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"UNWRITTEN LAW."

West Virginia's Governor Pardons a Husband Who Shot His Rival.

About a year ago W. S. Kimes shot and seriously injured Benjamin Hall, turnkey of the jail at Parkersburg, W. Va., because Hall had alienated the affections of Mrs. Kimes. Kimes confessed and said he regretted that he did not kill his victim. Judge Jackson gave him a sentence of twenty-four hours in jail and a fine of \$100 and costs, and then concurred in a petition signed by many citizens pleading for the remission of the fine. Governor Atkinson gave notice that he would remit the fine. The Governor said:

"This is a remarkable case. The only regret in the matter is that Kimes did not try to do so, but his pistol misfired. He shot the second round four times, but unfortunately did not kill him. Every man who has a soul in his body will agree with me that he ought to have killed him."

"Hall is still at large. He ought to be apprehended and imprisoned for life. If the prosecuting attorney of Wood County does his duty he will see that the second round is remitted and Kimes is sent to the penitentiary. I remit this fine and costs with more pleasure than any word the English language furnishes me to express. Kimes did what every man would have done under the same circumstances, except that he should have practised with a revolver or double-barreled shotgun, so that when he made the attempt he would have brought Hall down."

"A villain like Hall is unfit to live in a civilized community. I repeat again. I remit this fine and costs with the greatest pleasure."

"Since Kimes's release he has been employed at Wheeling, going to Parkersburg occasionally to see his children. Hall is living with Mrs. Kimes and every visit the husband makes there the wife endeavors to have the police arrest him for failure to pay his fine."

WARNING TO GOLD HUNTERS.

Secretary Bliss Points Out the Dangers of Going to Klondike.

Secretary Bliss has taken cognizance of the rush to the Klondike gold fields and Alaska and has issued the following warning to the general public:

To whom it may concern:

In view of information received at this department that 3000 persons with 3000 tons of baggage and freight are now waiting at the entrance to White Pass, in Alaska, for an opportunity to cross the mountains to the Yukon River, and that many more are preparing to join them, I deem it proper to call the attention of all who contemplate making that trip to the exposure, privation, suffering and danger incident thereto at this advanced period of the season, even if they should succeed in crossing the mountains.

To reach Dawson City, when over the pass, 700 miles of difficult navigation on the Yukon River, without adequate means of transportation, will still be before them, and it is doubtful if the journey can be completed before the river is closed by ice.

I am moved to draw public notice to these conditions by the gravity of the possible consequences to people detained in the mountainous wilderness during five or six months of an arctic winter, where no relief can reach them, however great the need.

C. N. BRISS,
Secretary of the Interior.

STRIKERS' FAMILIES IN WANT.

Many Requests For Help Received at the Miners' Headquarters.

Appeals for food and provisions were numerous at the headquarters of the striking miners' officials in Pittsburgh, Penn. It appeared as if a wall had arisen from every section of the district, and many miners were present to ask that the suffering ones be looked after. Secretary Warner was kept busy answering the appeals. He said that he had sent more than \$1000 worth of groceries and provisions into various parts of the district. The appeals are now coming from families the heads of which are at the various mining camps using their influence to keep other men from working.

A series of meetings is to be held all over the district. It is the intention to keep up the interest in every section and strengthen every point where there is a home to diggers. Thirty-seven miners went in. The men were told by Mr. DeArmit that they would lose all they had earned if they refused to work.

AN ARMENIAN INVASION.

Several Thousand Cross From Persia Into Turkey.

An official dispatch received at Constantinople, Turkey, says that on Friday last several thousand Armenian agitators from Persia invaded Turkey. They killed two hundred of the Migriki tribe, including women and children. The wife of the chief was put to death with the most cruel tortures, and several other victims had their noses and ears cut off.

The authorities have taken measures to capture the marauders, and to provide for eventualities in the vilayet of Van.

Van, or Wan, capital of the vilayet of the same name, is a fortified city of Turkish Armenia on the east coast of Lake Van, about one hundred and forty-five miles southeast of Erzeroum.

For a Swedish Colony.

It has been learned that a tract of land containing 15,000 acres, bordering on Fish River, in Alabama, and known as the Harford tract, has been purchased by a Swedish colony of Illinois, who are represented by R. A. Johnson. A part of Fish River is navigable, and some of the land purchased is well adapted for agricultural purposes, while the remainder is timbered. The influx of these Swedish immigrants is expected to begin this fall, and it is thought that their thrift will be the means of developing that section favored in so many respects by nature.

Died a Deaf-mute.

When C. S. Anthony, General Auditor of the Fitchburg Railroad, died a month ago, it was deemed wise to put an expert on his books. President Tracy said that the expert had completed his task, and that a deficiency of between \$12,000 and \$14,000 had been discovered in the Auditor's department. He declined to give details, but said that the money had been taken by Mr. Anthony and could not be recovered.

The first thing some men will do when they get to heaven will be to hunt around for one of the old patriarchs so they can tell him all the new stories they know.

BULLETS FLY IN PRISON.

Desperate Attempt to Release a Convict in Boston.

"BICYCLE BANDIT'S" FIERCE FIGHT

Attack of Herbert Willis, the Taunton (Mass.) Desperado, and His Brother Upon Keepers at Charlestown—The Prisoner Fatally Shot—His Brother and Two Officers Seriously Wounded.

Boston, Mass. (Special).—While attempting to escape from the State Prison at Charlestown just before noon, Herbert Willis, the young Taunton desperado, who was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Frederick N. Strange, was fatally injured, and his brother, Everett, who assisted him in his break for liberty, was seriously wounded by guards. Two of the latter were wounded by the Willis brothers, who tried to shoot their way out with revolvers which Everett Willis had brought with him on a visit to the prisoner.

Everett Willis was removed to the Massachusetts General Hospital, where it was found that he had been shot in the head and neck. Herbert Willis, the murderer, who is in the prison hospital, was shot twice in the head. The two guards who were hurt were E. F. Darling, turnkey, who was shot in the thigh and cut about the head, and Yard Officer Abbott, who was all injured about the head by blows, thought to have been delivered with the revolvers in the hands of the desperados.

Everett Willis arrived at the prison during the forenoon to pay a monthly visit to his brother. He was admitted by the usual officials, and Willis, the murderer, was escorted to the guard-room to meet his relative. At the time, Edward Whitham, Lieutenant-Governor, Morris, Whitcomb, for Supreme Judge, C. C. Pomeroy, for Attorney-General, C. A. Beeves; for State Treasurer, F. M. Morris.

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COXEY FOR GOVERNOR.

The Ohio Populists Name a State Ticket at Columbus.

The "middle of the road" men controlled the Ohio Populist State Convention at Columbus four to one, and nominated a full State ticket.

The minority were made up of fighters, however, and the anti-fusionists were forced into a pitched battle at every point.



JACOB S. COXEY.
(Nominated for Governor by the Ohio Populists.)

John Seltz, the venerable Democrat, Greenbacker, Laborite and Populist, was utterly unable to preserve order as Chairman of the convention, and a squad of police was kept in the hall all day to prevent downright rioting.

The following State ticket was nominated: For Governor, Jacob S. Coxey; for Lieutenant-Governor, Morris Whitcomb; for Supreme Judge, C. C. Pomeroy; for Attorney-General, C. A. Beeves; for State Treasurer, F. M. Morris.

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