

A TEST CASE

Political Assessments Can Not be Legally Levied

On Government Employees by Any Person, Either Office-holder or Private Citizen.

Vice President of the Old Dominion Republican League to be Prosecuted by the Civil Service Commission for Soliciting Contributions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The determination of the Civil Service Commission to prosecute the officers of the Old Dominion Republican League for levying a political assessment on Federal office-holders promises to open up a number of questions of unusual interest. The alleged offense of which the Civil Service Commission has taken cognizance consists in the mailing to Virginia office-holders in the department a circular which the commission construes to be in the nature of a political assessment. The commissioners resolved to make a test case of what they regard as a violation of the law designed to protect Federal office-holders from political assessments. It is popularly supposed that the law on this point merely precludes an officer of the Government from receiving or soliciting a contribution from another officer or employe, but an examination of the Revised Statutes by the commissioners convinced them, they say, that it was an offense for any citizen, whether an office-holder or not, to solicit a contribution from a Government employe. The penalty is a heavy one—three years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

In the present cases some of the officers of the Old Dominion League are Federal office-holders, while others are private citizens. Civil Service Commissioner Thompson was seen in regard to the proposed prosecution of the officers of the League. "It will be pushed with vigor," said he, "as it is our belief that one conviction will settle the question for good and no one would ever again attempt to collect assessments. The commission has not yet secured all the evidence it desires, but will have it in a few days."

"What officers of the Government are implicated?" "The only one that I now recall is W. C. Egan, a chief of division of the Interior Department. He is an officer of the association, the first vice president, and I am confident that the evidence we have is sufficient, judged by the usual practice, to secure conviction."

WRECKED AT SEA.

Disabled and Dismasted Schooner Loses All but Ties of Her Trawl.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The Old Dominion line steamer Wyanoke, which arrived here yesterday from Norfolk, reports that off the Delaware capes Sunday she spoke the schooner J. G. Morse, of Portland, Me., disabled and dismantled. The larger part of the schooner's crew had been washed overboard and the mate had died of exposure. The captain and two sailors were the only survivors. The Wyanoke offered to tow the Morse into port, but the offer was declined and a request was made for men to assist the schooner to make this port. This the Wyanoke could not grant. An attempt was made to put provisions aboard the schooner, but the heavy sea nearly swamped the life-boat and the effort had to be abandoned.

Acquitted of Abduction.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The case of Quong Shoo, the Chinese laundryman charged with abducting two little girls named Susie King and Rose Griffith, was considered in the police court Monday. The stories of both girls were very conflicting, and Justice King said, after listening to the evidence, that the King girl had been in court before on a similar case and he thought she was a bad girl. The Chinaman denied the charge and was discharged from custody.

Fan-Americans in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—The Pan-American delegates arrived last evening. The party was met by Mayor Noonan and a reception committee, and was greeted with booming of guns and colored fire burned from buildings along the route from the Union depot to the Southern Hotel, where the visitors were assigned to rooms. After supper the party was conveyed in carriages to the Merchants' Exchange, where a reception was held.

Effective Method of Suicide.

COVINGTON, N. Y., Oct. 22.—A man sat down on the West Shore railroad track at Canajoharie yesterday afternoon as the express train going east came thundering along. The wheels cut the man's head off clean, without mutilating it or the body. The head fell sixty feet away. Papers in the man's pockets showed that he was Amos P. Brown, of East Windsor, Mass. The suicide was about forty-five years old.

Cut to Pieces by Her Husband.

FOURHILLS, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Frank Cava, boss of a gang of Italian laborers at New Hamburg, stabbed his wife fourteen times Sunday night. The woman, who was about to become a mother, is dying. She is being cared for by her mother in the box car occupied by the family. Cava is in jail.

Pedestrian Match Begun.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 22.—A six-days-go-as-you-please race, eight hours a day, for the forty-eight-hour championship, began at the Polo rink in this city yesterday afternoon with thirteen starters, comprising some of the best in the profession. One-half of the gate receipts are to be divided among the pedestrians.

\$125,000 Goss Up in Smoke.

KROOK, Ia., Oct. 22.—Fire started last night in Spiesberger Bros' wholesale millinery store, located in a four-story block, and at midnight was still burning, but thought to be under control. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000; partly covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Congressman Slipped by a Mayor.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 22.—Mayor Davonport slipped Congressman Sawyer in the race yesterday afternoon and in return very nearly received a shot from the Congressman's revolver. It was on account of a dispute over the entertainment of the Pan-American tourists, who will arrive here to-morrow.

A Duel to the Death.

MENINGO, Cal., Oct. 22.—John Clements and Andrew Deacons, woodmen, fought yesterday and Clements cut Deacons in the breast with an axe. Deacons then got possession of the axe and struck Clements in the forehead with it, killing him. Deacons' wound will probably also prove fatal.

TO FIGHT MONOPOLIES.

Rapid Growth of the Patrons of Husbandry in Michigan—What They Are Doing.

PORT HURON, Mich., Oct. 22.—Not less than 75,000 Michigan farmers have joined the Patrons of Husbandry since last May and the membership is increasing every week. They threaten to become the controlling power in the politics of the State, and then to spread over the entire country. The Patrons claim to have been forced into being by monopolies and trusts, and they propose to organize a combination that will strike terror to the hearts of their enemies. At present the Patrons are devoting themselves exclusively to the merchants, and in every town where they have a foothold they enter into an ironclad contract with one leader in each line of trade to purchase only from him, exacting a pledge that they shall not be charged to exceed twelve per cent. advance on wholesale prices.

The Patrons have lodges in forty-seven counties, Kent leading with a membership of more than 5,000. The general offices are located in this city, and Rev. F. W. Verbucan, an old-time Presbyterian preacher, is the supreme president. In February a State convention will be held at Flint. The year following there will be a gathering from all over the country at Lansing. There are no rich men among the Patrons, but many prosperous farmers and a few unsuccessful politicians.

A WISE CHOICE.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Re-elect P. M. Arthur Grand Chief.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 22.—When the Brotherhood of Engineers met Monday morning the nomination of candidates for Grand Chief was the first order of business. Ohio nominated Chief Arthur. This was followed by the nomination of Mr. Vrooman, of North Platte, Neb.; Vedder, of Sedalia, Mo., and Bellows, of Mississippi. An informal ballot showed that Mr. Arthur had the convention almost unanimously. This great change in the feeling of the delegates is supposed to be the result of the recent trial and censure of grand officer Cavenor, of Chicago. The first formal ballot decided the question. The following is the vote: Arthur, 313; Vrooman, 101; Vedder, 1; Bellows, 1.

The convention took a noon recess, and on reassembling unanimously re-elected Joseph Sprague of Canada, Third Grand Engineer. Six ballots were taken for Second Grand Assistant Engineer, Hayes, of California, and Hendrick, of Pennsylvania, being favorites, but no result being reached, the matter was postponed until to-day. An interesting address was made by J. J. Hanahan, of Chicago, Vice Grand Master of the Brotherhood of Firemen, who was present by invitation and who advocated federation.

Will See for a Million.

BOSTON, Oct. 22.—The sensational story of contractor George F. Wolston's liaison with Mrs. Caroline F. Wells, of New York, which recently appeared in the papers, has assumed a new phase that is expected to result in a complete exposure in court of the details. Mrs. Wolston declares that she will bring action against Mrs. Wells to recover \$1,000,000 worth of property which she alleges has been fraudulently taken from her, and in addition to that she has determined upon another action against Mrs. Wells, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Morse, of New York, and Mr. Crane, of this city, alleging conspiracy to defraud her of money, husband and children.

Montana Election Contest in Court.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 22.—The mandamus case in the Silver Bow contest was opened before Judge De Wolfe yesterday at Butte City. The attorneys for the Republicans made a motion to quash the indictment and court adjourned until to-day, when argument will be commenced. This case involves the same points as that of the members of the legislature. The mandamus is asked for by the various Democratic county candidates, who are defeated unless the Tunnel precinct is counted.

Mysterious Disappearance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Prof. John M. Child, A. M., a well-known teacher and lecturer in this city, has been missing from his home since Sunday, October 12. On the night of his disappearance he left all his jewelry, including three diamond studs and a heavy gold watch, all his fine clothes, a check for several thousand dollars and a note saying something told him he must travel. His family has made every effort to find him, but to no avail. It is believed that overwork unbalanced his mind.

Rained by Whisky and Faro.

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 22.—W. W. Wilcox, ticket seller of the Northern Pacific in this city, took a dose of chloroform Sunday and then shot himself through the head, dying instantly. He had failed to make remittances for three days and was short \$500. He was gambling Saturday night and lost \$1,000, for which he gave checks which he had not the funds to protect. He was thirty-three years of age and unmarried. Whisky and faro ruined him.

Price of Window Glass Again Advanced.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 22.—The price of window glass was put up five per cent. yesterday by Pittsburgh manufacturers, who have an organization of their own, and the action has been agreed to by all the firms in this country. This advance makes an increase of ten per cent. within a month. The advance is partially due to the advance in chemicals, which have gone up \$4 per ton within a few weeks, and the brisk demand for window glass.

Reversed the Jury's Verdict.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—Judge Butler, of the United States Circuit Court, yesterday reversed the verdict of the jury for about \$1,450 in the suit of the city against the Western Union Telegraph Company. The suit was to recover \$18,900 with interest, as license fees for the years 1886, 1887 and 1888 at the rate of one dollar per pole and \$25 for every mile of wire.

Won't Subscribe to the World's Fair Fund.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Joseph W. Harper has resigned from the general committee on the World's Fair, and the firm of Harper & Bros. have declined to subscribe to the fund unless the proposal to use part of Central Park as a site be abandoned. Other prominent citizens have shown their opposition to the use of the park in a similar way.

Horses Burned.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 22.—The barn of Roscoe Bros., confectioners, was burned last night, with eight horses. Among the animals that perished was Walkill Boy, record 2:23 1/2, valued at \$5,000. The total loss is \$9,000.

WEAVING THE WEB.

Damaging Evidence Against the Cronin Conspirators.

O'Sullivan, the Ice Man, Put in a Bad Light by Mrs. Conklin.

The Famous White Horse is Again Described With Great Accuracy—A Dramatic Day for the Defense.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Public interest in the Cronin trial continues and seems to intensify as the trial progresses toward the point where the introduction of sensational evidence is probable. The jurors yesterday looked refreshed by their Sunday rest and the prisoners were in a more cheerful mood than any day since the opening of the trial. John Cronin, the doctor's brother, was the first witness called by the State, but was not present.

Napier Moreland, Pat Dinan's hostler, was called. Mr. Moreland testified in response to Mr. Mills' questions, that on the evening of May 4, about seven o'clock, a man called at Dinan's stable, where witness was then working. The man asked if any horses had been hired for him there during the day. Witness knew nothing about it and told him to see Dinan. The stranger left the stable to seek Dinan, whom he found, and who, a few moments later, entered in company with the stranger and told witness to hitch up a horse. Witness brought out a gray horse, to which the stranger objected, saying he did not want a white horse. The man did not say who hired the horse for him. Mr. Dinan told witness not to send out the horse which he was hitching up and ordered him to bring out the "old white horse."

Mr. Forrest here objected to the introduction in evidence of every thing relating to the man who called for the white horse and to anything he said or did. Dan Coughlin not being present, the court overruled the objection. Mr. Forrest then made an exception. Witness described the man as looking like a mechanic. He had a short, dark beard of about a week's growth. He wore a round, soft slouch hat and a faded brown or gray overcoat with the collar pulled up around his chin. There were no side curtains on the buggy and the man asked for them, but did not get them. The stranger's boots were muddy and stained by an Arctic wind and there were ten or twelve holes in them.

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Only One Rescued.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, received a telegram yesterday stating that the life saving crew at Wash Woods, Va., had succeeded in rescuing one of the crew of the schooner Simons, which went ashore three days ago. Since that time the life saving men have been endeavoring to afford the distressed seaman assistance. The crew of the Simons took refuge in the rigging when the vessel was wrecked, and all but the one saved became exhausted from cold, fatigue and hunger and were washed away.

Midirected Ingenuity.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The Fargo, Dak., post-office was robbed a week ago last night and the night clerk, Harry E. Melton, was found gagged and with the soles of his feet burned. He described the robbers as having entered the office and by inflicting punishment on him secured possession of the money. The Postoffice Department was informed that Melton had been arrested by postoffice inspectors for having himself committed the robbery and subsequently inflicting the injuries on himself.

Bank Falls for \$400,000.

ABILENE, Kan., Oct. 22.—The Abilene bank, owned by Mayor C. H. Leibold and Colonel J. M. Fisher, suspended yesterday, creating great excitement, as it has been considered the strongest financial institution in Central Kansas. The deposits amount to \$300,000, principally local. Discounts and individual loans swell the liabilities to \$400,000. The firm claim to own \$600,000 worth of real estate and notes and say they will pay in full if given time to realize.

Retired Merchant Ends His Career.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Monday afternoon the dead body of Oliver Garrison, one of the old citizens of St. Louis, was found lying near a seat in Forest Park, still warm and with a revolver beside it. The old man had shot himself through the head. He was seventy-nine years of age and one of the most prominent business men of the city up to about four years ago, when he retired from active business on account of old age and poor health.

Dispute Over a Hot Ends Fatally.

TYLERSTOWN, Miss., Oct. 22.—Henry J. Smith shot and killed John Tullis in a dispute over a bet. Mrs. Tullis says that Smith gave her the lie when she made some statement of the amount due and that Tullis then struck Smith with a chair, whereupon Smith fired three shots with fatal effect. The murderer escaped.

Stabbed by a Fellow-Laborer.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 22.—In a quarrel yesterday among Italian laborers John Attis was fatally stabbed by Pasquale Coffoni, who has been arrested. Attis had just sent to Italy for his wife and six children.

Talmage in a New Role.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Rev. Dr. Talmage turned the first shovel of earth for the foundation of the new Tabernacle at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large gathering of people were present.

SLAUGHTERED.

The Giants Have a Picnic With Brooklyn, Knocking Terry Out of the Box.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 22.—New York won its fifth game in the world's championship series yesterday, by heavy batting, knocking Terry, Brooklyn's star pitcher, out of the box and pounding him relief, Foutz, pretty freely. The Giants were first at bat. Slattery hit safely and took second on Tiernan's single to left. Ewing followed with a sacrifice which advanced both runners a base. Then Ward bunted safely, and the bases were filled. Connor drove a two-bagger into right field and Slattery and Tiernan scored. Richardson's smashing a single to left brought both Ward and Connor home, and Danny himself scored a few minutes later on O'Rourke's long fly to O'Brien. The Giants increased their lead, four runs in the second on Slattery's base on balls, Tiernan's hit, Ewing's two-baser, Ward's bunt and Connor's single.

Brooklyn scored two runs in the first inning on Collins' base on balls and Foutz' home run drive to deep center, but after this inning Crane had them at his mercy; not a groom crossed the plate until the "cyclone" let up in the eighth inning. Score: New York 16, Brooklyn 7.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

It is endorsed by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. DENVER, Col., Oct. 22.—The question of the proposed federation of labor now agitating the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was considered at a secret session of the delegates of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen Sunday. After a lengthy discussion of the question, the delegates voted unanimously in favor of federation and appointed a committee to notify the Brotherhood of the result. The firemen will now await the action of the engineers, and another session will be necessary before a thorough understanding is reached.

The locomotive engineers will be asked to change the clause in their constitution which prohibits that firemen withdraw from their order before joining the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers after they have been promoted. The firemen will base the request for this change on the ground that it would result in the loss of all money paid for insurance.

OUTLAWS PUT TO FLIGHT.

Harlan County, Ky., Desperadoes are Pursued by an Arctic Band and Their Annihilation is Certain.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 22.—The latest news from the Harlan county war is that Howard and his party are in flight on Marten's Fork, about twelve miles from Harlan Court House, and that a party of the law and order crowd are pursuing them. It is evident that Howard is losing strength and it is only a matter of a short time when he will be killed or captured and his gang broken up. The law and order party is growing in strength and the members are determined to exterminate the Howards. It is thought that Howard will leave the country, if he is given an opportunity, but it is the general belief that he will be killed before many hours and the disgraceful feud will be brought to an end.

Litigation Over Forged Mortgages.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The first suit over the forged mortgages issued by Bedell, late confidential clerk of the firm of Shipman, Barlow, Laroque & Choate, was begun yesterday. The ground taken by the holders of the mortgages is that Bedell was the authorized agent of the mortgagors, though the latter may not have known of the particular mortgages in question. The holders, therefore, claim the right to cover by foreclosure the money loaned to Bedell. The trial will occupy several days. Bedell is in Sing Sing, but will probably be brought into court as a witness.

THE PROPHETIC DONKEY.

One of President Lincoln's Inimitable Stories with a Moral.

There was a local politician went to Washington to get an office that he felt sure only awaited his application for it to be given to him. In a couple of weeks he came back. "Well, did you get your office?" his friends asked him. "No," said he. "Did you see President Lincoln?" "Yes, of course." "What did he say?" "Well, we went in and stated our errand. He heard us patiently, and then said: 'Gentlemen, I am sorry I have no office for Mr. X., but if I can't give you that I can tell you a story.'

"We thought best to hear the story, and let him go on. 'Once there was a certain King,' he said, 'who kept an astrologer to forewarn him of coming events, and especially to tell him whether it was going to rain when he wanted to go on hunting expeditions. One day he had started off for the forest with a train of ladies and lords for a grand hunt, when the party met a farmer riding a donkey.'

"'Good-morning, farmer,' said the King. 'Good-morning, King,' said the farmer; 'where are you folks going?' 'Hunting,' said the King. 'You'll all get wet!' said the farmer. 'The King trusted his astrologer, of course, and went to the forest; but by mid-day there came on a terrific storm that drenched and buffeted the whole party. When the King returned to his palace, he had the astrologer decapitated, and sent for the farmer to take his place.

"'Law's sake,' said the farmer, when he arrived, 'it ain't me that knows when it's going to rain; it's my donkey. When it's going to be far-wear the donkey carries his ears forward—so. When it's going to rain he puts them backwards—so. 'Make the donkey the court astrologer!' shouted the King. It was done. But the King always declared that the appointment was the greatest mistake that he had ever made in his life.

"'Lincoln stopped there. 'Why did he say it was a mistake?' we asked him; 'didn't the donkey do his duty?' 'Yes,' said the President; 'but after that every donkey wanted an office.'

"MORNIN', MARS JESUS."

How an Aeronaut Was Greeted by a Felted Old Alabama Negro.

Not long after the war a circus came to Montgomery. It was the first circus that had been there in a long time, and, says the Atlanta Constitution, attracted an immense crowd, especially of negroes. The most interesting feature of the entertainment was the balloon ascension. The negroes had never seen any thing of that kind, and regarded the spectacle of a man sailing up into the clouds very much as they would have looked upon Elijah being up in his chariot of fire. The balloon sailed away eight or ten miles and came down in a field where some negroes were plowing. Terrified at the spectacle of a chariot coming down from Heaven, they verily believed that the last great day had come, and, remembering all their short-comings, fled away in terror at the approach of the awful judge.

One gray-headed and rheumatic old negro was unable to get away. He could follow the plow, but he could not run, and the chariot came down upon him with terrible swiftness. In that awful moment his whole life rushed upon him, he thought of all the petty sins he had committed and the ghosts of a hundred chickens seemed to rise up in judgment against him. But in that desperate emergency his mind did not desert him, and remembering that politeness always counted with his earthly master, he quickly decided to greet the Lord of Heaven and earth in a becoming style. As the aeronaut touched the earth and began to untangle himself from the meshes about his car the old darkey, with an air of profound obeisance, removed the wood hat from his shaggy pate, bowed low, and said with piousunction: "'Mornin', Mars Jesus, how you left your pa!'

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