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DECISION SUSTAINED.

Court of Appeals on a Much-Tried Insurance Case.

The Court of Appeals late yesterday afternoon handed down its opinion in the case of Benjamin E. Jackson against Edwin A. Clifford and Lucien E. C. Colliere, executors of Louis G. Marini. The opinion was written by Chief Justice Alvey, and affirms the judgment of the court below.

The action was against the executors of L. G. Marini, a deceased member of an original board of trustees of the Chesapeake Fire Insurance Company, organized under the general incorporation law contained in the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia. Benjamin F. Jackson became insured in the company August 2, 1886, and September 22, 1886, he incurred a loss by fire, and, although proof of the same was presented, the company failed to pay the same. Since that time the company has become insolvent and discontinued business. Marini resigned his position as director or trustee in November, 1886.

The action was instituted under sections 566 and 567 of the Revised Statutes, which require every such company to make an annual report, but no report was made. The principal question was whether the right to recover exists as against the executors of Marini, one of the original trustees. The court below instructed the jury that if they believed Marini tendered his resignation as trustee or director in November, 1886, the plaintiff could not recover against Marini or his representatives. The jury found for the defendants.

It was contended on the part of the plaintiff that it was not competent for Marini to resign his position of trustee or director of the company before the end of the year for which he was appointed, and thus relieve himself of liability that might be incurred by reason of the possible nonfeasance of the president and a majority of the trustees in failing or neglecting to make and publish the report as required by section 566 of the statutes. The Court of Appeals, however, did not agree with this contention, but sustained the court below.

WITHDRAWING SIGNATURE.

Consent of Excise Board Necessary in Liquor Cases.

Mr. S. T. Thomas, attorney for the District, today rendered an important opinion to the Commissioners upon the question whether a signer to a bar room license application has the right to withdraw his name therefrom.

The opinion was called forth by the Commissioners with reference to the application of August Detterer for a bar room license on Brightwood avenue, D. C. The signer in this case who desired to withdraw his name was Mr. M. G. Emery. Mr. Emery's signature was written by Mr. W. V. Cox, attorney. While there is no power of attorney among the papers, says Mr. Thomas, authorizing Mr. Cox to sign for Mr. Emery, the latter recognizes such authority in a note to the excise board, wherein he expressed his desire to withdraw the authority given Mr. Cox to sign for him, and also desires to take the position of opposing the grant of license, so that the case is to be considered as though Mr. Emery had signed the application himself, and afterward, on changing his mind, desired to withdraw his signature. The case, continues the attorney, is like that of William B. Linkins, wherein Mr. Dunlop, vice president of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, desired to withdraw his signature from Linkins' application, and he advised them that after presentation of Linkins' application to the excise board, with Mr. Dunlop's signature upon it, he could not withdraw his signature without the consent of the excise board. Mr. Thomas says that the advice he gave in the Linkins case applies with equal force to this one, namely, that Mr. Emery cannot withdraw his signature without consent of the excise board.

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Civil Service Examination.

A civil service examination for the purpose of replenishing the list of eligibles for clerkships and carriers in the city post office was conducted at the rooms of the civil service commission yesterday. A large number of applicants were present.

Emancipation Day Celebration.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Will you be kind enough to allow me a small space in your valuable paper? I noticed in your issue of February 5 that Mr. Poe requests the different colored churches, assemblies, civic and military organizations to appoint delegates to meet and formulate a plan for the best method of celebrating Emancipation day (April 16). I would like to admonish all organizations sending such delegates to so instruct them that they will adopt the following plan: That on the 16th day of April all pastors will be requested to open their churches and hold divine services and the proceeds from each collection will go toward forming an industrial school for our boys and girls, and all organizations, civic or military, will be requested to combine in one great effort to raise a suitable amount for the same purpose. If it isn't suitable to start an industrial school let them deposit it in the Alpha Savings Bank for the purpose of helping our deserving poor next winter. I think it is a high piece of ignorance to waste so much money in street parades after so much suffering in winter.

O. E. GASSAWAY.

The Bethel Literary.

The Bethel Literary and Historical Association met at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church last evening. Prof. George Wm. Cook of Howard University read an interesting paper upon "King Lear." The discussion was participated in by Messrs. A. F. Hilyer and C. A. Johnson. The next paper will be read by Mr. Edward A. Clark, subject, "The Spiritual History of Abraham Lincoln." Rev. Dr J. E. Rankin of Howard University and Consul H. C. Smith will also speak.

The Cattle Market.

At the Union Stock Yards, Benning, yesterday there were 75 cattle on the market. Sold as follows: Best, from 4 3-8 to 4 5-8c.; good, from 4 to 4 1-4c.; medium, from 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.; common, from 2 to 3c. 106 sheep on market. Sold as follows: Old sheep, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c.; lambs, 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Cows with calves, $25 to $50. Market fair.

Mexican War Veterans.

At a meeting of survivors of the Mexican war held last evening at the residence of Mr. A. M. Kenaday, the general secretary of the national association, appropriate resolutions were passed on the death of General Mahlon D. Manson. The deceased was president of the association and died suddenly on Monday last from a stroke of paralysis. Those at the meeting were General Crittenden, Judge Silas Hare, Judge Edward Lander, William P. Wood, S. W. Johnston, Joshua Clark, J. V. A. Shields and A. M. Kenaday.

THE WORLD OF SOCIETY

President and Mrs. Cleveland Dine at the Bissell Home.

Miss Gale's Tea, a Dance at Corcoran House and Other Events of Yesterday—Personals.

Postmaster General Bissell and Mrs. Bissell had the pleasure last night of dining President and Mrs. Cleveland. American beauty roses and heliotrope blooms made the table beautiful and fragrant. In the center a tall silver pitcher was filled with the roses, and the entire effect was cheery and warm, a happy combination after the wintry conditions prevailing outdoors. The company present included the Secretary of State and Mrs. Gresham, Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, Attorney General and Mrs. Olney, Secretary and Miss Herbert, Secretary and Miss Morton, Mrs. Perrine and Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, who is a guest at the White House.

Miss Gale welcomed to her fine home yesterday scores of friends. Downstairs, as they entered, an orchestra played, and the hall stands were decked with potted tulips in gay colors. The hostess received in the drawing room, looking unusually well in her gown of gray brocaded satin, and had the pleasure of presenting her guests to Mrs. Chester Griswold of New York, who is making her a visit. Miss Crosby, Miss Rochester, Miss Bispham and the Misses McKeever assisted in doing the honors, and in the library Miss Campbell served the punch. In the dining room, where the table decorations centered about a plat of La France roses, Mrs. Richard Parker and Mrs. Alexander Legare presided. Both resident and official families were represented in the company.

The only dance last night was at Corcoran house, where a company of about 150 spent a very gay evening. Mr. Lynch of London, Mr. Holmes of Boston and Mr. John Mackay of New York, who are Mr. Kirkpatrick Brice's guests, were the special guests also of the party. The Hungarian Band came on from New York to play the dance music. The ball room presented an ideal picture of enjoyment, under the happiest circumstances, and the event, which was hurriedly arranged, was very successful. Mrs. Brice and the Misses Brice welcomed their guests in the drawing room.

The British ambassador and Lady Pauncefote will give a dinner next Monday night, to be followed by a reception at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Tisdel has cards out for Monday afternoon, February 11, at 5 o'clock, at 1323 13th street.

The German ambassador and Miss Carmen von Saurma have invitations out for Friday, February 15, at 4:30, for a musicale, at which Prof. and Mrs. Burmeister will perform.

Mrs. Mullett and the Misses Mullett will be home informally Friday, the 8th and 15th of this month, at 2501 Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harvey gave a butterfly party yesterday in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Rose. The rooms were beautifully decorated with smilax, flowers and butterflies. The guests were entertained by fancy dances by Isabel Sheldon, and vocal and instrumental music. Among those present were the Misses R. Harvey, M. Harvey, M. Chambers, M. Harvey, A. Phillips, M. Burns, A. Parkinson, A. Gould, M. Hoy, M. O'Donnell, R. Mahorney, M. Boyd, A. Mahorney, I. Sheldon, M. Rogers, E. Walker, J. McDevitt, Messrs. W. Harvey, F. Harvey, H. Daw, W. Birch, A. Brown, C. Church, C. Chambers, C. Columbus, C. Knight, E. Durfey, W. Dunn, M. Dunn, R. Mahorney, F. Hoy, H. Burns. The favors were butterflies.

The celebration in honor of the seventy-first birthday anniversary of Mrs. M. E. Byers on the 4th instant brought together at her residence, 219 E street northwest, a large and distinguished assemblage of guest. The occasion was a most thoroughly enjoyable one in every respect.

Mrs. Gen. de Russy, late of Old Point Comfort, Va., is stopping with Rev. and Mrs. Philip M. Prescott, 1606 New Hampshire avenue.

Mrs. S. Goldstein and Mrs. L. Stargardter, 909 R street northwest, will be at home Wednesdays.

Mrs. Cornelius Belt will receive tomorrow from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert Cohen and Mrs. Howell Bartle will not be at home Thursday of this week, but will be at home Thursday, February 14 and 21, and have as their guest Mrs. Harry C. Baker of Philadelphia.

Mr. A. R. Townshend and wife, accompanied by Miss Nellie Reed, will leave Saturday for New York. Mrs. Townshend will not be at home on Mondays, the 11th and 18th.

Mrs. Chas. G. Thorn of 1100 I street northwest will be at home tomorrow from 3 to 5. She will have as her guest Mrs. Wm. H. Shryock of Baltimore, in whose honor her tea was given last Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. Shock, Mrs. Will P. Boteler and Miss Shock will not be home tomorrow, but will receive on Thursday, the 14th, 3 to 5, for the last time this season.

Mrs. William F. Woolard will not be at home tomorrow afternoon, but will be with Mrs. Robert Cohen and Mrs. Howell Bartle, 1347 T street, February 14 and 21, from 3 to 5.

Mrs. Flavel and the Misses Flavel, wife and daughters of the late Capt. George Flavel of Astoria, Ore., are guests at the residence of Senator and Mrs. Dolph.

Mrs. C. A. Nimocks and Mrs. W. L. Bassett of Minneapolis are the guests of Mrs. S. A. Johnson, 1421 R street, and will remain several weeks.

Mrs. M. A. Lathrop and her daughter, Miss Emma Goble Lathrop of Newark, N. J., are spending the winter at the Elsmere.

Captain and Mrs. E. H. Ripley have invited their friends to the marriage reception of their daughter, Emma Spofford, and Mr. T. Hamilton Coats, Wednesday evening, February 6, from 8 until 10 o'clock, at 109 6th street northeast. The couple will be at home Wednesdays after the 15th.

Mrs. C. H. Smith and Miss Smith will give a tea Wednesday, February 13, from 4 to 7, at 1728 Q street.

Representative Benton McMillin gave a theater party last evening complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Burch of Nashville. It was a delightful affair in all of its details. The guests were the young ladies of the Tennessee delegation, Miss Richardson, Miss Enloe and Miss Patterson, Representatives Dinsmore, Robbins and Mallory and Representative and Mrs. Joseph E. Washington and Mrs. Neill Brown and General Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Burch leave this evening for home.

Mrs. Carey, wife of Senator J. M. Carey of Wyoming, will receive at the Arlington tomorrow after 3 o'clock, assisted by Mrs. Follet A. Whitney and a number of young ladies.

Mrs. John B. Robinson of 1708 Rhode Island avenue will not receive next Friday, the 8th instant, her usual reception day. Mrs. Robinson has cards out for a tea on the 15th instant.

Mrs. F. S. Cawson of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting her parents at No. 495 Maryland avenue southwest, where she will be pleased to see her friends Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mrs. Wm. Oscar Roome and the Misses Roome will not be at home tomorrow, but will receive their friends the following Thursdays at 1317 Corcoran street.

Mrs. Henry Forrest of 807 4 1-2 street southwest has returned after a visit to Mrs. Wm. H. Broady in New York city. The latter came on with her for a visit here.

Mrs. Grafton D. Ridout of Annapolis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. F. Birch, 1504 P street, and will be pleased to see her friends on Friday, 8th instant.

Mrs. A. M. Baer will not be at home tomorrow, but will receive the following Thursdays of the season at 1405 31st street northwest.

Representative and Mrs. Howard Mutchler and Miss Ella Kathryn Bercaw of Easton, Pa., are at 1525 G street northwest.

Mrs. Frye will not receive tomorrow.

Mr. Charles Denby, secretary of the American legation at Pekin, and son of the United States minister there, arrived in this city a few days ago and is now the guest of Mrs. John W. Foster, who gave a dinner last night in his honor. Mr. Denby speaks Chinese like a native, having lived in China the past nine years. He has two months' leave of absence, and when he returns at the close of it to his post will be accompanied by his wife. His marriage to Miss Orr of Indiana will take place in the near future, and the wedding trip will be to the flowery kingdom. Miss Orr and her father, one of the leading citizens of his state, traveled through China and Japan with Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

The home of Judge and Mrs. Dowell was on Tuesday evening the scene of a delightful surprise party, arranged by a jolly company of the judge's young friends to congratulate him on the occasion of his seventy-seventh birthday. The evening was spent in social festivities. Telegrams of congratulations were received. Among those present were the Misses Haines, Clara Haines, Ambrose, Collins, Fearing, Walker and Wallace and Messrs. Ambrose, Brumbaugh, Dewhirst, Linger, Tipton and Heininger.

Mrs. H. S. Halstead of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. White of Stanton place.

Mrs. C. Ridgely McBlair of this city, now in Florida, who was a member of Mrs. George T. Stagg's yachting party, has, with the other ladies of the company, returned to the Tampa Bay Hotel. Two weeks were spent among the keys to the southward of Tampa.

Colonel and Mrs. Richard L. Hoxie are among the most recent arrivals at St. Augustine.

Colonel and Mrs. Hobbie and Miss Hobbie are at Mount Dora, Fla., for the winter. The arrival of Dr. H. W. Wiley at Kissimmee, Fla., is reported.

F. D. Peer and mother and Mrs. F. D. Peer are at the Plaza, Rockledge, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland entertained the Six-handed Euchre Club at their home, on Bowie avenue, Tuesday evening. Lively games, music, refreshments, story telling, &c., formed the attractions of the evening. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Drown, Dr. Hall, Capt. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Baukhages, Mr. Kleiner and Mrs. Duffy.

Mrs. Carey and Mrs. White will receive at the Arlington on Thursday, assisted by a number of young ladies.

Mrs. Lindsay, wife of Senator Lindsay, will not receive tomorrow afternoon, but the following Thursdays.

Miss Elizabeth Southall Clarke of Newport News, Va., is visiting Mrs. C. Ulrich Kennedy, at 2127 California avenue, Washington Heights. Mrs. Kennedy is at home Saturdays in February.

Mrs. S. Bieber, with her daughters, Mrs. I. Kaufman, and Mrs. M. Rosenbush of Baltimore, will be at home tomorrow (Thursday), 630 G street southeast.

The Misses Daisy and Bessie Brown are at 1842 M street for the winter.

The Georgetown Cycle Club will give their first dancing reception of the season at National Rifles' Armory tonight, from 8:30 to 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Roger Q. Mills, assisted by Mrs. Everett Rapley and Mrs. Chas. H. Mills, will receive tomorrow, from 3 to 6 (Thursday). This will be their last formal reception this season.

Mrs. Walter Newell Weston, 822 8th street northwest, will be at home Thursdays in February.

The engagement of Thomas F. Bayard, jr., son of Ambassador Bayard, to Miss Dorothy Davis is announced. Miss Davis is a former Philadelphian, but has lived in Wilmington for some time. Mr. Bayard is about twenty-five years of age, a prominent member of society, and now has charge of the law practice of his father. The wedding will probably take place in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambleton Shepperd of Lynchburg, Va., have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie Sabal Shepperd, and Mr. Miles Jackson Renick of the interstate commerce commission, at Grace Church, Lynchburg, at noon, on the 20th instant. Mr. Renick is an adopted son of Mr. E. I. Renick of Georgia, chief clerk of the State Department.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Raiff of New Philadelphia, Ohio, arrived in the city Wednesday and are stopping at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Enoch Fribley, 731 11th street northwest.

Mrs. Henry M. Walter and Mrs. P. H. Christie will be at home Thursdays in February at 1934 5th street northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Cotterill of 1512 T street celebrated the sixth anniversary of their wedding last night with an enjoyable progressive euchre party and dance. The euchre games being over, the guests were ushered into the dining room, where an elaborate repast was served, after which the parlors were cleared and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Those present were Mr. Wm. M. McKaig, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Cotterill, Mr. Levi T. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, Miss Carrie Cotterill, Mr. La Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pickett, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Roman, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Sharp, Miss Wingfield, Miss Altmus, Mrs. McPherson, Mr. Eugene Foote, Mr. Edward Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Pennebaker, Mr. Wingfield.

Thousands of Pants.

Pants for thousands! That is what the Plymouth Rock Pants Company, at 943 Pennsylvania avenue, is prepared to furnish. A big stock of "samples," each just big enough to make a pair of trousers, came in last night, and early customers will be able to make their pick of some handsome patterns at remarkable prices. These pieces of cloth came from some western houses that need money worse than woolen goods, and the local establishment is overflowing with bargains. It is estimated that there are cuts enough for at least 6,000 pairs of pants now in stock, and they will be rushed right along until they have been disposed of without any changes in the low rates.

Several Fires.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon fire in an unoccupied house at No. 906 K street southeast caused about $100 damage before the firemen could extinguish the flames. The fire started in the kitchen from some unknown cause, and spread to the dining room. Mr. W. Baldwin Jackson is owner of the house.

An overheated latrobe in the house of Mrs. Jennie C. Greenwall, No. 1102 13th street, set fire to the drapery in the room and caused about $50 damage. The fire occurred about 6 o'clock this morning.

She Gets Damages.

Mrs. Josephine Koetzner, wife of Charles Koetzner, was thrown from a cable car on June 25, 1893, at the intersection of 22d street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and suffered therefrom fractures of her fourth rib and the bones of the right thumb and injuries to her spinal column, hip and right side. Suit at law to recover $10,000 damages from the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company has been on trial for several days past before Judge Bradley in Circuit Court No. 1. The jury yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $1,975.

In the same court Andrew Murray secured a verdict against B Stanley Simmons for $155 and interest from April 1, 1893.

Fired at the Manager.

As Alexander Humphrey, manager of the Buckeye Glass Company, was entering the works at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, the other day, three shots were fired at him by a crowd of four union men, who had followed him. None of the shots took effect and the men escaped. There is a strike on at the works.

Pleasure Trip to Mexico.

Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia has left Baltimore in his private car for a trip to Mexico. He was accompanied by Mrs. Davis, Miss Grace Davis and Miss Ella Warfield of this city, his two sons, John and Harry, and his private secretary, Mr. Robb. The excursion will occupy six weeks.

The Separate Coach Law.

The case of Rev. W. H. Anderson of Louisville against the Louisville and Nashville railroad has been decided in the United States circuit court at Owensboro, Ky., for the plaintiff in the sum of one cent and the assessed costs of the court against the railroad company. This is a test case and declares against the constitutionality of the Kentucky separate coach law, which compels negroes to ride in coaches apart from white people. The case will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The New Senator-Elect From Washington State.

Served in the Pension Office—He Resigned and Went West Fifteen Years Ago—Rapid Rise.

The swearing in of Senator-elect Wilson of the state of Washington, who is hurrying on by fast trains, and may arrive tomorrow, will be an event of interest to many people here in the city of Washington—people who remember his comparatively recent service as a department clerk, and have noted his rapid rise in the political world with feelings of lively satisfaction. Among those witnessing the ceremony will be a number of his former fellow clerks, who recall all of the circumstances connected with his residence here and the birth of the ambition that impelled him to resign his place and go west in search of fortune.

Mr. Wilson is an Indianian by birth, college-bred, and highly connected. He came to Washington a little more than fifteen years ago by appointment to a clerkship in the pension office. He was a nervous, slender young man, full of life and energy, and giving every sign of making his way in the world. He did his work thoroughly well, but was by no means content with that. His eyes were open to all of the opportunities of the capital. Public men, public business, the debates in Congress, everything and everybody interested him, and the closer the contact with those in charge of affairs the keener his desire to take a more important part in them himself, and the greater his confidence in his ability to do so. This spirit came to dominate him, and he communicated his purpose to those who sat near his desk. Not all of them encouraged him. Some of them even joked him.

"John," said one, "you would do better to hold on to what you've got. If you go west you'll starve. They are fertilizing the soil out there with the bodies of ambitious youngsters from the east who are unable to keep up with the procession. Hold on to your hundred dollars a month here. You'll never make that much anywhere in the west."

He Went West.

Mr. Wilson stood the chaff without flinching. "Well, starve or thrive," he replied, "I'm going to try my luck. I've looked over this situation thoroughly, and now I'll take my information and training out there and capitalize them. Just hold your horses for a spell, and you'll see me back here with a Congressman's commission in my hand, or something even better."

There was little surprise, therefore, among his friends when the young clerk, having made his arrangements, rose from his chair one afternoon, stuck his pen by a dexterous throw into the lid of his desk, where the holder stood quivering for a moment, and then shook hands all round. The next day he left town.

Good luck befell the young man at the outset. A vacancy occurring in the office of receiver of public moneys at Spokane Falls, in the then territory of Washington, he secured the place, and so settled the question of his future home. True to his purpose in going west, and with this advantage of office, Mr. Wilson set at once about making himself familiar with the new field, and in a very short time had become widely and favorably known, and a leader in republican circles. He developed capacity as an organizer, capacity as a public speaker, and exceptional capacity in the art of making and holding friends. So rapidly did he advance, indeed, that as early as 1884, after a residence of only three years in the territory, he was chosen a delegate to the republican national convention. Then followed in a few years the realization of his hopes, and his appearance here with a Congressman's commission in his hands. He shook this document in friendly triumph in the faces of his old comrades, who were still in possession of their snug departmental berths, and then announced his further purpose of landing ultimately in the Senate.

A Good Congressman.

Once in Congress, Mr. Wilson found that one of his best resources of usefulness for his constituents was his old departmental training. His familiarity with the methods of transacting the public business at the Capitol, which he had acquired in the modest office of a clerk, now stood him most valuably in hand in the higher post to which he had been elevated. He was called upon to serve no apprenticeship in mastering details and "learning the ropes," but was able to start in at once with the ease and sure-footedness of a veteran. His strength increased at home, and when his senatorial contest began he led in the balloting from the first. A series of skillful combinations failed to loosen the exceedingly strong hold he had established on the confidence and admiration of the republicans of the state, and he won the fight.

Mr. Wilson is only forty-five years of age, and this seems to warrant his friends in claiming that he is entitled to be classed with the men likely to exert a controlling force in western politics for many years to come. They point to the fact that he has no fortune, and is not a money-maker, and they assert that his tastes, as his talents, all lie in the direction of the public service for the rewards of high and honorable reputation alone.

TO REFORM THE COURTS.

Recorder Goff Was Given the Cold Shoulder by His Associates.

Senator Robertson said to the Associated Press reporter at Albany, N. Y., yesterday in answer to the question: "Is Recorder Goff personally interested in the bill to increase his salary and give him the appointment of all officials of the court of sessions?"

"Mr. Goff is not over exerting himself in behalf of the measure, but he is in favor of it, and the bill came from him. As I understand it, he consulted with his conferees in the court as to the best means of reorganization, and was given the cold shoulder. They refused to even present a plan or talk over his plans, so he drew up this bill himself, and I believe he is willing to accept any reasonable amendment."

Recorder Goff at New York yesterday gave out a lengthy typewritten statement addressed to Wm. E. Skidmore as foreman of the grand jury, in which he says if the grand jury takes any action on the remarks of Judge Cowing Monday, he will appear before them to inquire into the matter. Judge Cowing had directed the grand jury to make a thorough investigation of the court of general sessions—from the highest to the lowest official—for the purpose of substantiating or disproving the allegations which led to the presentation at Albany of the bill to increase the power and salary of Recorder Goff.

DR. SMITH TURNED BACK.

News From the Philadelphia Explorer in Abyssinia.

Dr. Donaldson Smith of Philadelphia, who started last June at the head of a scientific expedition, in order to explore the unknown regions between Berber and Lake Rudolph and Somililand, where traces of ancient civilization are believed to exist, has sent the Associated Press an interesting account of his travels, written by himself, in pencil, while in the bush. The letter is dated from the Galla country, December 14.

He had been refused permission to advance by the Emperor of Abyssinia, and had been met by a large army and forced to turn back. He adds:

"It is probable that several months will elapse before we reach Lake Rudolph."

Gen. Manson's Death.

Gen. Mahlon D. Manson of Crawfordsville, Ind., died Monday night at Frankford, Ind., He had been at Monticello, and was taken from the train in an unconscious condition. He was seventy-six years old. He was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, and represented the eighth Indiana district in Congress in 1874, and was afterward auditor of the state and lieutenant governor.

Charlotte Emerson Brown Dead.

Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, wife of R. W. Brown, first president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, died in East Orange, N. J., yesterday of pneumonia. She was the niece of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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AN UNEXPECTED TURN.

How a Desirable Law Ousted Its Framer From the Government Service

A curious fact in connection with a recent reform instituted by Congress is that the government official who suggested the reform and planned its details has been legislated out of office by an amendment to the law which he helped to create.

The bill, usually known as the printing bill, which passed Congress and has recently been approved by the President, is regarded as one of the important measures enacted by the present Congress, so declared by Senator Gorman in his concluding remarks on the passage of the bill through the Senate. This act contains a compilation of laws governing the administration of the government printing office, the relations of the joint committee on printing of the two houses to the whole matter of printing and distributing documents, and also the laws governing the printing and distribution of publications of the government. A portion of the act is simply a re-enactment of laws that have been long in force. There are, however, added quite a number of provisions which are new in their character and which are regarded as in a measure reforms in the matter of printing and distributing documents.

In the preparation of this bill Dr. John G. Ames, superintendent of documents, Department of the Interior, was in repeated attendance upon the sessions of the joint committee on printing, at its invitation, for the purpose of giving them information and of making suggestions that would help to put this whole matter in a better shape than had hitherto existed. He had for years been laboring to secure some legislation that would be a decided improvement in the matter of classifying, indexing, cataloging, binding and distributing public documents, feeling that it would be difficult for this whole matter to be in a worse condition than