

SEMINOLE CASE COMES UP.

Argument for Receivership Before Judge Watts.

In Cheraw to-day before Judge Watts there will be a hearing on the application for a receivership for the Seminole Securities Company and a number of Columbia attorneys will be present to make argument. The proceedings in the case so far are familiar to the public.

After the purchase of the controlling interest in the Southern Life Insurance Company, of Fayetteville, N. C., at a price considerably above par, it was charged that there had been fraud in the deal, and J. C. Klugh, J. L. Watson and a number of other Greenwood stockholders brought action against the directors of the Seminole Company for the appointment of a receiver. The action was also brought against Messrs. W. A. Clark, Willie Jones, and T. S. Bryan, who were the trustees for the fund raised by the sale of the Seminole stock to the public.

The hearing was fixed for December 21, but was continued on motion of attorneys for the trustees and for the Seminole Company. It is understood that the answers to the application will be filed with Judge Watts today and the motion for receivership will be resisted.

The action of Judge Watts therefore is of grave interest and importance to the stockholders of the two companies.

In a statement issued a few days ago by Commissioners McMaster and Young, they approved a suggestion that the stockholders get together and annul the sale and in this way recover a part of the funds. This may be discussed at the congress of stockholders of the Seminole Company to-morrow. This, however, depends largely upon what action will be taken by Judge Watts after the hearing to-day.—Columbia State, Monday, December 28.

Woman's Home Companion for January.

The current issue of this most progressive woman's publication contains two unusual art reproductions. At the Royal Academy last summer, a painting of Christ, entitled "Follow Me," by a hitherto unknown woman painter, proved to be the sensational canvas of the exhibition. So remarkable was this unusual and spiritual picture that it was at all times completely surrounded by groups of interested and reverential people. "Follow Me" is reproduced in America for the first time in the January Woman's Home Companion.

Howard Chandler Christy's "The Wooing of Lorna Doone," also in the January Woman's Home Companion, is the first of a series of love scenes from famous novels that are being painted for this magazine by the most celebrated artists of the day. Another attractive and unusual art feature consists of portraits of the "Beauties of a Thousand Years," collected all over the world for Woman's Home Companion by William Armstrong.

In addition to the continued stories by Anna Katharine Green, Florence Morse Kingsley and Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, there is a story by Anne Warner, entitled "Dan Rabbit, Cupid;" Marie Manning's "The Scandal of the Bottle Boy;" "The Pride of a Girl," by Mary Hastings, and a charming baby story, entitled "The Story of a Very Little Person," by Albert White Vorse and Mary Heaton Vorse.

Lucy Green, a seventeen-year-old girl who landed in Philadelphia one day not long ago, looking for work, with only five dollars in her pocket, relates her experience in the Quaker City.

Everett T. Tomlinson, one of the most expert trainers of boys in America, writes on the habits of the boy.

In addition to the many special articles, there are contained in this issue a dozen complete departments, including dress-making, by Grace Margaret Gould; cooking recipes for mid-winter receptions, by Fannie Merritt Farmer, and "Problems of the Business Girl," by Anna Steese Richardson.

IGNITED BOTTLE OF POWDER.

Four Boys Probably Fatally Hurt in West Virginia Town.

Fairmont, W. Va., December 27.—When Oscar Harr ignited with a cigarette stump a bottle filled with mine powder to-night he and three companions living at Belleview, a suburb, were probably fatally injured, and several others were seriously hurt by being burned and cut and bruised by flying glass. The injured: Oscar Harr, aged 16, burned about face and cut, probably will die.

John Laughlin, aged 16, cut about face and arms, seriously.

Elmore Sidwell, aged 16, burned about face and hands, probably fatal.

Bennings Smith, aged 13, burned and cut.

Jesse Wilson, aged 14, head terribly burned.

John Boland, aged 11, eyes possibly destroyed by burns.

A hurry call brought a half dozen doctors from Fairmont, who dressed the wounds and removed the most seriously injured to hospitals.

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EVACUATION OF CUBA.

Withdrawal of Army of Pacification to Begin To-morrow.

Havana, Dec. 27.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government, October, 1906. The first provisional regiment of marines, numbering about nine hundred, will be among the first troops to leave. About half this regiment will sail from Havana on January 1 on the cruiser Prairie, which will return about the middle of the month and embark the remainder.

Headquarters company, A, B, C, D, 28th infantry, will embark on the United States transport Sumner at Matanzas, on December 31. From there the transport will proceed to Havana and embark companies F, G, H, stationed at Guanajay, and Company E, stationed at Guines.

From that time on, the transports Sumner and McClellan will be employed in the embarkation at intervals of the remainder of the army. Battery F, 3rd field artillery, and the 15th cavalry, will sail on February 2. The headquarters army 11th cavalry, the mountain artillery and 5th infantry; the 11th infantry and the 7th infantry will leave Havana about February 27 for Newport News.

It is the intention to have all of these appear in the inaugural parade at Washington.

This leaves only two companies of engineers and two battalions of the 17th infantry. These troops will embark April 1, which will complete the evacuation.

The embarkation of the troops will be effected with as little ceremony as possible. The purpose in deferring the departure of a portion of the 17th infantry until April 1, has been the subject of considerable speculation, but it is believed that this was agreed upon at a conference between Governor Magoon and President-elect Gomez. It probably is for the purpose of keeping the barracks and quarters in good order until it is possible to turn over to the Cuban authorities a model camp.

Cubans, with the exception of a few who profess to fear that disorder will follow the evacuation of the island, are greatly pleased at the departure of the American forces as marking the complete establishment of independence. All show the kindest feelings towards the troops.

Ohio Senatorial Contest.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton returned to Columbus to-day and Chas. P. Taft and Senator Foraker will return to-morrow with other candidates for United States Senator, ready to begin the campaign for election. Mr. Burton maintained the optimism which has characterized his expressions since he came to Columbus a week ago. He is still, it is believed, opposed to the caucus plan proposed by Taft's managers, although he has not made a definite statement, relative to the proposal.

Rejected Fiction.

The great author was receiving his admirers.

"You have made a great name for yourself," said one of the visitors. "Do you manage to get all of your stories accepted?"

"All but a few," laughed the great author, as he lit his 5-pound briarwood and stroked his hundred-guinea bull dog.

"And which are those you find difficult to have accepted?"

"Why, those I tell my wife when I come home late."

What's in a Name?

The question has often been asked, "What's in a name?" Sometimes it is answered one way and sometimes another, but the verdict generally is that the name has very little to do with the success or failure of any individual.

Still names are sometimes amusing. For instance, when a Georgia young lady by the name of Fuller became engaged to a young man by the name of Beer announcement in the papers, under a heading Fuller-Ber, caused their enemies to laugh openly. So also, when the people of Cairo, Ga., were looking around for an editor to run their paper, the Messenger, and blow hard for the town, when they found a man named Fuller Winn they immediately gave him the job.

Another instance where a man's name may have something to do with the position he fills is to be found in the town of Lavonia, Ga., where the head of the public school system of the town is Prof. Bible, and it is said the unanimous verdict of the school board was, "He ought to be a mighty good teacher."

Then we sometimes hear of a man who makes a joke of his name and those of his children. The man in South Georgia by the name of Turnipseed who gave his boy the Christian name "Rutabager" should have been sent to the chaingang for a year or more. So also, with the late Governor Hogg, of Texas, who named his baby boy "Hesa" and then followed it by naming two of his girl babies "Ima" and "Ura." It is said that however long the school may have been there was never a day without a laugh when at roll the teacher called "Ima Hogg, Ura Hogg, Hesa Hogg."

There are numerous other instances of this kind, as in Abbeville, S. C., where a man by the name of Cobb named his son "Green Corn," and another in the same State who had the name of Fish, instead of naming his only daughter Minnie, named her "Minnow."

Sometimes foreigners coming to America are compelled to change their names, as is illustrated by the court records of one of the Western States where a German named Goto Helle, for obvious reasons applied to the court for relief from a name which was all right in the Fatherland but which was calculated to bring on a fight in this country.—Anderson Intelligence.

THE DOCTOR AND HIS FEE.

Ability to Pay Defended as the Limit of Charge.

Said Satan in the course of his remarks on the probable vulnerability of Job: "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life." This was an early contribution to the literature of debate over the proper size of the doctor's fee. Its latest product is a chapter in the North American Review by Dr. Arthur C. Heffenger, who argues that the fee may be fixed justly by considering what life or limb may be worth to a particular patient.

Another authority has stated the case in epigram: "Medical and surgical services have no value, in that they are invaluable."

Once a New York polo player paid \$1,000 for having a broken finger set. He was rich and he wanted to be sure of the finger. In the case of Lolita Armour Dr. Adolf Lorenz, coming from Austria to Chicago, received \$75,000—a small price for the physical well-being of the petted child of a multi-millionaire. A Boston man paid gladly \$10,000 for laparotomy performed on his wife. There are men like James R. Keene and the late Cornelius Vanderbilt who think nothing of engaging while traveling, the exclusive services of a doctor who can earn \$25,000 a year in practice.

On the other hand, it is stated that practically 33 per cent. of the practice of New York city is charity—and in at least a third of such cases the doctor is imposed upon!

There are about 200,000 doctors in the United States, or one to every 400 of population. The average yearly income in the profession is estimated at \$750. A few doctors make princely incomes; many approach the other extreme. There are great and good physicians who are not famous nor rich and there are charlatans who are notorious and wealthy.—New York World.

Elliott Jones Pardoned.

Gov. Ansel refused to pardon G. W. Ennis, sent up from Barnwell for life, after conviction for arson. The case is an interesting one, this being the third time a governor has passed upon it, each time refusing to consider the petition. Ennis was tried in Barnwell county about 32 years ago and was convicted after the jury had been out only a few minutes. The petition states that he was a former Union soldier and that prejudice resulted in his conviction. It also states that a negro, a servant of the Hagood family, afterwards confessed to the crime. However, the statement of Mr. G. Duncan Bellinger, who was connected with the prosecution, is that Ennis was clearly guilty and the petition should be refused. The governor accordingly refused to pardon the prisoner.

A pardon was granted Elliott Jones, a negro, who was sent up for 13 months from Bamberg county, charged with hog stealing. It was shown by the petition that the negro killed the animal, believing that he had bought him from a white man and that much of the testimony was due to prejudice. Solicitor Davis, in his letter to Gov. Ansel, says that the facts brought out reflect little credit to the parties swearing out the warrant and he endorsed the petition.—The State.

Mills to Use Electricity.

Spartanburg, Dec. 22.—The Electric Manufacturing and Power Company is building sub-electrical stations at Cowpens and Woodruff, and by the first of January the cotton mills will be operated with power from Gaston Shoals. The mills at Gaffney are now being operated by electric power.

The company has recently made a number of improvements at Gaston Shoals to prevent water from flowing into the power house in case of flood such as was experienced last August.

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