

**WILL CONTROL EQUITABLE.**

**Morgan Purchases Ryan's Interest in Insurance Company.**

New York, Dec. 2.—Control of the Equitable Life Assurance society, which was secured by Thomas F. Ryan soon after the insurance scandals of some years ago, has passed to J. Pierpont Morgan with the \$472,000,000 of assets which the company declared in its last statement.

The transfer, apart from its magnitude as a chapter in the history of finance, marks a complete reversal of the old order under which the insurance companies controlled the destinies of the banks and trust companies.

News of the transfer was contained in the following brief statement issued from the offices of Morgan & Co.:

"Mr. Morgan has bought the majority of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society, formerly owned by Thomas F. Ryan. This purchase is subject to the trust under which Grover Cleveland, Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse were made voting trustees for the benefit of policy holders, and it covers all Mr. Ryan's interests, including all the stock purchased by him from James H. Hyde."

The exact amount of the stock bought by Mr. Morgan and his partners and the price they paid remain for subsequent announcement. Nor would they name any other interest allied with them, although it is commonly understood in Wall street that at least one large trust company may take a hand in the deal if the consent of the Equitable is obtained. Under the terms of the trust agreement referred to in Mr. Morgan's announcement, the Ryan stock could not be sold without the consent of the surviving trustees, whose term of power held until June 14, next, and who might continue the agreement for another five years, if they saw fit."

Mr. Ryan's holdings in the Equitable were bought by, in large part, from James H. Hyde, although Edward H. Harriman had laid plans, which, as he supposed, went to assure him the control which went instead to Mr. Ryan. It was during the hearing of the Armstrong insurance investigation that Mr. Harriman, when on the stand on this point, coined what subsequently became a national by-word. He was asked if he had settled scores with Mr. Ryan, and answered tersely, "Not yet." The public added with ready intuition, "but soon."

**NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE.**

**Georgia Mob Lynches Colored Minister for Wounding White Man.**

Cochran, Ga., December 1.—John Harward, a negro preacher, who shot and fatally wounded Will D. Booth, two miles from this place late this afternoon was captured by a mob of enraged citizens five miles from here to-night at 10 o'clock and burned at a stake, more than a carload of light-wood, it is stated, being heaped about the body.

Booth is a well known business man of Hawkinsville and was en route to Cochran in an automobile when the shooting occurred. He drove up behind Harward, who was in front of him in a wagon. Harward charged that Booth's machine frightened his mules. He drew a pistol after a few words and fired upon Booth, three shots taking effect. Booth returned the fire and it was learned after the negro was captured that he carried two bullets, but neither struck vital spots and he easily made his escape. He was found in a barn three miles from the place where the shooting occurred.

Booth was brought to this place immediately after the shooting. Surgeons to-night gave out the statement that there was little hope for his recovery. He has a wife and several children.

Officers from Hawkinsville in automobiles and carrying track hounds went immediately to the scene of the shooting, but a party of enraged citizens was quickly formed and trailed the negro on horseback to his hiding place. He showed fight, but was suffering so severely from the effects of his injuries until he could offer but little resistance. He freely admitted the shooting and it is stated justified his action by the fact that Booth's automobile frightened his mules. Harward was given an opportunity to pray, after which he was securely bound with chains to an improvised stake. The fuel was piled high above his head and the torch applied. The roaring of the flames prevented sound being audible, if any escaped the man's lips.

**Boy Hunter Wounds Comrade.**

Dillon, December 2.—Wade Tucker, a white boy about 16 years old, was shot and probably fatally wounded by another white boy named John Tredwell, while hunting near Little Rock, on Monday afternoon.

The wounded boy was carried home as quickly as possible, and medical aid was secured. Tredwell fled immediately after the shooting. So far as is known, the shooting was an accident, due to carelessness. There had been no previous quarrel between the boys. The shotgun of young Tredwell was loaded with No. 5, squirrel shot.

**Held for Killing.**

Wahalla, Dec. 1.—There was held here yesterday before Magistrate A. P. Crisp, the preliminary hearing of Harvey R. Smith, Kirby Smith, Miles E. Smith and Mrs. Effie Beasley, charged with the killing of Barton Beasley, at Knox's bridge on November 20. All four defendants were sent to the circuit court for trial and were placed in jail till bond could be arranged. Fifteen witnesses were bound over as witnesses for the State at the March term of court.

**EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE.**

**CAMDEN SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.**

**Business Portion of Town Destroyed. Several Men Hurt and One Reported Killed.**

Camden, Dec. 2.—As a result of the explosion of a presto-carbon tank in the Southern Express company's office tonight, tomorrow morning will find about a half block of Camden's finest business places in ashes, one colored man probably killed, though this could not be verified; two prominent young men badly hurt, and five others painfully injured.

About 7:30 o'clock tonight a severe shock was felt all over the town and people rushed from their homes and places of business to find flames already gushing from Watkin Brothers' establishment and the express office and to learn that the explosion had broken the wall between the express office and Watkin's store, causing it to fall upon the occupants of the latter, not one of them escaping without injury. Those in the store at the time were Willie Salmond, Andrew Whitaker, Charlie Watkins, Willie Watkins and Arthur Watkins. Messrs. Whitaker and Arthur Watkins, were badly hurt while the others escaped with severe bruises. Had all of the men been as badly hurt as Messrs. Whitaker and Watkins, it is likely that none would have escaped. Fortunately, however, three of the men were able to free themselves from the wreckage and get the other two out with the assistance of other men who happened to be near at hand before the building was aflame.

The loss is estimated at over \$100,000. The following buildings were destroyed: Bruce and Land building, owned by Mr. E. F. Watkins, of Spartanburg, heavy loss, partly covered by insurance; N. R. Goodale, bicycle shop, insurance and loss unknown; J. N. Trapp's grocery store, formerly occupied by Whitaker & Burnet, building owned by Christmas and Lewis, building totally destroyed, stock partly saved; Baruche-Nettles general furnishing establishment, total loss, stock valued at \$30,000, building owned by Jas. H. Burnes, value unknown, partly covered by insurance; Southern Express company's office; Watkins Brothers' building, owned by Mrs. A. L. Watkins, valued at \$5,000, contents of both buildings totally destroyed, value of contents unknown; English Brothers', barber shop, owned by F. E. Watkins, badly damaged by water and fire. The buildings occupied by W. T. Smith and Christmas and Lewis and owned by Sydney Smith, the baseball player, were injured by fire and water. The following offices above Bruce and Lang's store sustained total loss: C. P. DuBose, real estate office; C. C. Moore, law office; Camden library and Bruce & Lang's store rooms. Besides these the Odd Fellows lodge hall and a store which had quarters over another establishment were also destroyed.

It is generally thought that the explosion was that of a presto-carbon tank which had come to the express office, consigned to W. R. DeLoache, for automobile lighting. It was stated by employees of the express office that the tank was some distance from the stove, which had little or no fire in it, and the cause of the explosion is practically unknown. The explosion threw the walls on either side into the Watkins Brothers' and Baruche-Nettles' establishment respectively. Fortunately, however, the express office and the Baruche-Nettles store had closed closed some time before and only the occupants in Watkins Brothers' were hurt. The explosion shattered glasses throughout the city, principally on Main street, and the shock could be distinctly felt for miles, many thinking it was an earthquake.

In the nearby barber shop men rushed to the streets with half shaven faces and one shoe shined to finish their toilet at some future time. The firemen did fine work and though handicapped by the low pressure of the water, succeeding in checking the fire at W. T. Smith's store and made a noble effort at saving Bruce & Langs, but it was of no avail.

During the course of fighting the fire W. R. DeLoach and Tom Goodale received slight injuries. Messrs. Andrew Whitaker and Arthur Watkins were the men most seriously hurt. Mr. Watkins was taken to the hotel Camden after being rescued and appeared to be resting well under the care of two physicians and a trained nurse. The extent of the injuries of Messrs. Whitaker and Watkins could not be ascertained, as they were too painfully hurt to be immediately examined. Willie Salmonds was taken home. Willie and Charlie Watkins were able to remain to make arrangements to open up their business tomorrow at another location.

**One of Our Great Wastes.**

The value of the excrement of our domestic animals is far from being appreciated. For instance, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that on January 1, 1909, there were in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia 964,000 horses and mules, 1,984,000 cattle, 2,889,000 hogs, and 797,000 sheep. The estimated average value of the manure of these animals for a year is as follows: Horses, \$27; cattle, \$20; hogs, \$8; sheep, \$2. This gives an annual value to the manure of these animals in the three States named of \$89,319,000. Probably one-half of this value is lost, but if we estimate the loss as one-third, we annually waste or neglect to save stable manure to the value of \$29,773,000.

The trouble of feeding live stock and handling manure and the ease with which commercial fertilizers can be bought, have developed an indifference to the making and saving of farm manures, while the losses from that made are so general and constant as to escape notice.

**CHARTER FIGHT ENDED.**

**South & Western Will Petition for Change of Name.**

Columbia, Dec. 1.—The Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway charter question seems to be at an end. It is practically assured that trains will be operated to Spartanburg in the near future. The South and Western railway in this State, will petition the Secretary of State for a change of name to the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway of South Carolina. It is expected that such a petition will be filed within the next two or three days. It is very probable that the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Road of South Carolina, thereby forming a continuous line. The railroad commission has already accepted the South and Western of this State and have stated that they would consider a tariff if submitted by that company. Nothing definite can be stated concerning the future plans of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio and any statement is merely speculative. W. H. Lyles, attorney for the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio in this State, today conferred with Secretary of State McCown, concerning the above proposition. McCown stated that should a petition be presented for a change of name of the South and Western to the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio of South Carolina, that he saw nothing at present to prevent it. As to what sort of arrangement the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio will make with the "Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio" of South Carolina, should the name be changed, could not be stated today by Mr. Lyles.

A commission was issued by the Secretary of State on April 18, 1908, to the South and Western Road. The petition for the commission was filed by John B. Cleveland and Ralph K. Carson, of Spartanburg and J. Norment Powell, of Johnson City, Tenn. The commission authorized the incorporators to open books of subscription to the capital stock of the proposed company, after advertising the same for not less than thirty days in some newspaper published in each county through which the proposed road was to pass.

The charter for the road was subsequently granted on May 28, 1908.

**Only a Clerk.**

A seely-looking man entered a store in Trenton the other day and asked for assistance, backing up his request with a long tale of sickness and lack of employment.

With a wink at his clerk, the merchant pointed to a friend who happened to be in the place and replied: "Ask that gentleman. He is the proprietor. I am only a clerk." The friend received the beggar's request in a sympathetic manner, and, turning to the merchant, remarked: "This seems to be a worthy case, Mr. Jones. Give him a dollar from the cash register," and walked out of the store.—Lippincott's.

**Indictments for Rebating.**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2.—The special grand jury which has been sitting in the federal court to investigate alleged violations of the interstate commerce law to-day returned indictments against the Louisville and Nashville and the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroads, and the American Tobacco company for rebating.

Eight indictments, aggregating 42 counts, were returned against the former road.

One indictment of 25 counts was returned against the American Tobacco company.

The indictments were returned jointly against the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis and Lucian Irwin, now president of the road, at the time of the alleged offenses the general freight agent and traffic manager.

**Sentences White Man to Die.**

Americus, Ga., Dec. 2.—Henry Patterson, a white man, was found guilty by a jury in the superior court here to-day of the murder of W. F. McRee, who was waylaid and killed near here last July, and was sentenced to be hanged January 10. Patterson admitted his guilt, but pleaded the unwritten law. Two of his kinsmen who testified supporting his contention were to-day sent to jail charged with perjury.

**Canadian Fish Stories.**

Commissioner George M. Bowers of the bureau of fisheries said recently in Washington of the black bass that he is sending to South Africa at the request of Col. Roosevelt:

"These fish will do well, but no miracles are to be expected of them. Many persons seem to think that our bureau is as miraculous in all its works as—well, as the Canadian salmon. "Two Canadians were boasting. "Where I come from," said the first, "we have a salmon river that rises in some boiling springs. As the salmon climb up the river they gradually get acclimated to the heat of the water, and don't mind it. In fact, when we fish in the highest reaches of the stream, we catch our salmon ready boiled."

"I don't doubt that," said the second Canadian, calmly. "Down my way, there's a curious salmon river too. It rises in some tin mines. As the fish work up, they meet the suspended ore in gradually increasing quantities. They get quite mineralized, if they keep on upstream, so that, if we fish at the head of the river, we catch our salmon ready tinned, and all we have to do is to pack and ship them to market."

**Game in the Low Country.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Muldrow have returned from a three weeks' stay with relatives at Bamberg and Mayesville. Mr. Muldrow spent most of the time in hunting and was a member of a party of hunters who bagged two fine deers in Dorchester county. He says game of all descriptions is plentiful in that section of the State, and that he enjoyed the outing immensely. He went out in quest of all kinds of game from deer to quail, and was successful in each venture.—Anderson Advocate.

**8,880,000 BALES GINNED.**

**National Ginner's Association Issues Cotton Report.**

Memphis, Tenn., December 3.—The National Ginner's Association, in its monthly report issued late today, estimates that 8,880,000 bales of cotton has been ginned up to December 1 of the present season as compared with 11,008,000 during the same period of last year. The report by States follows.

Alabama, 901,000; Arkansas, 614,000; Florida, 55,000; Georgia, 1,687,000; Louisiana, 241,000; Mississippi, 878,000; Missouri and Virginia, 50,000; North Carolina, 533,000; Oklahoma, 509,000; South Carolina, 999,000; Tennessee, 203,000; Texas, 2,210,000. Total, 8,880,000.

**Slick Negro in Trouble.**

Anderson, Dec. 4.—Will Johnson, a negro who operated a smooth insurance swindle here among the ignorant members of his race about a year ago, has just finished serving a nine months' sentence on the county chain gang, was yesterday given his choice between the payment of fines aggregating \$250 and ninety additional days on the gang, on four warrants of the same nature by Magistrate W. J. Muldrow. So far he has been unable to get up the money, but says he will do so. Johnson represented himself as the agent of an insurance company headed by Ex-President Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington and for a time reaped a rich harvest.

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