

TO DISBAR ATTORNEY

A Case That Comes From Reeves County Excites Great Interest.

IT IS UNUSUAL

And Lawyers in This Part of the State Are Curious to See How It Will Come Out.

Disbarment proceedings of a sensational nature against one of the most prominent attorneys of Reeves county, were begun before Judge Walthall this morning.

Behind the case is politics and a contest in the courts by defeated candidates.

The petition filed to day asks that H. P. Brelsford, of the firm of Scott & Brelsford, lawyers of Eastland, be cited to answer and show why he should not be disbarred from further practice of law in the courts of the state.

Judge Walthall after hearing the petition, which was presented by the county attorney of Reeves, ordered the citation issued and fixed March 4 as the date of the hearing, which will be held in Reeves county.

The petition was presented in the judge's private office and not even the clerk of the court knew anything about the procedure until several hours later. The allegations made in the petition against Brelsford are that he filed in the court of Reeves contests for four county offices and that none of the defeated candidates had employed him as attorney nor had given him authority to bring suit for them.

The petition was accompanied by attached affidavits from the four defeated candidates for the offices of sheriff, district county clerk, assessor and hide and animal inspector.

The filing of the motion to disbar the Reeves county attorney has created a mild sensation here among lawyers and court officials, most of whom are acquainted with H. P. Brelsford and are not of opinion that he carried the election contests into court merely for amusement. Most persons are inclined to the belief that unless Brelsford had authority to file the contests he would not have undertaken to conduct the suits. It is not believed that he took action for political motives, as it is said he is a democrat and all the officers against whom the contests were filed are also democrats.

The true significance of the case of course will not be known until the hearing takes place and Brelsford is given opportunity of presenting his side of the case to the court.

In this county disbarment proceedings are of such an unusual nature that the case has attracted considerable attention and the result will be regarded with interest.

THE NEW FREIGHT DEPOT OF THE RIO GRANDE AT COLORADO SPRINGS DESTROYED.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Jan. 26.—The handsome new freight house of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, built to replace the one lost in the big fire a year and a half ago, was consumed this morning.

Night Watchman Wells perished in his effort to stay the progress of the flames.

All stored freight was destroyed. The money loss is enormous.

THE OLD TIME PANEL GAME IS AGAIN PUT IN OPERATION IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—In a saloon on State between Harrison and Polk streets last night the old time panel game was again put in operation. The victim was a mining engineer from Crested Butte, Colorado, James Carlson, who says he lost \$3000.

Three women have been arrested by the police of Harrison street station, charged with conspiracy in the deal. Nellie Smith, Tillie Anderson and Mary Allen.

THE STREET CARS

ARE AS FAR FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AS EVER.

The Old Companies are Even Thinking of Dissolving Again, and the Last Condition Will Be Worse Than the First.

There has been no change in the street car situation since the council granted a franchise to the citizens' committee.

The new franchise is still in the hands of the committee and no one has been found who is willing to take it up and organize a company. This is explained by the fact that no eastern capitalists will invest in a line in El Paso unless it could cross the river into Juarez. This they cannot do, it seems, as the old company claims to have all the franchises on the river and no other bridge can be put up near their bridges.

The old company has again settled down and is sleeping quietly, unmolested by the clamor of the public. The old company is correct in thinking it has a cinch and nothing is likely to be done for many months.

Several times the old company has offered its lines for sale and numerous eastern people have been here to investigate the situation. All have seen the point and have taken to other fields. The old company has the practical bridge sites, and without properly located bridges no company could exist, (at least so it is generally considered), and no new company is going to pay the price the old company wants for its property. There are two men in El Paso now who are here to investigate the situation, but when they learned that the old company wanted \$200,000 for its franchise and a few thousand dollars worth of material they asked no more questions.

The directors of the old lines will meet here on the second Tuesday in February to again explain to the public that the power companies will not bid on furnishing the power. This will be the annual meeting of the directors and on that day it is expected that the companies will dissolve and each company run its cars separately. The El Paso Street company will cross the river and turn round on the main street of Juarez, returning over the Stanton street bridge. The Santa Fe Street company will run its cars from the Center block to the Santa Fe depot. Thus even the poor system the city now has is to be broken and the system become worse than nothing.

It is understood that the consolidated companies will again discuss electric power but they will attempt to get power from the light companies that are already overtaxed, and will fail of course. An explanation is then due from General Mills to the effect that if the El Paso people want electric cars let them make Colonel Zach White behave himself and furnish power for the company cheaper than the mules will haul the dog kennels.

TEXAS GETS AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR TEA GROWING EXPERIMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The agricultural appropriation bill gives Texas \$3500 for the extermination of the boll weevil, and \$2500 to experiment with in growing tea.

THE GREAT CROCKERY HOUSE OF PITKIN AND BROOKS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The big crockery house of Pitkin and Brooks, corner of State and Lake streets, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is half a million.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN THEIR BEDS AT KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 26.—This morning three children of S. E. McCarty were burned to death in their beds in a fire which consumed McCarty's home.

VERDI, THE GREAT COMPOSER, NOT DEAD, BUT HIS DEATH IS IMMINENT.

ROME, Jan. 26.—At seven this evening Verdi, the composer, is still living but death is imminent.

THE CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM ARRIVES AT COWES IN ROYAL YACHT.

COWES, Jan. 26.—Crown Prince Frederick William arrived here this afternoon on the royal yacht Alberta.

THE BOERS TAKE TRAIN

And Force the Surrender of the Guard of British Troops

A LITTLE ITEM

But It Is Full of Meaning for Those Who Have Believed That the War Was Over.

KIMBERLY, Jan. 26.—The Boers this morning captured a train loaded with British troops and military stores. The Dublin fusiliers were compelled to surrender.

CONGRESS CONSIDERS VARIOUS APPROPRIATION BILLS AND ASKS QUESTIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Congress was quite busy today. In the senate the Indian appropriation bill was taken up after the passage of a resolution asking the president for information regarding the church lands in the Philippines, who owned them and why.

Cullom made his first appearance after his election. His desk was de-

PRESIDENT WANTS POWER

To Establish Civil Government in the Philippines Provisionally.

UNTIL CONGRESS

Takes Action and Exercises Its Rights of Establishing Permanent Laws and Systems.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The continuing military government in the Philippines was shown by the action of General MacArthur in banishing from Manila a newspaper editor who had criticized harshly and unjustly the actions of one of his appointees. This banishment has been the subject of a great deal of comment in congress, especially among republicans who feel that military government in the capital of Luzon, long after the island has been declared to have been pacified, is an anomaly.

There is a strong sentiment, therefore, in favor of the passage of the Spooner bill, an administration measure, which would give the president authority to create a temporary civil government until congress can take ac-



Scene in the Senate at Morning Prayer.

orated and he was cordially welcomed back.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments to the postal laws and incidentally the appropriation bills.

THIS LOOKS LIKE TEDDY IS HAVING ALL THE TIME HE WANTS IN COLORADO.

DENVER, Jan. 26.—A taxidermist here received this morning from Meeker, Colo., two mountain lions and two wild cats sent him by the Roosevelt party.

One of the lions measures nine feet in length and is a magnificent specimen. It was shot by Roosevelt and is to be stuffed for his Washington home. The two wild cats are splendid specimens.

Reports from Meeker are that the sport continues fine and that Teddy and his friends will remain a week longer in the mountains.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF THE LATE QUEEN HAS BEGUN.

COWES, Jan. 26.—Never was a more impressive ceremony witnessed in England, famous for its kingly pageants, than this morning's departure from Osborne House of the coffin of Queen Victoria and the beginning of the great military display on the mainland.

THE GOVERNOR OF LUXEMBOURG ASSASSINATED BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 26.—The governor of Luxembourg was assassinated this morning by a government employee named Schneider, who directly after the murder killed himself.

A GAY CAREER

CUT SHORT BY UNSYM- PATRISTIC CITIZENS.

A Young Man Tried to Cash Worthless Drafts, But Our People, For Once, Did Not Bite.

A young man of good appearance led an adventurous career in El Paso during the carnival week.

He was a nicely dressed fellow traveling with a young woman he said was his wife. He seemed to have money, but was continually asking some one to endorse a draft for him. So far as is known every one refused, but some gamblers in a saloon cashed a check for a considerable amount for him. He got ready to skip the town and left the hotel without paying his board. One of the hotel men followed him and caught him at the Santa Fe depot, but the policeman would not arrest him, saying that he had no authority to do it.

The gamblers who cashed his check, in the meantime had caught him and made him disgorge the money. He attempted many schemes but so far as is known no one lost anything except the hotel man, who lost the amount of his board.

He had trouble with a woman who keeps a lodging house on the north side. He and the young woman put up at this lodging house and remained a few days but the landlady did not like their actions and finally asked the young man to vacate his room. He secured a baggage wagon and went after his trunk, but when the baggage man went to get it the lady refused to let him take it until she had a few words with the young man. He entered the door, it was shut, there was a crash and in a few minutes they came out. The man's cane was broken and he appeared somewhat ruffled, but the landlady told the baggage man to take the trunk and the scene was closed.

The Markets

Today's quotations on the New York stock exchange and cotton exchange and the Chicago board of trade, as given below, are as received over private wire at the El Paso Stock and Mining exchange, Sheldon hotel block, Oregon street:

STOCKS.		
	Open.	Close.
Sugar.....	134 1/4	134 1/4
American Steel & Wire.....	40 3/4	41 1/4
Atchison.....	85	85 1/4
C. B. & Q.....	77 3/4	78
Chicago Gas.....	99 1/4	98 3/4
Federal Steel.....	48 3/4	49 1/4
L. & N.....	89	89 1/2
Manhattan.....	114 1/2	116
N. P.....	83	83 1/4
Tenn. Coal & Iron.....	57 1/2	57

GRAIN.		
	Open	Close
May Wheat.....	81 1/2	81 3/4
May corn.....	44 1/2	45

COTTON.		
	Open	Close
March cotton.....	9.35	9.35
May cotton.....	9.29	9.30

SILVER.

Bar silver in New York 61 1/2.

Mexican money quotations in El Paso today 49 1/2 @ 50.

GEORGE DRESSES AS A BABY AND RIDES FREE.

The Freak Has the Best Money Making Show on the Road.

Probably everybody saw George but very few saw him leave El Paso or know much about his travels.

George, the negro freak who was in the midway during the carnival, is 42 years old but never has to pay railroad fare. The way he manages it is as interesting as it is simple. He dresses up as a child and his managers wrap him in a shawl and cover his face with a veil. In this garb George looks like a mere baby, being only 22 inches tall, and no conductor who is not "next" would think him anything but a baby. George left El Paso Thursday night in this garb and the conductor failed to detect him. He is probably the only grown man in the country that travels free.

This show is said to be the greatest financial success on the road. There are but two people except George with the show and they have only one trunk and two telescopes. Their traveling expenses are nothing outside of two full tickets without any excess baggage whatever.

Calendars and diaries at Potter & White's.

A HOTEL SYSTEM

To Be Established By Gen- eal Flagler of Standard Oil Fame.

BEGIN AT EL PASO

And Extend In a Chain Down Through the Main Cities of the Mexican Republic.

H. M. Flagler, of New York, owner of the largest hotel system in the world, has again turned his attention toward El Paso and Mexico with the view of establishing a hotel system in this section.

About a year ago Mr. Flagler investigated the conditions in Mexico and came near buying the Hotel Sheldon here. For some reason he dropped the scheme and no further attention was paid to it until the past few weeks.

Gen. Flagler is now in correspondence with certain El Paso people with the view of taking up the question again and establishing a system of fine pleasure and tourist hotels in Mexico, beginning at El Paso. He proposes, if he takes to the proposition, to put a fine hotel in El Paso, Chihuahua, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, Guadalajara, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City, and many other important cities besides having several in the rural districts at various resorts.

The Mexican Central railroad has for a long time offered inducements to any one who would undertake such a proposition and has made Mr. Flagler several offers. They have assured him of their hearty cooperation and promised grounds in every city where he would likely want to establish a hotel.

Travel to Mexico has been steadily on the increase for the past few years and would increase more rapidly could travelers get good hotel accommodations in the republic. Mr. Flagler has noticed this drift of travel from Florida to the south and is now preparing to meet it. Just when the system will be established in Mexico is not known but it is said that he will build a large and fine hotel in El Paso some time soon and the Mexican system will follow later.

Flagler has been the most successful hotel man in America. He has built fine hotels costing him near a million dollars in the swamps of Florida where tourists had never gone before, but has made a success of every one of them. Traveling people are now getting tired of Florida and drifting into the west and southwest where there is more interest besides a better climate, and no man has seen this more plainly than Flagler. For two years he has been watching the situation and word comes from New York that he is preparing to execute his first plans and spend about \$10,000,000 between El Paso and Mexico City.

No section of the globe just now is attracting the attention of legitimate capital like Mexico and not only hotels but many other American institutions are being established there. Flagler sees this and will begin his new enterprise soon, making El Paso the principal point of interest and headquarters for his southwestern business.

SEARCHERS AFTER KNOWLEDGE MAKE A MISTAKE.

They Were No Doubt Hunting for Something to Improve Their Minds. But Their Fingers Stuck.

Today about noon, for the second time, the public library in the city hall was robbed. Fortunately there were only a few small coins in the cash drawer, but a watch belonging to the librarian was taken from the desk.

There is no doubt that the foul deed was prompted by malignant hatred of a system that necessitates closing the font of knowledge for an hour or two in the middle of the day. The thievery goes to prove that the public library should not be closed to the public except when the public is asleep.