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A SON'S SAD DOWNFALL

BLOT UPON THE ESCUTCHEON OF A NOBLE FAMILY.

The Son of the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisville in Prison for Larceny—A Pathetic Meeting Between Father and Son.

NASHVILLE, January 15.—Much interest and sympathy is existing here over the case of young W. S. Hall, in prison for larceny, and whose case was postponed in the criminal court yesterday, by Judge Allen, to the 21st inst. His companion, Dorsey, will be tried at the same time. Young Hall's father, Rev. Thomas Hall, of Louisville, was in the city yesterday. He is a venerable minister of the gospel, and is heart-broken over the course of his son. Rev. Mr. Hall comes of a wealthy South Carolina family, is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, and at the beginning of the war entered the famous Hampton Legion. He surrendered with General Joseph E. Johnston in 1865. After this event he spent many years in Bloomfield, Kentucky, as pastor of a Baptist church. Recently he was called to Louisville, and now holds the pastorate of the First Baptist church of that city. Young William Hall, the prisoner, is of seven children the only son and was the petted idol of the family circle. The father begged as a special privilege to a stricken parent that his son be allowed to come under the custody of an officer to see him at the Maxwell House, as he wished to be spared the humiliation of ever beholding his son the inmate of a felon's cell. The request was granted. Their meeting was exceedingly touching. Mr. Hall says that heretofore his son has led a virtuous life, and until a recent date was a member of the church in Louisville.

The prisoner is the nephew of Lawrence Smith, the well-known scientist, and his mother was a member of the Guthrie family, which stands high in Kentucky. Hall has retained prominent attorneys as counsel, and will make every effort to free himself from the crimes with which he stands charged.

SAM SMALL IN CINCINNATI.

His Plan for Removing the Trail of the Serpent from That City.

Cincinnati Enquirer, January 14.

The noonday prayer meetings at the Young Men's Christian Association this week are being conducted by Sam W. Small, the associate of Evangelist Sam Jones, and well known as a journalist all through the country as "Old Si." "Old Si" is making as much progress in his new work for the Master as he did when wrestling with the flesh-pots in a newspaper office. There was a large turnout at yesterday's meeting. Mr. Small spoke for some moments in an earnest strain. Among other things he said: "Here in Cincinnati, amid all the bustle of a busy life, it is a significant fact that so many have paused at the noon hour to acknowledge God. It ought to give us encouragement that through these meetings the city will be brought to Christ eventually. You whose homes are here, whose business hopes all center here, take an interest in Cincinnati with its wealth of commerce. But over the picture of all its magnificence there lies the trail of the serpent. You all know it, and the question is, 'What shall we do to cleanse the picture?' It is remarkable that the Christian people could submit to have the reputation of the city smirched upon the page of every record that goes out from it, no longer claiming the proud title of the Queen City of the West, but that of the Paris of America, with all its sins and vices. You have spent \$20,000,000 upon the Southern railroad to capture the Southern trade, but it would be better to spend \$20,000,000 to evangelize the city, to clean out the hovels of vice, liquor, misery, gin and damnation that infest it. While you are adding to the wealth you forget that it is a city subject to the will of God. God permitted you to build it, but he can destroy it with a breath. With one touch of His finger He could sweep it from the face of the earth, as Lisbon was destroyed in Portugal. The chase of the almighty dollar up and down the streets seems to be uppermost in man's thoughts. Abraham looked for a city with firm foundations—the New Jerusalem. That is the city which we are to seek, not Cincinnati. God tells us that He has prepared a city for His angels. Isn't that a better city than Cincinnati? Isn't that a city to become a citizen of? Nobody wants to raze

A VAST CORPORATION

OVER EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS OF STOCK

To be Listed—The Southern Pacific Road and Its Territory—The President's Letter—A Confident Commissioner Sparks.

New York, January 15.—The Pacific Company has applied to the Exchange to list 880,762 shares of stock, amounting to \$88,076. The Southern Pacific Company was created by C. P. Huntington and has acquired control of the Galveston, Houston and Texas Central, the Morgan line, the Louisville and Nashville, the Texas and New Orleans, the Texas and New Orleans, the Canadian International and the Southern of New Mexico, of Arizona and California. The capital stock of the Southern Pacific Company was originally \$1,000,000, power was conferred upon the company to increase the amount, and on December 1st the amount was increased to \$100,000,000. The company claims to own the stock of other corporations to the value of \$74,350. It owns a system of railroads from New Orleans to San Francisco, a distance of 3,303 miles. President of the Northern Pacific Railroad has issued the following letter to holders and stockholders of the company: "It is publicly stated, that Commissioner Sparks, of the general land office, has ordered a decision that this company is entitled to a grant of lands for its road between the Columbia river and Puget Sound. There is no foundation in law for such decision. Appeal will be taken to the Secretary of the Interior. If necessary the company will resort to courts to maintain its rights. Neither purchasers of the lands of this company nor the slightest approval of the result."

An Important Suit.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The Supreme Court of the United States will hear argument in the great tax case from Tennessee brought by the State of Tennessee against the United States.