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A CURIOUS HISTORY.

THE RISE AND FALL OF AN ENGLISH MINISTER.

He Comes to Georgia and Harries—His Family Disowns Him—An Itinerant Preacher—Negotiations to Remove the Family Boycott.

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., March 18.—The recent death of Rev. Charles N. Thompson at Hall's Mills has drawn attention to a curious history. Thompson belonged to a family of gentle blood in England, and as the second son was ordained as a Church of England priest. He was given one of the richest livings in Nottingham, and for a while drew immense congregations. He became intoxicated with his success to such a degree that he was forbidden to preach, and while under Episcopal discipline went to preaching for the "Ranters." His family at once disowned him and sent him to America. A couple of years before the war, he settled in Dahlonega, this State, where he met a blooming mountain girl of plump figure and thoroughly ignorant of letters and society. Thompson went to preaching until the war broke out, when he became colonel of the Sixth Georgia regiment. As soon as the minister's relatives in England heard of the mesalliance they disinherited him, all save an old aunt, who, feeling for the brilliant young man, placed \$2,000 in the Bank of England for him, from which he was to draw the interest. Unable to bring his wife up to his level he soon fell to hers and afterward became a wreck. He, however, preached whenever he could, although opposed by his wife in doing so, and she, to prevent him, would hide his clothes. He would manage to steal them out, and, reaching some of the country churches, would preach sermons of such eloquence as strangely contrasted with his present standing. He died on the 28th of January, and it was when Col. Capers, a well known lawyer, was called in to see about the English remittances, that the whole story became public. Thompson left four children, and negotiations are now pending with the English relatives to induce them to remove the "boycott" from the children and permit them to take their father's place in the family. The present indications are that the children will be taken to Europe and educated.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Georgia Midland.

To the Editor ATLANTA JOURNAL:

I see frequent allusions to the failure to raise the \$100,000 subscription to secure the building of this road, saying it is the result of Prohibition. Now, I only desire to ask if an effort was not made last summer, long before the Prohibition petition was ever circulated, and was not about \$20,000 all that could be raised? After Prohibition was carried more than \$50,000 additional was subscribed. I don't believe Prohibition or anti-Prohibition has had much to do with the matter. The parties that ought to have subscribed but did not, and never intended to do so, are now only dodging behind Prohibition to cover up their own indisposition to help an important enterprise.

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RAILROAD MATTERS.

Mr. Chas. N. Knight, division passenger agent for East Tennessee and Virginia, is in the Carolinas on business for the road.

Mr. Jack W. Johnson, ticket agent for the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, will return to the city this afternoon from Cave Spring.

Mr. D. S. Brown, of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, was in town yesterday. He left last night for Augusta on the Georgia railroad.

Messrs. Charles Walker, of the Western and Atlantic, and Fred Bush, of the Louisville and Nashville, left yesterday on the Georgia railroad for South Carolina.

Hands for the extension of the Georgia Pacific railroad continue to travel towards Coalburg. Seventy-seven left on Tuesday and forty yesterday by the Georgia Pacific.

Mr. John Scott, general counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad, brother of Col. G. W. Scott, of Decatur, was in the city yesterday and left last night with his family for Florida.

Messrs. Bush and Walker, traveling passenger agents for the Western and Atlantic and Louisville and Nashville, have just compiled an emigrant's catechism which is very unique.

Dr. Armstrong's Removal to His New Home—Tender Words for Him by His People.

On Tuesday last Rev. J. G. Armstrong and his family moved from St. Philip's rectory to their new home on Church street. To St. Philip's people this must be a sad thought, for glad indeed would it have made their hearts to have had restored to them their beloved rector, that for the rest of his life he might have made his home with them.

PARNELL'S ULTIMATUM.

A DOCUMENT WHICH WILL FORCE THE ISSUE.

On This Gladstone Must Stand or Fall—Gladstone in a Quandary—How the Parties Will Stand in the Coming Fight.

LONDON, March 18.—It has been announced that to-day Mr. Parnell will issue his ultimatum, and it is expected to force Mr. Gladstone to declare fairly and squarely whether he will or will not propose to grant Ireland home rule. Up to the present moment Mr. Gladstone has neglected to openly consult with the leader of the Irish party as to the legislation to be proposed for Ireland, so Mr. Parnell's ultimatum will let Mr. Gladstone and the world at large know exactly what Ireland insists upon as her just rights. Upon that issue it would seem, Mr. Gladstone must stand or fall. If he fails to do his utmost to push the interests of the Parnellites the latter are liable to turn upon him and oust him from office at very short notice.

Should he present a distinct Home Rule measure, even only strongly flavored with secession, the probabilities are that the moderate Liberals will vote with the Conservatives and upset the Liberal cabinet. It must be added, however, that there are so many rumors afloat and so few facts to substantiate them that it is difficult to form a definite opinion upon the state of British politics or the chances of Home Rule. Lord Hartington's announcement at the dinner of the Eighty Club that the Liberal party was not pledged to Home Rule has not been weighed with the care that such a statement merited.

Many people claim that it has a deeper significance than appears on the surface. Well-informed politicians openly state that Mr. Gladstone, to use a sporting term, is "fighting for wind," doing his utmost to gain time, to educate the younger and more hot-headed of his party up to the point of being able to consider the merits of Home Rule in an unprejudiced manner. The Conservatives are not blind to this state of affairs. They are aware that a majority of the Liberal party are easy-going business men, having strong faith in Mr. Gladstone, and liable to vote as he directs at any cost.

But there is another section of the Liberal party, led by Lord Hartington and Mr.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

Will Pinyon Accidentally Killed by Pat Hickey—Sad Details of the Unfortunate Occurrence.

This morning at eleven o'clock Mr. Will Pinyon and Pat Hickey were in the store of Dr. C. J. Johnson, at 147 Smith street. Mr. Pinyon was standing near the counter with breast close to the show case, Mr. Hickey standing on the inside of the counter. They were talking together, and while doing so, Hickey was playing with or examining a pistol in the showcase. Hickey must have unthoughtfully cocked the pistol for a report was heard and Pinyon fell to the floor and died in ten minutes. An examination of his body showed that the ball went directly into his heart. The body was carried to the residence of Pinyon on McDaniel street. Mr. Hickey was placed under arrest pending a coroner's inquest. Several relatives of Pinyon declare that in their opinion the shooting was accidental. There was no known cause of disagreement between the parties.

Pinyon was about 28 years old, medium stature, and leaves a wife, who is critically ill. Not long since his two children died. A singular feature was that there was only one charge in the pistol.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

Birmingham, Ala., is in the midst of a real estate boom.

Gen. Jackson, minister to Mexico, has left for home on a three months' leave of absence.

The government's suit against the Bell Telephone company will be tried at Columbus, Ohio.

Henry Arnold, a grocery merchant of Memphis, was shot and killed by a young lady whom he had seduced.

Naval Cadets Waters, of Georgia, Gillespie, of Virginia, and Stacy, of New York, have been dismissed for hazing.

The Rogers family are being examined by the Congressional committee at Washington in the Pan-Electric investigation.

Senator Beck castigated Senator Edmunds yesterday in a speech on the question of the President's power to make removals.

A negro murdered a white lady near Leaden, Tenn., whom he had attempted to outrage. He has been captured and will be lynched.

The Eureka iron works at Wyandotte, Mich., discharged twenty-five men for having joined the Knights of Labor.