

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. W. D. Rhoad left yesterday for a business trip to New York.

—Mr. H. D. Drawdy, of the Olar section, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. Otis Brabham, of Allendale, spent a few days in the city last week.

—Mr. H. Z. McMillan, of the Colston section, was in the city last Saturday.

—Mr. Thomas Clayton, of the Colston section, was here last Saturday.

—Mr. J. F. Kearse, Jr., of the Ehrhardt section, was in the city last Saturday.

—Mr. O. D. Faust, of Jacksonville, Fla., spent a few days in the city last week on a visit to relatives and friends.

—Misses Hessie Thompson and Bessie McManus, of Lancaster, are in the city on a visit to Miss Annie Lou Byrd.

—Miss Mallie Patrick left Monday morning for Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend a couple of weeks looking over the latest creations in millinery. From there she will go to Talladega, Ala., where she has accepted a position as milliner for the coming season.

—Mr. James McGowan, of Islandton, spent a few days in the city last week on a visit to friends. Mr. McGowan is still suffering from the results of the hurt he received in getting off a train here several months ago, and he is advised by physicians that he will never be well again. This is sad news to his many friends. He suffers much, and is lame.

Pension Money Greater.

Washington, Feb. 13.—By a vote of eight to three, the senate committee on pensions to-day agreed to report to the senate the Sulloway general pension bill, which already passed the house. It was amended so that the annual cost, in addition to the \$153,000,000 estimated for the ensuing year will be about \$45,000,000.

Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee, opposed the Sulloway bill and endeavored to have the committee report a measure which would cost for the first year about \$8,300,000. He was joined by Senators Gore and Talliaferro in making up the minority on the final vote.

As passed by the house, the Sulloway bill would increase the monthly pension of veterans of 62 years from \$12 to \$15; of 65 years from \$12 to \$20; of 70 years from \$15 to \$20, and from 70 or more from \$20 to \$26. The senate committee, by a vote of six to five, reduced the proposed maximum allowance from \$36 to \$30.

As there are estimated to be 63,461 veterans who would be affected by this amendment at the present time, the change would decrease the annual cost a little more than \$4,500,000.

In the statement made by the Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, the cost of the Sulloway bill as passed by the house would be \$45,489,468, but the committee found there would have to be added to this about \$4,000,000 to which a limited number of veterans would be entitled under general laws.

Its friends do not anticipate an easy time passing the measure through the senate, especially as it has been intimidated President Taft would veto it if it were presented to him for his signature. The very fact that some senators are confident that the president would veto the measure is said to have induced a withdrawal of considerable opposition, but on the other hand there are senators who feel that the responsibility of such action should not be placed upon the executive.

DR. TANNER TO FAST AGAIN.

He's 81 Years Old Now and Will Try 80 Days Abstinence.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 13.—"I am going to try to show the American public the way to settle once and for all the beef trust and the high cost of living," said Dr. Henry S. Tanner to-day.

Dr. Tanner celebrated his eighty-first birthday yesterday by beginning a fast which he will try to hold for eighty days. The doctor says that the average man and woman eats too much.

"When I pass the 100 year mark, I will get married," said the doctor. "Fasting sentiment is growing, and a person should not stop at the end of thirty days, the length of my former fast."

Negro Child Fatally Burned.

Anderson, Feb. 13.—A 3-year-old negro child was cremated last night, when the home of Jim Gaillard on the plantation of Elias McGee was destroyed by fire.

The parents left the child locked in the cabin, while they went visiting. The cause of the fire is unknown.

KILLINGS ON RAILROADS.

Total for a Quarter was 2,948 as Shown by Commerce Board.

During the months of July, August and September last the number of persons killed in train accidents was 321, while 3,892 were injured. These facts are disclosed in a bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission, the first under the revised accident law. It includes many accidents not heretofore included in bulletins.

The total number of casualties of all kinds for the quarter was 22,328, or 2,498 killed and 19,380 injured, on steam operated railways. The totals are largely increased over corresponding periods in previous years, because of the inclusion of highway crossing accidents and those to trespassers on the tracks, etc. At the same time the totals of certain classes of accidents to employees are diminished by the exclusion of accidents which are not peculiar to railway operation. For the quarter in question the total is 21,130—132 killed and 21,002 injured.

The accident statistics of those electric lines on which interstate traffic is carried show 146 persons killed and 1,070 injured.

KILLS HIS SWEETHEART.

Roanoke Man Murders Girl and then Commits Suicide.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 13.—Driven to desperation, J. W. Powell, of Buchanan to-day killed his sweetheart, Miss Maude West, 18 years old, and then turned the shotgun on himself and ended his life.

The double tragedy was thought to have been caused by jealousy. Powell, 28 years of age called upon Miss West last night and while at the home met another young man. He was heard to make threats as he was leaving.

While the young woman was on her way to a mail box to post a letter Powell, who was in hiding on the side of the road, jumped from a clump of bushes and opened fire on her with a shotgun. He emptied two loads in her body and then placed the weapon to his head and fired. When found both of them were dead.

FIGHT WITH A LEOPARD.

Finally Dispatched the Brute with a Hatchet.

The Rev. Dr. G. A. Wilder, a missionary of the America board in Rhodesia sent by the Asylum Hill Congressional church, of Hartford, Conn., in a letter from Silinda, tells how he and two natives and dogs hunted a leopard after the animal had felled him and inflicted four poisonous wounds on the right side of his head.

The native escorts sucked and dressed each of his wounds, and the hunt for the beast was resumed. Dr. Wilder said: "The leopard could not be seen, but soon he came rushing toward us, and stood at 20 paces. I fired and got no response. Kaziboni climbed a tree, and the dogs took a fresh start. Nyuswa fired, and all this got on the nerves of the leopard which still kept hidden close to the ground.

"The dog squealed, but got away with her ear ripped open. We formed a close line and marched with rifles ready. In five seconds the dog uttered a low growl, and quick as a flash I had a bullet in him, which was followed by a terrific roar. The men followed the charge, and I got another cartridge into the barrel, and he did not come on, but began making away down the hill.

"We had taken it out of him this time, but he stood again a few yards off below the second anthill, to which we went as quickly as possible. Kaziboni climbed a small tree, and, seeing the leopard, fired.

"K. fired again, the dogs attacked, and the men rushed with spears, and the game fought desperately for a few minutes before he died. With broken legs, dum-dum bullets smashing up his chest, he fought with one paw and his mouth like a demon. There were seven spear wounds, and I finally smashed his skull with a hatchet."

Speculators Hold Timber Lands.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Taft to-day transmitted to both the house and senate the first part of the long awaited report of Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, on the lumber industry of the United States. The report is in response to a resolution of the house passed in December, 1906, and one of the senate dated January 10, 1907. It represents the first comprehensive investigation of the amount and ownership of the standing timber of the country.

Deploping the concentration of the control of the standing timber among a few private interests, Commissioner Smith declares that the bulk of the timber is being held speculatively and is "closely connected with railroad domination."

INCIPIENT RACE WAR NIPPED.

Alabama Town Stirred by Prospect of Serious Trouble.

Gunniston, Miss., Feb. 12.—Following a clash with a number of negroes here last night, in which one negro was killed and another wounded, a third negro has been arrested and the town has recovered its composure. The root of the trouble was in the existence of a house on the outskirts of town where gambling was said to have been carried on. A posse of citizens attempted to suppress it and the exchange of shots followed. For a while the town was up in arms and a serious clash was believed inevitable. Early this morning, however, the negroes concerned in the affair failed to assume a belligerent attitude and quiet was restored.

Why One Pastor Quit the Ministry.

The following letter was not intended for publication, but it is such a frank statement of experiences which, possibly, many pastors know, that we venture to give it to the public:

"My Dear Jim: I am through. Yesterday I handed in my resignation, to take effect at once, and this morning I began work for the Land Company. I shall not return to the pastorate. I think I can see into your heart as you read these words and behold not a little disappointment, if not disgust. I don't blame you at all, for I am somewhat disgusted with myself. Do you recall the days in the seminary, when we talked of the future and painted pictures of what we were to do for the kingdom of God? We saw the boundless need for unselfish Christian service, and longed to be out among men doing our part toward the world's redemption. I shall never forget that last talk on the night before our graduation. You were to go to the foreign field and I to the First church of —. We had brave dreams of usefulness, and you have realized them. As I look back across twenty-five years I can see some lives that I have helped, and some things which I have been permitted to do that are worth while; but, sitting here to-night, I am more than half convinced that God never intended me to be a minister. If He did, I am not big enough and brave enough to pay the price. Even if it leaves you to write me down a coward, I'm going to tell you why I quit.

"To be perfectly honest with you, money has had much to do with my decision. I think you will not charge me with being mercenary in those days when you knew me well, and I am not conscious of caring any more for money now than I did then. I have never desired to be rich; I do not desire to be. I have not gone into business with any expectation of making a fortune, but I do want to have something for the years when I can no longer work, and for my family, if I should be taken from them. I do want to be able to meet my bills as they fall due. A month ago, in our ministers' meeting, an old minister, shabby almost to raggedness, arose and told us that he and his wife were on the verge of starvation. He had no money, his credit was exhausted, they had no food, no coal, and were about to be put upon the street because they could not pay the rent. We raised some \$30 among us and gave it to him, and I suppose he will go to the home for aged ministers; but it scared me. I saw myself in him. What reason have I to expect that I shall not be where he is twenty years from now?

"Frugality? Well, I have not been thrifty. Wife and I have tried hard to lay by a little each year. We did get \$500 saved up, and then Edna was taken with tuberculosis, and it all went, and much more, before God took her home. I had \$1,000 per year from the church at B—. They paid it promptly, and possibly some men would have been able to save something out of it each year. We tried our best, and failed. Once the church thought of increasing the pastor's salary, but Deacon Edmunds argued that the minister should trust God; said that when he began life he only had an income of \$200 for the first year; spoke of the joys of Christian sacrifice; pointed to the Saviour of the world and His self-abnegation, and the salary was not increased. I may say that the deacon is supposed to be worth not less than \$200,000. Then I was called to this field at \$1,200 a year. I have been here seven years, and there has never been a month since the beginning when my salary has been paid promptly. At times the church has owed me \$600 and \$700. I have borrowed and paid interest, have 'stood off' my creditors until I was ashamed to go upon the street, have crimped and twisted and wiggled until my soul was raw. I've had enough.

Bleese Issues Statement.

Governor Bleese issued the following statement for the press on Saturday relative to the conflict of authority between himself and the supreme court:

"The judiciary committee violated the constitution and statutes by having on their sub-committee a brother of a justice of the supreme court. The other two members are known of all men to be two of my bitterest enemies, and of course from them I could expect nothing. I have asked the legislature to do something, and if they don't I shall meet the issue fair and square."

Members of Sub-Committee.

Governor Bleese's reference to the composition of the house sub-judiciary committee is to Mr. Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville, who is a brother of Associate Justice Eugene B. Gary, of the supreme court bench. The sub-committee's report was presented by Mr. H. K. Osborne.

Colored Preacher: "De fo' part ob de house will please sit down, for de hind part cannot see de fo' part if de fo' part persists in standing befo' de hind part, to the uttuh obclusion ob de hind part by de fo' part.

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PINSON PARDONED.

Leniency Extended to Laurens County Man.

Cothran Pinson, the young white man from Laurens county convicted in March of 1909 on the charge of manslaughter and given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary, was pardoned Monday by Gov. Bleese. He killed Thornwell Boyce under very peculiar circumstances.

They were friends and were returning from a dance near Cross Hill, in Laurens county. They were accompanied by a young woman. Pinson commenced to shoot, and claimed that he accidentally killed Boyce. The trial attracted much attention. Attorneys for Pinson filed notice of appeal to the supreme court. Before the case was heard Pinson came to the penitentiary and notified his attorneys that he had abandoned his appeal to the supreme court. His sentence would have expired within a few months.

Solicitor Cooper in writing of the case, said that he would not oppose commutation of sentence.

The official pardon was sent to the penitentiary Monday, and Pinson left for his home in Laurens county