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UNDER UNWRITTEN LAW.

Nashville Physician Instantly Killed By Husband.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 6.—“Doctor, I hate to do this, but it is my duty.”

So saying, Thomas S. Bush shot and almost instantly killed Dr. H. McF. Allen, a prominent physician of East Nashville, who had long been his friend.

It is certain the “unwritten law” will be invoked once more. Bush, who is only twenty-one years old, who took a lovely bride less than a year ago, broke his long silence. He made a formal statement that his wife, who was Miss Blanche Lewis Curried, of this city, went to Dr. Allen’s office for medical treatment on Saturday last.

Dr. Allen came from his office and was about to enter his automobile, when Bush walked up to him, and, after expressing his regrets, fired.

Bush has wealthy relatives, the Allen connection is influential, and a hard struggle must follow in the courts.

Activity of Stork Secures Postoffice.

ROEBLING, N. J., Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt has granted this place a postoffice on account of the wonderful activity of the stork hereabouts. A delegation of citizens called at the White House and told him that there had been births in nine-tenths of three hundred families here since the place was established as a manufacturing center two years ago.

Before the delegation got back home President Roosevelt had abolished the rural free delivery in Roebling by appointing A. L. Major postmaster.

Forty-two births last week brings the town to the front as the champion stork community of New Jersey.

From J. H. Stoudenmire’s Field.

[Baptist Courier.]

Perhaps a few dots from my field will be of interest to some of the readers of the Baptist Courier.

At Pleasant Mountain church I was assisted by Rev. A. J. Foster, of Bamberg. The practical sermons of Bro. Foster caused the sinners to turn to the Saviour. All the people enjoyed his sermons, and our church was blessed by his preaching. Twenty-four confessed Christ as their Saviour, and I baptized one young lady the month before the meeting, so that is twenty five in all added to the church this year.

On the first Sunday in October our meeting at Lower Three Runs began. Bro. A. J. Foster, of Bamberg, was with us there also, and preached from Monday to the Thursday following. My folks at Lower Three Runs also enjoyed his good sermons, and our church was revived by his preaching. Five confessed Christ publicly as their Saviour, and one lady had joined at my appointment the month before the meeting, so I baptized all six on Thursday morning, October 10, and after the baptism we went to the church and Bro. A. J. Foster preached the closing sermon and we gave the hand of fellowship to the happy candidates.

At Corinth Bro. Halford was with us from Monday night until the close of the meeting, which was Wednesday night. All enjoyed his sermons, and only three confessed Christ publicly as their Saviour, so we have four candidates for baptism, as one lady had joined before the meeting.

I have served five churches this year as pastor, one in Colleton Association, two in Barnwell, and two in the Savannah River Association. I assisted Bro. J. B. Hoffman, pastor of Edisto church near Williston, in a good meeting; eleven were baptized in the meeting, as well as I remember.

Also I assisted Bro. S. P. Chisolm in a meeting at Spring Branch near Bamberg. I forget the number that united, near twelve I think. We had good meetings this year at all the churches and if sinners were not saved it is their own fault. God is willing and he is able to save all who will believe. J. H. STOUDENMIRE, Denmark, S. C.

Weighs 110 Pounds.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Nov. 1.—A remarkable freak of nature is an infant of W. H. Banes, an employee of a factory at Matoeka. The babe, which is named William Edward Banes, is only eight months old and weighs 110 pounds. The babe at birth was of normal weight, but has increased steadily in weight, until it is now a prodigy and weighs almost as much as its mother.

SCIENTIFIC

Mikkelsen Expedition Safe.

The arctic expedition headed by Captain Mikkelsen in the schooner Duchess of Bedford, which had been reported as shipwrecked, was later found to be safe, the members having crossed the ice on sledges to the mainland after their vessel had sunk. This expedition started in May of last year in the hope of finding a new continent somewhere to the north of Cross Island, in the Beaufort sea.



Captain Mikkelsen.

through this lane runs toward the northwest, the whales were next seen by the whalers in July hundreds of miles eastward. The theory of Mikkelsen was that there must be land of some magnitude to the north from which the ice recedes in the spring. The flight of birds in the same direction added to this belief.

No attempt was to be made to reach the pole. The ship sailed from British Columbia flying the Canadian and American flags. One unusual feature was the total absence of alcoholic liquors from the supplies. A later report from Captain Mikkelsen and his companion, Ernest Leftingwell, to the American Geographical society said that the sledge trip to the north of Alaska had covered 500 miles and that they had crossed the edge of the continental shelf twice, while their soundings at fifty miles off the coast showed a depth of 2,000 feet without touching bottom.

From this it is inferred that the land supposed to exist north of Alaska had not been discovered. The explorers say they will continue their work in Beaufort.

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

Seven Years For Runyan.

Chester B. Runyan, who stole \$96,000 from the Windsor Trust company and who was arrested through information furnished by his woman companion, has been sentenced to seven years in Sing Sing.

Spiritualist Merchant Incompetent.

Edward W. Vanderbilt, an aged lumber merchant of Brooklyn, who some months ago married the noted spiritualist medium May S. Pepper and who gave or willed to her a large part of his property, has been judged insane or otherwise incompetent to transact business by the sheriff’s jury summoned pursuant to an action brought by his daughter to determine his mental condition. During the hearing before the lunacy commissioners Mr. Vanderbilt frankly admitted his belief in spirit manifestations, and evidence was submitted to show that the alleged spirits who controlled the medium had suggested his gifts of property to her.

Two Cent Fare Law Invalid.

The first test case against the Pennsylvania two cent railroad fare law passed by the last legislature was decided in the common pleas court in Philadelphia when Judges Wilson and Audenried rendered a decision against the law and in favor of the Pennsylvania railroad, which had brought suit to enjoin the county from collecting the fine imposed for violation of the statute. The judges held that the new law is unconstitutional because the two cent rate is unreasonable to the point of confiscation, inasmuch as it would deprive the plaintiff of property without due process of law; consequently they say that the county should be restrained from demanding fines or attempting to force collection. The defendant urged that in determining whether the maximum rate is improper all traffic and rates within the state must be taken into consideration and that it is not lawful to take the passenger traffic into consideration without reference to express and freight rates, but this view was not accepted by the court. The case was to be taken at once to the supreme court of the state.

More Oil Trust Indictments.

The federal grand jury at Jamestown, N. Y., has completed its investigation of the alleged railroad rebating to the Standard Oil company, and four additional indictments have been returned, each containing fifty-eight counts, covering carloads of oil shipped from Olean, N. Y., to points in Vermont by the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads. The offense charged is concessions to subsidiaries of the Standard Oil company operating in that field, the published rate being 25 1/2 cents and the rate to the Standard companies being 18.10 cents. If the companies should be convicted on all the counts, the court could impose fines aggregating \$4,640,000, which, added to the indictment previ-

ously found, would make a possible aggregate nearly as great as that imposed by Judge Landis of Chicago.

Taylor’s Warrant Suspended.

In the circuit court at Lexington, Ky., Judge Stout ordered the suspension of the warrant issued against former Governor W. S. Taylor, now a fugitive in Indiana, who is charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, in order that Taylor may come to Kentucky to testify in behalf of Caleb Powers, soon to be tried for the fourth time for the Goebel murder.

Ice Trust Letters Published.

Evidence of the most glaring sort in the shape of letters written by Wesley M. Oler, president of the American Ice company, telling of numerous deals and methods used in cornering the market have been taken possession of by Attorney General Jackson of New York through a court order. The district attorney will be asked to lay this before the grand jury. These letters are written in a satirical vein, laughing at the helpless competitors and public and expressing approval of Jerome as “a perfectly calm, sane man who approaches the matter in a sensible, businesslike way.”

POLITICAL

Story of Harriman Fund.

A statement published by the New York World purports to give the names of men who contributed to the \$260,000 campaign fund raised by E. H. Harriman and Senator Dewey in 1904, which in a published Harriman letter was said to have been raised at the personal solicitation of President Roosevelt. The principal subscribers to this fund, according to the World, were, besides Harriman and Dewey themselves, James H. Hyde, J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins, Rogers, Archbold and W. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company, James Speyer and C. N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican national committee. It is asserted that this money was transmitted by Bliss to Cortelyou and that the latter paid over \$200,000 to Chairman Odell for use in New York state. Most of the men referred to have denied the truth of the World’s statement, and Secretary Cortelyou said that at the proper time he would be willing to give to the public a full and frank account of his stewardship, both in and out of public life, but that for the present he would adhere to his rule of not replying to charges of this sort, which he characterized as false and mendacious.

Hearst Pleases Socialists.

According to the New York Worker, the leading organ of the Socialist party in the east, every Socialist will rejoice at Mr. Hearst’s recent speech at Jamestown because “it strips from that vaunted radical all semblance of antagonism to organized capitalism and reveals him in his true colors as a defender and supporter of the present system of exploitation of the working class.” What Mr. Hearst said, the Worker claims, is not new, but that he said it is the significant thing. For that all Socialists will be grateful, as it puts him “publicly where he had always belonged privately.”

Harmon on State Rights.

Judson Harmon of Ohio, as the principal speaker on Ohio day at the Jamestown exposition, took occasion to announce that the state of Ohio was fully capable of governing herself without aid from Washington and pointed out the danger which he believes threatens the country from a centralization of government so as to usurp the powers and privileges belonging to the people.

Congressmen on Philippines.

Two members of congress, Reynolds of Pennsylvania and McKinney of Illinois, who have just sailed from Manila for home after making a tour of the archipelago, expressed the opinion that we should not cross the bridge of independence until we have reached it and that we are not yet near it.

Hull Defends Naval Cruise.

Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, in a Washington interview expressed his view of the battleship cruise to the Pacific as follows: “If any nation has a chip on its shoulder and does not want us to send our vessels where we please, the sooner we find it out the better.”

New Fisheries Arrangement.

The state department has concluded a modus vivendi between this country and Great Britain which covers not only this year’s fishing, but is to continue until the questions in dispute are settled by The Hague tribunal or an adjustment is otherwise reached.

Dates of Taft’s World Trip.

Secretary of War Taft, who sailed from Seattle Sept. 12 for Yokohama, is to arrive there on the 25th, is due at Shanghai, China, Oct. 6; at Manila Oct. 14, at Vladivostok Nov. 11, at St. Petersburg Nov. 26, at Berlin Nov. 29 and will arrive at New York about Dec. 10.

SOCIOLOGICAL

Why American Marriages Fail.

Again a woman is finding fault with American wives and complaining of the failure of American marriages. This time it is Anna A. Rogers in the Atlantic Monthly, who says that “the excessive education and excessive physical coddling of young women” and their devotion to physical culture and sports have evolved a hybrid feminine who is a cross between a magnified, rather unmanly boy and a spoiled, exacting creature who sincerely loves herself alone. Thus, explains this sociologist, “a slipshod, unchivalrous companionship” has grown up between the sexes which after marriage is found to be “a cause for tears

or temper.” One contributory cause, she says, is the existence of 2,921 courts empowered to grant divorces.

Scientific Sex Equality.

The Funk & Wagnalls company announce the publication of a new book by Dr. Denismore, entitled “Sex Equality—A Solution of the Woman’s Problem.” It teaches that women are more intuitive, refined, unselfish and spiritual, but at the present time are distinctly inferior to men in initiative, resource, power and breadth of view. It undertakes to show that these mental differences between men and women are not fundamental or the result of sex, but are caused by environment and heredity; that when each sex is fully developed there will not be, as now, masculine traits and feminine traits, but simply human traits; that women will be as mathematical, logical, philosophical and inventive as men, and men will be as intuitive, refined and spiritual as women. It is a strong plea for extending democracy into all phases of human life. Furthermore, there are given good reasons for believing that the diminutive stature and inferior strength now characteristic of women are the result not of sex, but of habits of life and heredity. Those who accept the doctrine of evolution will have difficulty in denying these conclusions.

Earle and “Affinity” Reply.

The preparations of neighbors to tar and feather Ferdinand P. Earle, the rich artist of Monroe, N. Y., who had arranged to have his wife get a divorce that he might marry his new “affinity,” Julia Kuttner, and the harsh criticisms of the press and pulpit have drawn from both Mr. Earle and Miss Kuttner defensive statements. By remaining away from his home Earle avoided a serious clash with the waiting vil lage mob. Miss Kuttner was found by a reporter in a mountain retreat and told her side of the story quite frankly. She insists that her purpose in going to the Earle house was in the hope of bringing about a reconciliation between Earle and his wife and that her own love of the man was not realized until after she had known of the trouble existing between the Earles. It was Mrs. Earle herself who urged Miss Kuttner to marry Earle, especially as he had agreed to let her have the custody of their little boy. Miss Kuttner said she had such a wonderful understanding of Mr. Earle that she had thought she could help the wife to understand him.

Declaring that he could no longer stand the false position in which he had been placed by mendacious reports, Mr. Earle gave to the press a long statement telling how he came to meet Miss Kuttner in settlement work, how the acquaintance grew by chance meetings on ship board and in Europe and how when they discovered their feeling they wrote the joint letter to Mrs. Earle, saw her parents in Paris and made an amicable arrangement. He also published a letter written by his wife to a mutual friend last month showing her not only willing but anxious for separation and giving her blessing to Miss Kuttner. She said the change gave a more hopeful and peaceful face to her own life.

MISCELLANEOUS

Grand Army in Line.

The forty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Saratoga, N. Y., and about 19,000 veterans marched or limped in line in a driving rain. Governor Hughes made the address of welcome and reviewed the parade. Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., was elected commander in chief. The next encampment is to be held at Toledo, O.

\$1.25 a Week For Aged.

The British trades union congress has adopted a resolution demanding a state pension of \$1.25 a week for everybody over sixty years of age. The congress also opposed the compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes.

President Commutes Sentence.

The president has commuted the prison sentence of James L. Bradford of New Orleans, convicted in 1905 of conspiracy to steal public land, the ground being that of old age and physical infirmities, as urged by Senators McEnery and Foster. Bradford was sentenced to two years’ imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$5,500. His sentence will now be cut to Oct. 20, 1907, on condition that the fine be paid.

Southern Railway Books Wanted.

The North Carolina rate case came up before a master appointed by Judge Pritchard at Washington, and counsel for the state demanded that the Southern turn its books over to experts employed by the state to determine whether the railroad had paid money for lobbying, to subsidize newspapers and for other improper purposes. General Counsel Thom of the Southern objected to this plan, which, he said, was proposed to gratify a lot of politicians, but said he was willing to have the books brought into court and examined in the usual course of the hearing. Judge Montgomery, the master, intimated that he would agree with Thom, but reserved his decision. Congressman Woodward, who represented the state, charged openly that former Democratic State Chairman Pou, the law partner of United States Senator Simmons, had received \$3,000 from the Southern for lobbying in the last legislature.

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