

# NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



## Supreme Court's Little Suits Make Big Problems



WASHINGTON.—From small beginnings have arisen some of the most perplexing questions to be passed upon by the Supreme court this fall and winter.

Thomas W. McComb had splendid luck duck hunting in Tinicum township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, a year or so ago. Probably to his surprise that day's outing will bring him to the Supreme court. He was prosecuted for using an automatic gun in the hunt. In defense he attacked the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania law against the use of that type of weapon.

A burn on the back of Anne Sweeney of the District of Columbia forms

the basis of another suit. On its outcome will depend whether physicians are liable for burns by X-rays in photographing patients.

Over the meaning of the word "auction" comes a case from the Hawaiian islands. Arrests were made there for the alleged violation of a law requiring a license for sales at auction. The sales in question were made to retail fish dealers. The point is raised whether this was an auction, and if so, if there is a distinction between "public" and "private" auctions.

Whether the government must pay for the forage for two horses for the late Maj. Nathaniel H. McLean of Cincinnati and for two servants is involved in another case. The point arises as a result of his reinstatement in the army. The horses and servants were employed after he retired from the army and before he was reinstated by congress.

Whether the back of a bay window may form a "party wall" is the basis of a dispute between Lewis E. Smoot and the Hoyl heirs of the District of Columbia, to come before the court for decision.

## Postmaster General Hitchcock a Night Worker

IT took one man, from a western city, nearly a week to find out something about Frank H. Hitchcock, the postmaster-general, that many Washingtonians acquainted with the inner workings of the postoffice department knew.

This man went day after day at 9 o'clock in the morning to Mr. Hitchcock's office and waited patiently to see the postmaster-general. He began to have set ideas about the postmaster-general and what he considered the necessity of making cabinet officers do more work, or at least maintain some sort of regular office hours.

On the night of the fifth day the man dropped into the postoffice building. He did not know just why, but he thought he might get some "tip" from the watchman. The only person in sight was the elevator man.

"I want to see Mr. Hitchcock," he said. "Can you—"

"Have you an appointment with him?" interrupted the elevator man,



with his hand on the lever ready to start the car.

"Yes," he quickly replied. "All right," the elevator operator said, as they shot up to the fifth floor. "I suppose you know where his office is?"

"You bet I do."

There he found several clerks working busily. His request to see the postmaster-general was taken in a most matter of fact way, and in two minutes he saw Mr. Hitchcock, completed his business and left for home on the midnight train.

## Society Formed at Capital to Study Spanish



FOR the purpose of promoting the international study of the Spanish language and literature there has just been organized here a society to be known as the Spanish-American Athenaeum. At its first meeting, held a few nights ago, the speakers included Senor Riano, Spanish minister here; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union; Rev. Dr. Charles W. Currier, specialist on Spanish-American literature, and Mme. Blanche de Baralt of Cuba.

The Spanish minister and all the Latin-American ministers here were made honorary vice-presidents of the

organization and among those who already have signified their willingness to become corresponding members are the Princess Teresa of Bavaria, Sir Clements Markham, K. C. B.; Senor Quesada, former minister here from Cuba; Senor Rafael Altamira, Spain; Senor Jose T. Medina, Chile; Senor J. Lafone Quevedo, Argentina, and Dr. Rafael Villavicencio, president of the National Academy of History of Venezuela.

The society purposes to have frequent meetings, when there will be lectures and discussions on literary, historical and scientific subjects, and will issue a journal both in English and Spanish. While the headquarters will be here, the organization will be international in character and membership.

Honorary members will be chosen from time to time from people who have attained distinction in literary, scientific or historical work in connection with Spain and the Spanish American republics.

## CANADA WEEK IN CHICAGO

### CANADIAN EXHIBITS AT LIVE STOCK AND LAND SHOWS CENTER OF ATTRACTION.

The hats were doffed to Canada during the two weeks of the Land Show and the week of the Live Stock Show at Chicago. Willing to display its goods, anxious to let the people of the central states know what could be produced on Canadian farm lands, and the quality of the article, Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the Interior of Canada, directed that sufficient space be secured at the United States Land Show, recently held, to give some adequate idea of the field resources of western Canada. Those in charge had splendid location, and installed one of the most attractive grain and grass exhibits ever seen anywhere. Thousands, anxious to get "back to the land," saw the exhibit, saw wheat that weighed 68 pounds to the measured bushel, oats that went 48 and barley that tipped the scales at 55 pounds. The clover, the alfalfa, the wild pea vine and vetch, the rye grass, the red-top and many other succulent and nutritious varieties of wild grasses demanded and deserved from their prominence and quality the attention they received. The grain in the straw, bright in color, and carrying heads that gave evidence of the truth of the statements of Mr. W. J. White of Ottawa, and his attendants, that the wheat would average 25 to 35 bushels and over per acre, the oats 55 to 195 bushels, the flax 12 to 25 bushels, were strongly in evidence, and arranged with artistic taste on the walls. The vegetable exhibit was a surprise to the visitors. Potatoes, turnips, cabbage—in fact, all of it proved that not only in grains was western Canada prominent, but in vegetables it could successfully compete with the world.

One of the unique and successful features of the exhibit was the successful and systematic daily distribution of bread made from Canadian flour. It was a treat to those who got it. Canadian butter, Canadian cheese and Canadian honey helped to complete an exhibit that revealed in a splendid way the great resources of a country in which so many Americans have made their home.

A feature of the exhibit was the placards, announcing the several recent successes of Canadian farm produce and live stock in strong competition with exhibits from other countries. There was posted the Leager Wheeler championship prize for Marquis wheat grown at Rosthern in 1911, beating the world. Then I. Holmes of Cardston entered the competitive field at Lethbridge Dry Farming Congress, and won the wheat championship of 1912, beating Mr. Wheeler with the same variety of wheat. Hill & Sons of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in 1911 won the Colorado silver trophy for best oats grown, competed for in a big competition at Columbus, Ohio, in 1911. The produce of British Columbia at the New York Land Show in 1911 carried off the world's championship for potatoes, and incidentally won a \$1,000 silver trophy, and then, but a few days ago, the same province carried off the world's prize for apples at the Horticultural Show in London, England.

But that was not all. These Canadians, who had the temerity to state that corn was not the only feed for finishing high-grade beef cattle, entered for the fat steer championship at the Live Stock Show in Chicago a polled Angus—"Glencarnock Victor." Nearly 300 entries were in the field. "Glencarnock Victor" didn't know a kernel of corn from a Brazilian walnut. There were Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and their corn-fed article, deter-

mined to win, bound to beat this black animal from the north, and his "nothing but prairie grass, oats and barley feed," as his owner proudly stated, but they didn't. Canada and McGregor & Sons, with their "Glencarnock Victor," won, and today the swiftness of America is eating of his steaks and roasts—the champion steer of the world.

But once more the herd of cattle that won the Sweepstakes at the same show was bred and owned by the owners of "Glencarnock Victor," fed only on prairie grass, oats and barley, near Brandon, Manitoba. The royal reception given to Mr. McGregor on his return to his home town was well deserved.

Omission must not be made of the wonderful and beautiful display of apples made by British Columbia, occupying a full half section of the great Land Show. This was in personal charge of Mr. W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture for that province, who was not only a host to those who visited the exhibit, but was also an encyclopedia of information regarding the resources of that country. With 200,000 Americans going to western Canada this year, it is pleasing to know that so many from this side of the line can participate in the honors coming to that new country.—Advertisement.

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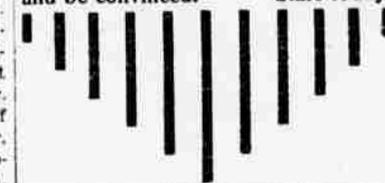
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