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WHO WILL SUCCEED JUDGE BETHEA?

Who will succeed Judge Bethea on the United States bench in Chicago? And whoever he is, will he be a man of the people, one of the usual type of graduates of the railway legal departments? It is an important question. Chicago is the point of a double funnel through which pour the currents of American business and political life from the east and the west. All roads of the great midcontinent lead to Chicago.

A federal judge is to be appointed to sit for life in the seat of judgment for this great strategic point. The most vital issues will, in all human probability, be passed upon by the successor of Judge Bethea.

Mr. Taft may appoint this magistrate, but he can never remove him. What he does is irrevocable. When this man is once chosen, he will be higher than the authority of Mr. Taft or his successors, higher than the verdict of the people in elections, as insuperable and more absolute than a king.

In the old times the president appointed the man who had won recognition for legal profundity, mental and moral force, and independence of the warring factions. The warring factions of today are the people and the corporations. This is plain to all. Will Mr. Taft select a corporation lawyer for this place? When McKinley was president he more than any former president set the example of drawing on the legal departments of the great corporations for federal judges—and that era saw the beginning of the unpopularity of the federal bench. Roosevelt followed the same policy—McPherson, Pritchard, Quarles, Reed and many others rose to the federal bench through real or asserted corporation influences.

Suppose Bryan were president and should elevate Clarence S. Darrow to the federal bench to succeed Bethea—would the corporations let it pass without protest? Would they not call it unjust to have put in this place the attorney of the labor unions, the defender of Moyer and Haywood?

Well, Mr. Taft, how much less unjust will it be for you to place over the labor unions a man who has been the attorney of the corporations?

Is there any difference? If so, wherein does the difference lie?

Is it to be believed that all men fit for the federal bench have been retained by the great corporations?

Is so, in what does fitness consist? In mental power? Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr and Machiavelli were men of genius. Does not fitness for the bench consist rather in moral dignity and integrity and love of justice? Have the great corporations pursued the policy of retaining men for their love of justice? The question answers itself.

Go to some quiet law office, Mr. Taft, and select a man of the people—a judge with judgment, a man that Lincoln would select, a lawyer such as Lincoln was. They can be found.

SOUNDS WHINEY

A conference between Taft and Attorney General Wickersham is reported, the meat of which is some talk by the president like this:

"Lawbreakers must be punished and restrained, but with accuracy and dispatch so as to interfere with legitimate business as little as possible. And further, the machinery to enforce the law is inadequate."

Just why the president should get his boss prosecutor on the carpet to drill into him the old Taftian chestnut about 125 years of national legislation being inadequate is a mystery that smacks of a suspicion that Wickersham really has a notion to try out whatever there may be in the law.

If Taft doesn't want his little boy to go in swimming, the "accurate and dispatchful" (?) way is to tie him up back of the white house hennery and not to lead him down to the creek and advise him not to go in, as the water's cool.

It must sicken the whole country to hear its chief executive continually whining about the inadequacy of 5000 volumes of criminal statutes to reach common scoundrelism, without destroying legitimate business. Heavens! it's legitimate business upon which illegitimate business has been preying, and if the laws are inadequate, why not let the corporation attorneys find it out? They're hired for that purpose.

RAILROAD MAGNATE, CORBIN, IS HELD FOR BILL

D. C. Corbin, the millionaire railroad magnate, has been held by Road Overseer Canfield of Newman township to pay a bill of \$325 for cutting "Jim Hill" mustard on Corbin's land in the Spokane valley near the Idaho line.

Corbin declines to pay the bill, claiming that it is excessive and that Canfield made the statement to some of his friends that he had

bought a new mower and that he was going to make Corbin pay for it.

The right to make a property owner cut the "Jim Hill" mustard on his place belongs to each township, and when payment of the bill is refused the county commissioners are to place the matter on the tax duplicate as a charge against the property.

DIVORCE MILL GRINDS FREELY

The divorce mill in Spokane county promises to grind as freely this fall as it has in the past, judging by the rapidity with which complaints are being filed.

Lottie Mae Colter has asked that the ties that bind her to Albert B. Colter be rent asunder. Proof of their bona fide intentions in the matter are shown in a mutual division of the property interests involved, which the court is asked to approve.

James Farnsworth alleges that his wife Minnie grew dissatisfied

with her home soon after their marriage. She wedded a laboring man, he says, but wanted conditions of life that his means would not afford, and she then quite his abode for good. They were married in Rhineland, Wis., 15 years ago.

E. E. Reno, who married Frederick H. Reno in Jefferson county, Colorado, in 1902, charges him with abandonment and asks that she be given proper relief.

Irene Lyons alleges that William E. Lyons, whom she married at Springdale, Stevens county, eight years ago, has such a violent temper that life with him was made unbearable. In addition to a divorce, Mrs. Lyons asks the custody of her minor daughter Thelma.

From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.—Bible.

ARE BLONDES "MORALLY WEAK?" OPINION DIVIDED

Professional etiquette is a very exacting thing. If it weren't about one-third of the physicians in Cincinnati would be saying "nature faker" and "unequivocal provaricator" to Dr. Charles E. Woodruff of New York, who has pronounced blonds "physically and morally weak."

"Jails and state institutions are full of blonds who, unable to withstand the struggle for existence in a climate to which they are unfitted, have fallen into poverty, disease and crime," is the mild allegation of Dr. Woodruff, surgeon and major in the United States army.

For all that he declares them to

be physically weak, it wouldn't be safe for Dr. Woodruff to attempt to convince even a peroxide or orange blond in Cincinnati. This renders more interesting the ground taken by the other third of the medical profession, which rallies strongly to his support.

The remaining contingent is undoubtedly made up of men of peace. "There are two types of blonds," they say. "There is the 'strong' type; both with blue eyes and light complexion."

"I heartily agree with the last assertion that there are two types of blonds, the strong and the weak," stated Dr. William L. Hall, for-

merly president of the Spokane city health board. "I think that the blonds of the weak type are more easily discouraged by misfortune and may fall into misfortune or crime through inability to bear up under the strain. In my experience I have found that blonds are not able to stand as much pain as brunets, but brunets are quick to act and more passionate than the blond type."

"Color of the hair makes no difference in regard to a person's moral fitness," stated Dr. John T. O'Shea, police surgeon. "In my experience I have found that blonds are as a rule stronger physically than other people."

and food departments which opens at Denver tomorrow. The state authorities are watching with great concern to see if the pure food law is to be upheld by a genuine enforcement, or whether it is to become the prey to politics and to go the way of other "Roosevelt policies."

The Observed of All.

Miss Quiz—Did you ever travel in an observation car?
Miss Chic—If you mean the cars with the seats running the length of the aisle, I have.

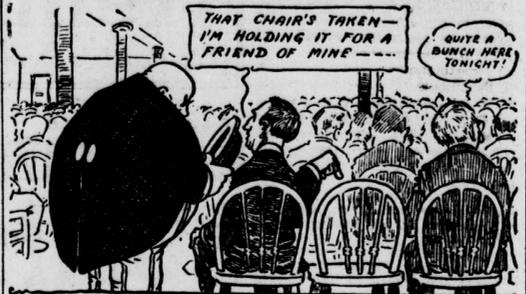
Fit for the Puzzle Page.

Little Minnie—Mama, I understand how the cow can fill the milk bottles, but I do wonder how she gets the paper stoppers on them.



"Do you know, Adolf, your frents iss talking of haffing you tied for lucidity."
"Why, Oscar? Don'd you dink I am cloded in my right mind."
"You may be cloded in your right mind, but id bags ad der knees."

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



MOST ANYTHING

JOSH WISE SAYS: "It's when a man loses his head that he puts his foot in it."



Carnegie has offered Tralee, Ireland, a library because it is beautiful. Which raises the question, What was the excuse for Pittsburg's?

Wisconsin lost a perfectly good lake in one night by the dam breaking, thus losing a lot of water that had been saved for a rainy day.

Every time an aeroplane breaks it makes the English channel seem safer.

Missouri now has 500 new laws, but then, the Missouri lawbreakers can be depended upon to rise to the occasion.

Kansas has suffered from hot winds, which is remarkable, considering that this is an off year politically.

William Winter, dramatic artist for 40 years, has quit. And the shows are just as punk as ever.

Glad, aren't you, to hear that Taft can box? Sort of saves his reputation from golf.

Senator Cummins has already started another tariff revision campaign. Yet it is feared there will be some tariff questions left for posterity to tackle.

THE ARTLESS ANSWER



WILL ADUTERATORS GET WILEY'S SCALP

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the law so as to make it bear less heavily on makers of adulterated and embalmed food.

The first big stroke of the Remsen board was the so-called "benzoate of soda decision." Dr. Wiley, after exhaustive experiments, concluded that benzoate of soda was harmful when used to preserve meats and vegetables. The Remsen board concluded to overrule Dr. Wiley, and, in order to do it when least likely to attract comment, they promulgated the order on the third of March last. The order was signed by Secretary Cortelyou, Secretary Wilson and Secretary Straus.

It was some time before the matter came to the attention of the consuming public, though the packing interests were informed at once.

The rectifying interests are also very antagonistic to Dr. Wiley. They feel that he is chiefly responsible for the sections in the pure food law which demand that imitation whisky be so marked. They have fought the law and its author, and have been strong enough so far to defy enforcement by the government. Although there have been decisions by the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government, upholding the intent of the law as to imitation whisky, the distillers are still marketing their 60,000,000 gallons of colored and flavored alcohol annually under the name of "pure whisky."

The fact that Dr. Wiley is still fighting this practice makes him enemies among the makers of imitation whisky.

There seems to be ground for the report that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is quietly trying to secure the removal of Dr. Wiley. Secretary Wilson was all right when he was part of the Roosevelt administration. The pure food law was one of the Roosevelt policies. Under the inspiration of Mr. Roosevelt's strong personality, Secretary Wilson helped to enforce the spirit of the act.

Under the present administration there has been a marked change in the spirit of the entire agricultural department. So far as this department of the pure food law, more is heard every day of "Dr. Wiley's too strict and too technical interpretations and rulings." Minor officials who disagree with Dr. Wiley are encouraged to carry out their ideas and Dr. Wiley has been made to feel that he no longer has the support of the secretary of agriculture or of the white house.

All these facts are well known to members of the state food commissions, many of whom will be present as delegates at the convention of the national association of dairy

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