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MEAT BARONS INDICTED.

It may not be generally known to leaders of the Caucasian and of the of this section of the State, it may be that the recent indictments of Meat Barons, as they are called, was somewhat surprising.

Six great packing companies and twenty-one packers, several of them multimillionaires, have been indicted, being charged with violating the law.

One of the remarkable features of these indictments is that the prosecution is from the State of New Jersey, where trusts and combines have multiplied in late years until they reach into the hundreds.

It may be of interest to name the corporations as well as the individuals indicted for alleged manipulation of food prices. The corporations indicted are: The National Packing Company; Armour & Company; Swift & Company; Morris & Company; Hammond Packing Company and G. H. Hammond & Company.

The individuals are J. Ogden Armour, A. Watson Armour, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles H. Swift, Edward Morris, Ira N. Morris, Arthur Meeker, Edward Tilden, L. A. Carton, Thomas E. Wilson, Thomas J. Connors, F. A. Fowler, L. H. Heyman, James E. Bathgate Jr., George J. Edwards, Frederick B. Cooper, D. E. Hartwell, Henry E. Darlington, A. A. Fuller and Lemuel C. Patterson.

Whether or not the indictments are sustained, the fact remains that the complaints by the people over the outrageous control of the necessities of life by a few in combinations has not been in vain.

The hope is expressed that the prosecution of the meat packers and other corporations who have combined against the people will be vigorous and effective.

Even the multimillionaires may be brought to account if the officials of the government will do their duty fearlessly and impartially.

TAXATION BY SCHOOL BOARDS.

It would seem that the proposal of State Superintendent Harris, that the school boards be vested with power to levy tax for school purposes is not being received with the approval anticipated by that official.

From the Caucasian's view the school boards are already invested with sufficient authority, and to add thereto the taxing power would stimulate discontent and resentment without improving present conditions.

The proposal is in line with what one of the Caucasian's friends would style "highfaluting." Of late the State authority in schools, that is the boards of education as well as the State Superintendent have been indulging in new departures which do not appeal to the people.

The authority to levy tax—the State, the parish, levee districts and municipalities is all sufficient, and from such levies there is set aside all the means necessary for the schools.

Who will say that extravagance would not follow if the Nation or the State Superintendent as to the levy of taxation if it were effective?

MARSHAL'S SALE.

No. 2432.—In the City Court of Shreveport, La.: L. M. McDuffie vs. William Robinson.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued in the above entitled and numbered suit, by the Honorable S. C. Fullilove, judge of the City Court, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to me directed, I have seized and will sell at public auction, at the Texas street front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, between the legal hours for sales, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1910.

One lot of household furniture. The above property seized as belonging to defendant, and to be sold to satisfy the debt specified in said writ, say in the sum of \$100.00 and all costs of suit.

Terms of sale cash with benefit of appraisal. G. F. GERRALD, City Marshal. Caucasian, Feb. 22.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

At the Office of the W. H. Powell Lumber Company, Shreveport, La., January 22, 1910.—You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the W. H. Powell Lumber Company at its office in Shreveport

on Saturday, March 5, 1910, for the purpose of considering an increase of the capital stock of the company from \$500,000 to its present amount, to \$1,000,000. By order of the board of directors. W. J. POWELL, Secretary.

DON'T JOSH THE FARMER.

Ridiculing His Sons Responsible For High Prices, Says Manufacturer.

The newspapers' comic Sunday supplements that picture hayseeds and birds' nests in farmers' beards and make fun of the horny handed agriculturist are responsible for the high prices of foodstuffs.

So John A. Stewart, a New York manufacturer and founder of the State Agricultural school, Morrisville, N. J., testified the other day before the legislative committee investigating food prices at Columbus, O. Mr. Stewart said the comic supplements ridicule the farmer and his work and so drive the farmer's sons to the cities. So few men are left to raise crops that many farms are being abandoned. Only the older people remain on the farms, said Mr. Stewart, and little food in excess of what is needed there is being produced. So it is now comparatively easy to corner the market on many food commodities. He declared the situation is alarming and should be changed by making farm life more attractive.

STRONG WITHOUT MEAT.

Vegetarian University Student Heads Class of Fifty-five in Strength Tests.

Edward Novak, a student at Johns Hopkins university, in Baltimore, has on a recent diet won a place at the head of a class of fifty-five in the physical test, getting an average of 725 out of a possible 1,000.

Two years ago, Novak said, he became a vegetarian through reading Shelley's poems.

"I first took it up as a sort of an experiment," he said. "I was gaining flesh and did not want to become stouter. I found that by eating plenty of eggs, bread and butter, fruit and vegetables I suffered no inconvenience from hunger. I found that I was becoming more and more capable all the time, and this I attribute to my diet. Since I have been at the university I have participated in all of the sports, and I have found that I can run greater distances without feeling any ill effects than when I ate meat."

MINE VICTIMS MUMMIFIED.

Eleven Found in Cherry Works Might Have Come From Egyptian Tombs.

To the amazement of veteran mine inspectors the eleven bodies of miners since last Nov. 13 in the St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., and which were recently recovered from the mine were found to be almost perfectly mummified when brought to the surface.

The mummified condition was brought about by the bodies having during the three months been in a part of the mine which was warm and the bodies were going through a slow process of drying up.

"This is one of the most remarkable incidents of a disaster which has befallen a mine," declared an old mine inspector. "The mummies are in such good preservation that they might have been taken out of the ancient tombs of Egypt."

They were found with their arms stretched forward and face down.

BIG FLAG ON EAGLE ROCK.

Could Be Seen by Immigrants Before Statue of Liberty.

Patriotic organizations at Montclair, N. J., are interested in the proposition to fly a large American flag from the summit of Eagle rock, in the Eagle Rock park, adjoining Montclair. It is proposed to fly the flag from a steel pole 200 feet in height. The Essex county park commission's consent will have to be procured before the plan can be carried out.

The flag when flown from a tall pole on the lofty Eagle rock could be seen by ships entering the New York harbor and, it is asserted, would come into the view of immigrants before the statue of Liberty was sighted. It is planned to dedicate the flag with elaborate ceremony on July 4.

Appendix Six Inches Long.

A football strain is supposed to account for the fact that a vermiform appendix six inches long was recently removed in an operation on George Goss, the former Yale football guard and hammer thrower. Medical authorities at Yale believe this to be the longest appendix which was ever found. Goss received several football strains when he was at Yale and one of special severity when he tried to break the Yale strength record. He is the son of a Waterbury (Conn.) manufacturer and went recently to a sanitarium in Rochester, Minn., to have his appendix removed. The ordinary appendix is from two to two and a half inches in length.

Feathered Mail Box Robbers.

A mail box on rural route No. 3, out of Greenville, Ind., has been robbed of several letters in the past few days. When the letters first began to disappear it was thought some person was getting them, but they were found unopened in a fence corner near by. The owner decided to watch the box from a distance and was rewarded for his trouble. He saw English sparrows fly to the box and work their way through the slot for letters. In a few moments they reappeared with a letter and worked away until they got it out. Then one of the birds flew to the fence corner with it.

Partridges For Rockefeller Estate.

The Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, which reached New York recently, brought a consignment of 1,880 partridges for John D. Rockefeller's Pocomtuc Hills estate, 1,000 canaries, 500 squirrels and 1,000 white mice.

BEN TILLMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

How Hard Study Cost the Palmetto State Senator an Eye. Odd Experience With a Senate Page.

By WALTON WILLIAMS. SOUTH CAROLINA has been represented in the United States senate by many notable men, among the number having been John C. Calhoun and Robert Young Hayne, who debated with Webster, but of them all there was no more picturesque figure than Benjamin Ryan Tillman. Senator Tillman was born in Edgefield county, S. C., on Aug. 11, 1847. He was educated in an academy and left school to join the Confederate army in the summer of 1864. A severe illness that resulted in the loss of an eye prevented him from going to the front and kept him an invalid for two years. He became a farmer and took no part in politics until the Farmers' Alliance became active in the state. In 1886 he started an agitation for industrial education, which resulted in the establishment of the Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college at Calhoun's old home, Fort Hill. In 1890 he was elected governor as the farmers' candidate and was re-elected in 1892. The two chief achievements of his administrations were the passage of the liquor dispensary law and the establishment of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College For Women. He was elected to the senate in 1895 and re-elected in 1901 and 1907. When he entered the body he was known as a radical and was called the "pitchfork" senator. Of recent years, however, he has had the entire respect of his colleagues of all parties and has been regarded as one of the really great figures of the senate.

Senator Tillman was but two years old when his father died, being the youngest of seven sons. His uncle, John Tillman, was a man of strong intellectual qualities and a constant

inquiry with Senator Bailey of Texas, Senator Warren of Wyoming slipped up stealthily, extracted a bottle from the pocket in the tail of Tillman's coat, uncorked it, smelled of its contents with an appearance of intense appreciation and then restored it to its original position. The senate was convulsed, but the South Carolinian was unconscious of the pantomime and went on with his speech. When he had finished a nearby senator explained to him the cause of the hilarity which still prevailed.

Samples of His Wit. Without a moment's thought Tillman rose in his seat and said benignly: "I don't want to magnify a trivial matter, but I learn that a friend has taken advantage of my preoccupation to examine a bottle which I am carrying in my coat pocket. Now, in order that there may be no misapprehension and that I may not be considered inhospitable and perhaps selfish I will state that the bottle contains a solution of boracic acid, a throat lotion placed in my pocket by Mrs. Tillman with the admonition to use it frequently. I regret deeply that the gentleman should have been disappointed in his investigation, although I know that had the bottle contained that for which he was searching I should never have seen it again."

During one of the daily colloquies that occurred between the two Senator Spooner said:

"The last cartoon I saw of the senator from South Carolina represented him as down in the straw and being kicked by the Democratic donkey."

"The last one I saw," said Tillman, "represented me as riding the donkey."

careful and discriminating reader. He collected a large library, and he was of the kind that profusely annotated his books. Even when his nephew, Ben, was a small lad his uncle picked him out as the one who would most likely conserve and advance the Tillman name, and to him he bequeathed this library. Inheriting his uncle's tastes and his mental abilities, as well as this large library, the boy became a close student of those books.

How He Lost an Eye. Senator Tillman never had the opportunity to go to college. When the civil war broke out he was fourteen years old, and his mother sent him to school to a neighboring academy to prepare him for college. But, realizing very soon that he could probably never do this on account of the war, he made up his mind that that would be about the only schooling he would ever be able to get, so he determined to make the most of it. He studied so hard that his health was seriously impaired, and it was this that caused him to lose his left eye. An abscess formed in his head back of this eye and burst through the socket, destroying the eyeball. This also prevented him from actively participating in the closing bloody affairs of the civil war.

An amusing story is related concerning the senator's one eye. Some time ago, while in the senate, he clapped his hands for a page from the cloak room door. A new page who had not yet mastered the senatorial names responded:

"Tell Senator Clay," he said, "that I want to see him in the cloakroom."

The page ran on the errand, on his way stopping to ask the head usher where Senator Clay sat. Then he asked, "Who's this that has only one eye?"

The usher, thinking it a question in mythology, replied, "Why, Cyclops, of course."

The page delivered his errand in this astounding way: "Senator Cyclops wants to see you in the cloakroom."

When Tillman first landed in the senate there was a disposition to take him seriously, but it would not do. One day, when the South Carolina senator was engaged in a spirited col-

with the Republican elephant tied to its tail.

Tillman's readiness to illustrate a point by means of a humorous story is well known at the capitol. One day he was discussing with some of his colleagues the efficacy of mildness in debate.

"One can't be too mild," he argued. "To be mild and at the same time unexpected is usually to succeed. Here is an instance: At the theater the other night a man turned to his neighbor and exclaimed excitedly:

"Look here, my friend—you have sat on my silk hat, and it's ruined!"

"The other looked at the hat and sighed regretfully. 'I'm awfully sorry,' he said, 'but it might have been worse.'"

"I'd like to know how!" the injured one exclaimed indignantly.

"The answer was an excellent example of mildness coupled with unexpectedness. It was:

"I might have sat on my own hat!"

How a Critical Situation Was Saved.

On a certain occasion when Senator Tillman was talking in a vehement manner he had the tables neatly turned on him. The conversation threatened to be stormy. A friend expostulated with the senator, saying it was "hardly the place for such a discussion."

"Please don't talk so much," said the warning voice. It irritated Tillman. "Talk!" he shouted. "I'll talk as much whenever and wherever I please. I would like to see the man who can keep me from talking!"

"I can!" came a voice from the crowd. Tillman turned and glared about him. Then his eye caught the speaker. He pretended to quail. The laugh went around, and the critical situation was saved.

The man who had hurled the demand "I can!" was Dr. T. T. Moore, Tillman's lifetime dentist.

Here are a few characteristic utterances of the South Carolina senator: "I would rather go to the infernal regions with my followers than to heaven with the other crowd."

"I am one of God Almighty's gentlemen."

"Abraham Lincoln was the greatest of modern men, and I, from South Carolina, tell you so and feel honored in doing it."

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TO FLY TO NORTH POLE.

Dr. F. J. Fielding's Plans For Aerial Arctic Trip.

Dr. Frederick J. Fielding of San Antonio, Tex., who won a trophy for making the longest balloon trip out of Chicago two years ago, says that he is very much in earnest in his proposition to make a journey to the north pole and back in a dirigible balloon. He already has his plans well advanced, and when a few more of the necessary details are arranged he will let the contract for the construction of the big balloon. It will hold 200,000 cubic feet of gas and carry 6,000 pounds burden.

Dr. Fielding has made a close study of balloons for several years, and the new craft will embody a number of new ideas that he believes will be advantageous in its operation. It will be built for speed and comfort. The power equipment will consist of a gasoline engine of 200 horsepower, which Dr. Fielding claims will drive the cigar shaped balloon through the air at a speed of 100 miles an hour. He expects to accomplish the daring journey with ease, and the trip both ways, including a short stay at the pole, ought not to take more than eight or ten days, probably much less time than that, he says. His equipment and supplies will be ample for all possible emergencies. A tank containing 25,000 cubic feet of extra gas to replenish the supply for the balloon will be taken along. A sled and team of dogs, a scientist of note and one or two other congenial companions will also be taken along.

It is not to be a trip of exploration, but one of verification. Careful observations will be taken to settle any disputed questions that may arise as to the records of exploration that have already been made in the far north. The starting point has not yet been decided upon. Owing to the rapidity with which the journey can be made it would be feasible to start from some point in Canada or the northern part of the United States. Dr. Fielding is a man of wealth and will finance the expedition out of his own pocket.

WE MUST HAVE HUSBANDS.

Cleveland Girl Asked Speaker Cannon to Make Congress Provide Them.

People all over the United States write to Speaker Cannon about everything. But the prize package in the way of a request dropped in on Uncle Joe in the form of a perfectly respectable looking letter the other day. Here it is:

Our beaux cannot marry we girls because all foods and clothing is too high. What good is us girls if we do not have husbands? Why don't you make congress provide husbands for us? You will do the country more good by seeing that all the young people are married. If all the young people were married we would not need any congress or president. This world would then be a paradise. We must have husbands. Get some for us.

For reasons of the most profound delicacy the girl's name is omitted, but the letter is postmarked Cleveland, O.

BAN ON TOBACCO.

Pennsylvania Railroad Giving Preference to Nonusers of the Weed.

Employees of the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburg have been ordered to refrain from the use of tobacco while on duty and also have been requested to break themselves of the habit. Applicants for positions are questioned closely regarding tobacco, and scores who admitted themselves confirmed tobacco users have failed to get positions.

As yet the order has been applied only to office forces and to those handling passenger trains.

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CHARTER AMENDMENT

Of the Black Bayou Oil Company.

The State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day came and appeared L. E. Etchison and H. L. Heilperin, well known to me, who being by me duly sworn, declared that they are president and secretary, respectively, of the Black Bayou Oil Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana; and that a general meeting of the stockholders of the said corporation was held on Monday, January 17, 1910, of which the following is a true and correct extract from the minutes thereof:

Resolved, That clause two of the charter of the Black Bayou Oil Company be and the same is hereby amended so as to add the following paragraph: "This company shall also have the right, power and authority to hold, acquire, own and sell stock and bonds in other corporations organized for purposes similar to that for which this company is organized."

Whereupon the meeting adjourned. L. E. ETCHISON, Pres. H. L. HEILPERIN, Sec.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 20th day of January 1910. S. L. HERLD, Notary Public.

The State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: I, J. M. Foster, district attorney of the First Judicial District, in and for the Parish of Caddo and State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that I have examined the above and foregoing amendment to the charter of the Black Bayou Oil Company, and finding nothing therein contained contrary to law, I hereby approve the same. This 21st day of January A. D. 1910.

J. M. FOSTER, District Attorney First Judicial District, Caddo Parish, La.

Endorsed: Filed and recorded January 21 A. D. 1910. S. O. WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk and ex-Officio Deputy Recorder.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act, as the same now appears on file and of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office this 21st day of January 1910.

S. O. WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk and ex-Officio Deputy Recorder. 1-23.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Natchitoches, La., Jan. 4, 1910.—Notice is hereby given that

SHERIFF'S SALE.

No. 13,403.—In the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, La.: J. K. Herold vs. Mitchell Alexander.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me issued from the Honorable First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, according to law, at the principal front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours for sales, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1910.

The north half of the northwest quarter section 22, township 16, range 15, Caddo Parish, La. The above property seized as the property of the above defendant and to be sold to satisfy the amount specified in the said writ, say in the sum of \$166.66, from January 6, 1902, and all costs of suit, including \$10.00 for executor ad hoc.

J. P. FLOURNOY, Sheriff. CAUCASIAN, Feb. 3.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Natchitoches, La., January 19, 1910.—Notice is hereby given that Robert M. Ogburn, of Mira, La., who, on January 27, 1904, made Homestead Entry No. 10,330, No. 0612, for south half of the northwest quarter, section 20, township 23 north, range 15 west, Louisiana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Leonard, clerk of the court, at Shreveport, La., on the 5th day of March 1910. Claimant names as witnesses B. H. Norton of Ida, La.; W. H. Wisinger of Ida, La.; L. S. Ogburn of Mira, La.; Dr. W. B. Lawton of Mira, La.

J. ERNEST BREDA, Register. CAUCASIAN, Shreveport, La., Jan. 20, 1909.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.

No. 13,318.—First District Court, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana: Succession of E. W. Jackson.

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Rebecca M. Jackson, administratrix, has this day filed tableau of debts in said succession, and unless opposition be made thereto within the time specified by law, the same will be duly homologated as prayed for.

Witness the Honorable A. J. Murrif, judge of said court, this 21st day of January 1910. S. O. WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk.