

COURTHOUSE NOOK SCENE OF WEDDING

Virginia Couple Meets Minister at Opportune Moment in Rockville.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 12.—Miss Lelia Burwell Chrismon and Grover Cleveland Benner, both of Winchester, Va., were married here yesterday by the Rev. Forrest J. Pretzman, presiding elder of the Washington district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dr. Pretzman happened to be in the courthouse when the young folks entered, and upon recognizing him as the former pastor of the bride-to-be the young couple asked him to perform the ceremony. At the suggestion of the young lady, a quiet nook in the courthouse, where there were no prying eyes, was selected and there the knot was tied.

The age of the bride was given as twenty-two, and that the young man was twenty-two. They left for Washington immediately after the ceremony.

A license to marry has been issued by the clerk of the circuit court here to Miss Goldie Brown and Joshua Preston Taylor, both of 402 New York avenue northwest, Washington.

On a charge of assault with intent to kill, Horace Ricketts, a well-known young resident of this vicinity, has been lodged in jail here. It is alleged that he brutally assaulted a Mrs. Mills, who resides not far from Rockville, among her injuries being a broken arm. Ricketts was at first released upon bail in the amount of \$200, but upon learning of the serious nature of the woman's injuries, Justice Reading raised the bail to \$500, which Ricketts was unable to furnish.

There are indications that the Democrats of Montgomery county are going to put up the fight of their lives in an effort to elect their candidate for Congress, David J. Lewis, of Cumberland, who will look horns with the Republican nominee, Brainerd H. Warner, Jr., at the November election. The members of the party actually seem to be full of the idea that they have an excellent chance of landing their man a winner, and declare that Montgomery county will go its share toward winning, about such a result. The party leaders say they will be satisfied with today's loss, but a thousand majority for Lewis in this county.

HEROIC RESCUES MADE BY FIREMEN

Whole Block Threatened By \$300,000 Fire In Wood-working Plant.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—One man perished and a number of volunteer fire fighters were injured early today when a \$300,000 fire destroyed the Van Nest Woodworking Company plant, in the Bronx, and came near wiping out the whole closely built Van Nest section of the borough.

After many hours of desperate fighting under Chief Croker the Bronx and Harlem engine companies managed to keep the fire from spreading, despite the fact that the whole Adams street front of the block facing the burning plant time and again caught fire, and the families in them were trapped inside.

Many heroic rescues were made from the buildings, which are two-story frame structures.

Twelve two-story buildings in Van Nest avenue were also destroyed, partially, through showers of sparks.

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BLACKMAIL BOMB JARS FIFTH AVENUE

Failure of Wealthy Italian to Pay \$10,000 Is Cause.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Blackmailers set off a bomb today that wrecked a business establishment at 92 Sixth avenue, jarred the millionaire section of Fifth avenue, including the Plaza, Savoy, and Netherlands hotels, and caused a panic among hundreds of people.

The explosion took place in front of the wholesale liquor establishment of Enrico Casabianca, reputed to be one of the richest Italians in New York. Casabianca said he had been blackmailed by blackmailers for more than a year, and the demand, which at first was \$5,000, had later been raised to \$10,000, while the police sought in vain to disclose the identity of the senders of the threats.

Casabianca, who has been in America for forty years, lives in a private residence at 7 West Fifty-fifth street. He is a heavy property holder in New York, and the blackmailers seemed to be intimate with his affairs. In their last letter they declared that every piece of property owned by the victim would be destroyed with dynamite, his wife and children would be put to death, and he himself would be taken captive and tortured if the \$10,000 was not forthcoming.

DE BIRNY QUALIFIES RECEIVER OF ESTATE

Louis V. De Birny today qualified as the receiver of the estate of Victor Anderson, who has been missing since August 15, when he disappeared, leaving hints that he intended to commit suicide.

De Birny, who is connected with the Walter Reed General Hospital in Georgia avenue, filed a bill in equity in the Supreme Court of the District yesterday for a receiver, stating that, in his opinion, Anderson was dead, and had sent him a letter from Baltimore intimating that he contemplated suicide. The letter contained Anderson's will, which bequeathed the estate to De Birny.

It was set forth in De Birny's petition that Anderson's estate comprised the property at 142 Eleventh street northwest, worth about \$100,000, subject to a trust of \$7,000, and one-tenth interest in seventy-eight acres of land on the Anacostia river, worth \$450 an acre.

ASSERTS ROOSEVELT LIVED IN OTHER AGES

Theosophist Says Colonel Is Caesar, Napoleon, Alexander, and Washington.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Colonel Roosevelt has been placed. He was once Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Alexander the Great and, perhaps, even Washington, of later times.

Many of the colonel's enemies have seen resemblances of Caesar and Napoleon in his acts, but he remained for the Theosophic Society, in convention here, properly to classify and label him. T. H. Talbot declared he had no doubt but the spirit of Roosevelt had achieved prominence in world's affairs in other generations. He declared his present status is even greater than in past ages, for it has grown with the experience of earth physical life. A study of his character shows, he asserts, that he has developed his greatness only by many ages of training.

"He is a great astral master," said Talbot, "a master of men in every period in which he has appeared. I do not have at hand the astral name for Roosevelt, but he probably lived in the person of Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar."

ARRANGING OUTING.

Oriental Council, No. 312, Royal Arcanum, is arranging for an athletic carnival to be held early in November. The program will include wrestling, boxing, and a class drill by seamen gunners of the United States navy.

Five members were initiated at a meeting of the council last night.

ADDRESS TO K. OF C.

Thomas Byrne, of Tacoma, Wash., delivered an interesting address before Potomac Council, No. 432, Knights of Columbus, last night. The council has a committee arranging for a series of social gatherings for the members and their wives, the first to be held September 23.

E. H. DROOP HONORED.

Edward H. Droop today entered upon the duties of president of the Masurgin Club. The other officers are Howard Barnes, assistant musical director; Joseph F. Mathieu, vice president; David A. Hart, secretary; Arthur B. Pierce, treasurer; Robert A. Foushee, librarian; Edwin Callow, business manager, and Byron Blodgett, accompanist.

GRAND JURY TO GET COUNTERFEITING CASE

William Wright, a negro, was today given a preliminary hearing on the charge of counterfeiting before United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor, and he will be held for the grand jury under a bond of \$1,500.

George F. Foster, of the United States Secret Service, and members of the Washington police force told how they found Wright with eleven counterfeit quarters in his possession at 1416 Church street on Saturday night.

Wright admitted having the coins in his possession. He declared he did not make them.

Charles Turner, assistant United States District Attorney, appeared for the prosecution.

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To the Stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company is called by the Board of Directors of that company for, and will be held on, Friday, the fourth day of October, 1910, at 12 o'clock M., at the principal office of the company, No. 1313 Tenth Street north west, in the city of Washington, D. C., to transact such business as may properly come before said meeting, and especially to consider and approve or otherwise act upon the following propositions:

(1) Shall the Washington Gas Light Company continue its practice hitherto of declaring regular quarterly dividends to its stockholders from its net earnings, the rate of ten per centum per annum upon its authorized capital of \$2,000,000, which capitalization was made many years ago, and does now adequately represent the fair value of the property of the company used by it for the benefit of the public under the provisions of the company's charter, and its further practice of declaring extra dividends from its undivided profits; or, shall it in future distribute monies for stockholders, in the proportions to which they are respectively entitled, the net annual earnings of the company after deducting from its gross earnings all proper expenses of administration and of the cost of its business, and the amount necessary to pay interest upon its bonds and certificates of indebtedness, together with an amount sufficient to provide for depreciation in dividends upon the fair value of the property used by the said company for the benefit of the public in supplying gas under its charter, assuming that the said net earnings shall be sufficient to justify said dividends?

(2) Shall the monies needed annually for the operation of the company's mains and other expenses generally called "betterments" be paid out of the earnings of the company, or shall such monies hereafter be raised by a bond issue or issues secured by deed of trust upon all of the company's property which it is entitled to embrace in such deed of trust, said bonds to be sold for not less than par, and the proceeds thereof to be applied exclusively to said betterments?

(3) Shall the company refund its outstanding bonds now bearing four per centum interest, amounting to approximately \$600,000 in round numbers, and also its outstanding dividend certificates of indebtedness bearing six per centum interest, amounting to \$2,000,000, which certificates of indebtedness are now payable at the option of the company by a new bond issue, secured by deed of trust upon all of the property of the company which it is legally entitled to embrace in said deed of trust, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, and to be payable at such time or times as the said special meeting of the stockholders hereinafter called shall determine upon, the said certificates of indebtedness and also of the said bonds to be retired by a meeting of the directors of the company subsequent to the said stockholders' meeting, but in any case shall contain a stipulation waiving the statutory personal responsibility of each stockholder for the payment of the said bonds, and expressly stipulating that holders of the said bonds shall rely only upon the security embraced in the said deed of trust? Further, in the event that the said stockholders' meeting shall determine that future betterments shall not be paid out of earnings, but shall be financed by a bond issue, shall the issue of bonds contemplated in this proposition be increased, and if so, to what amount, for the purpose of providing said betterments required in the near future?

If it is not thought expedient to refund the said issue of \$2,000,000 of dividend certificates of indebtedness in the manner next hereinafter provided, shall the said total issue of dividend certificates of indebtedness be paid with interest to the date of payment by the proceeds of the sale in open market of not less than par, of \$2,000,000 of the said new bonds, or of so many of said bonds as may be required for the purpose?

If it be not thought expedient to sell the said \$2,000,000 face value of the said bonds in open market, shall so many of the stockholders of the company at a given date as shall avail themselves of the privilege, within a specified time, be entitled to subscribe and pay for the said bonds at their face value, said privilege of subscription and payment to be proportional to the holdings of the respective stockholders? Shall said privilege next hereinafter referred to apply also to so much of said new issue or issues of bonds as shall be required for financing betterments?

All subordinate propositions embraced in and pertinent to the said main propositions above stated shall, to the necessary extent, be considered and acted upon by the said stockholders' meeting.

According to the charter and by-laws of the Washington Gas Light Company, only such stockholders are allowed to vote at any meeting of the stockholders as shall have been holders of the certificates of stock of the said company in their own and proper names for the period of fourteen days previous to any stockholders' meeting. In order that all stockholders may have an opportunity to have their stock duly registered in the books of the company, the stock transfer books of the company will be closed at close of business at 3 p. m. on Thursday, the 24th day of September, 1910, and will remain closed until the close of business at 3 p. m. on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910, and all holders of stock as aforesaid who shall be such at the close of business on said 24th day of September, 1910, will be entitled to vote at the special meeting of the stockholders hereby called for Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock m. until 1 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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BY WILLIAM B. ORME, Secretary, Washington Gas Light Company. se13-31t

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