, and Vice Gov. Wright, of the Philippine commission, accompanied by Mrs. Wright. Gen. Chaffee has been absent from the country for over three years, during which time duty called him to Cuba, to China, and to the Philippines. His services in China were such that he was recognized the world over as a tactician of wonderful knowledge and force, and a diplomat of unusual ability. To Gen. Chaffee's efforts was due the speedy and peaceful settlement of the Chinese difficulty, and in recognition of his services in China he was detailed to go to the Philippines to bring about a more harmonious condition of affairs.

She Wouldn't Return to Him.

Aurora, Mo., Nov. 11.—Luzin Williamson shot and fatally wounded his wife here yesterday evening, boarded a westbound Frisco train and escaped. Mrs. Williamson recently went to Kansas City, where she obtained a divorce. She returned to Aurora for a visit and Williamson asked her to live with him again. When she refused he drew a revolver and shot her, the ball passing through the abdomen.

Smaller Guns Are Booming Cannon.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A majority of the Illinois delegation to congress gathered here yesterday and indorsed Congressman Cannon, of the Eighteenth Illinois district, for speaker of the house of representatives to succeed Speaker Henderson. A committee, with Congressman Mann as chairman, was appointed to further Cannon's interests.

Boys Were Cleaning a Gun.

Ottumwa, Ia., Nov. 11.—Frank Perkins, 17 years of age, is dead; Asa Noe, 20 years old, is minus a hand; Oliver Fothergill has a bullet in his thigh and Frank Cejka may die as the result of a careless examination of shotguns by the four youths. The boys were cleaning the guns preparatory to going hunting.

Spectacular Fire on Big Bridge.

New York, Nov. 11.—The new East river bridge, in process of construction between New York and Brooklyn, was damaged to the amount of at least \$500,000 last night by a fire that for four hours raged 355 feet in the air, on the summit of the great steel tower on the New York side.

A Suicide at 82.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 11.—A special to the Tribune from Wellsville, Utah, says: William Richards, aged 82, of Wellsville, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging. He was a veteran of the Crimean war.

Bradford Urges Government Control.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Government control of all wireless telegraph stations along the coasts of the United States is recommended by Rear Admiral Royal B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, in his annual report.

Stole \$2,000 in Silver.

Denver, Col., Nov. 11.—A special to the News from Tucson, Ariz., says three masked men held up the office and store of the Sierra de Cobre Mining company near Canonan, Mex., securing \$2,000 in silver.

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You Will Need

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Lynching is Imminent.

Anniston, Ala., November 8.—The state troops have been ordered out here to prevent the lynching of a negro who attacked Mrs. Williams and who is said to have been caught near Anniston. A mob of 1,000 is at the scene threatening to burn the negro.

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Va., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible fever sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures bruises, felons, ulcers, eruptions, boils, burns, corns and piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by H. L. Tucker, drugist.

TWO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Roosevelt and Cleveland Delivered Addresses at Dedication of New York Chamber of Commerce Building.

New York, Nov. 11.—With the president (Roosevelt) and a former president (Cleveland) of the United States as its guests of honor and with representatives of foreign governments and other distinguished persons, the New York Chamber of Commerce formally dedicated its building in this city to-day. The new building, a handsome structure of white marble, is situated in Liberty street between Nassau and Broadway. The proceedings were opened with a prayer of dedication by Rev. Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity church. An address of welcome by Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber, followed, and then the oration of the day was delivered by Former President Grover Cleveland. The address of President Roosevelt followed, and was brief.

When Mr. Cleveland rose to speak he was greeted with loud cheers from the assemblage, and several times in his speech he was interrupted by applause. At the conclusion of Mr. Cleveland's address, Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber, announced that President Roosevelt, although reserving his address for the banquet in the evening, had consented to say a few words. As President Roosevelt stepped forward to address the chamber, the whole assemblage rose and cheered.

Iowa May Save Building.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 11.—The state of Iowa is going to make an effort to make a partial saving on the building which will stand for the state at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in St. Louis in 1904. A building is to be erected with special reference to having it so constructed that it can be moved into Iowa after the exposition is over, and with a view to having it as useful as possible after it is removed to Iowa and erected again.

Greeting to the Bankers.

New Orleans, Nov. 11.—The American Bankers' association began its annual meeting here Tuesday. Addresses of welcome were made by Acting Mayor Melhe, City Attorney Gilmore, on behalf of the city; Prof. W. C. Stubbs, on behalf of Gov. Heard, and R. M. Walmsley, of the clearing house association, on behalf of the local bankers. President Herrick replied to the welcomes and delivered his annual report.

Horrified Spectators Saw Him Die.

Chariton, Ia., Nov. 11.—Hundreds of horrified spectators saw Thomas Baxter, an aged resident of Chariton, cremated in a fire which destroyed his residence last night. The blazing body could be seen through the windows of the burning house. There is much mystery surrounding the case and it is thought he was murdered and the house set on fire to conceal the crime.

Missouri Town Votes to Advance.

Linnens, Mo., Nov. 11.—The city of Linnens has just voted to erect an electric light plant, buy and improve a city park and purchase a fire engine, all to be owned and managed by the city. Linnens has just built a fine, modern schoolhouse, paid the last bond on the city hall and expects to have her electric light plant in operation by Christmas.

Probably a Compromise.

Washington, Nov. 11.—It is freely predicted in diplomatic circles that on the tariff rebate to be allowed upon Cuban sugar and tobacco entering the United States there will be a compromise between the 25 per cent which the United States government is willing to allow, and the 50 per cent which the Cubans demand.

Pulled Triggers with a Poker.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 11.—A horrible suicide of a wealthy farmer, John Werner, of near Mason City, was discovered this morning. He blew out his heart with a shotgun. After placing the muzzle of the weapon against his heart, and the butt of the gun on the floor, he pulled both triggers with a poker.

Noisless Elevated Trains.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 11.—A Bloomington inventor, James Kaeran, thinks that he has solved the problem of noiseless elevated trains. He has invented a wooden wheel which is now being given a test on one of the elevated lines of Chicago and of which great things are predicted.

Call for Single Statehood Convention.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Nov. 11.—The executive committee of the Single Statehood association of Oklahoma and Indian territory met here and voted to call a convention to be held at Claremore, I. T., on Wednesday, December 3. The call was issued for 500 delegates.

Got Priority to the Kaiser.

London, Nov. 11.—The English press continues to regard the German emperor's visit with suspicion and distrust. He is not lampooned or caricatured, but it is generally assumed he is here for business purposes and must not be allowed to have what he wants.

Yonsey Has Made a Confession.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 11.—Henry Yonsey, convict in the penitentiary, serving a life sentence for the Goodel murder, has signed a confession giving the details of the plot and the confession is in the hands of the state attorneys.

Lay Not Up Treasures on Earth.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 11.—The home of Rev. Winders, pastor of the Christian church, was entered and a \$100 watch and several dollars in money stolen.