

REFUSED TO CONCUR.

The Text Book Bill Now Goes to a Free Conference Committee.

Austin, April 23.—The senate promptly refused to concur in house amendments to text book bill and asked for free conference committee. The house at once appointed Representatives Glenn, Knight, Sharp, Blacklock and Guinn and the senate appointed Senators Stafford, Kicks, Hill, Davidson and Dewitt; and Faulk.

The house spent much time discussing nepotism. The question was on an amendment to strike out that part of the appropriation bill which provides that no relative in any state department shall be employed in such department. Representative Terrell, of Travis declared that the time had come to stop stuffing state departments full of kinfolks, and it is a growing evil and should be stamped out. The Democratic party has declared it was a growing evil.

Robertson of Bell, opposed the amendment; Gibbs favored it. The amendment carried by sixty to fifty-four.

A resolution was adopted asking governor to appoint delegates to the Trans-mississippi congress.

The senate passed finally the general road bill, also a bill authorizing the state to enter into contract with the city of Austin to furnish water for state institutions.

FOR HER SAKE.

He Suffered to Shield His Wife and She Proved an Ingrate.

Perth Amboy, N. J., April 23.—Twenty years ago John Crempa, who has just been buried here, was living with his wife in Neutia, Hungary. She was accused of stabbing a man, a former admiral. Crempa confessed to the crime to save her and went to prison that she might remain free to care for their child. After serving ten years he was set free. Then he found that his wife had been living with another man all the time he was in prison. Crempa came to America, and spent the rest of his life in New Jersey.

Excursion Postponed.

Louisville, Ky., April 24.—The southern excursion planned by the board of trade has been indefinitely postponed on account of the fact that not enough time has been allowed for making arrangements. The excursion was announced for May 4, and it was found to be impossible to make arrangements for the souvenirs to complete correspondence with towns which were to be visited and secure sufficient representation from business houses.

Church Dignitaries Assemble.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—There assembled at the Catholic university one of the largest bodies of dignitaries of the Catholic church ever convened in America. The annual meeting of archbishops, the most distinguished ecclesiastical body of the church, convened at McMahon hall. Deliberations of the body were presided over by Cardinal Gibbons and were participated in by all of the archbishops, except two or three, who were unavoidably detained. The archbishops had under consideration many questions affecting the Catholic church in America.

Wabash Files Answer.

Washington, April 24.—The Wabash railroad filed with the interstate commerce commission, its answer to the complaint of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas and the Chicago live stock exchange, intervenor, involving technical charges of Chicago stockyards. The Wabash denies jurisdiction and power of the interstate commerce commission and protests against commission re-opening the case for further hearing.

Large Opium Consignment.

San Francisco, April 24.—The steamer China has brought to this port one of the largest shipments of opium that ever came from the Orient. It consists of 815 cases of 33,415 pounds, on which the duty amounted to \$209,490. The commercial value of the opium is about \$534,340.

Gould's Gasoline Burns.

Lakewood, N. J., April 24.—Fifty barrels of gasoline in a tank at George J. Gould's country place caught fire last Thursday and blazed fiercely for more than an hour. The flames were prevented from spreading to the powerhouse of the estate across the street from the entrance to Georgian court.

To Be Held in July.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 24.—It is officially announced that the annual conference for missionary workers of Sunday schools and young people's societies of the western and southern states will be held at Lookout mountain, July 1 to 8.

Want an American.

Washington, April 24.—Because American interests at Monte Cristi, San Domingo, are endangered by the revolutionary gunboat Valencia, the United States consular agent there has cabled the state department asking that an American man-of-war be sent.

Arrived With Property.

Tangier, Morocco, April 24.—Muley Amrani, an uncle of the sultan, arrived here Wednesday from Melilla with the customs officials and all the government customs property. Melilla has been abandoned by the government.

Alexander Ramsey Dead.

St. Paul, Minn., April 23.—Alexander Ramsey, eighty-eight years of age, formerly governor of Minnesota, and secretary of war under Hayes and for two terms United States senator from Minnesota, died of rot.

Fifty Carloads Per Day.

Dallas, April 24.—A Katy railroad official says his road is daily handling fifty carloads of coal.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Had Cut a Doctor in a Dispute About Professional Fee.

Little Rock, Ark., April 24.—A special to the Arkansas Democrat from Gordon, Ark., says: "Alex. Thompson, a negro, got into an altercation Thursday with Dr. J. H. Cuffman, a highly respected physician of this place, and stabbed him across the neck from ear to ear, just missing the jugular vein. A dispute arose over a bill for medical services, which the negro refused to pay. Thompson was placed in the calaboose and a 12:30 o'clock at night a crowd quietly surrounded the place and took him away. His body was found hanging to a railroad trestle near here. The lynching was done quietly. No excitement whatever prevails. No further trouble is anticipated. Dr. Cuffman is badly cut, but it is not thought the wounds will prove fatal.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED.

Trouble in Russia Was Attended With Most Destructive Results.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Twenty-five Jews were killed and 275 wounded, many of them fatally during the anti-Semitic riots at Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia, April 20th, when a number of workmen organized an attack on the Jewish inhabitants. Special measures to restore order in the town and district have been ordered.

Mrs. Lee Came to Chicago.

St. Louis, April 24.—After a long conference with Circuit Attorney Folk Mrs. John A. Lee, wife of Lieutenant Governor Lee, has gone to Chicago, supposedly with the intention of persuading her husband to return to St. Louis to testify before the grand jury. It is said that friends pointed out to her that either the lieutenant governor or J. D. Kelly of New York would be required as witnesses, and that the advantage would be with the one who first appeared.

at King Edward's Request.

London, April 24.—The appointment of the Prince of Wales as president of the royal commission, which is to represent Great Britain at the St. Louis exposition will be made at the special request of King Edward, who thought he could best demonstrate his personal interest in the exhibition and his cordiality toward America generally.

Boers to Have Large Ranch.

City of Mexico, April 24.—General W. D. Snyman, who has returned from Chihuahua, declares that before the end of the present month the Boers will come into possession of a large ranch in the state of Chihuahua, situated near the Central railroad.

Shot Himself in the Head.

Washington, April 24.—General Davis cabled the war department that Lieutenant Colonel Henry W. Sprole, First cavalry, committed suicide at Manila by shooting himself through the head. Sprole was appointed from New York.

Literary Critic Dead.

Chicago, April 24.—John C. Crawford, the well known editorial writer and literary critic of the Chicago Journal, died of pneumonia. Mr. Crawford has been a newspaper man in Chicago for nearly twenty years.

Root Defeats Kid McCoy.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Jack Root was given the decision over Kid McCoy at the end of the tenth round.

Shaw at Gotham.

New York, April 24.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was in New York Wednesday, and paid a short visit to the custom house.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Several buildings at Trinity, Tex., burned.

A hog at Wills Point, Tex., weighed 467 pounds.

The little son of Edward Treadwell drowned at San Antonio.

Colonel J. W. Zively says townsite work will be resumed July 1.

S. M. Levy died at Taylor, Tex., from an accidental overdose of laudanum.

W. C. Trimble, living near Bonham, Tex., has eight acres in strawberries.

Mrs. P. M. Huckaby, who was thrown from a buggy at Longview, Tex., died.

Over 450,000 pounds of wool were received at San Angelo, Tex., up to the 22d.

An eagle measuring five feet from tip to tip was captured at Lawton, Okla.

Many Indian Territory twons are raising funds for the proposed exhibit at St. Louis.

Master Plumbers' association of Oklahoma was organized at Oklahoma City on the 22d.

Rev. Edward J. Drinkhouse, for eighteen years editor of the Methodist Protestant, died at Baltimore.

John Puckett, seven years old drowned in a creek at Kingfisher, Okla. The water was but a foot deep.

A battalion of the Oklahoma National Guard will attend the World's fair exercises at St. Louis next year.

Annual meeting of the General Baggage Agents of Texas was held at San Antonio with a good attendance.

First locomotive of the Johnson ton of the International and Great Northern, arrived at Anderson, Tex., on the 21st.

Judge Reagan will be escorted to New Orleans by A. T. Ramsey camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans of Palestine, Tex.

Secretary Topping of the Oklahoma Millers' association estimates the territory's wheat yield this year at 40,000,000 bushels.

In a runaway at Caldwell, Tex., President Lane of the Caldwell National bank was thrown from his buggy and seriously hurt.

TYNER IS DISMISSED

Assistant Postmaster General Leaves the Government Service.

RECORDS ARE GONE

Wife of Former Official Is Alleged to Have Taken Them and Refused to Turn Them Over When Called Upon to Do So.

Washington, April 24.—As a result of the investigation of the postoffice department affair Postmaster General Payne Thursday announced the summary dismissal of James N. Tyner, assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, and charges that all the papers and records in the safe of Tyner's office had been abstracted by Mrs. Tyner, wife of the discharged officer, with the assistance of others. The postmaster general says that Mrs. Tyner had refused the demand of the government for the papers, and said circumstances in the case would be submitted by him to the department of justice at once. The question of arrests is now under consideration, and will be passed on immediately by Attorney General Knox. Mrs. Tyner came to the office of the assistant general attorney at 5:45 p. m. Tuesday and remained there exactly an hour. Mr. Bridlow asked authority to have Mrs. Tyner ejected from the office. The authority came too late. When the inspector returned Mrs. Tyner had left. The safe, on being examined, was found to be empty. The affair created much excitement among the investigating officials, but the news was concealed carefully from the public. Two inspectors were dispatched to the Tyner residence to discover the papers. Mrs. Tyner refused to give them up, saying she was acting under the direction of her husband. She told the inspectors, so they reported, that they had no right to the papers, as Mr. Tyner was still assistant attorney general, and, moreover, insisted that the papers were all of a private character. It is suspected at the department that the papers have some connection with the recent conduct of the office. Some weeks ago a turf investment concern, whose affairs were aired in court, alleged that its operations and working methods had been sanctioned by the assistant attorney general or the postoffice department. The charges involving the office of the assistant attorney general and a lawyer formerly connected with the office were ventilated, and an investigation was ordered by the postmaster general. This was really the inception of the investigation that has spread into every part of the department. The complaints crystallized into a formal request for Mr. Tyner's resignation, signed by Postmaster General Payne on March 2 last.

AFTER A LICENSE.

There Is Much Discussion as to Whether It Will Be Granted Vanderbilt.

London, April 24.—William K. Vanderbilt has returned to Paris. His hurried visit to London was connected with procuring a special marriage license. There is much discussion as to whether a license could be issued under the circumstances. It was said the ecclesiastical court could not refuse, whatever its feelings in regard to divorced persons, but it was added that it could delay matters probably a fortnight by requiring the production of documents which would have to be obtained from America. At the Archbishop of Canterbury's office it was said that the archbishop has the undoubted right to refuse a license. No application has yet been received from Mr. Vanderbilt. For an ordinary license one of the parties must live in any parish here for three weeks and have the banns read in the church on three successive Sundays. The French for malities require a residence of six months.

Town Under Guard.

Little Rock, Ark., April 24.—A special to the Arkansas Gazette from Guerdon says: A brother of Alex. Thompson, the negro who was lynched here Wednesday night, has arrived at Guerdon. While all is quiet, the sheriff of the county deemed it wise to remain here, and the town is under guard. The negro population, which is about 750, is as large as the white population. Thursday the big plate plant of the Guerdon Lumber company was forced to shut down because all the negro laborers quit work. Thompson, the man lynched, was employed by this company.

Good Well.

Corsicana, Tex., April 21.—A good well has been brought in on the Tatum lease. Contracts have been let that will put nineteen rigs in the Corsicana field by May 1.

Cattle Doing Well.

Benjamin, Tex., April 24.—Cattle in this section are looking well, and improving rapidly on weeds.

Cow Objected.

Blackwell, Okla., April 24.—While attempting to milk a cow with a device of his own invention, which is propelled by a gasoline engine and draws the lactal fluid through rubber tubes Adam Setchel was seriously burned and his barn nearly destroyed. The cow kicked the engine over and ran through the stalls with it.

Shawnee Secures Road.

Shawnee, Okla., April 24.—The Coal-gate-Oklahoma City branch of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas will come via Shawnee, the \$12,000 required to secure this road having been subscribed.

CAKE KNOWLEDGE.

Some of the Nice Points of Successful Mixing and Baking.

Many of the long, narrow tins in which a pound of delicate crackers are packed make the nicest pans for baking a small loaf of cake. There is one variety, however, to avoid. It is the tin with a rolled over edge inside. If you bake cake in this pan, a struggle awaits you when it comes to get it out whole. One pound baking powder or cocoa cans bake small cakes nicely and allow them to be cut in slightly round slices.

If possible, never use coarse granulated sugar in making cake. The result is a coarse texture and a hard crust, no matter how carefully the batter has been mixed.

A very "must have" for cake is a wire stand for cooling it when taken from the pan. This small utensil can be purchased for 10 cents. It earns its cost many times over, for quick cooling is a vast improvement over setting hot cake on the bottom of the tin from which it has just been taken. All the moisture which is evaporated when cake rests on a cooler remains in it and tends to make it wet and heavy when set on a solid surface.

Never attempt to bake sponge cake unless you have a fire which will slow down to a very moderate heat and keep about that temperature.

The whites of eggs which are really new laid—not more than twenty-four hours—will not beat to the dry froth demanded in so many recipes. Another reason why the whites of good fresh eggs will not froth in hot weather is because they have not been chilled. Eggs for cake baking should always be stored in the refrigerator.

Many a cooking teacher instructs a pupil to listen whether a cake "sings" in the tin or not. They claim when the "singing" is almost over the cake is done. There are a number of easier and quite as reliable tests. When the cake begins to shrink away slightly from the sides of the pan, when you can stick in a toothpick and have it come out clear or when the top crust can be touched with the tip of the finger and it springs back firmly, leaving no dent, the cake may be taken from the oven.

If you find you have put too much flour in a cake, do not thin with milk, but with beaten egg, adding it gradually till the batter reaches a proper thickness. Milk would impoverish the taste of the cake; egg enriches it.

The proper time to add flavoring to a cake is after the mixture has been thoroughly creamed and just before the flour is added. Spices should be sifted in with the flour.

Never leave the whites of eggs to stand after beating them to the required point of frothiness. Fold them lightly into the cake mixture, then set it to bake.—Table Talk.

Art Even in Sewing on a Button.

There is art even in such a prosaic matter as sewing on buttons. The ordinary operator makes a knot in the cotton, passes the needle through the material from the under part and cheerfully accomplishes her task. The stronger the thread the more satisfied she will be. But when the garment is dealt with in the wash and ironing time comes round the knot upon which the work had depended forms a hard lump, which cannot possibly resist the heavy and sharp sides of the iron, the latter cuts it off, or certainly impairs its strength, and the wearer is left buttonless.

The moral is obvious. Start sewing from the outside or from the inside before putting on the button. The latter, being fairly tight, will protect the knot and the smooth thread at the back will not be cut.

A Dainty Cake.

Cream one-third of a cup of butter. Add gradually half a cup of sugar, then the well beaten yolks of two eggs, mixed with a second half cup of sugar, and, alternately, half a cup of milk and one cup and three-fourths of flour, sifted with two and one-half level teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Lastly, add the whites of two eggs, beaten dry. Bake in three layer cake tins of small size and put the layers together with an orange cream filling. Spread the top very lightly with the filling. Into this press orange sections, sprinkling the whole with powdered sugar.

For the filling, seal one cup of orange juice with the juice of half a



ORANGE CREAM CAKE.

lemon and one-third of a cup of sugar. Into this stir two and one-half tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, mixed with a second third of a cup of sugar. Stir and cook until the mixture thickens, then cook over hot water about ten minutes. Add a tablespoonful of butter, a few grains of salt and the yolks of two eggs, beaten very light. Then add, lastly, the whites of two eggs, beaten dry. Use when partly cooled.—Boston Cooking School Magazine.

Those Delusive Tea Leaves.

Don't use tea leaves in sweeping a delicate carpet or rug. They will stain it. Bran or bits of newspapers dampened are much better. See that the sweeping is done the way of the nap of the carpet; it will last much longer. If there are spots, do not let them remain, but wash them out with a damp cloth and one tablespoonful of household ammonia to a quart of water.

THE NEW SHIRT WAISTS

Fashion Never Devised Anything Daintier or More Enticing.

Surely fashion never devised anything daintier or more enticing than the materials now offered for and in the shirt waists for the season. Linen is produced in styles of weave and degrees of coarseness, roughness and delicate fineness never before thought of. The linen knickerbocker effect is entirely new and makes up into suits with the blouse instead of shirt waists. This comes in several shades and colors and looks exactly like wool knickerbocker.



NEW WAISTS FOR WARM DAYS.

erbocker suiting. Linen is so well liked that one finds it in every quality and every degree of shade from the natural flax to the bleached batiste, which is so fine that it is a wonder it is ever woven. Many beautiful and drowsy house frocks are made of pure white linen in such weave as best pleases the wearer. They are trimmed with rather heavy lace in cream and sometimes even in butter color. The linens are shown in all the season's best colors, and they are fast, so that the wearer need not fear to put as much trimming as she will on them. The tints are blue, pink, heliotrope and sulphur yellow. These are all beautiful when trimmed with lace.

Lace in small separate figures called medallions is set along the front fold on yokes and among tucks wherever they seem called for. They are very dainty and are used on so many of the waists and skirts that it would be unprofitable to mention them in detail.

A long list of materials especially adapted for waists for summer are shown, and it seems that nearly everything is mercerized. This means that the fabric has been made frosty and lustrous by some treatment with silica ground to an impalpable powder. It is certainly handsome, but so far as my experience goes will not survive the laundry. So let whoever buys it be careful and keep it out of the water. Everything, even the stiff swiss muslins, is mercerized. The new silk and linen batistes are exquisite. They show lacy lines and lines where there are swivel woven blossoms in natural colors on a natural grass tint. Silk and cotton woven together make another very delicate and dainty fabric, for the most part in tints with Pompadour figures.

Quite a number of the light materials have a border of embroidery woven along the edge so that it can be utilized as trimming. Some materials are shown with quite wide stripes of open-work like lace or embroidery, and between them the plain linen.

Shirt waists are made of all of these and many more, but the shirt waists of this season are marked by neater effects than they were—that is, they are built more compactly. Few of them have that ugly and obstreperous extension to go under the belt. These have the finish of a belt, and very many waists have a snug lining stiffened with featherbone, which washes like cord.

Almost every waist has the bishop sleeves, with cuffs narrow or deep, as suits the wearer best. Many have yoke effects and are trimmed as fancy dictates, but in a close and neat manner. All have high collars more or less ornamental. Quite a new fancy is to have a yoke in a sort of bertha shape, with long, pointed ends which reach down like the front of the bodices in the fashions of Queen Elizabeth. The blouse shape is modified somewhat and the point in front is accentuated. One made in this style was of soft pale blue louisine silk. The yokes were tucked across and the bodice had two rows of fine insertion and a narrow edging to match. Medallions of lace were set all around the bertha and on the sleeves. The sleeves to this came but to the elbow. It is intended for a drowsy occasion. The belt and bands around the sleeves were of dark green velvet. Another pretty waist of chiffon fabric was open in front, like a vest, and the front was closely tucked and of a lighter color than the silk in the bodice, which ran down each side. The yoke had a lace cap so that a number of pieces of figured silk. This had a simple yoke outlined by a skillful application of lace and medallions. One pleasing style has tucks along the shoulders and down the outside of the sleeves, while three embroidered straps add to its finish.

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