

# A SELF MADE YOUNG MAN CHIEF COUNSEL IN THAW CASE

New York, Jan. 13.—Martin W. Littleton, chief counsel for Harry Thaw, is today receiving the earnest congratulations of his legal colleagues and friends upon having passed another milestone in his comparatively short but famous career. Littleton was born in a log cabin in Roane county, Tennessee, January 12, 1872, so that now he is only 36 years of age. His rapid rise to fame has been one of the most phenomenal among the legal lights of the country. He has gone up like a rocket, and there is nothing to indicate a descent. His fellow attorneys look upon him as a fixed star in New York's legal firmament, and one whose brilliancy will constantly increase with years.

The chief counsel for Thaw is a self-educated man, having attended school only one term. He was a farm hand and a baker's assistant in his youth, and at the age of 16 became a track walker in Texas. It was here that he was seized with the ambition to become a lawyer, and at 19 this self-educated boy was admitted to the bar. Down at Weatherford, Texas, the people are still talking of the excessive brightness of "Mart" Littleton. They are not surprised that he has become one of the greatest lawyers in the country. They would not be surprised at any greatness "Mart" may achieve, even to the presidency.

Littleton left the little town of Weatherford to embark on a greater career in Dallas. He was only 21 when he invaded the big Texas city, but the older and more seasoned attorneys of the Dallas bar were soon forced to admit that the Weatherford "boy lawyer" was a smart youngster, and when he had shown his ability in a few important cases he cut a large niche for himself as one of the foremost lawyers of the North Texas metropolis.

On December 1, 1896, at the age of 24, the young lawyer married Maud Wilson in Dallas. Considering Dallas too small to afford full scope for his ability, Littleton had determined to establish himself in the nation's metropolis.

Giving up her luxurious home in Texas, the bride of a few days set forth with Littleton for New York. The couple had little money, but Littleton was primed with ambition and his young wife abounding in faith. So, late in 1896, Littleton first set foot in New York—the great, careless, heartless city he had come to conquer.

And he did conquer. The task was not easy, at first, but Littleton's spirit was indomitable. He did not wait for opportunities—he made them. The metropolitan lawyers, with biased smugness, at first sneered at the enthusiasms of the young Texan. But less than three years after his arrival in New York Littleton was made an assistant district attorney of Kings county, a position which many older and more experienced lawyers would have been glad to secure. While serving in this capacity in Brooklyn, Littleton prosecuted "Get Rich Quick" Miller and assisted in conducting many other famous cases.

New York is quick to recognize genius, so it was not long before Littleton had become famous as an orator and an after dinner speaker. He combined the suave charm of the southern gentleman with the nervous alertness of the Yankee, and the combination was a pleasing one to his auditors.

It was in 1900 that Littleton became a national figure. Called upon to "fill in" at a Brooklyn democratic meeting which was addressed by national fame, he became the orator of the evening. In 1904 the democrats of New York decided that Littleton was the one man to deliver the speech nominating Alton B. Parker for the presidency at the St. Louis convention, and if the enthusiasm he created among the delegates could have been spread among the voters of the country, Parker would have been elected. In 1904 and 1905 Littleton was borough president of Brooklyn, and he makes his home in the big borough across the bridge.

He retired from public life two or three years ago in order that he might build up a private law practice, and in this he has been as successful as in all of his other endeavors. If he succeeds in securing the acquittal of Harry K. Thaw, pitted, as he is, against the master of criminal prosecution, Jerome, he will have succeeded in his boyish ambition to "conquer" New York.

### MRS. SCRIBER DEAD.

Mother of Cashier J. W. Scriber of This City.

J. W. Scriber received a telegram today bringing the sad intelligence of his mother's death. The telegram states that Mrs. Scriber died this morning at the family home in Salem. Mrs. Scriber was 78 years of age and survived her husband nearly four years. She was one of the pioneer women of the state, and has a host of friends throughout the state who will sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family. She leaves two sons, J. W. Scriber of this city, and Charles E. Scriber of Colfax, and three daughters, Mrs. H. E. Miller of Tacoma, Mrs. Emma Coolidge of Spokane, and Miss Adelaide M. Scriber, who resided at home, and was with her mother at the time of her death.

The funeral will take place Wednesday from the family home. Mr. Scriber will leave this evening to attend the funeral and does not expect to return before the last of the week. Mr. Scriber has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in Union county and throughout the state.

### AT THE ELECTRIC THEATER.

Picture Changes Take Place This Evening.

While you have the little people ready to take to the entertainment of the opera house this evening, bring them to the Electric theater and allow them to see the new pictures. There will be plenty of time to see them all before the show at the opera house begins. The bill for tonight will be "Weary Willie's Luck," "Grafters," "Fan in Japan." This last number, just at this time when all eyes are turned toward the little brown men, will surely be of interest. The illustrated song, "Honey Time," gives Mr. Ferrin a splendid opportunity to display his wonderful voice, and the slides are especially attractive. Remember, the show begins promptly at 7:15 and will be over by 8:10.

### Revival Meeting.

Yesterday was a great day for Central Church of Christ. In the morning 170 were in the Bible school and a fine audience listened to the sermon. In the evening the house was filled. For about an hour Evangelist McSparran preached on "Reformation and Restoration." When the invitation was given eight persons came forward, two men, two women, two boys and two girls, making 21 since the meetings began. The sermon tonight will be of interest to young men. Baptisms at 7:30, sermon at 8. The special services continue all week and over Sunday.

### NEWSPAPER SUED.

San Francisco Bulletin Must Answer to Charge of Criminal Libel.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—William H. Tevis today sued R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, of the Evening Bulletin, for criminal libel. Tevis declares that the Bulletin printed a story on March 16th, 1907, that Tevis on behalf of the Bay Cities Water company, had paid Abe Ruef bribe money in order to secure an acceptance by the city of the Bay Cities Water company plant. Tevis declares he can prove the story false.

### FIRST CABINET DINNER.

Secretary and Mrs. Elihu Root Entertain President and Cabinet.

Washington, Jan. 12.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be the guests

of honor at a banquet to be given tomorrow night by Secretary of State and Mrs. Elihu Root, to which many other cabinet members, diplomats and statesmen have been invited. This will be the first cabinet dinner of the season to the president, and will be followed by similar affairs given by other cabinet members in their order of precedence.

### Light at Opera House.

Manager Steward announces that the opera house will be lighted by electricity this evening. Therefore all who wish to witness the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" performance this evening may attend and have no anxiety regarding the light situation. There will be plenty of light, electric light at that.

### CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore., Dec. 14, 1907.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Lovell E. Tipton, contestant, against homestead entry No. 15117 made July 19, 1906, for N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 4, and N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, township 2 S., Range 35, E. W. M., by Thomas H. Daly, contestee, in which it is alleged that Thomas H. Daly has wholly abandoned said entry for more than six months last past; that he has not resided upon or improved said land at any time, and that said alleged absence was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 28, 1908, before the register and receiver of the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 9, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

(Signed) E. W. DAVIS, Register.  
J. T. WILLIAMSON, Agent and Attorney for Contestant.  
Dec. 27-Jan. 24.

### A CHAIR HOSPITAL.

If you have a chair or in fact any piece of furniture which is on the invalid list you can not do better than to bring it to my furniture hospital, where a speedy cure is assured. Prompt and neat work assured. Remember that I make all kinds of buggy covers. Call on me for all kinds of upholstering.

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### REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN.

Temporary Office Opened Downtown for This Week Only.

County Clerk J. B. Gilham has arranged to have the registration books brought downtown for this week, in order to give the voters of this city and vicinity an opportunity to register without visiting the court house. C. J. Scriber will be in charge and has his office in the rear of the Farmers & Traders' National bank, where he will be found from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until about 6 in the evening.

Remember, it costs nothing to register and saves the necessity of finding six freeholders to assist in swearing your vote in at the primaries at the June election and the presidential election in November.

## THE KING OF CURES

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# Interest Unabated at The Peoples Store

Our great Mid-Winter Clearing Sale was certainly a hummer, and although the people of La Grande and vicinity have in the past ten days carried away immense loads of bargains from our store, there are still lots of good things left. These we are bound to move if low prices will do it.

ALL SEASONABLE GOODS AT SLAUGHTERED PRICES.

<b>Men's and Boys' Furnishings.</b> Boys' Hats and Caps, values to 75c, now ..... 25c Boys' knee pants, values to \$1.25, now ..... 50c Men's lined Gloves, 65c value ... 39c	<b>Suits and Cloaks.</b> \$5.00 Children's Coats ..... \$2.98 \$7.50 Misses' Coats ..... \$3.45 \$10.00 Ladies' Coats ..... \$6.45 \$15.00 Ladies' Coats ..... \$10.45 \$17.50 Tailored Suits ..... \$11.75
<b>Winter Underwear.</b> Odd garments, ..... Half Price Ladies' fleeced, 25c grade ..... 15c Boys' fleeced, 35c grade ..... 25c Men's fleeced, 60c grade ..... 39c	<b>Hosiery Bargains.</b> Ladies' Hose, 12 1/2c grade ..... 8c Ladies' Hose, 20c grade ..... 11c Ladies' Hose, 25c grade ..... 10c

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