

consideration for Kern's vote was money. About two hours before the ballot was taken Kern had said he would vote for White. Subsequently he had promised Adams of Santa Cruz, who had been secretary of the Populist caucus, that he would not do so.

Cator, as counsel for Bretz, volunteered the opinion that he did not believe White had offered either an office or money. Bled out of order.

John T. Gaffey, a Los Angeles councilman, was called to testify. He said he was a friendly manager of his fight. White had offered no money and promised no office as a consideration for votes. Witness always understood from the time Kern was nominated that the latter would vote for White.

Gaffey said he was approached at the Golden Eagle on the night by a man who had said the votes of the People's party could be secured. They went to a room and discussed the matter. The man said four votes of the Populists could be secured; one of them had a mortgage on him of \$4500, which would have to be paid.

Witness being asked for the name of the party who approached him, said it was Chamberlain, who was present to-night as associate counsel for Bretz. Witness said he told Chamberlain that White was not purchasing votes. He was a poor man, and was making the fight on his merits.

Regarding the conference with Kern in the library yesterday morning, witness said it was concerning a constitutional amendment for redistricting the state into seven equalization districts which Gaffey was to introduce into the assembly, and Senator Matthews had introduced it in the senate. There was no talk of money or of the senatorship.

Congressman Cannon's testimony. Congressman Cannon also said it was understood whenever Kern's vote was needed it would be cast for White. Cannon was informed by one of the senators on the morning of the joint convention that Senator Goucher was ill, and that the Democrats would not be able to elect a senator. Witness went to Kern's seat in the assembly and told him of this. He did so because the People's party had been using great pressure on Kern to have him vote for Cator on first ballot at all events. He did not ask Kern to vote for Goucher, but he did not indicate to him that he would vote for White. He (Cannon) had formerly advised the Populists to vote for Cator until they were satisfied the latter could not be elected. Kern had declared at 9 or 10 o'clock on the morning of the joint convention that he would vote for White. Cannon said he and most of the People's party assemblymen were present at the time Kern declared himself.

Attorney Chamberlain on the back. Attorney Chamberlain was next sworn. He said he came to Sacramento from Oakland about January 1st and affiliated with the People's party. He had heard Cannon was acting peculiarly toward the party and he wanted to find out something about it. He called on Gaffey at his hotel and told him he thought he could get some votes for White, and asked if the latter would buy. Gaffey replied that White had not bought any votes yet but might have to. Witness had no intention of selling out the People's party, but wanted to find out if the Democrats were buying votes and if Cannon was mixed up with them. He was authorized to do this by the Populists.

Witness subsequently retracted the statement that he desired to find if the Democrats were buying votes. He said he was watching for Cannon.

Witness was cross-examined at length by Attorney Chamberlain with a view of ascertaining his credibility.

Kern tells his story. Assemblyman Kern was next called. He said he knew of no use of money in any connection with the election of a senator. He had never had any conversation with Gaffey concerning the senatorial contest. His conversation with the latter was relative to bills to be introduced.

Witness confirmed the testimony of Cannon as to the latter's talk with him in the assembly. He said he believed given the Populists, he said he believed it was drawn up by Bretz; it was his distinct understanding it did not bind him to vote for United States senator or he would not have signed it. His recollection of the discussion in the caucus was not clear on the point of not voting himself. He said he intended to hold his vote for Cator for 10 days. He was not present at the caucus when it nominated Cator. He positively had not promised to vote for Cator all day yesterday.

Admitted until tomorrow morning. WHITE IN SAN FRANCISCO. Democratic Clubs Will Give Him a Grand Serenade. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Senator Stephen M. White will arrive here tomorrow from Sacramento to attend to some legal business, which will require his attention for a day or two, and after remaining in the city for a few days he will proceed to his home in Los Angeles.

Grand Schemes L. V. Marle and Max Popper, as chief and founder of the Iron-quois club, and the executive committee have called the principal Democratic organizations of the city under the auspices of the Iron-quois club together for the purpose of tendering Senator White a serenade at the home of his mother, Mrs. William F. White, tomorrow night. The Park band of 25 pieces has been engaged for the occasion, and after the regular meeting of the Iron-quois club is over it will be joined by the Mohawk club and other Democratic organizations of the city to the number of 1000 and proceed to the White residence.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS. Carpenter Makes a Vigorous Speech on Railroad Reimbursement. SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19.—In the senate today the assembly reassembled at railroad taxes bill was read the first time and referred to the committee on corporations by a close vote, with instructions to report immediately.

Nature's Surest Ally. If nature's strength is the surest ally, even in weakly constitutions, swift indeed would be the course of a malady to its fatal termination. While nature thus struggles let us, lest worse befall us, aid her efforts with judicious medicinal help. Experience must be our guide in battle with disease, and that "jump to our feet" indicates Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a safe, tried and thorough ally of nature. If the blood be infected with bile, if the bowels and stomach are inactive, if the kidneys fail to expel impurities of which they are the natural outlet, a course of the Bitters is the surest reliance of the sufferer, one, moreover, that is sanctioned by professional authorities and has been used for nearly half a century. No American or foreign remedy has earned greater distinction or remedy for such ailments as biliousness, indigestion, liver complaint, constipation, kidney and rheumatic trouble and debility.

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The bill establishing an uniform system of mine signals and the bill permitting the appointment of five supreme court commissioners were declared urgency matters and passed.

The bill providing two additional superior judges for Alameda county was read twice and ordered engrossed for the reading.

The committee on federal relations and immigration reported favorably a joint resolution restricting undesirable immigration; also one relative to requesting congress to pass a law limiting foreign immigration, and another relative to the establishment of a cable telegraph. The committee reported without recommendation a joint resolution prohibiting a banker or possessor of bank stock from holding a seat in congress.

Several bills were introduced, among them one appropriating \$4000 for an additional building for the San Jose Normal school; one appropriating \$75,000 for the support of the state mining bureau; one for the purchase of a site and the erection of a state building for San Francisco; one for the completion of the deaf and dumb asylum; one for a free wagon road from Mariposa to Yosemite valley; one creating the county of Bidwell.

Broderick introduced an act to declare arrangements, contracts, agreements, trade or combinations in restraint of trade and production unlawful and to fix a penalty therefor.

IN THE ASSEMBLY. The Flood of New Bills Continues to Flow. SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19.—In the assembly today the committee on public morals reported a substitute for the bill prohibiting prize fighting. The substitute restricts the right to exhibitions attended by maiming or brutality, and makes it a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

The bill removing limitations as to mortgages on personal property was discussed and passed.

The assembly resolution for an investigation of the railroad commission was made a special order for Monday.

Among the bills presented was one by Anderson appropriating \$233,000 out of the general fund to provide for the payment of per diem of members and attaches of the constitutional convention.

The committee on public morals reported favorably the bill providing one day's rest in seven for laborers.

The ways and means committee reported favorably an appropriation for the deficiency in the state board of forestry appropriation for the 38th, 42d and 43d years. The committee also reported favorably an act abolishing the commissions paid by the state for the assessment of ad valorem taxes and several other measures.

A resolution is pending requesting the controller to furnish a detailed statement of the annual cost of maintaining the branches of the supreme court at San Francisco and Los Angeles was accepted.

A bill was introduced appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of a cordage factory at Folsom prison; one by Price of Butte creating the county of Bidwell out of Butte county, with the county seat at Chico; by Adams, authorizing the acquisition by donation of a site for a camp of instruction for the national guard, by appropriating \$2500 to carry out the provisions of the act.

Kennedy introduced an act regulating the quality of gas sold by corporations.

Raw introduced a bill amending the civil code; limiting the rates of telegraph messages to 25 cents for the first 20 words, and 10 cents for each additional word within the state of California, with a penalty of \$500 for every violation of this act.

DONAHUE'S WILL. The Genuine Document Not Stolen as Reported. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Charles F. Hanlon, attorney for the Donahue estate, says there is no truth in the story published here this morning that the will made by the late Maryann Donahue, leaving his estate to his wife and child, had been stolen and that a prior will, in which his wife and child were not left anything, had been probated. Hanlon says Donahue's man servant, who is responsible for the stolen will story, was present when the will was filed for probate and could then have made a statement regarding it. The man afterwards tried to blackmail Mr. McGlynn, one of the executors, saying he knew of another will which had been stolen, and offering for pay to say nothing about it.

Non-Union Sailors Assaulted. SAN DIEGO, Jan. 19.—The non-union crew of the schooner Edward Parke, which arrived in this port this evening, was attacked in the harbor by unknown parties after dark and First Mate Anderson was slightly wounded by a pistol fired by the attacking party. Several boats, each containing four or five men, were observed by those on board, who at length succeeded in repelling the assault. The work is ascribed to the Sailors' union, but the police have been unable to connect them with the outrage.

AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

Yesterday's Proceedings in House and Senate.

A Blow Aimed at Mr. Wainmaker's Columbian Stamps.

The McGarrath Bill Revived in a New Form. The House Amends the Interstate Commerce Bill.

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Peffer resumed his argument in favor of a constitutional amendment to limit the presidential office to one term. At the conclusion of Peffer's address, the anti-option bill came up, and Platt resumed his argument against its constitutionality.

Dolph introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill increasing the appropriation for the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Cullom of Illinois, from the committee on commerce, reported an amendment to the interstate commerce act. Placed on the calendar.

Teller of Colorado introduced a new bill to submit the McGarrath claim to the court of private land claims and had it referred to the judiciary committee.

Wolcott of Colorado introduced a joint resolution directing the postmaster-general to discontinue the sale of so-called Columbian postage stamps, except where specially called for. He asked that the resolution be immediately acted on, and said he knew nothing more ridiculous than those stamps covering half an envelope. The resolution went over.

Stewart of Nevada also opposed the anti-option bill on constitutional and business grounds.

After further debate, Washburn withdrew his request for a vote today, but he gave notice that tomorrow he would ask the senate to remain in session till a vote was reached. The bill went over without action, and the senate adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. The house today passed the light-house bill, and the bill for the construction of two revenue cutters for use on the Pacific coast was called up, but Kilgore filibustered against it and the bill was withdrawn.

The senate bill, with a substitute, providing that no person shall be excused from testifying in the interstate commerce commission, was passed.

Patterson then called up the bill amending the interstate commerce act. The report accompanying the measure says: "The bill is intended to obviate the objection that the courts placed on the words 'same line' as they appear in the fourth section of the act. The pooling section of the act is amended by striking out the word 'pool' and inserting the words 'any contract, agreement or arrangement'." It further provides that railroad companies may make "contracts, agreements or arrangements" for apportioning among themselves traffic or gross or net earnings under certain conditions to be imposed by the interstate commerce commission. The bill further provides that a common carrier who is not a party to such a contract or agreement shall be deemed to have assented to it.

Lind (Rep.) of Minnesota moved to strike out section two, amending the pooling section of the original proposition, but O'Neill of Pennsylvania strenuously objected. The motion was agreed to.

Boatner of Louisiana offered an amendment requiring all railway common carriers to accept from connecting lines loaded cars or trains to be hauled to the point of delivery, at a rate not to exceed the regular rate for similar service over its own lines. Agreed to, 55 to 58.

The next bill called up was one reported by Mr. Storer (Rep.) of Ohio, amending the interstate commerce law. The only object sought is to make printed and written documents in possession of the commission admissible as legal evidence, with the force of similar documents of the executive and departmental officers of the government. Passed.

The bill for the establishment of a national quarantine was called up but the opposition of the majority filibustered against it and finally forced an adjournment.

THOSE WORLD'S FAIR COINS. Senator Pettigrew, chairman of the quadro centennial committee, introduced a bill in the senate today instructing the secretary of the treasury not to deliver any souvenir coins until the world's Columbian exposition delivered good and sufficient bonds, conditional that if for any reason whatever the world's fair was opened to the public before the coins were issued, the United States sum of money it shall have received from the sale of coins not less than \$2,500,000.

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Well, he drew rein in front of the old tavern porch. It was midnight, and the landlord, who knew his guests well, had retired, leaving the house to darkness and to them. No one heard the butcher; the dust was knee deep on that much traveled country road. Reifsnyder stepped down and surveyed the four men all of whom he well knew, and who came to this lonely spot to play cards for money, and a glittering pile lay on the table, around which these four gentlemen stood with drawn pistols, while words hot and heavy were hurled at each other across the pile of gold. It was Judge Clay—who spoke next: "You're a liar," he thundered at his opponent. "You cheated! I saw you do it, and before you touch that money may I see the devil with horns and hoofs come in and tear me in as many pieces as there are dollars in that pile!"

No sooner said than done. Reifsnyder, who had lifted his cat off the wagon to give it some water, now turned to the low windows, wide open, and with a few vigorous thrusts and twists of the tail the black cat in its midst, following as only a black cat can. One moment of supreme concentration, then, with blanched faces and calls on the Almighty, the four gentlemen made for the door, leaving hats, coats, money and all behind them in their wild flight to the town.

Said old John: "I holled fer 'em to stop; that it was all fun; but it only made them run the harder, thinking the devil was after them sure. I want in and get my cat. Then seeing the money, and knowing old Highmeaver was in bed, I stroked it into my hat and took it along with me. Did I keep it? Well, you see I was half dead of what I had done after the turn things took, so I went to Judge Clay—and tried to straighten it out like." "So it wasn't the devil after all?" he said with a genuine sigh of relief. "No, John, keep that money for your share of the fun, but for the dear Lord's sake keep the story too!"

Well, he only told a few, but somehow or other it leaked out, and now it is history that every Reading boy and girl has heard grandpa or grandma relate, and wonder how old Butcher John came to be rich so soon has long ago ceased to be a wonder—St. Louis Republic.

Carlin's Resignation. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—A special from Washington says: John G. Carlin has resigned his position as Governor Brown last night as United States senator.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 19.—Gov. John Young Brown withdrew from the contest for Senator Carlin's seat tonight, leaving Congressman J. B. McCreary, Congressman W. J. Stone and State Senator Lindsay as contestants. The trial is late and Carlin's resignation had not arrived at midnight.

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