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PLEDGE IS MADE GOOD.

Democratic Promise of Franchise Tax Law is Fulfilled.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—By a vote of 129 to 1, the house to-day passed the senate bill for the taxation of franchises. When Governor Dockery signs the bill it will be a part of the statute law of the state. That he will do so goes without saying, as the bill is that which was drafted by Judge Williams of Booneville at his instance.

The democratic party of Missouri has fulfilled its pledge to the people by the enactment of an effective and intelligent franchise law. By its action to-day it has reflected credit on itself and has recognized the actual, as well as nominal leadership of the governor of the state, Alexander M. Dockery.

The test vote came on the adoption of the majority report of the conference committee, which recommended that the house recede from its amendments of the senate bill.

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COST OF ONE CONGRESS.

Total Appropriations Made by Two Sessions \$1,440,062,545.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Representative Cannon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and Representative Livingston, the senior democratic member of the committee, have prepared statements of the appropriations of the fifty-sixth congress, which will be printed in the Record to-day. Both place the total appropriations at \$1,440,062,545, placing those for the first session at \$719,150,862 and for the second at \$720,911,683.

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British Free Slave Women.

London, March 6.—Intelligence just received here from Northern Nigeria, bringing events there up to January 31, describes the operations of a British expedition of 300 against the marauding Imers of Bida and Konkagora. Both capital towns were burned by the British.

Two hundred slave women, belonging to the king of Bida, were released by thirty-six men under the command of two officers, who successfully engaged 1,000 armed natives.

For all pulmonary troubles Ballard's Horehound Syrup, taken in the early stages, proves a certain and sure specific. It is equally effective in croup and whooping cough and if used in season prevents the further development of consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

Woman Suffrage in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—The Neal joint resolution providing for woman suffrage in Indiana yesterday passed the house by a vote of 52 to 35. A motion to reconsider was lost. Neal states that he has canvassed the senate and that the resolution will pass that body.

FOR THE BOWELS.
Genuine stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. Beware of the dealer who tries to sell "something just as good."

SLAVE RAIDING IN AFRICA.

Returned Explorer Says it is Still Common in Dark Continent.

Chicago, March 6.—Wm. Stamps Cherry, the African explorer who recently returned to this country, to-night, with the aid of the stereopticon, entertained the members of the Chicago Press Club. He made public for the first time many of his discoveries and spoke interestingly of his many adventures in Central Africa. He spoke of the importance of impressing upon the American people the great future of this immense unknown country which in spots is entirely uninhabited, yet abounds in wondrous resources.

Mr. Cherry spoke about the slave raiding, saying that the general impression was that it had been partially done away with; but when he reached the interior he found the curse fully as bad as in the days when Livingstone journeyed through Africa. Mr. Cherry found whole regions depopulated by the slave raiders, and when he arrived at the Kotto River, the country had just been raided by an Arab chief, who did his work in such a thorough manner that a whole tribe was annihilated and the entire country was in a greatly damaged condition.

When children have earache, saturate a piece of cotton with Ballard's Snow Liniment, and place it in the ear. It will stop the pain quickly. Price, 25 and 50 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

A LIFE PASS HER REWARD.

Indiana Woman Stopped a Train on Brink of a Pit.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—Mrs. Frank White of Linton has been presented with a lifetime pass over the Southern Indiana railroad for saving a passenger train from speeding to destruction in the Island City mining district.

The ground underneath the main tracks of the road had been undermined. Mrs. White, who lives near the road, discovered that the tracks and ties were held up by a thin crust of earth that would easily drop a car into a pit below. She heard the whistle of an approaching train and rushing into her home secured a red tablecloth and flagged the incoming passenger train, which stopped within fifty feet of the danger.

No one knows the unbearable torture one undergoes from piles unless they are so afflicted. Tabler's Buck eye Pile Ointment is a quick, safe and painless cure. Price, 50 cents in bottles, tubes, 75 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

Fired on a British Consul.

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 7.—The Japanese Mail says: On February 10 the Russian soldiers behaved with great violence at the Foo. A whole squad of soldiers became intoxicated. They took more liberties around the British consulate than the consul wished, and when they killed the consul's Chinese servant out of pure wantonness the consul remonstrated and threatened to report them. The Russians were ordered by their drunken commander to line up. They did so. The officer then shouted, "Fire!" waving his sword at the consulate. Half Russians refused. The other half fired straight at the consulate, and the consul narrowly escaped being killed.

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WISELY IS HELD FOR MISS ALLEN'S MURDER.

Negro Sent to Jail at Warrensburg and His Preliminary Trial Set for Friday.

Knobnoster, Mo., March 6.—The coroner's jury, which was impaneled yesterday to investigate the death of Nellie Allen, a 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Allen, who lives in the western suburbs of this city, completed its labors at 2 o'clock this morning, when the following verdict was agreed upon:

"We find that Nellie Allen came to her death from a violent cause and recommend that Henry Wisely be held for further examination."

Wisely, who has been shadowed all evening, was put under arrest. He was sent to jail at Warrensburg. His preliminary trial is set for Friday.

Miss Allen's death is shrouded in mystery. The body was found on the street about 7 o'clock Monday evening and removed by her mother to her home, a half block distant. Foot play was at once suspected, but no marks of violence could be found about her person, except a slight abrasion on her nose and face. She had left the house about thirty minutes before the body was found. The evidence showed that she left ostensibly to visit in the immediate neighborhood. Two men who called at the house left about thirty minutes after she had gone out and found her dead in the street. The alarm was raised and the mother and Henry Wisely, a negro, who was out in the kitchen at the time, ran out and carried her into the house.

At the post-mortem examination the internal organs were found to be in a normal condition. The evidence strongly pointed to Henry Wisely as the man responsible for the murder. The people are much worked up over the murder, and are fully determined the mystery shall be unraveled. It is thought that the motive was revenge for some fancied wrong.

Mother Charged With Murder.

Knobnoster, Mo., March 7.—The mother of Nellie Allen, who was found dead near her home Tuesday, was arrested to-day charged with complicity in the murder of her daughter. Mrs. Allen is a widow. The preliminary trial will be held here to-morrow. The theory is that the girl was suffocated and then carried out and placed in the street by the murderer. The negro, Wisely, who was arrested yesterday charged with the murder, is still in jail at Warrensburg.

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Scientists Lost Again.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 6.—The senate public health committee this morning reported the Hall bill back with the recommendation that it pass. The Christian Scientists have not much hope left. Their one chance is to make a strong showing when the bill has reached Governor Dockery.

Aged Union General Dies.

Springfield, Mo., March 6.—General C. B. Holland, aged 85, died here yesterday. He was president of the Holland bank and one of the wealthiest men in southwest Missouri. He commanded the union forces here when Marmaduke attacked this city and drove the confederate forces back.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS.

Constitutional Amendment Relating to Investment Adopted.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—The senate this morning adopted a committee substitute to the joint and concurrent resolution, submitting to the voters an amendment to the constitution relating to the public school fund. The resolution contains the public school fund and seminary fund as sacred obligations of the state and that they shall be renewed as they mature or for a period of time expiring 50 years from the adoption of this amendment. The present constitution requires the investment of school funds in either state or United States bonds. The present amendment for the purpose of permitting the investment of this money in municipal or school bonds. This was the issue of the last campaign, and this resolution was adopted at the suggestion of Governor Dockery.

Grant Statue Site Selected.

Washington, March 7.—The commission created by congress to select a site and secure plans for a statue or memorial to General Grant has been in session at the war department. General Dodge, president of the commission, favors a site on the reservation south of the state department, directly opposite the Corcoran gallery of art, a place now occupied by the president's stables and it is understood that the commission approved of General Dodge's choice. The statue is to cost \$250,000, and the artists of the United States may compete in designs.

He Got a Fine Coffin.

Philadelphia, March 7.—On the eve of coming into a fortune of \$2,000,000, James Philip Cochran, of Dawson, Pa., a student at Wharton school of the University of Pennsylvania, died of pneumonia. His body was shipped to Dawson in a coffin that cost \$3,000. It was made of heavy mahogany slabs, elaborately carved. The inside was lined with copper, draped in royal purple plush and the top was of French beveled glass. Cochran's father founded the borough of Connellsville and was extremely wealthy.

Ex-Governor Crittenden's Brother Robbed.

Chicago, March 7.—While hundreds of people were leaving the Coliseum last night two men sprang upon H. Crittenden, a commission merchant, and brother of ex-governor Crittenden of Missouri, and caught him around the neck. After strangling him they robbed him of a diamond stud, valued at \$300. The robbers escaped.

A \$20,000 Loss for K. U.

Lawrence, Kan., March 7.—Congressman J. D. Bowersock was telegraphed this morning that the bill passed by congress appropriating \$20,000 to pay the claim held by the University of Kansas, for the destruction of the old Free State hotel here in 1856, has been vetoed by the president. The attorney general's opinion led the president to take this action.

Advise Expulsion of Minister.

Carthage, Mo., March 7.—At a meeting of the quarterly district conference it was recommended that Rev. W. O. Short of Golden City, be expelled from the Methodist ministry for ministerial imprudence, also for keeping a vineyard and selling wine. Rev. E. P. Anderson, as presiding elder, was recommended for reappointment by the annual conference to be held at Bolivar.

Rich Transval Farms.

The farms in the neighborhood of Pretoria have been proved rich in coal, copper, gold and diamonds.—N. Y. Times.

CRAZE FOR NOBLE TITLES.

An Englishman's View of the American Passion for Empty Names.

An Englishman, writing from Washington to the New York Herald, touches upon the American craving for titles conferred by European potentates. He says:

"The other day I stood in the senate chamber when a member took the oath of office. For two years he had been kept back from the rank by charges of bribery and corruption by the direct vote of his constituents. That morning he stood outside, and in the white flower of purity, with the legend scolded above him 'The wolf in the sheep's clothing.' And yet to the crowd that greeted him he proclaimed not a triumph of democracy, but a triumph of conservatism. With this I may forgive the majority of this republicanism. So far I have found more conservatism than in Britain, more individual freedom than in any of our colonies."

"Since I arrived here there has been a marriage craze of the great families. All around me I found an adulation of the happy pair no self-respecting Briton, German or Frenchman would give the slightest of his nation. There was a white papered girl between those who paraded the details of the transaction in the newspapers and the bridal pair than between a Highland cottager and the queen of an ordinary milkmaid and the duke of Argyll. The law calls all Americans equal, but greenbacks and the exigencies of society have long since set the classes on terraces as definite and as necessarily ranged as the oldest pyramids of monumental Europe."

"Here in Washington there is a constant battle of precedents, and in the few days I have resided here more than the important engagement has been fought and won. There are more titles here than in a German starthaler's suite. In every buttonhole is a button indicative of the wearer's right to be called a Son of the Revolution, an officer of the Legion of Honor, a Knight of Pythias and heaven knows what besides. Last year on the South African field I ran across one or two American correspondents whose breasts were barred with ribbons. I looked and marvelled, and my astonishment was not lessened when I learned these denoted that the correspondents' ancestors had fought in the civil war or in the war of the revolution—my democratic conferees wearing the badge of a hereditary nobility! For what are our patents of nobility but the indication that in the more distant past a Douglas or a Campbell or a Churchill fought valiantly for a king and country?"

BEST IN ALL THE UNIVERSE.

American-Made Spectacles Are Worn in All Parts of the World.

"Up to 15 years ago," said an optician, reports the New York Sun, "four-fifths of all the finer spectacles used were made in France. In the past six or eight years French spectacles have been largely supplanted by American glasses, which are now sold even in France. American spectacles are now easily the best in the world, and their superiority is due to the same characteristics that mark so many American manufactured productions—namely, adaptability to their use, good workmanship, uniformity and interchangeability of parts. There have been made in this country great improvements in the special machinery with which the spectacles are made, so that the parts are produced with precision."

"You will see an increasing number of signs saying that spectacles can be mended while you wait. This can be done with these finely made American spectacles. You break a bow, for instance, of your steel spectacles, and any one out of 1,000 bows of the same style will fit in place of it."

"American spectacles may not be the cheapest produced in the world, but they are certainly the best, and a good proportion of the population of the world that uses glasses now looks through spectacles of American manufacture."

"We pay much more attention to our eyes in this country than we formerly did. There are many more oculists here than there formerly were, and many more skilled opticians. And of people who ought to wear glasses, including, for instance, children, a greater proportion now than ever before do wear them."

"I dare say that a third of the spectacles now made in this country are exported, and our exports of these goods are all the time increasing. We sell spectacles in China, in Australia and New Zealand, in South America, and some, as I said, in France, and more or less of them in Germany and other countries of continental Europe. Large numbers of American spectacles are sold in Great Britain. I guess you would find that shipments of such goods from here to England are made as often as weekly. I imagine that there are now worn in England and in Scotland more spectacles of American than any other manufacture."

A Historic Spot Marked.

The site of the "old fort," where the first settlers of Springfield, Mass., took refuge from the Indians, has been marked with a bronze tablet. The plate is two feet wide and three feet high, bearing on either side the Pynchon arms in relief of the original fort.—N. Y. Sun.

MRS. NATION'S PREDICAMENT.

She Can't Get Out of Topeka's Jail Long Enough to Go to Court at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., March 8.—Mrs. Nation was unable to appear in court this morning when the case of the state against Carrie Nation, Lucy Wilhoit, Juliet Evans and Lydia Minta was called by Judge D. M. Dale. Her attorney announced that she is confined in the Topeka jail, and cannot procure a signor to her recognizance. Regardless of this fact, however, the court ordered the case to proceed. As she is charged with a misdemeanor her presence is not necessary. If however, she is convicted and does not appear for sentence her bond will be forfeited, notwithstanding the fact that she is in jail. At noon today her attorney had been secured. As the court has only exhausted four of its fifteen preliminary challenges it is more than probable that a jury will not be obtained before to-morrow. When the charge is disposed of Mrs. Nation will have to answer one of malicious trespass. The penalty for such offense is six months in jail, \$500 fine, or both.

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and codic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all difficult to digest. White's Cream Vermifuge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price, 25 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

Came a Long Way to Wed.

Racine, Wis., March 6.—After having traveled over 3,000 miles to be wed, Dr. Henry M. Bridgeman of Cape Town, South Africa, and Florence B. Jones, of the Argentine Republic, formerly a resident of Chicago, will be made man and wife here to-night. After the ceremony the couple will leave for Kimberly, South Africa, their future home. They met in South America.

Smallpox Rages in Kansas.

Topeka, Kas., March 7.—Doctor W. B. Swan, secretary of the state board of health, issued a bulletin to-day stating that there are more than 1,000 cases of smallpox in the state. The worst infected district is Crawford and Cherokee counties. In these two counties there are not less than 500 cases of the disease.

Rock-a-Bye Baby

These are sweet words, but how much pain and suffering they mean to mean. It's different now. Since Mother's Friend has become known expectant mothers have been spared much of the anguish of childbirth. **Mother's Friend** is a liniment to be applied externally. It is rubbed thoroughly into the muscles of the abdomen. It gives elasticity and strength, and when the first great strain comes they respond quickly and easily without pain. **Mother's Friend** is never taken internally. Internal remedies at this time do more harm than good. If a



woman is supplied with this splendid liniment she need never fear rising or swelling breasts, morning sickness, or any of the discomforts which usually accompany pregnancy.

The proprietor of a large hotel in Tampa, Fla., writes: "My wife had an awful time with her first child. During her second pregnancy, **Mother's Friend** was used and the baby was born easily before the doctor arrived. It's certainly great."

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