

The Three Friends

THE PLUCKY LITTLE VESSEL ON TRIAL.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 28.—The case of the United States against the steamer Three Friends, a libel for forfeiture of the vessel to the government for alleged violation of section 5283 revised statutes of the United States, was argued in the United States court to-day. The libel is based upon the trip of the vessel from this port last May, when she was escorted to the three league limits by the revenue cutter Boutwell. The section the Three Friends is charged with violating prohibits the fitting out in the United States of a vessel to go into the service of a foreign prince or state or of any colony, district or people, to cruise or make war upon another foreign prince, state, colony or people.

The owners of the Three Friends contend in their executions to the libel that section 5283 does not apply to the Cuban rebellion, because the United States has not recognized either the independence or belligerency of the Cubans, and the courts cannot take cognizance of the war until either the President or congress recognizes the existence of war, and therefore it was impossible for the Three Friends to have been engaged in the service of one political power against another political power with which the United States was at peace, the Cuban insurgents not constituting a political power recognized by the United States, and therefore they are not "foreign prince, State, colony, district or people" as designated in the statute.

The United States district attorney relies upon the fact that there have been heretofore several confiscations of vessels for violation of this section where no war had been acknowledged to exist, but the defense contends that their point, now depended on, had never been raised in any case of prosecution for violation of section 5283. They admit that the United States supreme court in the Weiberg Horsa case recently held that section 5283, part of the same act, can be violated without the necessity of acknowledgement of belligerency, but maintain that the supreme court in the same case held that section 5283 applied only to the case of two recognized political powers engaged in acknowledged warfare. The case was submitted and taken under advisement by the court. If the defendants win this case they hold that it will be of very great importance to the Cubans, as the President will then have to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans, or at least prosecutions for confiscation of vessels under this section.

ORDERED THE CURTAIN DOWN.

The May Devenport Company too Tough for Athens, Ga.

It will be recalled that the management of the Grand Opera house here cancelled to engagement of the May Devenport Female Burlesque company, but Athens got all she wanted of it Saturday night. Augusta is to be congratulated that such scenes as were enacted there were not permitted in our theatre. A correspondent in Athens, writing of the sensation created, says:

"The ministers had heard that it was not such a show as ought to be permitted, and lodged complaint with Mayor McMahan. Mayor McMahan informed Manager Rowe that he must see that the show people didn't violate that law.

"Manager Rowe said that the South Carolina managers of opera houses declared that the show was a clean one, and that if it appeared otherwise he would refuse to allow it to proceed at the opera house.

"The opera house was well filled with men when the curtain went up, and they applauded the performance for a while. Manager Rowe discovered that the couchees couchees and other similar things were to be presented, and informed the show people that they would have to cut out that portion of the programme. They didn't want to lack their play, but were compelled to eliminate those features.

"The performance as it was presented drew forth a great deal of criticism.

"About half an hour before the show was to have been finished, at the request of Manager Rowe, Lieutenant Goodwin of the police force, ordered the company to ring down the curtain, which was done."—Augusta Chronicle.

M. Jacoby Dead.

FLORENCE, S. C., Dec. 28.—One of our prominent citizens, Mr. M. Jacoby, who has been a resident of this place forty years and was 64 years old, died this morning at 4 o'clock. He left a widow and one son and three daughters and a large number of true friends to mourn his death.

Leander Bosch, paying teller of the suspended Bank of Minnesota, has disappeared.

The Scandia Bank of Minneapolis, closed its doors yesterday afternoon. The Bank of Superior, Wis., failed yesterday.

Check to the Turk!

Europe's Ultimatum to the Moslem Despot.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador to Turkey, acting as spokesman for the concert of European nations, has notified the sultan that the agreement of the powers upon the question of the enforcement of reforms in Turkey is perfect and that they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the porte in giving assent to the proposals for such reforms submitted by the representatives of the powers. The ambassadors will hold a conference to-morrow, the purpose of which is understood to be the discussion of the question of resorting to coercive measures to compel the sultan to put the proposed reforms into operation, should such action become necessary to their enforcement. The matter of the time of putting the measures into operation will also be discussed.

The financial scheme formulated by M. Nelidoff is understood to involve the revision of the entire Ottoman debt under a guarantee of the European powers signatory to the agreement. The plan also contemplates the full control of the European powers over the Turkish revenues, with the allotment of a fixed sum for the maintenance of the army and navy and for the purposes of the sultan's private purse, and further provides that the sultan's appointment of his ministers shall be subject to the approval or veto of the representatives of the powers in Constantinople.

The Lehigh cotton mills, of South Easton, Pa., has shut down with no prospect of a resumption of work. The mill has been running nearly 100 years and this is the first shut down.

The McCoy Banking Co., of Independence, Mo., has gone into voluntary liquidation.

A cold wave has swept over the North during the last few days and the thermometer has registered a temperature of 6 to 20 degrees below zero in many places.

The bubonic plague still rages in Bombay, India, and the deaths already number thousands. Martial law is threatened.

President-elect McKinley has declared himself as favoring an international bi-metallic conference.

A census of Atlanta recently completed shows the population to be 83,000.

Fifty-thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Grant Monument association to pay the expenses of the dedication exercises to be held on April 27th.

There were a dozen or more failures of manufacturing and mercantile firms with large capital in the vicinity of Chicago yesterday.

SOUTH CAROLINIANA.

News Items of Interest From State Exchanges.

Gov. Evans has commuted to date the life sentence of Griffin Delagle, who was convicted of murder in Beaufort county in 1887. W. E. Arthur, who was convicted of misappropriating public funds in Aiken county and sentenced to pay \$100 fine or serve 30 days in the chain gang, has been granted a commutation and will pay only \$71 80.

The store and residence of Mr. Tom Feader, of Norths, were burned early Sunday morning. His family had a narrow escape.

Governor Evans has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture and delivery to the sheriff of Orangeburg county of Hope Williams, the negro, who about a week ago killed Ed D. Smith, a white man, near Fort Motte.

The rumored resignation of Col. Willie Jones and Mr. W. A. Nicholson from the State Board of Control is unfounded.

Wood Preservation.

In reviewing the various processes and means of impregnating wood in order to its preservation, a writer in The Technical Review of Natural Science, Jena, Germany, considers the Carbolineum avenarius to possess special merits, offering in its use the important desideratum of requiring no machinery or apparatus, but simply a brush for painting or an iron tank for immersing the woodwork to be treated. The use of this article is based upon the essential fact that a good system of impregnation must efficiently prevent every degree of the rotting and decaying of woods, even in unfavorable conditions. It must also be so cheap that no obstacle of this kind exists to its use in great quantities—must be easily employed and furnished ready for use—another desirable point being that the impregnation be such as will give an attractive color to the treated woodwork. These qualities are combined in the substance in question, it being a carbonate of oil of 1.14 specific gravity, and components which are energetically antiseptic, its boiling point being 557 degrees F. Impermeable coatings, so much resorted to, are pronounced of little value when the wood at the time of their application is not perfectly dry and seasoned. They prevent, as must naturally be the case, the evaporation of the humidity contained in the wood, especially in certain cases, and rather promote decay.

THE ARIZONA KICKER

HOW THE EDITOR STANDS ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY.

Jim Wheeler's Call a Failure—A Warning to Major Banks—The Editor Held Up, but Willing to Admit It—Had a Good Thing, but Didn't Know It.

The mayor of this town (who is our self) was sitting in his office in the city hall last Tuesday afternoon when a cowboy named Jim Wheeler attempted to ride his cayuse up the main stairway to make an official call. Jim had a lot of \$25 that he would ride in on us and jump his critter over our desk, but he lost the wager. Hearing the racket on the stairs we sailed out, and two minutes later Mr. Wheeler and his cayuse were tangled up in a heap in the middle of the street. He shot at us three times during the performance, but no one was hit by the bullets. The horse was able to limp away, but the man from Big 3 Ranch still lingers in town under the doctor's care. His jaw and two ribs



BEGAN SHOOTING THE TIN DISHES. were broken and he was badly bruised, but we are glad to learn that he was not fatally injured. His honor the mayor is a good natured man and does not affect any particular dignity, but the man who wants to see him on official business at his office must leave his cayuse in the street below.

About the Campaign. The Kicker is in receipt of a number of communications asking about its policy in the coming campaign, and we will answer all in one. This paper is independent in politics, religion, poetry, agriculture and everything else. No railroad corporation dictates, and no syndicate pays its bills. If we wanted to weave a crown of laurels for Captain Kidd or pitch into the memory of George Washington, no outsider would have to be consulted.

In supporting one candidate we shall not pitch into another. In this world of change no man can tell who is coming out on top, and if it happens to be the man you've pitched into your position is made somewhat embarrassing for several years subsequent.

We have no decided opinions regarding silver or the tariff, but we do stand pat on the question of the Monroe doctrine. If necessary, let us go to war to support it, but during the continuance of said war we shall be found at the old stand, as heretofore.

The campaign speaker who strikes this town and starts in to lie about any of the candidates will have to leave the hall by a back window and get under cover of the woods five minutes later. As a people we love truth and poker and insist on a square deal.

A Word to Major Banks. For the last month Major Banks of this town has been in the habit of coming into the postoffice several times a day and firing a pistol through the general delivery window to attract the attention of the clerk who serves the public. While nobody has been shot and the noise amounts to nothing, such actions serve to lessen the dignity which should surround a postoffice, and we now warn the major that he must let up. If he persists in his course, we shall esteem it our duty and privilege to return the fire and lay him up for a few weeks. If he wants to shoot at us while on the street, we have no objections; but, as the regular appointed postmaster, sitting in our private room in the postoffice, we demand respectful consideration from the public. Any doctor around town will tell Major Banks that a bullet in the shoulder will keep him thinking for several successive nights.

We Lay Down. Our esteemed contemporary down the street is out with a two column sensation regarding the little affair at the bank last Tuesday, and he lies in the most shameful and bold faced manner, as usual. The facts in the case are as follows: We had just left the bank, after making a deposit of \$200. As we reached the sidewalk a stranger, who had been leaning against a telegraph pole, stepped forward and thrust the muzzle of a gun within a foot of our nose and ordered us to throw up our hands. Up they went. Under the circumstances we were ready to throw up our hat, shoes, wallet and everything else we held dear on earth. The man gave us his private opinion of the editor of The Kicker (who is ourself), of the mayor (who is ourself), and the postmaster (who is ourself), and his language was emphatic and to the point. We had little or nothing to say. We might have died the death of a hero, but we preferred to remain on earth. A large crowd assembled and witnessed our humiliation, but we remained passive and placid. When the cuss had had all the fun he wanted, he walked off. So did we. We got our guns as soon as possible and looked for him, but he could not be found. There isn't the slightest question about our "laying down" before that stranger. We think we know when we have a good thing. It was a good thing to "lay down" just then, and we entered into it with a great deal of enthusiasm. Things may be different some day, but just at present we have very little to say and would like to avoid the subject altogether.

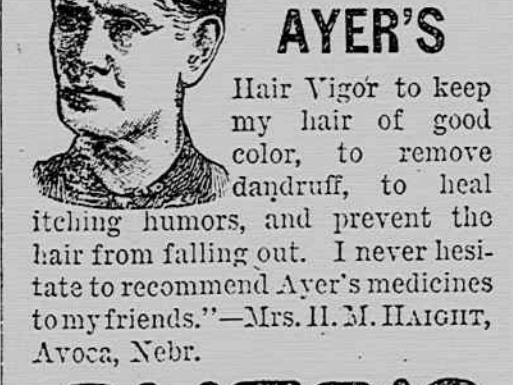
He Was a Failure. A man who gave his name as Thomas Dayton registered at the Hotel Royal last Wednesday and entered the dining room for dinner. He first made a kick because there was no cloth on the table, and next because the waiter didn't furnish him with a napkin. He

wanted a coffee cup with a handle to it and soup in a bowl, and when given a knife without a handle he jumped up and began shooting the tin dishes full of holes. His fun was speedily interrupted, however, and he was put out of the hotel and later on arrested and fined \$20. The Royal hotel is not a rival of the Palmer house in Chicago or the Imperial in New York. It is just a plain, everyday hotel, full of cockroaches and mutton stew and the odor of corn beef and cabbage. Tablecloths and napkins and crockery are all right in their way and will reach us some day, but until they do it won't do any good to kick. When a man can sit down with his hat on and eat his fill for 50 cents and throw dishes at the waiter and cuss the landlord as he pays his bill, he has got a good thing and ought to be satisfied with it. M. QUAD.

Private Secretary Gueter is now engaged in making up Gov Evans' annual statements of pardons and commutations granted during the year just closing, so as to get the copy in the hands of the State printer on time. The list will show 64 cases upon which the governor acted during the year. Last year he acted favorably on not quite 50 applications. The difference is probably due to the length of the fiscal year just closing.

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