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CROMWELL'S PLEA.

The statement of William Nelson Cromwell that he never directed or caused a dollar of the \$10,000,000 paid by the government of the United States to the French company that had failed to perfect and complete the Panama canal, is the most sweeping admission of guilt yet known to American history.

That Mr. Cromwell would be guilty of touching a dollar of the money as issued from the treasury of the United States would be too ludicrous and foolish to charge to the most common chylster attorney, to say nothing of one among the wise and gifted men of the century.

That the money was paid direct to people in France is not gained by the most common of critics; that it was paid by the Bank of France to the owners of the old French company is admitted by all parties to the controversy.

But who comprised that company, and who acted as attorneys for same? Evidently the most sweeping denial that language can convey, as stated by Mr. Cromwell, is, after all is said, no denial at all.

Evea Mr. Cromwell, wise and prudent and free from making admissions by the team, will admit that, perhaps, there is a way for some Frenchmen to say back as a sort of rebate (and of rebates Mr. Cromwell as attorney is not ignorant) such money as the old French company may have agreed to or thought "prudent" to hand to some well known and famous attorney of the great city of New York.

And the average citizen should be forgiven for believing much greater than the ordinary caused the United States authorities may cut some \$40,000,000 for that which was as already proven, worth \$10,000,000 less than \$40,000,000. Panama and Nicaragua were the two prime stakes of forty years' legislation, and that some great mind, versed in affairs beyond the capacity of the average man, was able to get the agreement to accept a deal that was gotten, it is not hard to discover a reason, though the money was paid direct to the Bank of France, as stated by Mr. William Nelson Cromwell.

It will also be remembered that the people of this country are generally of the opinion the Panama revolution had its origin in the revolution at Washington, and that the chief instigator is named as one Theodore Roosevelt. The charge may be false, in fact The Leader trusts such is true, but that is the widespread opinion, and it will require something more than the statement recently issued by Mr. Cromwell in his recent denial of a charge made four years ago.

Four or five years under Mr. Cromwell as a man of time and Mr. Cromwell waited that long to make denial of the charges made against him, perhaps, in another century he will explain away all other matters charge against him and his coteries.

The Leader, making humble obeisance to the great reform organs of Kansas City, Missouri, with one hoof thrown in and the other pointing straight back; with a humility intended to be hefting for those from the wild regions addressing the cultured denizens of a land where right, common sense and good breeding make a soup world striving for bows, wipes its face in the dust and depose and says: Please, Kansas City, home of the reformers, town where even the poor show girls had to bump to the police court and pay a fine for the privilege of singing songs on Sun days, what means this tale of murder and riot? Surely in a place where such mountains of advice and explanations of the straight and narrow path for all Oklahomans to tread, need not plead guilty to having riled and riled on the main street in the busiest hour of the day? Nave, surely nave! The shade of Jesse James and the spirit of Jean Younger should get behind a tree and organize a crusade for righteousness in dear "old Missoury."

The effort to convince the Indians that Robert L. Owen has been their enemy will possibly occupy both time and space in the Oklahoma City Times, but if it be a matter the editor has hope of success in the wild, our advice is to drop it before too much cost has been applied to the task.

Several of our interested Republican friends are selecting too many speakers. Whether Democrat seems to have the best showing at the time is very much out of place according to the Republican theory, and as the race is "only close the journals edited by Cromwell theorists have trouble jumping from man to man.

ROOSEVELT AWAKENED.

Such men as Senator Culberson and Congressman Perkins seem to have taken the ground that the chief executive has gone far enough with his madness and are asking that the man either retract his senseless slanders or be publicly disciplined by the congress. It is not far-fetched to assume that President Roosevelt will have to stand trial for impeachment, and it is but reasonable to expect those who are pushing their investigations to the very brink are prepared to prove their assertions. It is well known that President-elect Taft, during the campaign recently closed, asked the president to mollify his statements and be more considerate of the proprietors, and Mr. Taft has also pledged the business men of the great cities the presidency will, after March fourth, not devote all his time to the giving out of senseless letters and petty quarrels with private citizens. These modifications indicate that will soon be a day when an American citizen can discuss the affairs of his country without being viciously assailed by its chief executive, and to that extent all will welcome the advent of the Taft administration.

The congress has seldom been guilty of being excitable and the strict parliamentary propriety has been sufficiently powerful to make the fiery Thimau and the now martyred Carmack bow to its will in humble submission. Such has been the instrument that has made the young Republic, served by men with rich, dignified, diplomatic in the time of danger, and the marvel to the older nations has been the remarkable unanimity of action in time of national danger. The congress as a body has been conservative; even the caucus, elected each two years has never been guilty of well-mell legislation, nor have the members quailed before danger real or imaginary.

President Roosevelt has awakened to the fact our members of congress neither insult or will they be insulted. The president has surrounded himself with men who could not be elected to any position, and his right to question the official or private lives of members is called by the usually collected Culberson when the African ant was supposed to be the only interest left to the Yankee character antibalb. If he has been awakened to the fact to one is going to further endure his insults and breaches of courtesy, what great thanks should be given for the blessing by all parties.

The president should be disciplined, if for no other reason than to teach the world the American Republic is greater than all private interests, even that serving as its chief executive. The dignity of the congress is worth more than the fame of any man; the preservation of the proper amenities dearer than all other things.

The congress has never disgraced the people; it has served the public with amazing unselfishness, often when charged by the hot-headed big boys with being traitorous, also when assailed by those who know not the law of restraint. Through the laws passed we have gone forward, each year improving, and the membership of the congress is satisfactory to those of like mind.

If it demands that the president be straight and stop his policy of slanders and abuse, it should be the policy of the people to stand by the congress.

Tomorrow is Sunday and there are many houses where you may worship a this city. They will be filled with God-fearing and man-loving people who inhabit and love the best city in the Great Southwest. They will welcome you and be glad of your presence. You will hear a sermon delivered by one who has consecrated his life to the cause of all love, respect and contribute to. The praise service in some will be conducted by those who give of their lives toward the praise and glory of the Most High, and you will find the services to the liking of any or all who may take the time and pleasure of attending. No matter whether the days of the week brought joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain, there is room for you; a place reserved for whom will make the same, and those who accept this advice from a worldling will in the end see that is not only good but wise.

This is pretty good: Dennis Flynn on the political platform declaring that Oklahoma is not safe for investment in a clever Dr. Jekyll to his own Mr. Hyde when inducing outside capital to invest in natural gas pipelines and seven story office buildings in Oklahoma.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

A Missouri editor claims to have five girls and they get along with one parlor.

Some fellow asked a preacher how he kept good and the domineer said he never paid attention to the deacons when they complained of those times.

The report from Washington that Roosevelt will be investigated amounts to nothing; he will message the report out of interest.

Five Kansans have already been mentioned for places in the cabinet says the Topeka Capital. Mentioning Kansans for places in the cabinet is one of the state's finest winter sports.

A Dod Gaston saying: We find that in our house after dinner speech concerns itself chiefly with the question as to who is going to wash the dishes.

Coughs that are tight, or distressing tickling coughs, get quick and certain help from Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. On this account Druggists everywhere are favoring Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And it is entirely free from Opium, Chloroform, or any other stupefying drug. The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its curative properties. These leaves have the power to calm the most distressing cough, and to soothe and heal the most sensitive bronchial membranes. Mothers should, for safety's sake alone, always demand Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. It can with perfect freedom be given to even the youngest babes. Test it once yourself, and see! Sold by Wallace's drug store.

Strange, too, that the Kansas City fanatic should make for the very heart of Kansas. Perhaps he also wanted to be elected to the United States senate.

The white slave crusade has at least demonstrated that Chicago is as wicked as New York, and that heals to swell Chicago's pride a bit a little.

Louisianians have awakened to the fact that obtaining bounty on beet sugar is not all that the state is capable of. A state proposition, and her representatives are now trying to get some real Democratic measures passed in the congress.

The people of Guthrie need no defender; have but their own salvator to work out in the great race for supremacy in Oklahoma. They will or will not attain that goal according to their own efforts and the manner in which they put forth their best hand for the greatest possible results. If we represent our city by incompetency, misrule and chaotic authorities, we must expect to reap the reward for such action. The people of Oklahoma at this time are not well acquainted with the past. At the lowest calculation 400,000 of our population have not been residents of the state two years. Those people will be our friends or not according to the showing we make when we ask their support. The highest position or the most humble alike have their influence at all times, but never more than at this particular time in our history. We will be the capital of the state until the expiration of 1913, but long before that period the case of the chosen capital city will be settled by a vote of the people. We can win that election and choice, but we can not do so by quarreling or by sitting idle whilst others work for our desideratum. You can do something, no matter whether great or small, it is your duty. Are you doing that duty, and doing it with a will and ambition that make for the ultimate success of your adopted city?

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Indiana, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1908. (SEAL) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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Don't forget to ask for a number on the Rambler automobile at Boe's, Full dollar's worth with every dollar's purchase besides.

Report to Kate. R. B. Shepherd, who is in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, is said to be tired of prison. Some men are so unreasonable.—Topeka (Kans.) Capital.

Truth and Quality

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PATTERSON OPENING DECIDEDLY PLEASING

Friday was Patterson day in Guthrie. The other stores of the city, the theaters and all complained that the crowds were at Patterson's. The Christmas opening was a most auspicious occasion. The weather man was on his best behavior and dished out a line of weather most delightful. Early in the afternoon the crowd came and they increased till evening when the girls were given their inning. The half hour prior to 8 p. m., indicated a riot around the store. The little maidens were there in all their glory and they did make merry and were given the hospitality of the store.

The evening was the notable reception. Lounging around on costly divans, in easy rockers, on antique hall chairs, the ladies mingled and gossip-ed. Social topics were gone over, but the real important subject was about furniture. There were so many pretty articles to admire, and when the husbands appeared, he was enticed to have this and that laid aside for the Christmas delivery.

Half hidden on the balcony, leading from the main display room, was Adler's orchestra, and the music, coupled with happy social intercourse made the occasion one of real social import. Social distinction was cast aside, and all mingled, jostled, joked and talked furniture.

The third floor was the registration room and here all registered and were given numbers on the prices that were awarded about 10 o'clock. One of the notable features of the evening was that the crowds remained right up to the closing hour. The interest taken in the awards was keen, indeed.

The men who drifted through the crowd estimated the number, and the more liberal said fifty (or thereabouts) must have registered, but the registration lists disclosed that nearly four thousand names had been enrolled. The drawing made the appreciation of all and when it was over the crowds dispersed declaring that it had been a most delightful occasion and that Patterson was surely the place to select furniture.

Following are the successful ones and the prizes: First prize—\$50.00 Dressing table, No. 647, Miss Pearl Baker, 218 North First street.

Second Prize—Willow rocker, Miss Gladys Kellon, West College, No. 638 Third prize—Mission rocker, Mrs. W. L. Burnett, 718 Harrison street No. 657.

The ladies who were successful and were not present were notified and to say that they were pleased and profuse in thanks is putting it mildly.

Mr. Nathan Patterson when seen this morning, said: "We are more than pleased with the opening and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the people for their attendance, and to the committee and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

SLAPS AND SLAMS.

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WHAT EDITORS ARE SAYING

Beau Monde (Dallas): As usual, the American press is blamed for the delving spirit of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins and the miscarriage of their matrimonial plans. Of course, always blame the newspapers, but first work them for all the space possible and then damn their publishers and editors. It is easy and the publishers and editors really enjoy it.

If the engagement between the Italian duke and the beautiful American heiress is broken, and the newspapers are responsible for it, Senator Elkins and Hon. Henry Gassaway Davis ought to feel very kindly toward the newspapers. The duke of the Abruzzi appears to be a likable chap, and his title and position are of the highest and best, but no American girl could be really happy married to a nobleman with as foreign tastes, views, duties, knifolds and unreliable office hours as are those of the Italian who can account to West Virginia.—San Antonio Express.

COMMISSION EXPOSES RATE.

(Continued from Page One.) was due to natural shrinkage. The uniform bill of lading also provides that railroads shall not be responsible for discrepancies in elevator weights. This, on its face, looks just, but a shipment may weigh 99,000 lbs. at one elevator, but, due to a conceal ed leakage, as described above the weight would be 50,000 lbs. at the next elevator, and the railroads could refuse to pay for the loss on the grounds of the variation of elevator weights.

Section 2 of this uniform bill of lading makes the initial or receipt carrier the agent of the shipper in delivering shipments to a connecting line, and in case of loss or damage in a joint line shipment, the shipper would necessarily have to locate the damage and sue that particular road or bring a suit against each and every railroad company handling the shipment, which in some cases, would require two or three suits in as many counties.

A little clause in the supplement states that unless a shipper agrees to the terms of the Uniform bill of Lading, the property shall be added to the rate.

At the conference the grain dealers from Kansas and Texas were also present.

Among those present at the conference were: Frank Foltz, of Blackwell; E. J. Smiley, of Topeka; Kas.; C. B. Topping, of Oklahoma City; A. B. Dorsey, of Fort Worth; C. F. Prouty, of Enid; D. J. Donahoe, of Ponca City; J. S. Hutchins, of Ponca City, and W. B. Fausch, of Tulsa.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. H. H. H. H. H.

Don't place your orders for Christmas candies till you have talked the matter over with Hall the Candy man.

THE STATE PRESS

Commission Made Good. (Bartlesville Examiner.) When the constitution of Oklahoma was written it provided a rather elaborate jurisdiction for the corporation commission. This subject was given more study, perhaps, than any other feature of the state organization.

R. L. Williams, now chief justice of the supreme court, was the student of the committee, having that subject in charge. He worked tirelessly on a schedule of the numerous subjects proposed, and finally brought in a report which was adopted, embodying the constitutional provisions as they appear today.

No one who has given the subject a moment's thought, will contradict the statement that the work of the corporation commission, acting in harmony with the constitution and state laws, has been the most beneficial to the people as a whole of any one department of state government.

It has been a year of unusual activity; a year of tremendous responsibility, and of trying ordeal for the commission.

Questions have arisen that are of far reaching effect upon the people, not only in the matter of reformed transportation facilities, but in the more serious problem of reducing to a just cost the necessities of life that are transported by the common carriers.

It is a matter of public comment that the present commission has more than a state reputation for rugged honesty.

But a few days ago a corporation agent remarked that Chairman Jack Love, of the corporation commission, refused to become rich.

This significant statement doubtless Nasal Catarrh quickly yields to treatment by the agreeable, aromatic Ely's Cream Balm. It is received through the nostrils and cleanses and soothes the inflamed surface over which it diffuses itself. Druggists sell the 50c. size. Test it and you are sure to continue the treatment till relieved.

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Stockholder's Meeting. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Galenburg Piano Co. will be held at the offices of the corporation in the city of Galenburg, Ill. Monday evening, Dec. 11, 1908. F. W. ROCKWELL, President. Attest: L. M. HICKEY, Secretary.

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