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## AN OPINION

### Given in the Bond Investment Company Cases.

#### They Differ in Principle From the Life and Fire Insurance Companies.

#### Their Operations Come Within the Provisions of the Anti-Lottery Law and Are Not Entitled to the Use of the United States Mails.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Test cases sent to Attorney General Harmon by Postmaster General Wilson were those of the Pettis County Bond Investment Co., of Sedalia, Mo.; Tontine Association, of Minneapolis; Columbia Investment Co., of Cincinnati; the National Investment Co., of Cincinnati; the National Investment Co., of Washington, D. C.; and the Southern Mutual Investment Co., of Lexington, Ky.

Attorney General Harmon, in his opinion, considered chiefly the case of the Pettis County investment company, the most important one argued before the department and which the attorney general says covers all the others which are alike in design and differ only in details and methods. They induce subscriptions for bonds by holding out the chance of receiving large sums for small payments, the chance depending on the numbering of the bonds. Without the ever present chance of speedily getting much for little, not one of these companies would attempt to do business, or succeed in the attempt. The Pettis Co., the attorney general says, has only a capital of \$2,000, but \$100,000 in bonds have been deposited in its behalf as required by the law of Missouri from insurance and other companies. This, of course, has been done by its promoters and shows their faith in the profitability of the scheme.

It has been urged that the "investments" offered by these companies do not differ in principle from insurance, and are, in fact, fairer and better, because the bondholder does not have to die or lose his property to realize on them. The attorney general says the fallacy of this contention consists in confusing mere chance with uncertainty. One's property may not burn at all and the time he will die is not known, but either event depends upon mere chance and the law, therefore recognizes contracts contingent upon them while it does not countenance lotteries.

The attorney general therefore concludes that all companies which promise payments to a part, only, of a class who all stand on an equal footing, leaving the selection to depend on any rule of hazard, whether such payments constitute the entire scheme of their business or are connected with other features which would not by themselves be objectionable, come within the provisions of the anti-lottery law, and are not entitled to the use of the United States mails.

### AT A RIPE OLD AGE.

Samuel Edison, Father of the Famous Inventor, Dead.

NORWALK, O., Feb. 27.—Samuel Edison, father of Thos. A. Edison, the inventor, died here Wednesday, aged 92 years.

Samuel Edison was born in Nova Scotia, August 17, 1804, and has lived at Milan, O., and Port Huron, Mich., a greater part of his life. It was at Milan that his son Thomas was born. Mr. Edison stopped here for a visit with his niece, Mrs. W. A. Poyer, while en route to Fort Myers, Fla., the winter home of his son. The burial will probably occur at Port Huron, Mich. Thos. A. Edison is expected here Thursday, and until his arrival no definite arrangements will be made.

### Relief for the Armenians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27.—United States Minister Terrell has received a telegram from Marash stating that supplies for the relief of the Armenians in Asia Minor are obtainable in Marash. Messrs. Hubbell and Mason, of the American Red Cross society, were to have started for Zeitoun Wednesday if the irades permitting their departure were ready, as it was expected they would be.

### Big Price for a Book.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A copy of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," of the first edition printed by Caxton in 1475, was sold at salesrooms of Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge, auctioneers, of 13 Wellington street, Strand, Wednesday afternoon, for 1,020 pounds. This is the highest price for the work on record.

### Spiritualists' Convention.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A mass convention of spiritualists in the interest of the National Spiritualists' association, was commenced Wednesday morning at Madison Square Garden. The convention will continue two days. Many notable spiritualists are attending. A part of the programme is a number of spiritualistic tests.

### The Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business Wednesday stood at \$123,277,119. The withdrawals for the day amounted to \$693,300. Since January 6 to February 21 inclusive the withdrawals have aggregated \$32,418,396, or more than \$500,000 per day.

### Correspondent Michaelson Released.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.—Charles Michaelson, the special correspondent of the New York Journal, and his interpreter, Lorenzo Belandier, who were arrested at their hotel at an early hour Tuesday morning and confined in Morro castle, were released provisionally Wednesday night.

## BUCKEYE NEWS.

### New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

#### THE LEGISLATURE.

##### Dr. Merryman Seated in the House—Type-Written Wills Declared Legal.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 27.—SENATE—Bills enacted into laws: Authorizing the state to issue \$250,000 in bonds to pay outstanding indebtedness; imposing a fine of \$100 and a sentence of 30 days on any person violating the state liquor laws; regulating the sale of adulterated silver marked "sterling"; authorizing the election of one additional judge of the common pleas court in Dayton. Senator Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which the Cincinnati sinking fund "gold" bill passed, but Mr. Shattuck moved to lay the motion on the table, but lost. The reconsideration was laid over for a week. Senator Herron's bill, making typewritten wills valid, was passed. Senator Hinkey introduced a bill Thursday morning taking away the penalty from delinquent taxpayers where no intention to violate the law is shown, and imposing merely a collection of back taxes.

HOUSE—The house spent the entire morning session in consideration of the two reports submitted by the committee on elections in the Franklin county contested election cases. Mr. Laddis' motion to substitute a minority report for the majority report, and allowing the three sitting democratic members, Messrs. Davis, Gayman and Kilbourne, to retain their seats, was voted down. The majority report, naming Davis and seating Dr. Merryman, his republican contestant, was then agreed to by a strict party vote.

#### Postponed Until February 29.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—When the names Jackson and Walling were called in the police court Thursday morning Prosecutor Nippert explained to Judge Gregg that by an agreement with Sheriff Plummer the presence of the prisoners had been waived so that they might be taken before the common pleas court. Judge Gregg ordered the cases reset for February 29. It is doubtful whether the prisoners will ever appear again in police court, as the requisition papers supersede Judge Gregg's jurisdiction, and any proceedings in his court would be a waste of time.

#### A Victory for the Foraker Faction.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 27.—A special to the Bee from Lima, O., says: The struggle between the Sherman and Foraker factions for control of the county convention Thursday resulted in a decisive victory for the latter. They secured the delegates to both the state and congressional convention. The Foraker people were the first to present a resolution to endorse McKinley, and it passed unanimously. In the selection of delegates to the district convention those pledged for the McKinley delegates to St. Louis were successful.

#### Toledo as an Oil Shipping Station.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 27.—An evening paper is authority for the statement that the Standard Oil company intends to make Toledo the center for the shipment of refined oil to the seaboard. A fleet of boats, it is said, is to be built to convey the oil in bulk to Europe, and representatives of the company are said to be in Detroit and Bay City, Mich., negotiating for the boats. The plan, it is claimed, contemplates the abandonment of the shipping station at Whiting, Ind.

#### Lima Ministers Victimized.

LIMA, O., Feb. 27.—Local ministers have been duped by a religious faker, who represented himself as studying for the ministry, and said he was trying to earn money to finish his studies. He secured recommendations from a number of preachers and successfully canvassed the city for advertising in a gospel temperance book which he proposed to get out. He is said to have defrauded several boarding-houses, and is now working in other parts of the state.

#### Died From Injuries Received in a Fight.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Fayette, O., says that Alva McCammon, aged 19, and Tom Atherton, aged 22, fought with bare knuckles Tuesday night for the hand of Marion Holmes, with whom both were in love. McCammon was badly punched, sustaining a blood clot on the brain from which he died Wednesday afternoon. His rival has left to avoid arrest.

#### Don't Want His Sayer Executed.

MARION, O., Feb. 27.—The father and brothers of Virgil Eberly, who was shot by a friend, would not allow the coroner to make a post-mortem examination of the body. The coroner had to take officers along, and the relatives are said to have threatened the coroner. They do not want, it is said, a prosecution of Dewees, who shot Eberly through a mistake.

#### Will Probably Be Exonerated.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—The court of inquiry investigating the charges against Capt. McConnell and other officers of Battery A abruptly completed its labors Wednesday night. Col. Brush and Adj. Alwell, of the First Artillery, refused to testify, and the accused officers will probably be exonerated.

#### Driver Fatally Hurt.

ALLIANCE, O., Feb. 27.—James Weaver, aged 18 years, was driving a moving van Thursday morning, when the horses became scared and ran away. Weaver was thrown out and the wheels of the wagon ran over his head, crushing his skull. He is still living, but can not recover.

#### A Maniac's Death.

DELIANCE, O., Feb. 27.—Michael Durkin, an insane man, committed suicide here Wednesday by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. His skull was fractured in a scramble a number of years ago, which was the cause of his insanity.

#### An Ohio Farmer Missing.

WEST UNION, O., Feb. 27.—F. M. Silva, a farmer living near Sandy Springs, this county, is missing. He left home about three weeks ago, since which time nothing has been heard of him. He has a wife and two children.

#### Logan County Farmer Assigns.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Feb. 27.—Samuel E. Yoder, farmer, has assigned. Liabilities, unknown; assets, about \$5,000.

## A SUBSTITUTE

### For the Different Resolutions on the Cuban Revolution.

#### The Patriots Are Entitled to Recognition by this Government.

#### American Interests Now Demand Protection—A Series of Concurrent Resolutions Introduced by Representative Hitt—McCall, of Massachusetts, Objects.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Hitt (rep., Ill.) from the committee on foreign affairs, reported a series of concurrent resolutions as a substitute for the several propositions and petitions referred to the committee on the subject of the Cuban revolution. They reject that in the opinion of congress a state of public war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to recognition as belligerents, and between which the United States should maintain an attitude of neutrality; that congress deprecates the destruction of property in Cuba consequent upon the continuance of war; that Cuba should have a government of the choice of its people, and that it is the sense of congress that the government of the United States should use its good offices and friendly influence to bring this about; that because of the close proximity of Cuba, the war entails such a loss upon American interests as to demand protection to them, and that this government should intervene, if necessary, and pledge the support of congress to the president in carrying out these resolutions. The reading of the resolutions was liberally punctuated with applause.

An effort was made by Mr. Meredith (dem., Va.) to secure unanimous consideration and passage of the resolutions, but Mr. McCall (rep., Mass.) objected, and Mr. Hitt stated that he was instructed to ask consideration at the earliest possible moment.

The Cuban belligerency resolution was taken up in the senate Thursday afternoon, and on the suggestion of Mr. Morgan (dem., Ala.), in charge of it, unanimous consent was given that at 4 o'clock Friday the vote shall be taken on the resolution and all amendments.

#### Indian Training School Commencement.

CARLEISLE, Pa., Feb. 27.—This being commencement day at the Indian training school, the attendance was quite large. Short exercises were held in the assembly hall Thursday morning, addresses being made by a number of Indians and several distinguished visitors. The commencement exercises took place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the graduates delivered their speeches. Friday Gen. Fithugh Lee, of Virginia; Gen. O. O. Howard and party will visit Gettysburg battle field.

#### Appointments to the Military Academy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Appointments to the United States Military academy have been given the following young men: Frank N. Clark, Chicago, with Charles E. Keener, Chicago, as alternate; M. Gillowby, of the First Missouri district, alternate; Thomas N. Vandever, Hamilton, O., with John L. Muller, of Middletown, as alternate, and Luther Haymond, jr., of Clarksville, W. Va.

#### Wife Murderer Attempts Suicide.

ALEXANDER, Va., Feb. 27.—After a quarrel Thursday morning Michael Thomas, a river man, struck his wife on the head with an ax, fracturing her skull. He then shot her three times and fled. Later Thomas was found in a ditch near Hunting Creek with his throat and wrists cut. Mrs. Thomas will die, but Thomas will probably recover. He is now in custody. Domestic trouble is the cause.

#### Bayard Holds a Conference With Salisbury.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—United States Ambassador Bayard visited the foreign office Thursday afternoon and held a long conference with Lord Salisbury. It is stated at the United States embassy that Ambassador Bayard has not yet received a copy of the British Venezuelan report prepared by Sir Frederick Pollock.

#### Death of Gen. Morrill.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Gen. Louis Morrill died Thursday morning at the Presbyterian hospital of kidney disease. He was a native of Pennsylvania and was 62 years old. He was a commander of cavalry throughout the entire war of the rebellion and was several times promoted for gallant services.

#### Another Exploring Expedition.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that Dr. Carl Peters, the African explorer, who was recently elected president of the German Colonial association, is about to undertake a new exploration of Somaliland in the interest of a number of wealthy Americans.

#### No Massacre as Reported.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—United States Minister Terrell has received information from Marsovan showing that there has been no massacre there as has been reported. An outbreak has occurred at Adana in which 12 Armenians were killed and 40 wounded.

#### Van Horn Seated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—By a vote of 104 to 112 the house unseated John C. Tarsney, democratic member from the Fifth Missouri (Kansas City) district and seated his opponent, Robert T. Van Horn, republican.

#### Resubmission Bill Killed in the House.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 27.—The house Thursday killed the resubmission of prohibitory amendment by defeating the resolution and tabling the motion to reconsider.

## THREATS MADE.

### And Soon Thereafter Flames Break Out at Morehead, Ky.

MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 27.—Wednesday morning the entire business block between Main street and Bishop avenue was consumed, with a loss of \$30,000. No insurance. The fire started in one of the upper rooms of the new Central hotel about 9 o'clock, and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames. Then the large general mercandise store of Phipps & Bro. caught, burning with most of the goods. The flames leaped from the roof of the hotel to a large two-story frame building, which is occupied by Wheeler & Phipps' saloon, destroying a large stock of whisky. After the burning of the saloon the flames caught the business building of H. M. Logan, which was occupied by County Judge B. M. Carey, but Judge Carey saved a large part of his stock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Threats to burn the hotel are alleged to have been made.

### FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

#### Br. Adm. Carpenter and Medical Director Wales Retire on Account of Age.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Rr. Adm. Charles Carpenter and Medical Director Philip S. Wales, ex-surgeon general of the navy, each celebrated their age birthday Thursday by retiring from active service on account of age. Commander Thomas O. Selfridge, jr., commanding the European naval station is promoted to rear admiral through Admiral Carpenter's retirement and Medical Inspector Thomas N. Pemrose becomes a medical director through the retirement of Mr. Wales. Admiral Carpenter was born in Massachusetts and was appointed a midshipman in 1850. His latest duty was commander-in-chief of the Asiatic naval station from which he has just returned.

Medical Director Wales was born in Maryland and became an assistant surgeon in the navy in 1858. He was one of the first surgeons who reached President Garfield when he was shot by Guiteau.

#### Stricken With Paralysis.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—Representative Alexander Boxwell suffered another attack of paralysis Thursday morning. He was not able to go to the house, and later in the day he left for his home in Warren county. Last summer he suffered a severe stroke and his friends are much alarmed over his condition.

#### Ashantee Expedition Returns to England.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The military expedition which was sent to Ashantee under command of Col. Sir Francis Scott, has returned to England. The troops disembarked in the Thames Wednesday afternoon, and were inspected and congratulated by Gen. Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army.

#### Gen. Maceo Wounded.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Havana says that a letter found in the pocket of a patriot, who was killed in battle, proves that the patriot leader, Antonio Maceo, was wounded in a skirmish at Guines.



A cream of tartar Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Largest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 100 Wall St., N.Y.

### JOY EXPRESSED.

#### At the Prospect of a Permanent Court of Arbitration Being Established.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—At the annual meeting of the Arbitration League Wednesday evening a resolution was adopted expressing joy at the rapid, almost marvelous progress of the movement for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration, of the settlement of differences between Great Britain and the United States and the hopeful prospect for the speedy movement of the project. There was also introduced a resolution declaring that the lust of gold and land were at the bottom of the present troubles in the Transvaal and elsewhere and denouncing the unrighteous practices adopted for the gratification of this lust.

### Lane Tells His Story.

VERSAILLES, Ky., Feb. 27.—The defendant in the Lane murder trial took the stand Thursday and stated that in the altercation about the condition of the room, Col. Rodenbaugh struck him several times, Lane retreating. Lane says he did not draw his pistol and fire until he saw James Rodenbaugh with a pistol leveled at him. He only shot Col. Rodenbaugh once, which he said he was compelled to do, in order to get loose from him and defend himself against the son. Lane was not shaken by the cross-examination.

### Very Important, It True.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 27.—Attorney T. H. Clay, of Wayne county, who has been retained by Scott Jackson to assist defense in his trial, stated here Thursday that Pearl Bryan was still alive and that he has three women in Cincinnati who, when the proper time arrives, would divulge the entire mystery surrounding the murder.

### May Settle the Egyptian Question.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Soleil and the Eclair assert that Great Britain's isolation and the rebuffs to which she has recently been subjected are likely to lead to a settlement of the Egyptian question, England accepting guarantees for the neutralization of the Suez canal.

## Arrival and Departure of Trains.

H. & O. S. W.	
DEPART—8:00 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 2:00 p. m., 4:5 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 11:35 p. m.	
ARRIVE—8:05 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 12:25 p. m., 4:35 p. m., 6:40 p. m., 8:55 p. m.	
T. & O. C. Ex.	
LEAVE..... 2:5 p. m., 9:00, 4:10 a. m.	
ARRIVE..... 12:30, 7:45 p. m., 7:45 a. m.	
C. & M.	
LEAVE..... 6:25 a. m., 2:55 p. m.	
ARRIVE..... 11:15 a. m., 7:05 p. m.	
Z. & O.	
LEAVE..... 6:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m.	
ARRIVE..... 10:40 a. m., 5:55 p. m.	
O. R. R. (Eastern Time)	
SOUTH..... 10:25, 2:50 a. m., 7:0 p. m.	
NORTH..... 11:15 p. m., 3:40, 7:25 a. m.	

For the balance of this month you can purchase any of our Winter Underwear at 1/3 off of our regular prices. It will pay you to buy some and lay it away until winter.

## OVERCOATS

For Children, Boys' and Men. Come in this month and take your choice of any of them at 1/3 off of our regular prices. This will bring the price down so that you get more than a genuine bargain.

## Star Clothing House.

Go to the Star where you can get rid of your Periodical Tickets.

# OUT WE GO!

Been in the business long enough. Want to quit it. From now until the first of March we will offer our entire stock at such

## Greatly Reduced Prices

As will dispose of it all. Are you looking for Bargains? Just gaze at these:

UNDERWEAR	OVERCOATS	SUITS
\$ .50 at \$ .35.	50 3.00, 3.50 and \$4.00 at \$2.15.	5.00, 6.00 and \$7.00 at \$3.88
1.00 " .75.	50 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 and \$8.00 at \$4.88.	8.00 and \$10.00 at \$6.99
1.50 " .90.	All 10.00 and \$12.00 at \$6.99.	12.00 and \$13.50 at \$9.15
SHIRTS	All 13.50 and \$15.00 at \$9.48.	\$15.00 and over 1/3 off.
\$ .75 at \$ .50.	All 18.00, 20.00 and \$22.00 at 1/3 off.	
1.00 " .75.		
1.25 at \$ .89.		
1.50 " 1.19.		
NECKWEAR		
At 1/3 price.		

These prices cannot be duplicated. This sale will last until March 1st, positively no longer. Cash is King, nothing else goes.

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188 Front Street.

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