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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress—4th Congressional District.

DR. F. W. ERLER, of Miami.

For Democratic nomination for Circuit Judge.

EUGENE E. WHITE

RESTITUTION TO POLICY-HOLDERS.

President Roosevelt's insistence that money contributed by the insurance companies to the 1904 Republican campaign fund be returned to the policyholders is one of the subjects of present day discussion. If Mr. Roosevelt is determined the money shall be returned, it will undoubtedly go back, as the president never loses a fight.

The president is represented as viewing the question as one of good morals, and such it most certainly is. It is a vital question of principle and if Mr. Roosevelt is really urging a return of the money, he is doing it because he thinks it is the right thing to do. Right here an interesting question arises. Will not the return of this money be a confession that the accepting of it was improper? Two chances are that Cornelius N. Bliss, the treasurer of the Republican national committee is opposing the return of the insurance money. As he is the custodian of it, it will doubtless be necessary to convince him that it is right before the refund can be made. Chairman George B. Cortelyou can not be looked upon as a determined opponent of the plan of restitution, for the reason that the president would hardly place a man in the position of secretary of the treasury whom he considered morally deficient.

With Mr. Bliss the case might be different. Mr. Bliss belongs to the Mark Hanna school of politics, and the Hanna theory was always that such contributions were justified, taking the ground that general prosperity depended on Republican success at the polls and that when a corporation contributed it was merely paying a premium on property insurance, the same as it would insure against fire or other destructive agencies. Viewed in this light, contributions by the insurance companies did not constitute a fraud upon the policyholders but were rather a wise investment in their interest.

Having accepted such contributions, Mr. Bliss might very well oppose restitution on the score that it would be a confession of wrong doing in his acceptance.

It is a safe bet that Mr. Roosevelt would not let Mr. Cortelyou secretary of the treasury if the latter should not uphold the president, and perhaps it is the function of the administration to refer the whole matter to the House of Representatives at the head of the Resolutions National Committee.

PRESIDENTIAL SENATORS.

Some of the newspapers have gone back to the old talk of making some serious large of our ex-presidents. Such talk is unprofitable; it is hardly interesting.

For instance, what good could Mr. Cleveland, the only ex-president in this land, do the senator Mr. Cleveland would probably vote with the Democrats on tariff questions and with the Republicans on all else. The Democrats would not be helped by one vote and the Republicans do not need a vote in the next senate. As to Mr. Cleveland's advice, it would not be heeded by either side unless it agreed with the policy already determined on.

If it be a matter of penning the men to whom we have given our high office, it would be better to do so directly and not bother the senate with

men who would feel that they were more important than the real senators. There is nothing good in the idea.

ROOSEVELT ON LYNCHING.

The president did not fail to give out a lecture on lynching when he wrote his message. He very nicely says it always did exist, and every where, but he thinks it particularly bad when committed in the South. He admits that the terrible crime calls for terrible punishment, but thinks the Southerner lynches too much and for too many things. Then he tells us that crime is committed by the ignorant and that we should educate the negro out of his pockets, and not think of letting his own taxes educate him. He is positive that the white man should educate the negro to keep him from crime.

Like all the Northern papers prone to vilify the people of the South, because they refuse to permit a certain crime the president makes the same mistake, for the truth is, the people of the South take the law into their own hands and execute it for an crime alone, and the exceptions are few. This is always a vice morally and to be regretted, but it is the highest form of law, barely is there ever a mob organized in the South except for the one crime.

It is distressing, but it is inevitable. If negroes will stop that crime the American promises them that they will have no cause to complain of lynchings. None can deny that where, over the same crime is committed that human nature is the same and that it will rise above all else to avenge one woman and to protect all women.

The crime may cease, but there is certainly no evidence yet of any abatement. Certain it is that lynching will not cease in the South or elsewhere, unless the cause—the one cause—is stopped. Lynching is the irony of fate for that crime.

INCOME TAX AND INJUNCTIONS.

In his message President Roosevelt advocates plainly and distinctly an income tax and an inheritance tax. He does not think it unconstitutional. Many people came to that conclusion years ago. The president does not think the supreme court will declare it so. He recalls the fact that the court was equally divided when it did declare the former law unconstitutional. He does not allude to the fact that one judge changed his mind one night and killed the law the next day. That would not have been proper, but everybody knows it. If that judge had not changed his mind that night, the law would have been perfectly constitutional. The government does not need these taxes, but they are needed to check the growth of great fortunes.

Then comes the president's idea of courts and injunctions. He insists that the courts have a right to issue injunctions in certain cases, but intimates quite plainly that he agrees with the judge that government by injunction will not be tolerated, and that injunctions have been used wrongly by certain courts to do wrong intentionally. He advocates the use of injunctions to prevent disorder and insists that peace and order are the first needs. He admits that the power of courts in the matter of injunction may be curtailed, if carried too far. He says that no court and no judge is above criticism, and compliments Mr. Taft for expressing that idea while on the bench.

The president's message is full of interest and is an able one.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

It is not often that a great movement as the good roads movement could spread so quietly that it has been almost unnoticed, yet it has reached every town in the new state.

The Muskogean good roads convention is planned to carry out similar plans and is now making a mistake to change the movement.

Advocates for their children, school houses for the schools and good roads for the school houses and road-masters, farmers and churches, are to be numbered in the people of Oklahoma and are petitioning who stand in the way of this movement will be crushed.

There is another point. The people are going to become tax payers and there is a determination among them to get substantial returns for the money they contribute to the public treasury. They are determined that all the money shall not be consumed by the creation of offices and high salaries.

The movement is an idea come to stay. Welcome.

Madden sells Toys for 1000.

Best Sale for "The Clansman." The Clansman show for "The Clansman" was given at the Ardmore High School Wednesday. The attendance of the audience from out of town, and on Friday, December 14, a date of admittance of Thomas. Many will keep in mind Manager Robison expects an attendance larger than any time last year, therefore patrons are advised to send in their mail or

down in advance of the sale in order to secure good reservations. These mail orders will be filled in the order of their receipt, a feature of the management this year will be the presence of many society people in the boxes. Excursions will be run to the railroad from out of town, and every possible arrangement will be made to accommodate the throngs that are to see "The Clansman." No tickets laid aside or held for any one. First come, first served.

Robison Opera House.
Towers of granite life, comedy comedy comedy are primed one of the real treats of the season, beauty and talent in their musical comedy diversion are promised one of the real treats of the season when Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt, who has become one of the most successful musical comedy stars in America during the past few years, comes to the Robison opera house at Saturday. In the charming comedy and beauty show "The Little Duchess," with a magnificent production of artistic scenery and local first comedies, a splendid cast of comedians, girls, and a splendid cast of comedians fill people in all "The Little Duchess" is one of the brightest of modern musical comedies and a beautiful triumph of scenic art. It was first presented by Anna Held at the New York Casino, where its long run broke all former records. Tickets on sale Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. No tickets laid aside for any one. First come, first served. 9

Oysters, 3 dozen for 25c. Struck's Confectionery.

Marshall's Force Busy.
The approach of the closing term of the federal court is keeping the corps of deputies U. S. marshals busy seeking subpoenas for witnesses, and other processes in both criminal and civil cases. At present the force is largely engaged in serving summons on witnesses in criminal cases, and in a few days will be put to work summoning the petit and grand jury for court.

The criminal and civil dockets are both heavy this week and the attorneys in the city are making strenuous preparations to clear the docket at this time.

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MILLER IN JAIL.

J. B. Miller Was Placed in Jail Last Night on Charge of Murder.

J. B. Miller who was arrested on a grand jury indictment, charging him with connection with the murder of Ben Cowan, has been brought to Ardmore and placed in jail. Miller was arrested at Hobart, Okla., some days ago and taken to Guthrie where a writ of removal was secured and immediately brought here. The chain of evidence which implicated Miller in the killing has been often retold as has been the killing of Cowan. Together with Miller there were five

indictments issued for others in connection with the case. Miller will be held here for preliminary trial which will take place at Durant.

Special Trip To Market

I have made a special trip to the markets and have purchased the most elegant and exclusive line of diamonds and jewelry in the New State. Whatever may be your taste, I can please you.

Hotchkiss The Jeweler

Are You Lucky?

On the first day of January, I will give away a lady's gold watch, Standard American make. Any person who purchases \$2 worth or upwards here is entitled to guess at the number of hours, minutes and seconds the watch will run when fully wound up. The closest guesser gets the watch.

Prices Reduced

Reduced prices on watches, clocks and jewelry until the first of January.

Come in and see what I offer for your holiday purchases.

Repairing a specialty.

I. BOGER

Watchmaker and Jeweler
West Main Street

ROBISON OPERA HOUSE

SATURDAY
December 15

Countess Olga Von Hatzfeldt

and a Company of Fifty People

In the Great Girlicious Soiree of Laughter and Song

"THE LITTLE DUCHESS"

With Anna Held's Original New York Casino Production and a Selected Company including

ROBERT LETT
AND TEN OTHER COMEDIANS

With a Prize Beauty Chorus

GIRLS!

A Feast of Mirth, Music and Beauty

Prices: First 5 Rows \$1.00, next 9 Rows \$1.50, Last 4 Rows \$1.00; Balcony 50 and 75c.

A Simple Sum in Arithmetic!

A Ladies' Tailor-Made Suit of Handsome Panama; Eton Coat, trimmed with silk braid and buttons and satin lined; selling in a regular way at....

\$10.00

During this Great Knock-Out Sale this Suit—that is up to the minute in style and workmanship—is being sold at

5.90

Meaning a Clear Saving to You of

\$ 4.10

It's As Plain as the Nose on Your Face!

A Saving of Almost Half on the Purchase of a Single Item!

This explains the Popularity of our Great Sale and the Wonderful Business we are doing

We've Hundreds of Bargains Just As Good

That are to be found here during this great Price Sacrificing, Unloading Sale. Every article of merchandise in our Big Store is included in this Sale—we reserve nothing—all new goods, and everything is marked in plain figures at the Bargain Price, which means

Great Savings to the People!

You'll find everything here for the complete outfit—many substantial Gift Articles for the Christmas Tide and everything from head to foot for the entire community.

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Ladies' Tailored Suits and Skirts, Waists, Hats, Shoes, Furnishings, Trunks, Traveling Bags, Knit Shawls in silk and wool, Children's Ready-Made Dresses, Ladies' Ready-Made House Garments, Dress Goods, Silks, and Staple Cotton Goods of Every Description—They all go in the Sacrifice.

We're Doing a Tremendous Business

The People Are with Us and

Our Sale Is a Rip-Roaring Success!

But the Biggest Days are Yet to Come! We will cut and slash the prices until every vestige of Winter Merchandise has been disposed of. It's up to you to save money! The opportunity is yours—NOW don't let anything keep you away from this greatest of all sales.

Westheimer & Daube

Ardmore's Old Reliable "Blue Front"