

## TO THE DEATH

Will the Cubans Fight for Independence.

REFORMS COME TOO LATE.

The Cubans Are Not Discouraged and Will Not Surrender.

GOMEZ HAS NOT THOUGHT TO YIELD

New York, Jan. 22.—Thomas Estrada Palma, President of the Cuban Junta, tonight issued the following statement:

"So much has lately been said of the probability of the termination of the Cuban revolution by the acceptance of autonomy or reforms, that I feel it incumbent upon me, as the accredited representative of the Cubans, to make a brief statement on the subject.

"Reforms were passed by the Spanish Cortes, but the outbreak of this revolution was not thereby stayed one hour. There was, and is, but one idea for which the Cubans are fighting. We have had enough of so-called reforms, enough of promised autonomy. Every intelligent man would rightly condemn the leaders and participants in this movement if anything short of independence were the basis of a treaty of peace with Spain. It is claimed that Gen. Gomez is willing to treat with Spain on the basis of autonomy and that a letter to that effect has been received by me. There is no such letter. He is made of too stern a material to surrender on any such terms, particularly when in his latest letters to me he writes contentedly of his resources and glowingly of his convictions that this winter's campaign will be most successful.

"But even though any one of our foremost leaders should be inclined to terminate the war by the acceptance of autonomy (which is barely within the bounds of possibility) while he himself might surrender, he would do so alone. We, the Cubans, are not worshippers of individualities; we are steadfast followers of our ideals. The death of our glorious Maceo brought sorrow to the heart of every Cuban, but we did not falter, his forces did not surrender; the revolution received no perceptible check. The leader who proposed peace under the Spanish flag would find himself without followers. No treaty of peace can be made by the Cubans unless ratified by a specially convened assembly. It is beyond the bounds of possibility to expect that the Cubans, after two years of sanguinary strife, when they find themselves in a position such as has never been their good fortune to occupy, in point of numbers, equipment and resources, will now weakly accept terms of compromise. Every Cuban, every American knows that the apparent gracious and conciliatory spirit of Spain springs not from her strength, but from her weakness. How can we then, under the circumstances, be expected to waver? If the Cubans in the field are too strong to consider such proposals, the Cubans in the cities are too well advised to consider such proposals. Spain's only strongholds, men of position, of refinement, of wealth, have but lately signed a statement in which they unequivocally say to those in this unquenchable war: 'We are under the error that autonomy would be the solution of the so-called Cuban problem, that nothing short of independence is acceptable to them. They base the statement not only on political, but also on economic reasons.'

"What form of autonomy would help Cuba when saddled not only with her previous debt, but with the added burden of the cost of the present war? The future of the country would be ruin and starvation.

"News of our success in the field may be suffocated by the censor, pacification of the inland provinces may be falsely proclaimed, as in the case of Pinar del Rio, decrees allowing grinding of sugar may be issued where all cane has been destroyed, promises of reforms and autonomy given and annulled promulgated, foreign countries may be deceived by mendacious Spanish diplomacy be cajoled into the belief that Spain is mighty, is generous, and that we are weak, are ungrateful, but we Cubans will continue to fight for independence first, last and all the time. Our leaders may fall, but others will take their places. The opportunity will find the man. Gomez himself has written that even should he fall the revolution is strong enough to continue to its triumph. The only excuse we will have for having begun the war will be its triumph, the only fitting monument for our fallen comrades, the independence of their country."

ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY.

Spanish Soldiers Kill 500 Wounded Cuban Insurgents in Hospitals.

Havana, Jan. 22.—Spanish soldiers have again proclaimed a great victory in which it is said the insurgents lost 500 killed. So they did, but they were wounded men in the Cuban hospitals, which were captured by the Spanish, who promptly

put every disabled Cuban to the sword.

**Sherman May Refuse.**  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—There is a belief current that Senator Sherman will yet refuse to enter the cabinet on account of some expressions of dissatisfaction with his appointment. It is well known the senator would sacrifice his own preferences in accepting a portfolio and being somewhat sensitive to criticism it is thought by some he will decline.

**Heirs to Chicago Property.**  
Danville, Ill., Jan. 22.—Heirs of Governor McGiffin, long since dead, lay claim to 1000 acres of valuable land in the heart of the city of Chicago and will enter suit to recover it at once. A great legal battle will result, which will no doubt tie up the property for some years, even though they should fail to recover.

**Hanna to be Sherman's Successor.**  
Washington, Jan. 22.—Friends of Mr. Mark A. Hanna here say there is not a particle of doubt that Mr. Hanna will succeed Mr. Sherman in the senate in case the latter enters the cabinet. They are coming news to that effect.

**POLLY FELTNER ALIVE.**

**Girl Discovered to Be Working as a Farm Hand.**

Hyden, Ky., Jan. 22.—It has been discovered that Polly Feltner, the young lady whose sudden and mysterious disappearance caused so much excitement and came near resulting in the lynching of a young negro accused of her murder, is working on a farm near Leathermore Creek, in Perry county. She is dressed in men's clothing and has taken a lease on some land which she is clearing with axe and mattock. Her friends have decided to allow her to continue her work without exposure.

**SHOT FROM A WINDOW.**

Jodie L. Conn, of Simpson County, Murdered at Black Jack, Tenn.

Adairville, Ky., Jan. 22.—While riding into the town of Black Jack, Tenn., last night Jodie L. Conn, one of the best farmers in Simpson county, was shot from a window and instantly killed. Mr. Conn had gone to Black Jack from Price's Mill with a party of friends to warn negro depredators away. A posse is engaged in a search for the murderer, who will most certainly be lynched if caught.

**CASHIER YOUTSEY ASSIGNS.**

**His Private Property, Including His Home, Attached.**

Newport, Ky., Jan. 22.—Cashier Youtsey, of the First National Bank of this city, which recently failed, has made an assignment of all his personal effects. All his property has been attached, including his beautiful home, for the benefit of creditors of the defunct bank.

**TAYLOR ON TRIAL.**

Jury Obtained and the Case Opened Yesterday Afternoon.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 22.—The trial of Charles Taylor, the negro who confessed to the rape and murder of little Nellie Zepke, colored, was begun late yesterday afternoon. Six witnesses were examined yesterday and a large number today. The state is making a very strong case and Taylor will undoubtedly hang.

**TWO NEGROES LYNCHED.**

Mob at Jeffersonville, Georgia, Break the Jail and Hang Two Prisoners.

Jeffersonville, Ga., Jan. 22.—In the jail here were confined two negroes, Chas. Forsythe and Will White, charged with the assault and murder of Mrs. Rowland at Adams Park, Ga. Last night a mob gathered and broke into the jail taking the young negroes out and hanging them. Their bodies were riddled with bullets as they hung. The cries of the frightened negroes as they were being dragged to their doom were frightful to hear and were audible for miles.

**JUDGMENT FOR \$75.**

The Case of Will Haffey Against the City Compromised.

Gets Seventy-five Dollars and Costs for Injuries He Recently Received.

An agreed judgment of \$75 was filed in the circuit court today in the case of Will Haffey against the city. Haffey, it will be remembered, was employed as a stationman in the fire department sometime since, and in climbing a pole at Fourth and Elizabeth streets to adjust a fire alarm wire, the wire broke, the pole falling to the ground. His back was injured and he brought suit against the city for \$5,000.

**A GRAND STREET PARADE.**

At Noon Tomorrow By the "Uncle Josh Sprucey Company."

"Uncle Josh Sprucey" and his two big bands will march the streets tomorrow at noon. Watch for the military band, and the funny "Hayseed Band." Matinee at 2 p. m.

## SUITS FILED.

Sol Glass Brings Suit Against His Former Wife.

WANTS TO RECOVER LAND.

She Secured a Divorce and Has Since Married, Selling the Property.

OTHER SUITS FILED TODAY.

Sol G. Glass filed suit in the circuit court here today against his former wife, who has since securing a divorce last year married A. S. Harvey, and W. P. Mosely, to secure some real estate and other property which he claims as his own.

The plaintiff sets out in his petition the fact that when he married the present Mrs. Harvey some time ago, he made to her a conditional conveyance of land up near Mechanicsburg, in addition to milk wagons, horses, and household furniture.

Since then the defendant brought suit for and secured, a divorce, and she and her husband disposed of the goods to W. P. Mosely, who is made co-defendant on this account. The plaintiff avers that the conditions of the deed have been violated, and prays judgment of the goods or \$1,000, the value of them.

Laura L. Ingram today filed suit against her husband, Charles Ingram, for divorce. She alleges that they were married on July 8, 1895; that for the past year her husband has been a confirmed drunkard, wasting his means and estate, and in addition has abandoned her. She asks for an absolute divorce and the restoration of her maiden name, Laura Collier.

Rachel Ross today filed suit in the circuit court against Edgar Seay for \$100 alleged to be due her for the rent of a farm for 1896.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

The Starr-Hendron Case Not Decided at Press Time.

Third Week of Court Ends Tomorrow—Five Weeks More.

The case of Jesse Starr against Lucy A. Hendron, over a small piece of land, was given to the jury this forenoon but at press time no verdict had been rendered.

The case of the Weak Brothers against the Paducah Transfer Company for \$500 damages is now on trial in the circuit court. A wagon of the defendant loaded with goods belonging to the plaintiff slipped into the river some time since preparatory to being loaded on a boat and the goods were lost.

The case of Jack Calloway against Chas. Earhart and others, for \$5,000 damages for breaking his leg in the A. P. A. hall, was reset for the 20th day of the term.

The case of Chiles vs. Thompson was dismissed as settled.

## SHANTY BOAT WARRANTED.

He Has Failed to Pay Taxes on His Boat.

Justice Winchester Issued the Warrant This Afternoon.

M. Ruth, a fisherman, who occupies a shanty boat down about the coal docks in front of the city, was warranted by Justice Winchester this afternoon on a charge of occupying the public river front without paying taxes.

It is said that Ruth has long maintained a nuisance by blocking the landing, and was run away from the foot of Ohio street some time since on account of the stench that arose from his boat and the surrounding water from decaying fish. He will be arrested some time this afternoon.

## GOT GAY.

Hickman Young Man in Trouble at Mayfield.

Fined Heavily for Very Colpable Conduct There.

A young man from Hickman by the name of Will Humphreys tried to play big "Injun" in Mayfield yesterday. The "Democrat" says:

A man by name of Will Humphreys, of Hickman county, is here and in serious trouble. An inmate of the poor house, by name of Lizzie Bone, is also in trouble.

It seems that on last night this man Humphreys drove out to the poor house in a buggy and brought the woman to town and occupied a room up stairs over Metcalf's restaurant on South Sixth street. He engaged the room, it appears, for the purpose of residing there with this woman as man and wife.

This morning at five o'clock the woman started to descend the stairs and in the attempt she fell from top

to the bottom. On investigation it was discovered that one of her ribs was broken by the fall and her face and head badly bruised. On being questioned as to how came her there, etc., she exposed Humphreys in his plans.

Humphreys, realizing the situation to be a dangerous one, made a desperate attempt to leave the town, but warrants had been issued and officers were in search. He had secured his team and was about to drive out when Officers B. A. Williams arrested him at the Webb livery stable, on west Broadway, and carried him to the city hall.

The woman was arrested but was unable to appear at 12 o'clock. Humphreys was fined \$50 and costs in the city court. He was sent to jail to lay out the fine and costs which will amount to about sixty days.

## FOUGHT DIXON ONCE.

And Had His Jaw Broken by the Champion.

Something of a Mexican Pugilist—Barber, Now of Paducah.

In Paducah there lives in comparative obscurity a young pugilist of some promise and considerable experience. He runs a barbershop at Seventh and Trimble streets, and to "sports" familiar with men of the arena his name is quite familiar. There is not much danger of getting it mixed up with anybody else's name, for it is Charles Eugene De Brantley. In addition to being a pugilist, he is a sprinter, musician, wrestler and barber.

De Brantley is of Mexican extraction, and straight as an arrow. He is lithe and active, and while there is nothing strikingly enticing in his personal appearance, he attracts considerable attention wherever he goes.

A year or two ago he undertook to stand up before Tom Dixon, the light-weight champion of America, four rounds for \$50. He fought manfully for three rounds, and then Dixon broke his jaw and put him to sleep.

Last night De Brantley and Walter McNeely, of Mayfield, fought a three-round mill, which was declared a draw. The bout was witnessed in Creason Hall, at Mayfield, by a good crowd, and was given under the direction of Prof. Victor Fried.

## UPROARIOUS LAUGHTER.

"Dr. Bill" Draws a Large Crowd and Gives Excellent Satisfaction.

Looked Like Old Times.—Successful Musicals at the Misses Singleton Last Night.

"Dr. Bill" was presented in Paducah for the first time last night at Morton's, and the large audience in attendance was unanimous in the hope that the company will come back again sometime soon.

"Dr. Bill" was the most laughable performance given here for several seasons. It is a clean-cut farce comedy, abounds in mirth-provoking situations and the most intensely amusing climax, and interwoven is a very clever plot, something quite foreign to a farce comedy, as a rule. The company is an excellent one, every character being well portrayed. Miss Ellie Ellis, the daughter of a prominent politician of New York, who appeared in divers amateur performances until she became stage struck and adopted the stage as a profession, made herself a favorite last night as "Mrs. Horton." "Prince Lloyd," as "Dr. Bill" was cleverly funny, and Mr. Hurligh was "chaplain" to perfection. "Dr. Bill" greatly pleased the large audience. It was one long interval of laughter punctuated only by the dismal discord of the orchestra.

The musicals given last night at the residence of the Misses Singleton for the relief of the plague-stricken sufferers in India. The house was prettily decorated, the crowd was large and the admission price was small. The program contained some excellent features, and each participant deserves personal mention.

Seats are selling rapidly for "Uncle Josh Sprucey" at Morton's tonight, and this afternoon a large crowd is attending the matinee.

"The Twelfth Night Club" has made assignment of parts in the "Cricket on the Hearth," which will be presented about the middle of February. They recently made a delightful success of "The Loan of a Lover."

## MISSING MRS. LENTZ.

A Reward of \$500 Said to Be Offered For Her.

The St. Louis "Chronicle" of today contains a picture of Mrs. Lentz, the woman who disappeared from her home near Benton on December 18, and has never since been heard from, and says \$500 reward is offered for information leading to her discovery. Local officers, however, know nothing about the reward.

No Partnership Formed.  
City Physician, Harry Williamson has not formed a partnership with Dr. Groo, as stated yesterday in the Sun. The two doctors will only have their offices in the same building.

## GHASTLY FIND.

The Bones of Twins Who Died Years Ago.

THEY HAVE A HISTORY.

Died of Poverty and Want—Buried Near Mattison's Flower Garden.

ROMANCE AND TRAGEDY MINGLED.

A gruesome discovery was made yesterday afternoon by workmen while excavating for a foundation on the premises of Mr. John Murray, on the apex of a hill near Mattison's flower garden.

While the dirt was being turned up by the picks, Arthur Murray, a young plasterer, unearthed a quantity of human bones. As they were brought to the surface one by one, the startled young man laid them upon the ground near by, somewhat dubious at first as to what kind they were, whether they were human or those of some animal. But his suspicions were soon confirmed, for in a short time he had revealed with his spade the rusty, corroded nails of a coffin, with the cheap brass trimmings, the wood having long since decayed. There were two skeletons, those of children apparently about 12 or 14 years of age.

The young man thought that perhaps he was desecrating a grave, but no one could be found who knew anything about the bones, or about any one having been interred there. The story spread rapidly, and yesterday afternoon the occurrence was freely talked of in that portion of the city, and not a few went over to see the ghastly remains. After a time they were re-buried, only a few boards and coffin ornaments being left out, in addition to a few fragments of bone that had been broken by the pick of the workmen.

A Six reporter, in a conversation with some of the older residents of the city this morning, discovered a long forgotten tragedy, that would probably have never been thought of again but for the disclosures of pick and spade.

Years ago, about the close of the war, John Howard came down the river on one of the monstrous steamers that used to ply between Cincinnati and New Orleans. With him was his wife and two beautiful children, twins, and Howard and his family were almost dead from exposure and want. He got off here and decided to remain. Most of our thriving city was then a wilderness, from which the echo of the Indian's tread had hardly died away. Howard looked about for something to do, and finally secured work as a farm hand on Mr. Andrew Mattison's place near where the flower garden now stands. But in the zenith of his prosperity affliction appeared and overshadowed his happiness. Neglect, need and exposure had sapped away their life, and he died almost from starvation. Kind-hearted people furnished two rude coffins, and having no money with which to purchase a lot in Oak Grove, Mr. Mattison gave Howard permission to bury the remains of his children on his farm, and they were laid to rest in a shallow grave on the brow of the hill. There they remained undisturbed until yesterday, when they were turned up by the workmen.

Howard and his wife left Paducah years ago, and whether they went no one knows, although it is supposed that they returned to England. A pretty romance is told of the unfortunate man's life. He came of a prominent English family, in fact belonged to the nobility, but married, as his stern and unrelenting parents seemed to think a girl far below him in life. They struggled along in England for some time too proud to ask for aid, disowned by relatives and cast off by former friends, and after a few years came to America, where they did well until the war broke out, when they again encountered privation and suffering, and after the close of the war, while in Paducah, sad and heart broken over the death of their children, they wrote home and asked for forgiveness, related the circumstances of their children's death, and in a few weeks suddenly left Paducah, and as they have never been heard of since it is supposed that they have long been dead. Even the graves of their children were forgotten until yesterday.

Lost.  
This morning, somewhere between Seventh and Tenth or Trimble and Clay, a mackintosh. Finder will please leave at his office. 11

Fingers Mashed.

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