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### A GOVERNOR WITH A BACKBONE.

The legal execution of the Allen murderers in Virginia in the face of extraordinary effort to save them is proof that the Old Dominion has in Governor Mann an executive of backbone as well as brains, who had the courage to do his plain duty despite the ocean of sentimental slop and sophistry in which he was deluged for some days before the execution.

It may be creditable to the human heart that so many men and women should have made such strenuous efforts to save the lives of the two murderers, but it was not particularly creditable to their heads. The cause of law and order was worth inestimably more to the people of Virginia than the justly forfeited lives of the criminals. That was the naked issue in the case and it has been settled right. There won't be any more wholesale murders in Virginia courthouses, and the class to which the Allens belonged has received a healthy lesson in the rudiments of civilization which could have been imparted effectively in no other way.

There was no cruelty, no passion, no injustice in those executions in Richmond Friday. They were the concrete proof of the law doing its appointed work without fear or favor as natural law would do it, and that's the only way to save civilization from the inherent barbarism of men.

The death of J. Pierpont Morgan in Italy, told in our dispatches today, removes from earthly activities the world's greatest financier and will bring out an immense volume of comment, criticism and obituary rhetoric. In personality and achievement Mr. Morgan was a great man, a striking figure of tremendous force of character. He stood for plutocracy and concentrated wealth, and hence was not popular with the masses; nevertheless his genius was a mighty aid to stability in our financial system, and in his stainless personal integrity and devotion to high civic ideals he was an example to all his countrymen and a rebuke to thousands of lesser men of weaker moral fiber who are today assailing his methods without understanding them and reproaching him as the ruthless demi-god of the money power. He worked with money and in money and thought in terms of money, but he used his power to avert panics and promote commerce, and no man ever lost a dollar through his reckless banking or betrayal of a trust.

It is distinctly in the line of progressive government to submit proposed legislation to the people in advance of the session of the Legislature, as Governor Trammell is doing. It is a kind of referendum in itself and the wonder is that it hadn't been thought of long ago. We note that the Ocala Banner finds nothing in this new departure at variance with its notions of old-time, stand-pat Democracy and warmly endorses it in these words:

"Talk about making innovations and doing away with old traditions, we think that Governor Trammell is entitled to the 'blue ribbon' in printing his message to the Legislature in homeopathic doses before the assembling of that body. The legislators now have an opportunity to discuss the message with their constituents and through the press. The governor, in our opinion, is setting a sensible and very excellent example."

In the recent committee assignments in the United States Senate, following the reorganization of that body, Senator Nat P. Bryan of this State received a deserved recognition of his ability and fidelity. He was put upon eight committees and made chairman of the committee on claims. His committee assignments are as follows: Appropriations, postoffices

and post roads, naval affairs, claims, pensions, industrial expositions, the coast and insular survey, and the committee to investigate trespasses on Indian lands.

### MR. McLVAIN HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCE YESTERDAY.

Mr. M. L. Melvaine, of Jacksonville, delivered a sermon or lecture yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium, his subject being "Where Are the Dead?" This was the first of a series of lectures on kindred topics. The remainder of the series will be given by Mr. J. B. McGee, of the International Bible Students' Association, who will lecture at the Auditorium on next Sunday and also on the Sunday following.

A very fair audience greeted Mr. Melvaine and he was given a most attentive hearing. After discussing the various creeds of the time, examining the most prominent ones to see where each placed the dead, the speaker proceeded to show what he claimed was the Bible viewpoint, viz., that the dead are not alive either in heaven, or purgatory, or a theological hell of eternal torment, but are peacefully sleeping in their graves awaiting the resurrection morning and the day of judgment. In part the speaker said:

"It has been our common point of mistake not to realize that "wages of sin is death," and not everlasting life in torment. We have been following the wrong teacher, "the father of lies," who was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the Truth. (John, 8:44). In Eden it was God who declared, "Ye shall surely die;" it was Satan who said, "Ye shall not surely die." We have made a mistake, dear friends, when we tried to look upon death as a friend and a gateway into freedom and happiness. The adversary not being able to gainsay the fact that death followed the disobedience of our first parents, has bolstered up his original falsehood by deceiving practically all the world into believing that death does not mean death; that to die is to become more alive than before death.

### What Say the Scriptures.

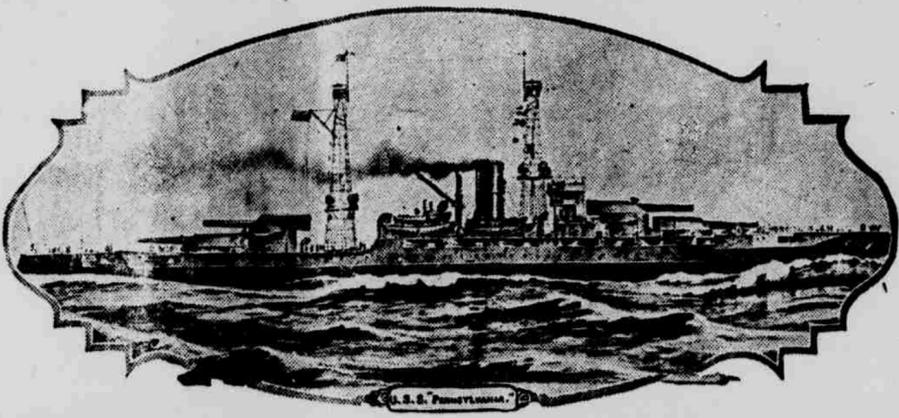
The Bible says (Acts, 2:34): "David hath not ascended into the heavens," but that he is both dead and buried and his sepulchre is with us to this day. Jesus' testimony is (John, 3:13): "No man hath ascended up to heaven, save he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man." The Bible agrees from first to last that "the dead know not anything" (Ecl., 9:5) and that "their sons come to honor and they know it not, and to dishonor and they perceive it not of them" (Job, 14:21). It is the Scriptures that tell us where the dead are and their condition; that they are experiencing neither joy nor sorrow, pleasure nor suffering; that they have no knowledge of anything done under the sun until their awakening in the resurrection. I remind you of the wise man's words, "Do with thy might what thy hand findeth to do, for there is neither wisdom, nor knowledge, nor device in (sheol) the grave whither thou goest" (Ecl., 9:10). Both in the New and the Old Testament it is written both of the good and the bad that they fell asleep in death. The Apostle speaks of those who "sleep in Jesus" and those who have "fallen asleep in Christ;" who, he declares, are perished if there be no resurrection of the dead. Could they perish in heaven, purgatory or hell? Assuredly no one so teaches. They already are in a perished condition in the tomb; and the perishing would be absolute, complete, unless a resurrection be provided for their deliverance from the power of death.

### All That Are in Their Graves.

We are glad to know that Jesus "gave himself a ransom for all." He "by the grace of God tasted death for every man," and there is to be "resurrection of the death both just and unjust." Because mankind have been redeemed by the death of Jesus the Scriptures say, "As in Adam all die, so all in Christ shall be made alive." (John, 5:28-29) "Marvel not at this for the hour is coming when all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and come forth." Do not these words tell you plainly from whence the dead will come forth? The Prophet Daniel says, "Many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." In the 29th verse our Lord explains the resurrection saying, "They that have done good to the resurrection of life (the first resurrection) and they that have done evil to resurrection by judgment."

"But," says one, "It is long since Jesus died; why is it that sin and death are still permitted to reign and to swallow up the human family? We answer that God delayed sending the sacrifice for four thousand years, and still delays to send the blessing secured by it which must ultimately result—which blessing will be sure in God's "due time."

## WILL BE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BATTLESHIP



This is the navy department's official sketch of the battleship Pennsylvania, which will be larger than any other warship ever built by any nation. Its tonnage will be 31,000, its length 600 feet and its beam 97 feet, which is almost the limit for safe passage through the Panama canal locks. The total cost of the Pennsylvania ready for service will be about \$14,000,000.

brought to the perfection of Eden and as a whole be the paradise of God restored on a larger and grander scale. These during the present time gain a certain amount of experience with sin and death, and learn a part of a very important lesson, viz., the exceeding sinfulness of sin and its undesirability. As soon as the Lord's time shall come, which we believe is not far distant, he will fulfil his promise and establish his kingdom in the world, which will bind Satan, restrain all the powers and influences now working toward sin and death, and cause the knowledge of the Lord to fill the whole earth. Thus Christ will bless the human family and lift it up, step by step, toward the grand perfection in which it was created—in the image of God as represented in father Adam. This period of blessing is called the millennial kingdom, and it was for that the Lord taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." It will require all of the thousand year-day of blessing and restitution to establish righteousness on a firm basis in the earth, and to test the world of mankind—to ascertain who of mankind, by obedience to Christ, may be accounted worthy of eternal life, and who under full knowledge, because of preference for sin, will be sentenced to the second death—"everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." These blessings of the millennial age apply, not only

The object in the delay as explained in the Bible is twofold: First, to permit of the birth of a sufficient number of the human family to properly fill or populate the

whole earth, when it shall be to the sixteen hundred millions now living upon the earth, but also to the twenty thousand millions who have (Continued on Page 5.)

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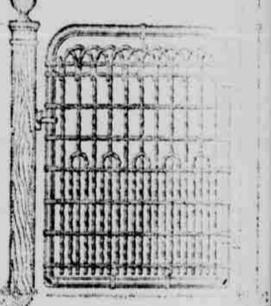
- Mrs. H. W. Odom .....
- Miss Nellie Fidler .....
- Mrs. W. R. Graham .....
- Mrs. W. T. McIlwain .....
- S. E. Watson .....
- U. W. Irveson .....
- Miss Georgia Strain .....
- Miss Kittle Funk .....
- Mrs. J. A. Wood .....
- W. D. Harp .....
- Will Williams .....
- Miss Lillie May McIntire .....
- Miss Margaret Marshall .....
- C. H. Tedd .....
- Dixieland Methodist church .....
- T. S. Clifford .....
- J. S. C. Clifford .....
- Miss Nettie Brooks .....
- Leslie McCraney .....
- Mrs. J. W. Cord .....
- Luela Knight .....
- Thelma Mann .....
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