



THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 3, 1904.

THE EFFORT to cover the frauds in the Postoffice Department continues, lest bigger game be snared. These scandals and the responsibility of Perry S. Heath for the frauds and corruption practiced by subordinates led to a lively scene in the Senate postoffice committee yesterday. Much bitterness was displayed and the committee meeting was abruptly terminated by the republican members bolting from the room. Assistant Attorney General Robb, of the Postoffice Department, was before the committee, when Senator Culberson called his attention to the postoffice investigation, "asking if the best possible results had been obtained in punishing those guilty of wrongdoing. Mr. Robb replied in the negative. Mr. Culberson asked if many officials were not protected by the statutes of limitation and Mr. Heath was not included. Mr. Robb answered in the affirmative, adding that on account of the position which Heath occupied, both officially and politically, he would have been glad to have prosecuted him. Senator Clay then inquired if in his judgment there was not sufficient proof to secure the indictment and conviction of Mr. Heath. Mr. Robb was on the point of replying that he could when Senator Scott objected, declaring that Mr. Robb was going outside his province in making such a statement and that the postmaster general did not authorize him to make any such statement and would disapprove his doing so. The objection was sustained by the chairman, but Mr. Robb managed to say: "I should have been glad to see Mr. Perry Heath take his medicine, if there had been evidence to warrant his prosecution by the government." In quick succession Mr. Clay asked if Mr. Robb had not favored the prosecution of Mr. Heath, if he did not consider Mr. Heath the ringleader of those who sought to plunder the government, if influence had not been brought to bear to prevent prosecution and other interrogatories of a similar character. To all of these questions Senator Scott made objections, which were sustained by the chair. On Senator Scott's motion, and by strict party vote, the entire series of questions, attempted answers and objections were then eliminated from the record of the committee. The action of the republicans in this matter is proof conclusive to unbiased minds that a full investigation into the postoffice scandal would implicate a number of persons now holding office under the present administration.

AS HERETOFORE stated the House committee on interstate commerce has authorized a favorable report on the resolution introduced by Mr. Martin, of South Dakota, requesting the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the causes of the low prices of beef cattle, in the United States since July 1, 1903, and the unusually large margins between the prices of beef cattle and the selling prices of fresh beef, and whether these conditions have resulted in whole or in part from any contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of commerce. Whether the beef trust is violating the injunction now in force against it is thus to be made the subject of official investigation, according to the resolution referred to above. Should the House take favorable action on the resolution, which is to be called up at the earliest possible moment by Chairman Hepburn, it will constitute the first instructions from Congress to the new department to exercise the powers given it under the law to investigate the operation of industrial institutions. Mr. Martin had an extended hearing before the committee on Tuesday and made the assertion that the beef trust was violating the spirit of the injunction if not its letter. He charged that the price of dressed beef has steadily increased, although the price of beef on the hoof has steadily declined, and that this condition is due to the combination of large packing houses. Seven of these houses, he declared, made profits last year in excess of ordinary profits, due to these methods, aggregating \$149,000 daily. In August, 1903, the price of dressed beef was \$8.37 per 100 pounds, although it cost but \$5.17 on the hoof. In February, 1901, dressed beef sold at the same price, but beef on the hoof cost \$6.50. The beef trust is formed under the operations of the tariff laws, and should be broken up at all hazards.

MAXY PEOPLE had reason to believe that the late Mark Hanna was aspiring to the presidency, notwithstanding the fact that he denied the imputation. Many democrats would probably have preferred him to the present incumbent if fate decrees that the administration is to be under republicans during four more years. It is believed the deceased would have proven more trustworthy and less capricious. While Mark Hanna was dying an ingenious cartoonist was picturing him in the role of Ulysses pass-

ing the siren's isle. The denizens of the latter (representing the republican party) were exercising their sweetest notes in attempts to capture him by their blandishments. The cartoon appeared notwithstanding the fact that the subject had passed into another realm. Siren songs at times are heard by many of the human race in the crowding and knifing which has been going on since man was placed on the earth. There are numbers, however, whose ears are even set for such notes, and they often delude themselves by imagining they hear soft strains wafted o'er the sea of life. In the case of Mark Hanna it was not the music of the sirens which he was hearing while the cartoonist was preparing his picture, but the soft lullaby which accompanies the end of life's strange dream.

THOUGH, so far as tangible results are concerned, practically nothing was accomplished at Indianapolis yesterday toward bringing about an agreement between the coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, it is thought that the delay was not in vain, as it has permitted the blood that was set to boiling on both sides on Tuesday to cool down. There is said to be a better feeling on both sides, and a decided hope is now expressed that a strike may be prevented. In this hope all coal consumers unite.

THE ANTI-ORGANIZATION republican forces held a meeting in Norfolk last night, over which General Rosser presided. Most of the "dissenters" were from the southwest, Congressman Slem's section. General Rosser has joined every faction of the republican party since he parted with the democrats, and it is now about time that he was coming back to his first love.

THE U. S. Senate yesterday passed without amendment the House bill appropriating \$3,000 for cleaning the Potomac of ice within the District of Columbia. If there is any ice in the Potomac that is a menace to life or property in the District nobody but those interested is able to see it.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, Mar. 3.

The Treasury Department is preparing, and will issue today, a call upon the national banks of the country to pay in 20 per cent. of the government deposits they have on hand. The New York city banks will be required to pay at once. Those outside of the metropolis will be expected to pay by the 25th inst. The money, about \$30,000,000, thus realized, together with \$20,000,000, will be devoted to the payments for the Panama canal property and concessions. The Secretary of the Treasury at noon made public the expected circular letter to the depository national banks of the country for the money needed to pay the Panama canal indebtedness. The letter is addressed to the cashier of the bank addressed, and informs him that he is "hereby directed to deposit with (the name of some one of the 22 U. S. depositories in New York city) on or before the 25th instant, on account of 'transfer of funds' from your bank the sum of (amount stated). This will reduce your authorized balance to (amount named)." The circular continues that upon making this deposit and forwarding the receipt obtained from the bank of deposit, the bonds that are now held in the treasury to secure the amount named will be released. The call is expected to bring something between \$30,000,000 and \$31,000,000 into the treasury. The New York banks will pay over their share tomorrow. Before the close of business at the Treasury Department today, U. S. Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts will draw his warrant for the \$10,000,000 to be paid the republic of Panama. As the Treasury Department was notified last December that the J. P. Morgan and Company had been appointed fiscal agents for Panama, the warrant will be made out in favor of that banking firm. The payment to the Panama Canal Company will be made sometime between now and the 25th of the month. J. P. Morgan & Co. is the dictator of the manner in which the United States shall pay the ten million dollars to the republic of Panama for canal rights. This is the statement made this morning by Minister Bunau-Varilla after a conference with Secretary Hay. He said that the payment of the money was a matter which concerned the republic of Panama not so much as did the firm of Morgan & Co., and that his conference with Secretary Hay had been entirely upon this subject. The money for the Panama concession will be paid by the treasury to Morgan & Co., with the consent of the new republic. Because it was probable that the examination of President Smith, of the Mormon Church, would today touch upon his personal affairs, his polygamous marriages to five wives, and his large family of 42 children, interest in the investigation into the Reed Smoot case was increased this morning. When the Senate committee on privileges and elections assembled the room was filled with witnesses, counsel, newspaper correspondents and other spectators. A large crowd who were unable to get into the room blocked the door and corridor outside. President Smith took the stand and among other things he said living with a plural wife was contrary to the law of the Mormon Church and of the land. The law, he said, forbidding a plurality of wives after the State was admitted to the union, was observed. There was no prohibition against living with plural wives who had been married before that time but there had been no more such marriages. Witness then went into the details concerning his plural wives and he said, "and I have had eleven children by them since 1890." President Smith admitted that he could not tell off-hand whether one of these wives had been the mother of three of these children. "Each of my families has its own home in Salt Lake City," he said. "My custom since the manifesto has been to live with my first wife, and I am still doing so. But, as I said before, I still visit my other families."

Rear Admiral Barker, commanding the North Atlantic station, cables the Navy Department from Guantanamo, Cuba, as follows: "While making passage from Guantanamo to Pensacola, Florida, the Missouri's steam steering gear became disabled and she collided with the Illinois, damaging the port propeller of the latter, but with slight injury to herself. The Illinois was ordered to the navy yard at New York to have her propeller replaced." Lieutenant General Chaffee, chief of the general staff, had a narrow escape from death this morning at the War Department at the hands of a maniac soldier who had just shot two clerks in one of the offices of the Adjutant General's department, dangerously wounding one of them. Hearing the noise just across the hall and encountering the man still flourishing his revolver. With the assistance of a messenger who tackled the soldier at the same time the General disarmed him. Had the fellow known it was the General he would undoubtedly have turned the weapon in his direction, as he said when he grabbed him: "If I can not see General Chaffee, I will show them that I am no coward." The soldier's name is William J. O'Brien. He is an inmate of St. Elizabeth's hospital for the insane, where he had been regarded as harmless and had been accorded considerable liberty. Shortly before noon he entered the mail and record office of the Adjutant General's Department and demanded of Chief Clerk Brant that his discharge papers be altered. Brant referred him to the record and pension office. This seemed to anger O'Brien, who drew a revolver that he had obtained after leaving the hospital this morning and with the remark, "I'll show them," began shooting indiscriminately at the clerks in the office. One bullet struck Robert Manning in the side and another Arthur W. Wicker in the arm. Brant escaped by dodging behind his desk. O'Brien then rushed out the door where he was grabbed by Gen. Chaffee and Messenger James J. Dawson. The latter held him until officers arrived from the 3d precinct station to which the soldier was removed. Manning is seriously wounded. Mr. Rixey has offered a bill in the House for the relief of the estate of Robert N. Blake, deceased; also a petition of the heirs of Robert Embrey, deceased, praying reference of their war claim to the Court of Claims.

Virginia Legislature.

SENATE.

The Senate, by an overwhelming majority, passed the bill to prohibit non-residents becoming stockholders in companies organized to catch oysters and fish. The Senate engrossed the bill redistricting the State so as to take Newport News, Warwick, and Elizabeth City counties from the Second and put them in the First district. The bill will pass. The Senate finance committee held a brief session yesterday and considered a bill offered by Mr. Wickham to repeal a bill whereby the State sixteen years ago turned over to the Mount Vernon Memorial Association a claim of \$120,000 for money advanced by Virginia to the Federal government to build the Capitol at Washington. It was stated that the association has never taken steps to collect the claim, which now amounts to over \$400,000. Messrs. Catton and Carlin, of Alexandria, and parties interested in the collection of the money appeared before the committee. The temperance people will make an assault in the Senate on the three companion bills which were passed on Monday by the House amending and ameliorating the Mann liquor law. It is claimed that these bills are "loaded," and signify a great deal more than they show, and that if they become law the Mann bill had just as well never have been passed. Bills were offered and referred. To authorize juries in their discretion to punish with death any person convicted of maliciously burning in the night-time any barn, stable or shed, or other building containing live stock, in event such live stock be burned. To provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report upon the advisability of establishing a sanatorium for the treatment of indigent consumptives. The proposed commission is to consist of three persons named by Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the State Board of Health. The commission shall serve without pay, except actual expenses. To extend the powers and duties of the State Board of Fisheries. The bill proposes to require the Board of Fisheries to aid in the propagation, preservation and protection of game of all kinds, and song and insectivorous birds. Despite the fact that Senator Machen's general primary election bill has been adversely reported from the committee for privileges and elections, the patron of the bill will make a fight on the floor of the Senate to secure its passage. The bill legalizes all party primaries and provides for the payment of the expenses of same by the General Assembly. It requires voting to be by ballot.

HOUSE. The measure providing jail punishment for persons carrying concealed weapons was defeated. The House practically completed the consideration of the general appropriation bill, there being only few departures from the recommendations of the finance committee. The regular semi-annual fight occurred over the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Medical College of Virginia which is owned by the State, and educates a number of students without charge. Mr. Person moved to strike out the appropriation, and he was supported by Dr. Powell and Mr. Gray, but the House, by an unrecorded vote of 55 to 31, refused to support the motion. The House engrossed and will pass the bill designed to prohibit negroes riding in Pullman cars. Mr. Ould introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a traveling auditor to inaugurate a uniform system of keeping account by circuit clerks, county treasurers, and county school boards. Mr. Willeroy offered an amendment to the game laws providing that the hunting fees of non-residents shall be applied to the improvement of the public roads of counties, after deducting 50 cents for the clerk who issues the license. A bill was introduced by Mr. Duke to prevent the sale of adulterated cider vinegar, flour and candy. Mr. Catton offered a bill to repeal an act providing for special prosecuting attorneys for Alexandria county.

CONGRESSIONAL The bill for the regulation of Philippine shipping was again the principal subject of consideration by the Senate yesterday. It was made the subject of a somewhat general discussion of the Philippine question, and was amended so as to defer for a year the time when the bill shall take effect. A large number of private pension bills was passed. Senator Stewart's bill to provide pure milk for the District was called up in the Senate yesterday, and discussed for some time, but no conclusion was reached on the measure. The Senate went into executive session for the purpose of allowing Mr. Spooner to report the Cuban treaty from the committee on foreign relations. The House devoted all of yesterday to consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, but did not conclude action on the measure. The House in committee of the whole amended the bill by unanimous vote so as to fix the maximum rates which may be charged the District of Columbia for telephone service or for telephones in private residences at from \$25 to \$50 per annum.

Satan Must Leave Town. Darby and Colwyn, Pa., are on the high road to becoming spook towns. Official notice has been served on vice and immorality to decamp from the borough limits and stop pestering the would-be goods of Darby and Colwyn. It having become a matter of public knowledge that Satan has his grip upon both places, Mayor McGee, of Colwyn, undertook the task of regeneration, aided by the clergymen and law-loving folk of the borough. Gambling and liquor selling on Sunday are the prime forces of evil against which the campaign is to be directed. A meeting to devise ways and means was held in the Presbyterian Church of Darby Monday evening. It was largely attended. It was decided to organize an executive committee, a committee on finance and a law and order society to detect violations of the law and punish the offenders.

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS. AN OLD AND WELL-TRIED REMEDY.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It is pleasant to the taste. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind.

Virginia News.

Mr. William P. Stephens died near Igo, King George county, on Tuesday. Governor Montague denies the report that if he is not elected Senator he will remove to New York. John W. Garrett, of Philomont, died Tuesday night, aged 74 years. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Robt. L. Garrett, of this city. The large consumers of ice inaugurated a movement in Richmond yesterday to form an independent company to fight the local combination. Major Holmes Conrad, who was special council for the Government in the postal fraud cases, is sick with the grip at his home in Winchester. P. C. Goodloe and Miss Kate Crittenden, daughter of Mrs. J. D. Coghill, both of Spottsylvania county, were married yesterday at Bethany Church in that county. Dr. James F. Lynn, of Waseca, Minn., son of Maj. B. W. Lynn, of Loudoun county, and Miss Jessie Helms, of Leesburg, were recently married at the bride's home. Rev. Mr. Laird, rector of St. James Church of Warrenton, arrived in that town on Wednesday last with his family and will hold his first service in the church Sunday morning. Mrs. Aremina S. Barnes died at her home in Richmond yesterday aged 94. Her daughter, Miss Jane Barnes, was buried on Tuesday and this is supposed to have hastened the mother's end. Gustavus Garner, a well-known Confederate soldier, of King George county, who fought through the civil war as a member of the Forty-seventh Virginia regiment, died this week at his home of paralysis, aged seventy-five years. Owing to the crowded condition of the Supreme Court law library in Richmond the department of public instruction will vacate its quarters in the State library building and will move to the old brick mansion at the corner of Marshall and Ninth streets, the historic home of Chief Justice Marshall. George Janney, a member of the prominent Janney family of Maryland and Virginia, died yesterday at Clear Brook, Frederick county, of paralysis, aged 86 years. He was a native of Loudoun county, and in some respects was a remarkable man. Twice he had walked the entire distance from Winchester to Kansas and return, and once he walked to California and return, besides having travelled to New Orleans and returned via the southern States. He was a noted pedestrian all his life, a man of remarkable appearance, and was one of the earliest settlers in Kansas. He leaves no family.

Suicide of Young Woman. Believing life no longer worth living because she had been deserted by the man who promised to marry her, Miss May Shank, within a few days of being 24 years old yesterday ended her life with the aid of morphine at her home, at Waynesboro 11 miles north of Hagerstown, Md. She left a note stating that a young man employed in one of the local factories had promised to make her his wife, but that recently he had treated her badly and deserted her, and that she could no longer bear up. She expressed the hope in her note that the young man would think these things in the years to come. Besides morphine the young woman had also purchased laudanum, but no trace of the latter poison was found in her stomach.

More Riots. Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run-down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c. and satisfaction guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

DIED. On March 3, 1904, at the residence of his son-in-law, D. A. Studds, in West End, Fairfax county, Va., JOHN PATTEN, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral services from his late residence on Friday, March 4th, at 7:30 p. m. Interment at Catlett, Va.—[Washington papers please copy.]

Today's Telegraphic News

From Richmond. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

Richmond, March 3.—The Senate passed the bill increasing the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court of Alexandria to \$2,000. The Capitol appropriation bill for \$250,000 for enlargement went through the House, yeas 61, nays 21. Mr. Machen put up a fight against the congressional reapportionment bill. The reapportionment bill was passed by the Senate by a vote of 19 to 9. The Senate committee rejected the bill striking out jail punishment for Sunday liquor selling. The bill to sell the medical college was withdrawn.

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Major General Pflug, according to a statement issued at the War office, has reported that Cossack scouts on Feb. 29th attempted to capture eight Japanese officers at Ping Yang. Lieutenant Lonchakoff with three Cossacks, declared General Pflug, attempted to cut off the Japanese, but they retreated at full speed into the town. As the Japanese were strongly entrenched the valorous four did not attempt to capture the town, but after riding around it they retired in "good order."

London, March 3.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the St. James Gazette is authority for the statement that Admiral Alexieff has refused the petition of the inhabitants of Eastern Siberia that a provision train for them be run over the Trans-Siberian railway at intervals. Alexieff said that while he sympathized with the population in their grave crisis, nevertheless, everything else must give way before the army requirements.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—A dispatch from Port Arthur states that the inhabitants of the port are suffering from a serious shortage of water.

To Refute Smoot's Evidence.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 3.—Mrs. Mabel Kennedy, who will prove to be a star witness in the Smoot case, started for Washington last night, and will arrive there Saturday. Mrs. Kennedy will tell a story in direct conflict with the evidence given by President Smith at yesterday's session of the committee. Only recently Mrs. Kennedy became a plural wife and she is expected to swear that the apostle of the Mormon church performed the ceremony in one of the principal temples. Mrs. Kennedy's mother accompanies her and will corroborate the story told by the daughter. Mrs. Kennedy will also go into the story of the polygamous conditions now in the State where there are so many plural wives.

News of the Day.

Edmund F. Dixey, a once famous minstrel, died yesterday in Philadelphia of congestion of the lungs.

William Pinkney Berry died at his home, near North Keys, Prince George's county, Md., about 10 miles from Upper Marlboro, on Monday, aged fifty-five years.

President Roosevelt will favor the creation of two new States—one from Oklahoma and the Indian Territory and one from the territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

The House committee on judiciary yesterday began a series of hearings on the Dollinger-Hepburn bill granting the States jurisdiction over the original packages of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. William M. Marine, former collector of the port of Baltimore under President Harrison, died yesterday at his home in that city from Bright's disease. He was in his sixty-first year.

Assistant Attorney General Robb, of the Postoffice Department, appeared before the Senate committee on postroads yesterday in advocacy of the bill to prohibit guessing contests in newspapers.

William Zellman, jr., 19 years old, was arrested in Jersey City yesterday charged with holding his sixteen-year-old sister Katharine on a red-hot stove. The brother had become incensed because his sister failed to have his dinner ready in time.

Miss Lydia Fletcher, author and playwright, better known by the pen name "Coynne," which she adopted, died at 6:15 o'clock last evening at the Homeopathic Hospital, in Washington, of a complication of diseases. She was fifty years old.

The bill which provides that steam railroads in the State of Maryland shall furnish separate cars for negroes, except on express trains, and that all steamboats plying in Maryland waters shall provide separate compartments, was passed by the Maryland House yesterday.

A large part of Rocky Mount, N. C., was swept away by fire yesterday, the loss being estimated at over \$85,000. The fire started in the opera house in the Masonic building. This was destroyed, together with the postoffice. The bank building, the telephone office and five store buildings also burned.

Louis Toureville, of Elkins, W. Va., was shot and wounded his wife, Mrs. John Moyer and her infant child and then killed himself yesterday evening. He had chased his wife from home, shooting at her as she ran and encountering Mrs. Moyer and her child his path turned on them. Jealously on the part of Toureville actuated his procedure.

The Baltimore police and detective departments and the officials of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company are looking for Luther M. Ramsay, cashier of the record office of the superior court, who disappeared from Baltimore Tuesday morning, leaving his accounts in tangled shape. A warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzling \$4,000, is in the hands of the detective department.

A large meeting of Christian socialists in Vienna adopted a resolution praying for the blessing of the Russian arms and wishing the Russians a brilliant victory over the yellow race. Several municipal councilors and one priest explained at the meeting that the Japanese cause was identical with that of the Jews, and consequently good Christians must desire neither Japanese nor Jews to come out of the war with a whole skin. Russia, they said, deserved all their sympathies, because of all countries she was nearest to the hearts of those who hated Jews.

Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the country traversed by the Eastern Chinese railway are declared by Russia to be in a state of siege. Port Arthur is declared to be surrounded, its communications cut, the railway in the hands of the Japanese, and in Washington its capitulation is expected in a few weeks. It is said the wreck of the Retvizan and other ships blocks Port Arthur harbor to all except small vessels. The Russians have seized the telegraph offices at Anju and Yong Pion, north of Ping Yang. Intense cold and disease, including smallpox, are said to be working havoc in the ranks of the Russian army.

A Legislative Record.

The following is the full text of the bill recently introduced in the State Senate by Mr. Machen, mention of which has heretofore been made in the Gazette.

A bill to provide for the publication of The Legislative Record. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That there shall be published daily at the seat of government during every session of the General Assembly, and for at least ten days thereafter, under the supervision of the superintendent of public printing, a periodical known as The Legislative Record. 2. Said periodical shall contain a copy of every bill introduced in either branch of the General Assembly (unless otherwise ordered by the branch into which the same is introduced), of such bills which have become law, such parts of the journals of the Senate and House of Delegates, and such other documents as may be ordered to be printed therein by resolution of either branch of the General Assembly. 3. One copy of said periodical shall be furnished daily to every member of the General Assembly, the governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, auditor of public accounts, members of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and to such other officers and public institutions as either branch of the General Assembly may by resolution direct, and shall be mailed free of charge to the editor of any newspaper published in this State who shall apply therefor in writing, and to such other persons as shall have paid in advance to the superintendent of public printing the subscription price hereinafter required. 4. The subscription price of said periodical shall be two dollars for each regular session and one dollar for each special session. 5. The superintendent of public printing shall, for the services of himself and any additional assistants who may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, deduct from the sum received from said subscriptions twenty-five per centum thereof, and the balance he shall account for in the manner provided by law in regard to other public funds held by officers of this State for the use thereof. The superintendent of public printing may, in his discretion, offer for sale single copies of said periodical at a price not exceeding ten cents per copy. Mr. Machen's idea, which is to have a public record of the proceeding of the legislature, is a good one, as publicity would prevent much bad legislation or at any rate let the public know what is being done. He thinks there is a great necessity and a considerable public demand for such a publication as it will give the newspapers of the State a full knowledge of what is being proposed and what has been passed upon by the legislature.

Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 3. SENATE.

Mr. Quay occupied his seat in the Senate today after a prolonged absence in the South for his health. He was warmly greeted by his colleagues. At the wish of Mr. Hale, the Naval appropriation bill was taken up.

HOUSE.

Mr. Webb, in the House today, read a letter from Grover Cleveland as follows: Princeton, N. J., March 1st, 1904. Hon. E. Y. Webb, House of Representatives: Dear Sir: It is a matter of small concern to me that Mr. Scott has seen fit to use my name in a display of his evil propensities on the floor of the House of Representatives. In answer to your inquiry, however, I have to say of his statement that the colored man, C. H. J. Taylor, took luncheon with me at the White House, that it is a deliberate fabrication out of whole cloth. As far as Mr. Taylor is concerned, I understand, prior to his appointment as Register of Deeds at Washington, that he had served as an assistant in the office of the city attorney at Kansas City. His nomination as register was confirmed by the Senate and he served in that place with intelligence and efficiency. He has since died. Some people restrain themselves from abusing the dead. My inquiries concerning Mr. Taylor before his appointment, my observation of him during his incumbency, and the little I have known of him since satisfied me that his character is very unjustly attacked in the diatribe of Mr. Scott. One charge is made against Mr. Taylor by Mr. Scott, which he doubtly clinches with truth when he declares, "he was a black negro." I am led, however, to doubt his familiarity with his subject, when he adds, "as black as you ever saw."

Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

Mr. Scott replied that he secured his information from the newspapers and he asked why Mr. Cleveland had not denied the story when it was published. Mr. Swanson said that an executive had never denied a newspaper story. President Roosevelt had not denied any of those published about him, he declared. Mr. Williams, said that President Roosevelt dined Booker T. Washington so as to "carry the light of example to the benighted South which does not believe in that kind of social equality."

Further discussion was stopped by those in charge of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, consideration of which was resumed.

FOREIGN NEWS.

An Andalusian engineer named Joseph Hernandez has invented an electric photographic machine which is able to print ten thousand proofs daily by electric currents. One hundred blue jackets have deserted from the Spanish warships Pelayo at Ferrol, on account of the discipline of the commander. Many of them have since been captured and severe punishment has been inflicted on them.

A dispatch from Breslau, Silesia, says that a fatal fire occurred in a coal pit owned by Prince Henckel von Donnersmarck at Gleiwitz, Silesia, today. The coal dust in the pit became ignited, and before the flames were subdued eight men had perished.

Pope Pius today told an intimate friend that there would not be time at the first consistory this year to appoint an American cardinal, but that the next consistory will make such an appointment. The friends of Archbishop Farley of New York claim that he will be the one selected.

In the House of Commons today Ernest Pretyman, financial secretary to the admiralty, said the British squadron now in the far East was composed as follows: Five battleships, four first-class and four second class cruisers, eight sloops and gunboats, nine torpedo destroyers, twelve river gunboats, and four torpedo boats.

The Tokio correspondent of the Central News in London says an extraordinary session of the Japanese diet has been summoned to convene on March 18th. It is not expected that the session will last more than ten days. It is reliably stated that the customs will not be touched but that new taxes on salt and silk are liable to be considered.

No Settlement.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 3.—The representatives of the miners and operators met this morning. The subcommittee met again this morning and it is understood the committee will either report progress this afternoon, or declare that a settlement cannot be reached. Everything now points to an adjournment Friday morning without a settlement.

Wakeful Night.

For a long time the two year old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth street, Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong. For sale by Richard Gibson.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which he used it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

New York Stock Market.

The stock market continues dull almost to the verge of paralysis. The dealings presented no significance whatever, but prices were a shade higher on talk of an oversold condition of the market. Speculation appeared to be wholly indifferent to domestic developments. The bond market is slightly better.

The Market

Georgetown, Mar. 3.—Wheat \$1.00/1.06.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The great ice gorges above Toledo, Ohio, gave way last night, tearing out bridges, undermining buildings and causing much damage. Despondent over his fall from the station of a millionaire to that of a stranded book agent, Robert McMahon, a well known resident of Waterloo, Ia., Tuesday night ended his life by taking cyanide of potassium. The wedding of Miss Sandol Milliken, the actress, and Carlos French Stoddard, a scion of one of New Haven's wealthy families, was solemnized this afternoon at the Church of the Ascension, in New York. The bride is a daughter of Judge W. L. Milliken, of Memphis, Tenn., and now of Washington.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Taylor vs. Commonwealth; argued and submitted. Johnson vs. Commonwealth; argued and submitted. The next cases to be called are: Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company vs. Commonwealth; Newport News and Old Point Railway Company vs. Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company, and Old Dominion Steamship Company vs. Commonwealth.

Sustains State Council.

The court of errors and appeals in Trenton, N. J., has decided against the National Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics in its suit to compel the New Jersey State Council to pay over several thousand dollars of national per capita tax, which it is claimed was collected by the State council from the members of the order in that State. The effect of the decision is to sustain the legality of the New Jersey State Council in seceding from the national organization. The decision is important, because New York, Pennsylvania and other State councils have seceded, leaving the national organization in control of a small minority of the total membership of the order in the United States.

Killed in a Blast.

As the result of a premature blast in double tracking the Southern Railway in Magnis deep cut, adjoining Culpeper, yesterday evening, three workmen—Robert Hill, Tom Span and Bob May—were dead and four others are dangerously wounded. The powder and dynamite exploded before the notice to the men was given, and in a second or two they were entirely covered up by immense boulders of rock. The shock and injury to some of those hurt by the explosion seemed to make them insane. All killed were colored. Among the wounded, Jim Hirt and John Band are not expected to live.

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