

Evans to be President.

leaders later said so. It looked as if the only way to beat him was to caucus on him, but this it was the evident desire to avoid.

Talbert and Jones Withdraw From the Race.

But, be it as it may, about 9.30 o'clock last night Congressman Talbert gave to the press the following, leaving no one in the race but Gov. Evans, and thereby settling the question as to who would be president of the convention.

A CARD.

A great many of my friends have urged, and are now urging me to make the race for president of the Constitutional convention, which assembles to-day, but since investigating the matter carefully I find it to be an established precedent that the Governor, by virtue of his office, should be the presiding officer when a member of the convention.

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Senator Irby, when asked last night how long he thought the convention would take to accomplish its purposes, said that he thought that an adjournment sine die should be reached within ten days' time, without trouble.

The Views of Ex-Congressman Geo. D. Tillman.

What He Says of the Suffrage Problem.

A Property Tax Qualification of the Male Suffrage; Otherwise Female Suffrage.

There is no man perhaps in the convention who has had more to do in the past with the politics of his State than ex-Congressman George D. Tillman.

Yesterday afternoon a representative of the State called on him and found him in an excellent humor. He talked in a pleasant yet very serious manner, after much persuasion at first he declined to have anything whatever to say.

When asked about the idea purporting to come from him of inserting a clause in the Constitution to the effect that no individual should be allowed to sell liquor in South Carolina, he repeated what he had said in his Laurens speech, that the dispensary system was an experiment and should not be engrained into the organic law of the State.

ment of the United States Constitution provides that there shall be no discrimination on account of race or color. If we are to disfranchise no white man, then the only other alternative is to enfranchise every woman who pays a tax on \$200 worth of property.

When asked about the rumor current that an attempt would be made to insert a clause providing that henceforth no individual should sell liquor in South Carolina, Mr. Tillman said: "The dispensary was not discussed on the stump. If they put anything about not selling liquor in the Constitution, then I say they will practice a fraud on the people."

Speaking further about the suffrage matter, Mr. Tillman said: "I think it's time we were done with practicing fraud and leaving this important matter to officers of election. We ought to do like they do in New England, have the township government; boards who will elect managers of election, who will make out a real registration list of all the qualified voters."

Twenty-Nine Entombed.

The Fate of The Men Buried in the Osceola Mine.

CALUMET, Mich., Sept. 9.—Ten miners went down the southernmost shaft of the Osceola mine this morning. The men were especially selected from among the fearless and experienced workmen habituated to breathing smoke and foul air.

In No. 1 shaft at the other end of the mine, a similar attempt was made by a carefully organized party similar to the first, but at a depth of only 280 feet down the shaft, smoke was met in such volume that it was foolhardy to descend further.

Rescuing parties will be sent down as frequently as possible to test the condition. It will probably be several days before the mine will be clear of smoke, even if the fire has gone out, which is quite doubtful.

Telegraphic Briefs.

September 5.

A great storm swept over McKenzie and Huntington, Tenn., yesterday and wrought considerable damage.

Forest fires are destroying a great deal of property in Mary County, N. J.

Captain Sumner, of the U. S. Cruiser, Columbia, has been court-martialed on account of the injuries sustained by the cruiser in the dry dock at Southampton.

John A. Thomas, proprietor of a hotel in Wetumpka, Ala., committed suicide yesterday. He had been drinking.

There was a half million dollar fire on the Boston, Mass., wharf yesterday.

The Rev. Wm. A. Harris, president of the Virginia College for Young Ladies, died at Roanoke yesterday, aged 68 years.

John Mack was shot by Ed. Myre at Pleasants, S. C., on Sunday.

September 6.

Inquiry into the recent outrages at Kucheng is proceeding to the satisfaction of the British and American consuls, who are receiving the facilities they demanded in their connection with the examination.

A movement was begun at Nashville to secure for that city the proposed Southern Confederate Historical Institute. Delegations from there will visit Mr. Russell of New York, who offered to donate \$100,000 for the enterprise.

The steamer Fulton, in ballast from Santiago de Cuba, arrived yesterday at Mobile quarantine, thirty miles below the city, with two men sick on board. Word has been received from Surgeon General Wyman cautioning the health authorities to be on their guard.

Parliament has been prorogued until November 15. At 2:15 the members of the House of Commons, in a body, headed by the Speaker, proceeded to the House of Lords, where they listened to the Queen's speech formally proroguing the respective houses.

A Paris dispatch furnished to the Globe by a news agency says that a bold attempt was made to explode a bomb in Rothschild's Bank in the Rue LaFite. While the business of the day was at its height, a man walked into the bank, carrying under his arm a bomb to which was attached a lighted fuse.

The Illinois State Board of Health has been notified of the appearance of fifty new cases of diphtheria in Hamilton county and instructions for its treatment were sent by Secretary Scotts.

Three men were drowned in the Oconee River, Ga., yesterday.

A bloody battle between moonshiners and revenue officers occurred near Tracy City, Tenn., yesterday.

Frank Cross, of Parkersburg, W. Va., shot and killed his sister-in-law yesterday.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, and the Western and Atlantic roads have given notice of their intention to withdraw from the Southern States Passenger Association.

Sheriff Robert A. McWilliams, of Holly Springs, Miss., committed suicide yesterday in the court house. He fastened a handcuff on his hand and locked it to a table.

An appeal is to be made to Judge Simonton in the United States Court, at Charleston, S. C., for a modification of the terms of the decree of the sale of the Port Royal and Western Carolina Railroad.

September 9.

The condition of cotton has improved in Mississippi during the past week, but the crop will be very short.

The new electric locomotive of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. made over 60 miles an hour on a test run Saturday.

The American Line Steamship St. Louis has been accepted by the U. S. Government as a vessel of the first class for mail service.

Dr. O. E. Bradford, a dangerous counterfeiter has been captured. He belonged to the famous Rockaway gang, and is regarded as the most expert criminal in the country.

Governor Evans has commuted to date the sentence of General Thompson, who was convicted in February last of manslaughter in Anderson county and sentenced to life imprisonment. It appears now that the killing was more accidental than intentional.

A serious rebellion has broken out in China, and the Imperial Army has been routed several times.

The women suffragists who will work for the incorporation of a female suffrage clause in the new Constitution have begun to arrive in Columbia already.

Cholera is raging in Pekin, China, and there are 2,000 deaths daily from that disease.

Nashville has been awarded the pennant of the Southern Base Ball League. Atlanta contests the award.

The Boston Masonic Temple was badly damaged by fire on Saturday.

September 10.

A special to the Advertiser from Huntsville, Ala., says: At Newmarket, this county, William L. Grimmitt shot his brother in law, J. B. Mitchell, and it is thought he will die. Mitchell is a drinking man, and he and his wife, a sister of Grimmitt, had separated, she going to her brother's Mitchell went to the house and broke open the door when he was shot.

News has been received from Smythe county, Va., of a peculiar murder. Peter Pickle and John Billings in a fight which was brought on by a dispute over a twenty-five cent debt. When the two men were separated Pickle threw an open knife at Billings, which struck between the ribs, penetrating the heart and killed him instantly.

One hundred women and girls employees of the Diamond Match Co., at Wilmington, Del., have struck for an increase of wages. The factory was forced to suspend operations.

The will of Susan W. Talmage, wife of the Rev. Dr. Talmage, was admitted to probate to-day. The property is valued at \$166,000, and goes to Dr. Talmage. The sum, it is said, represents Dr. Talmage's earnings as a lecturer.

Mr. N. M. Venters killed Sam Napoleon, colored, at Johnsonville, Williamsburg county, on Saturday.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is being held in Louisville, Ky.

Fires at Liverpool, Nova Scotia and San Jose Cal., yesterday caused losses amounting to \$270,000.

Mrs. Lola Small Jackson, divorced wife of Jas. R. Jackson, of Knoxville, Tenn., and daughter of Sam Small the Evangelist, was married at Richmond, Va., last evening, to Stewart H. Ford of that city. The couple first met two weeks ago.

In the county court, of Sussex, Va., yesterday, Robert Ridley, a negro, was sentenced to be hung on the 18th October, for the brutal murder of a white man in December, 1894.

The Attorney General of New York has been formally requested to bring suit to dissolve the corporation known as the National Wall Paper Company, on the ground that the concern is a trust within the statutes. The Attorney General has given each side ten days to file briefs.

Tom Leitch in Texas.

The Rev. Thomas H. Leitch, known as the "Charleston Evangelist" is having great success in Texas. Village Mills, where he is now holding revival meetings, is one of the largest saw mill sections in the South, and the people are much neglected as far as religious life is concerned.

Village Mills, Texas, September 2.—Dr. Leitch preached to an unusually large assembly last night, using for his text, "Prepare to Meet thy God"—Book of Amos; also, "For it is appointed Once for man to die; afterward the judgment."—Hebrews. He delivered his discourse in a forcible manner, making many impressive illustrations and comparisons.

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South Carolina's record of murders suicides and other crimes of violence during the current week has been something terrible. There has passed hardly one day in the last seven during which there was no murder, suicide or bloody fight in the state.

Homicide in Laurens.

LAURENS, Sept. 9.—On Saturday last in this county, J. W. Swinks shot and killed Jerry Parks, colored, with a Winchester rifle, and the jury of inquest justified the shooting. It appears that Parks had threatened the life of Swinks, who believed the threat was about being carried out.

YATCH RACES.

The Valkyrie Wins the Second Race.

Official reports from the international yacht race, now in progress in New York harbor, state that the Valkyrie, Lord Dunraven's yacht, won the second race of the series yesterday, beating the Defender, the American boat, forty-seven seconds.

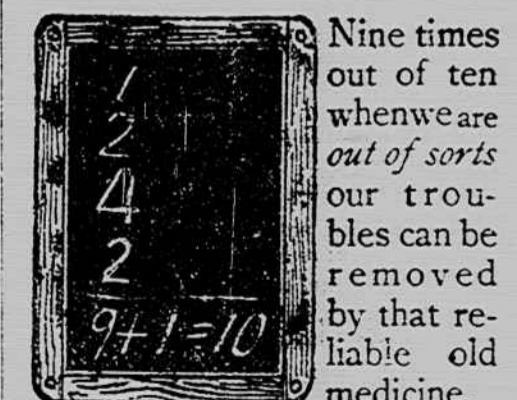
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