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There Would Be Less Work for the Divorce Courts if There Were More Husbands and Not So Many Ex-Bachelors

ROOSEVELT MAY TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEE

Belief in Washington That He Will Give Evidence.

CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS

Former President May Volunteer to Aid in the Senate Investigation.

Washington, Aug. 24.—It was believed here last night that Colonel Roosevelt would take the stand within a few days before the Senate subcommittee investigating campaign expenditures. To answer the charges made yesterday by John D. Archbold that Mr. Roosevelt had knowledge of the use of Standard Oil money in his campaign of 1904, the committee was divided last night over its future course of action. On the arrival today of Senator Lea, one of the absent Democratic members of the committee, a meeting will be held to determine whom to call and where the next meeting is to be held. Several members of the subcommittee favor transferring the hearings, at once to New York, where Col. Roosevelt, George W. Perkins, George B. Cortelyou and members of the Standard Oil company's board of directors might testify.

The statement made yesterday by John D. Archbold, financial head of the Standard Oil Company, made a clear-cut issue between him and Col. Roosevelt, according to members of the subcommittee. Mr. Archbold testified that his understanding that Colonel Roosevelt knew about and indorsed the Standard Oil contributions came through former Treasurer Cornelius N. Bliss of the Republican national committee, who is dead.

Although Col. Roosevelt publicly stated that it was absurd for him to appear before the Senate committee, it is understood that he has consented to take the stand if desired, in view of the direct charges made yesterday by Mr. Archbold. If Mr. Cortelyou is recalled, it will be to explain the statements made by Mr. Archbold, that Mr. Cortelyou, as chairman of the national committee, knew of and sanctioned the Standard Oil contributions. Senator Pomerene of Ohio, who sat with the subcommittee yesterday to represent the absent Democratic members, probably will be made a permanent member of the committee in place of Senator Paynter of Kentucky. The subcommittee will then consist of Senator Clapp, chairman; Senators Jones, Oliver, Lea and Pomerene. The committee is authorized to continue its sessions after the adjournment of Congress, and the conclusion of the session to day will not interfere with the immediate summoning of other witnesses.

McNAMARRA AND WIFE UNITED.

Woman Who Disappeared With Servants Returns To Her Home.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—"We are all together again and all happy," is the way Nicholas J. McNamara the San Mateo banker, sums up the result of his chase across the continent for his wife, their two small sons and his automobile.

After a series of domestic disagreements, Mrs. McNamara recently left her home with her two youngest children in the company of Mrs. Cora M. Perkins, the housekeeper, and Fred Patterson, the chauffeur. Mr. McNamara's only clue was a stream of returning checks on his bank account. With the aid of the police, he caught them in New York, just as they were to sail for Europe.

The grand jury found an indictment against Mrs. Perkins and Patterson, charging larceny of the automobile, and they were brought back to San Francisco. In the meantime McNamara had hurried to New York, missed his wife there and followed her to their home. Today they are reunited.

"There isn't going to be any more trouble," said Mr. McNamara. "Mrs. Perkins will never darken the door of our home again."

TO MAKE VOTING MANDATORY.

Oklahoma Attorney To Frame Bill With Penalty For Neglect.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 23.—A mandatory voting bill is to be submitted to the next legislature of Oklahoma by Charles L. Wrightsman, an attorney and prominent oil and gas operator of Tulsa.

"I propose to make every qualified voter in this state exercise the right of suffrage in state elections," said Wrightsman. "My bill will provide that every qualified voter shall vote in a primary and general election unless he is away from home or disabled."

"The important matter to be settled is the penalty, but it probably will be more than nominal. It may be that it will provide that a man's tax receipt will be held up until he has voted and be delivered to him by the proper authority after he has cast his ballot."

BARTENDER SHOT BY NEGRO WHO IS KILLED

Double Shooting at Chester Resulting in One Death

NEGRO'S VICTIM WILL DIE

Assailant of M. J. Capron Pursued and Killed by Harry Walling, a Hotel Porter.

Springfield, Aug. 24.—A sensational double shooting case took place at Chester about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Milton J. Capron, 60, bartender at the Riverside Inn, was shot and probably fatally injured by Charles Wilson, a colored laborer, who was himself shot dead a few minutes later by Harry Walling, a porter at the hotel.

Wilson entered the hotel barroom and made an unprovoked attack on Capron, whom he shot three times after the bartender had failed to come out from behind the bar at his command. Capron is at the Springfield hospital and the doctors in attendance, Dr. Walter R. Weiser of Springfield and Dr. Howard Lamphier of Chester, said that from the first examination when he was brought in about 5:30 o'clock that the case was a hopeless one and it would hardly be possible for him to live through the night.

Walling, who killed the negro, went immediately after the shooting to the office of Deputy Sheriff Edwin H. Alvord and gave himself up, stating that he acted purely in self-defense.

The negro Wilson was discharged from the works of the Western Massachusetts Construction company at Lee on Thursday, and drove in to Chester yesterday, accompanied by an Italian, Annibale Marionono, in an ugly mood and threatening to shoot up the town. According to the story of Marionono, they stopped for a while at the center of the bar at several places and had drinks between them. They went at once to the Riverside Inn, when Wilson walked into the bar room and ordered Capron, the bartender, to come out from behind the bar. When his command was not instantly complied with, he pulled out an American bulldog revolver of 32-caliber and fired three shots in rapid succession at Capron, all three bullets finding a dangerous mark. One entered the left side of Capron's head just below the ear and embedded itself in the skull on the opposite side. The second struck the victim just above the heart and the third entered his body on the left side just below the ribs. The shooting was done entirely without provocation.

When Capron dropped, exclaiming, "I am shot," Wilson dashed out of the barroom and started for Main street. A woman who heard the shooting screamed and he fired at her, but missed his aim.

Wilson ran on through the railroad yards about 200 yards, when he was confronted by four young men who had already started out to run him down. Harry Walling, the hotel porter, called on him to stop and Wilson turned and fired at him. Walling returned the fire from a Winchester rifle which he had snatched up when he started from the hotel. His bullet struck Wilson in the exact center of the forehead and the negro was dead in ten minutes.

When the negro dropped Walling stood as if dazed, and then, without going to look at Wilson, he turned and went back to the hotel, and immediately afterward surrendered himself. His heart was nearly broken as a result of his shot, it was said, but he felt that his act had been forced upon him in self-defense.

TWO VETERAN SENATORS WIN.

Warren and Bacon Carry the Primary Elections in Their States.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Two veteran members of the Senate received messages today of big majorities for their return to the Senate.

Returns received by Senator Warren from a majority of the counties in Wyoming showed that he had carried most of these counties by 2 to 1 and some of them by 3 to 1 against his Democratic opponents.

Senator Bacon of Georgia was gratified by the notification that he had carried all but seven counties in his contest for re-election. There are 146 counties in Georgia.

TARIFF BOARD TO GO.

Senate and House Conferes Agree On Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Tariff Board will go out of business if President Taft signs the conference report on the Sundry Civil bill agreed upon today. A perfunctory opposition to it was made by the Senate but the conferees of that body yielded.

It is understood that the President will approve the Sundry Civil bill despite the fact that the measure legislates the tariff board out of existence.

THE NEXT BALL GAME.

Bennington Will Play North Adams At Fowler Park Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Fowler park game tomorrow will be with the North Adams team and a victory for Bennington will all but cinch the Berkshire league championship. Should Bennington win tomorrow it will still be possible for Pittsfield to reach first position but to do so the Shire City team will have to win all its games yet to be played and Bennington will have to lose the three remaining games in the schedule, two with Pittsfield and one with North Adams.

FIVE YEARS FOR R. W. PITT.

Friends Offered Restitution of \$250,000 For Light Sentence.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 23.—Pembroke Womble Pitt, former head of the grain firm of Pitt Brothers and confessed forger of bills of lading on which he obtained more than \$250,000, was sentenced today to five years and three months in the penitentiary by Judge Elliott in the Criminal Court.

In imposing sentence the judge declared that it was the court's intention to both punish the forger for the crime he had committed and to warn others who might be tempted to commit a similar crime.

Early in November, 1911, financial and grain circles were stirred when it became known that several of the leading banks of the city had sent representatives before the grand jury to obtain an indictment against Pitt, charging him with forging bills of lading which he placed with the banks as collateral for large loans.

Pitt fled, a world chase by two detectives followed. Detective Bradley followed Pitt to North Carolina, and Detective Kahler finally located Pitt in Athens, Greece. He had him deported as an undesirable citizen, and on April 7 arrested him on the French steamer, Niger, bound from Athens to Naples.

A number of Pitts friends offered to make restitution of all his shortage if Judge Elliott would agree to a light sentence.

STORM VERMONT FOR WILSON.

Battery of Speakers Ordered There To Close the Campaign.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Democratic National Committee is preparing for a red-hot finish of the Vermont state campaign. The campaign will end a week from Saturday, and the state election is to be held on the following Tuesday.

The headlines among the Democratic campaign orators will be Gov. Thomas K. Marshall of Indiana, the vice presidential candidate, and Gov. Foss of Massachusetts, both of whom will tour the state. Among the other orators scheduled are Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, Senator Henry F. Ashurst of Arizona, Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas, and Richard H. Connell of New York. Judge John W. Westcott of New Jersey, who placed Gov. Wilson in nomination at Baltimore; Dudley Field Malone, Andrew J. Quinn, and Col. Alexander S. Bacon of New York.

Vermont is called the "barometer" state, because it holds its state election earlier than any other state. Vermont is nominally Republican by 25,000 majority, but political observers who have noticed the continual falling off of the Republican vote there now see a harbinger of Democratic victory.

After the Vermont elections the battery of speakers will be turned on Maine where the state election is also held in September.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.
New York 2, Pittsburg 1, (first game), 10 innings.
New York 3, Pittsburg 2, (second game).
No other games scheduled.

Standing of the Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
New York	80	32	.708
Chicago	75	38	.664
Pittsburg	67	47	.587
Philadelphia	54	57	.487
Cincinnati	53	62	.461
St. Louis	52	62	.461
Brooklyn	42	72	.368
Boston	32	80	.286

Games Today.

Brooklyn at St. Louis.
New York at Pittsburg.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati.
Boston at Chicago.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.
Washington 8, Detroit 1, (first game).
Washington 6, Detroit 4, (second game).
Boston 5, Cleveland 1.
Chicago 4, New York 2.
St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain.

Standing of the Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Boston	81	36	.693
Washington	74	45	.622
Philadelphia	69	54	.560
Chicago	59	57	.509
Detroit	56	65	.463
Cleveland	52	65	.444
New York	40	75	.348
St. Louis	37	79	.319

Games Today.
Chicago at New York.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, (double header).
Cleveland at Boston.

CYCLONE CAUGHT MR. AND MRS. GODFREY

Exciting Experience of County Sheriff and Wife in Stamford

WIN, OVERTURNED CARRIAGE

Vehicle Torn In Pieces By Terrific Hurricane—Escaped With Slight Injuries.

Sheriff and Mrs. Frederick Godfrey of this village were in the very center of the cyclone which struck the town of Stamford shortly before noon yesterday and in a few minutes the terrific wind and downpour of rain that prevailed went through one of the most exciting experiences of their lives. That they escaped without broken limbs or fatal injury is almost miraculous.

The carriage in which they were riding was whirled bottom upward by the wind and almost torn to pieces. Mrs. Godfrey was thrown under the wreck of the vehicle but sustained no injuries further than a slight scratch on the face and a lamed knee. Sheriff Godfrey was pitched clear of the wreck of the carriage a distance of 20 feet, but beyond straining the fingers of one hand is none the worse for his experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were on their way home from Keamsboro where the sheriff was on official business. When about a half a mile north of the Morrissey store the cyclone struck them without an instant's warning. The water, the sheriff said, came down as though it were actually turned out of the heavens. The top of the buggy was torn away and the vehicle was whirled over and over like a pasteboard box.

As soon as she had been extricated from the wreck of the wagon Mrs. Godfrey left the sheriff holding down the horse and hurried to the store of Patrick Morrissey where help was secured and the animal was released from its dangerous situation.

Some idea of the force of the wind can be gained from the fact that the cushion in the buggy seat was carried a distance of a quarter of a mile. The sheriff's hat went up in the air and hasn't as yet been found. The laprobe and blanket were found a quarter of a mile away.

The rig in which the sheriff and Mrs. Godfrey were driving belonged to a North Adams liveryman who went to Stamford in the afternoon and returned with the horse which escaped without injury. The buggy was too much of a wreck to be moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were cared for at the home of Patrick Morrissey where everything possible was done for them. They were provided with dry clothing and taken to North Adams. They arrived at their home here late Friday afternoon and today have largely recovered from the excitement of their experience.

Considerable damage to property resulted from the cyclone. The large smokestack at the Stamford Chemical Works was blown down and a number of telephone lines were put out of commission.

SHOT BY HIS OWN GUN.

Train Robber Injured in Scuffle With Conductor.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 24.—An unidentified robber who boarded the Union Pacific westbound St. Louis-Colorado limited, which left Kansas City at 10:15 last night, bound and gagged three mail clerks and rifled all the first class mail, was captured here after he was fatally wounded by a bullet from his own revolver. After looting the mail train the robber left at Lawrence and boarded a Pullman car on the same train, robbing the passengers as he passed through. When the train entered the Topeka yards Conductor M. E. Smith of Kansas City attacked the robber. In the scuffle that followed the bandit's revolver was discharged and a bullet entered his heart. He was taken dying to a local hospital. All of the stolen mail was found in his grip.

FARMERS LOSE \$250,000,000.

Trumbo Says Good Roads Would Save That Much in Transportation.

Denver, Aug. 23.—A. C. Trumbo of Muskogee, Okla., president of the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which meets in Salt Lake City next week, declared yesterday while in Denver that the producers of agricultural products in America lost annually \$250,000,000 through cost of transportation.

"The solution of the problem," said Mr. Trumbo, "is in good roads, a question which the forthcoming congress is going to make paramount."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For eastern New York and western Vermont, fair south, probably showers north portion tonight or Sunday. Warmer portion tonight.

PROHIBITIONIST RALLY HELD LAST EVENING

Presidential Candidate Delivered Interesting Address

EUGENE W. CHAFIN OF ARIZ.

Large Crowd Listened to Entertaining Discussion of the Liquor Traffic And Its Evils.

Eugene W. Chafin of Arizona, Prohibitionist candidate for the presidency, made an address last evening at the Putnam House square before an audience of 800 people. The oration was at all times interesting and frequently met with applause and enthusiasm. Mr. Chafin has a pleasing delivery and considerable wit and humor and entertained the crowd with witticisms at the expense of the "grand old whiskey parties," as he called them.

Mr. Chafin outlined the platform of the Prohibitionists Party, alleging that it had been taken over by the Progressives with everything except the prohibition plank. Mr. Chafin claimed that the Prohibitionist party had stood for the principles of direct legislation, the referendum, initiative and recall, and the direct election of United States senators for years.

The speaker discussed the presidential candidates of the Republican, Democratic, Progressive and Socialist parties and the party attitude on the liquor question. He paid a fine compliment to the Socialist candidate, Eugene V. Debs, and said that the Socialist party proposes to take the profit out of the whiskey business.

In discussing the "great issue" of the campaign, the high cost of living, Mr. Chafin presented a startling array of statistics. He claimed that the liquor traffic in America costs one billion dollars yearly and supports ten million people; that it constitutes the greatest element in the cause of poverty, pauperism and crime, and that it is thus the cause of the high cost of living. Mr. Chafin showed that the tariff has nothing to do with the high cost of living because it is an universal phenomenon and exists where there is high, low or no tariff.

In discussing Prohibition, Mr. Chafin said that it has never really existed; that the United States government has never been for prohibition and that by the decisions of the Federal courts the common carriers have the right to take liquors into "prohibition" territory. The Prohibition party proposes that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be made unlawful. Mr. Chafin said that one per cent is the law; the other 99 per cent is enforcement. If the people believing in prohibition in all parties were to vote the Prohibition ticket, the speaker said, the Prohibition party would go into power and the law would be enforced and not nullified by its enemies.

Merritt B. Morgan, who presided, in closing the meeting thanked the audience for its attention and courtesy and expressed great satisfaction with the response, saying that it indicated that temperance people of all parties want to see the liquor traffic stopped. One of the unusual features of the evening was the singing of Captain Charles H. Stanly who rendered several campaign songs.

NEW SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Changes in the Faculty of Bennington Public Schools.

The public schools open Tuesday, September 3. Cleaning and repairs have been completed, supplies ordered and mostly received.

The recent resignation of Principal Dickinson, who asked the board of trustees to release him from his contract that he might accept a better position, is regretted by both the pupils and the public. The short time before the opening of school made immediate action necessary, and the board, after careful consideration of a large number of candidates, has elected Frederick Dill Mabrey of Norwich, Conn.

He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1902; U. S. Revenue Cutter Service School in 1903; University of Chicago in 1906. He has had six years' experience and is strongly recommended as an up-to-date progressive educator.

Miss Edna Booth of New York City has been elected assistant teacher of Mathematics and English. Miss Booth is a graduate from Barnard College and from Columbia Teacher College.

Miss Christina Bennett of Cohoes, N. Y., has received appointment as kindergarten teacher. She is a graduate from the Wheelock Kindergarten Training School of Boston, probably the leading school of that character in this country, and has had four or five years experience.

The principal and superintendent will be at the school building Saturday and Monday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 2, and will be pleased to consult with parents concerning their children.



Peruna Secrets You Should Know
Golden Seal, the root of the above plant, is a very useful medicine. Many people gather it in our rich woodlands during the summer. Few people know how valuable it is in dyspepsia, catarrh, and as a general tonic. Many thousand pounds of this root are used each year in the famous catarrh remedy, Peruna. This fact explains why everybody uses Peruna for catarrh.

COUNTY S. S. CONFERENCE.

Annual Gathering Of Workers To Be Held at Manchester Center.

The annual conference and convention of the Bennington County Sunday School Association will be held next Wednesday, the 28th, in the Methodist church at Manchester Center. A very helpful program has been arranged tending to help in the best manner possible those interested in every department of Sunday School work. There will be but two sessions, morning and afternoon, thus enabling those who go from the southern part of the county to return home early in the evening.

The program is as follows: Devotional Service. Welcome and Business, Appointment of Committees, Reports of Officers, Etc., Elementary Work.

Mrs. Agnes Sexton, Bennington. Advance of Secondary Work. Miss Mabel T. Winch, East Arlington. Adjournment for Dinner.

Afternoon. Praise Service, Conducted by Rev. G. A. Parker.

Adult Class Work. A. S. Davis, Bennington. Teacher Training. Miss Hilda Pratt, Supt., Bennington. Missionary Work. Mrs. Ida M. Hitchcock, Bennington. Address. Rev. H. A. Durfee, State Secretary, Home Department. Miss Mary Henry, Supt., North Bennington. Temperate Work. Mrs. A. F. Smith, Manchester Center. Reports of Committees. Installation Service, Conducted by F. S. Pease, Burlington. Adjournment.

STREETS HALTS A DIVORCE.

Lenox and Seventh Avenue Tangled Up In Reno Courts.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 23.—When the divorce case of Mrs. Estella Harris against S. H. Harris, a theatrical man of New York, came up for hearing yesterday afternoon, the question arose as to whether Lenox Avenue and Seventh Avenue, in New York, were one and the same. The question meant the proper or improper service of the summons on the husband and no one could answer the question.

The case was postponed in consequence, and Mrs. Harris, who expected a decree because, she asserted, her husband beat her and called her vile names, was disappointed. Mrs. Harris once sued her husband in New York for the return of wedding presents given to her by friends, which, she said, her husband took. At that time the courts awarded her \$10 a month alimony, but she asserts Harris never paid it. Mrs. Harris asks the court to grant her the right to resume her maiden name of Estella Rosenbaum, but she will have to wait until the streets of New York are straightened out in the Reno court.

PENNANT FOR THE DELAWARE.

Assistant Secretary Winthrop to Present Symbol of Efficiency.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Capt. John Hood, commanding the dreadnought Delaware, will receive the battle efficiency pennant tomorrow from Assistant Secretary Beckman Winthrop who left Washington today on the president's yacht, Mayflower, for Hampton Roads, where the battleship fleet is in rendezvous.

Accompanying the secretary will be Rear Admiral Hutch I. Cone, Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and Lieut. Commander Thomas T. Craven, director of target practice and engineering competition. The battleship Michigan held the pennant the last year.

NEGRESS TRIED AS WITCH.

Neighbors of Pennsylvania "Mammy" Say She Casts "Spells."

Washington, Pa., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth Platt, a negro "mammy," was placed on trial today, charged by her neighbors, both black and white, with being a witch and with spending much time in the casting of spells on those she disliked.

Justice J. F. Carmichael, who heard the case, decided that Mrs. Platt had been guilty of disorderly conduct and assessed her fine and costs, amounting to \$20.