

Accuse Senator of Buying Seat.

Stephenson, of Wisconsin, Charged with Bribery.

Charges of bribery, attempted bribery and other corrupt practices, both in the senatorial primary election and in the election of a United States senator by the legislature of 1909 were preferred against United States Senator Isaac Stephenson at Madison, Wis.

The charges are made in a statement filed with Governor F. E. McGovern by the committee appointed in 1909 by the state senate to investigate the primary campaign and the charges preferred were: Stephenson's election was being fought out in the joint convention of the two houses of the legislature.

The committee declares that, in its opinion, both the nomination and election of Stephenson, who is a multimillionaire lumberman, were fraudulent and void. It urges that a copy of the report be sent to the United States senate, with the request that that body make a full investigation of Stephenson's right to retain his seat.

Senator Stephenson is charged with violating the statute which requires that an account under oath of campaign expenditures be filed, and it is also charged that such violation was premeditated. It is further charged:

That he violated the law which prohibits any one from contributing money to assist a candidate of the legislature residing outside of the district in which the contributor resides.

That the civil service law of this state was violated when he caused to be paid money which the evidence shows was paid to State Game Warden Stone and L. B. Dresser, then president of the board of control.

That he gave a sum of money to a supporter of McGovern for United States senator, such supporter afterward switching to Stephenson.

That he paid large sums of money to others, which was afterward used by them to induce other persons to assist in procuring his election.

"On the whole record, therefore," the report states, "Stephenson is charged with knowledge of the manner in which his campaign was being conducted and the purposes for which money was being disbursed.

"The failure to keep or require accounts and the practice of destroying original memoranda by those engaged in disbursing Stephenson's funds in the campaign, makes it clear there was premeditation by his managers to cover up their methods of conducting the campaign.

"That he approved of these methods cannot be doubted. Those managers, in plain violation of law, gave considerable sums of money to Levi H. Bancroft, C. C. Wellensgard, Thomas Reynolds, John Mulder, E. A. Everett and W. L. Smith, who then were candidates for nomination to the assembly.

"A large part of money distributed in the Stephenson campaign, probably a sum in excess of \$50,000, was used by Stephenson's managers unlawfully and corruptly to procure the nomination and election of Isaac Stephenson to the United States senate.

"Further, Isaac Stephenson was elected by the legislature to the United States by a majority of three votes, while the charges of corruption made against him were being investigated by the legislature.

"In addition to the several acts of corruption and fraud herein referred to, it should be remembered that the election of Isaac Stephenson on March 4 was possible by three Democrats, who, at the instigation of the Stephenson managers' agents, walked out of the joint assembly when it became known that their presence would prevent the election of Isaac Stephenson.

"Under the law, if a person elected clearly participated in any act of bribery or attempted bribery, he should be denied office, although the result of the election was not thereby changed. This, in the opinion of the committee, Senator Stephenson did."

The report further recommends that prosecutions be commenced by the district attorney of Dane county against all persons shown by the evidence to have committed perjury in the investigation, and that a like copy of the evidence be submitted to the attorney general, with the recommendation that he cause to be commenced prosecution against all persons shown by the evidence to have been guilty of corrupt practice or of perjury.

Wants Stricter "Dope" Laws.

President Taft sent a special message to congress asking the passage of further legislation to control the purchase and sale of opium, morphine, cocaine and other habit forming drugs in the United States and possessions. The president suggests several changes in the opium exclusion act of Feb. 9, 1909.

85 Fishermen Swept to Death.

Eighty-five fishermen were carried out into the Caspian sea on an ice floe at Astrakhan, Russia, Tuesday. A steamer was requisitioned at Baku and sent to the rescue, but the chances that any will escape death are poor.

Asphyxiated by Auto.

Gas emanating from an engine of an automobile caused the death of Dr. John Aloysius Hemsteger, aged fifty-six years, of Chicago.

The doctor died from the effects of carbon dioxide which he inhaled while cleaning his machine. The death is said to be the first of its kind on record.

According to Edward Hemsteger, his son, the physician found that in a quantity of carbon had accumulated in the muffler and engine cylinders and poured a mixture of wood alcohol and kerosene into them to clean them out.

He then started the engine and opened the cut-off valve in the muffler. The garage door was closed and there was no outlet for the gas.

The physician was almost overcome, but he managed to open the door of the garage. He was taken to his residence, where he died the next day. Physicians held an autopsy and declared that death was due directly to poisoning of the heart by the carbon dioxide gas.

No Pardon in Peonage Case.

President Taft has refused to commute the sentence of imprisonment of W. S. Harlan, manager of a great lumber and turpentine company doing business in Florida and Alabama, convicted of conspiracy to violate the peonage statute of Florida.

Harlan must serve a term of eighteen months' imprisonment and pay a fine of \$5000.

In his comments, speaking of peonage, the president says:

"It is a kind of offense that is regarded lightly in some communities, if permitted to live at all, it will spread rapidly its demoralizing influence.

"When, therefore, a man of high business standing and large enterprises is convicted of the offense the punishment should be such as to deter others from the practice. Fines are not effective against men of wealth. Imprisonment is necessary."

Inside Explosion Wrecked the Maine.

The war department at Washington is receiving reports from those who are engaged in raising the sunken battleship Maine from Havana harbor which tend to show that the disaster was due to an internal explosion.

In the mud and silt in which the hull lies buried have been found much coal and the bones of some of the crew of the ship, who met their deaths when the explosion came and the ship sank.

Engineer officers think the coal and the bodies of the men were blown from the battleship by an explosion in one of the air tight compartments in which was stored powder and other explosives. They do not think the coal could have been blown from the hull of the battleship by an outside explosion.

Spanish authorities contended that the sinking of the Maine was the result of an internal explosion. It was the popular belief in this country that some Spaniard had wrecked the Maine through the use of a mine or some high explosive because of this country's sympathy for Cuba. The wave of indignation that swept over the country precipitated the war with Spain.

With the present progress of the work the hull should be raised by April. There is some fear that the hull may break in two while being raised. Before this occurs, if it should happen, those in charge of the work will know the cause of the sinking of the Maine.

Selden Auto Patent Invalid.

The United States court of appeals reversed a decision by Judge Hough in New York, in which he upheld the validity of the Selden automobile patent.

Judge Hough's decision was handed down in September, 1909. It affected every owner or manufacturer of gasoline automobile made or used in the country and involved many millions of dollars.

It is expected now that the hard-fought and long drawn out case will be carried to the United States supreme court for final decision.

The gist of the upsetting of the patent was to the effect that Selden had a patent on a car that made use of the Brayton two-cycle engine, which was of the constant pressure type, but that his patent could not be considered as covering the Otto gas engine, of the four cycle, constant volume, type. Moreover, the Otto used a carburetor and electric ignition system, things not provided for in the Selden patent. Therefore it was ruled that the defendants in the case, Henry Ford and Panhard and Levasor, among others, do not infringe the Selden patent.

Pass Bill to Increase Pensions.

The national house of representatives passed the Sulloway general pension bill. This measure grants pensions ranging from \$12 to \$36 a month to all soldiers who served ninety days in the United States army in the Civil War, and who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The bill adds about \$45,000,000 a year to the pension roll.

Opposition to the measure was expressed by some members upon the ground that its terms were too general. It provides for the pensioning of all Union soldiers regardless of disability, the only requirement being that they shall have attained the age of sixty-two years.

The general scale of pensions fixed in the new bill according to age is as follows: Sixty-two years, \$15 a month; 65 years, \$20 a month; 70 years, \$25 a month; 75 years, \$36 a month.

It was declared by the advocates of the bill that 100 veterans are dying every twenty-four hours.

Big Locomotive Order.

A contract for 196 locomotives for the Harriman lines has been awarded to the Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia.

It is one of the largest orders ever received at one time by the plant. The contract calls for delivery of the locomotives during the spring and summer of this year. The cost will be \$4,000,000.

Gunner Meir English Champion.

Gunner Meir knocked out Bombar Wells in London, Eng., in the third round of a twenty-round match for the heavyweight championship of England.

Gale Drives 17 to Death.

Three Barges Beaten to Pieces On Cape Cod.

The tragic history of the Peaked Hill bars, near Highland Light, Mass., received a substantial addition when three coal barges were driven on the dreadful sands at the Knuckle of Cape Cod, and seventeen lives were lost.

The barges were the Treverton, Captain F. I. Brown, of Leonville, Me., and six men; the Corbin, Captain C. Smith, of Philadelphia, and four seamen; the Pine Forest, Captain M. W. Hall, of Provincetown, Mass., and four sailors.

The Treverton was bound to Portland, Me.; the Corbin to Portsmouth, N. H., and the Pine Forest to Marblehead, Mass. The three barges sailed from Philadelphia.

It was from the tug Lykens that the barges broke apart just as the doubling of the cape was almost accomplished. The gale was blowing fifty miles an hour when Highland Light was passed and hauling well into the northward, made the ten miles of sand dunes around this point to the race, the worst kind of a lee shore. The two lines snapped and a few minutes later the barges were in the breakers.

In the marine history of Cape Cod no large vessel has yet grounded on Peaked Hill bars and escaped destruction. The three barges began breaking up almost immediately, and by day's light wreckage was coming ashore and sunrise disclosed but one of the three barges remaining, and that one, the Pine Forest, was showing every indication of following the fate of the other two.

On the beach stood three life saving crews, powerless to aid the men who could be seen clinging to the wreck of the Pine Forest. Stretching out for 800 yards was a seething mass of tumbling seas, in which even a lifeboat could not have lived, while the distance was too far for a shot from the life gun. The tug, which hovered in the offing, was unable to run in close for fear of grounding also.

The life savers patrolled the beach and their watch was soon rewarded by the discovery of two bodies tossing about in the breakers. These were hauled ashore. About each body was strangled a life belt, on which was stenciled the word "Treverton."

In the meantime the Pine Forest was being hammered mercilessly. The crew clung on until about 10 o'clock, and then, giving up hope of help from shore, launched their own lifeboat and tumbled into it.

The second sea that hit the barge, after the crew left her, swept around her stern, and those on shore saw the four men thrown into the surf. This completed the fatalities of the day, and the life savers hauled their apparatus back to the houses, but continued their patrol for bodies.

The bodies from the three wrecks came ashore quite rapidly after the tide had turned, and at 2 p. m. twelve bodies had been recovered and were taken to a temporary morgue at Provincetown.

Carnegie Trust Report Delayed.

Interest in the Carnegie Trust company's failure in New York city is centered in the forthcoming report of the state bank examiner, O. W. Cheney, as to the exact status of the bank's resources.

"It is impossible," said Mr. Cheney, "to give even approximate figures on the situation. It will be at least four days before the experts now going over the books will be able to complete gathering the information which is now awaited by the depositors."

Andrew Carnegie refused to break his silence regarding the company's affairs. "It is plain," said he, "that I cannot discuss the matter."

According to the latest statement given out, on Nov. 10, the trust company has total deposits of \$8,896,700, of which the preferred deposits were \$4,765,380.

The difference of \$4,131,000 was subject to the legal reserve law. Hence the 15 per cent reserve that should have been in the vaults would have amounted to \$600,000.

The company, which was organized some five years ago, has had such a precarious existence that it came to be known as "the stormy petrel" in the Wall street district.

The gentlemen who organized it used Mr. Carnegie's name without his consent, but in spite of this he came to its assistance thrice during critical moments, and his refusal to do so the fourth time was the final result of its downfall.

Resolution to Amend Constitution Favorably Reported to Senate.

The resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people was reported favorably to the senate by Senator Borah, of Idaho, on behalf of the committee on judiciary.

The report accompanying the resolution was a voluminous one, containing many of the arguments of those who favor the election of United States senators by popular vote.

The resolution is expected to provoke a prolonged debate in the senate, and there is not much prospect of action until the ocean mail bill and the Lorimer bribery cases are out of the way.

Naughty Words Cost \$1000 Each.

After being out for six hours, a jury in the supreme court at White Plains, N. Y., brought in a verdict in favor of Miss Grace Raymond against Mrs. Naomi Duncombe Ring, a rich resident of Mount Vernon, for \$4000 damages for slander. This is at the rate of \$1000 for each of the four naughty names which it is alleged that Mrs. Ring called the plaintiff.

\$50,000 Mail Bags Stolen.

Three bags of registered mail, valued at \$50,000, have been stolen during the last few days in San Francisco or on the journey across the harbor to Oakland.

The stolen sacks contained late Christmas shipments and money orders, drafts, checks and currency forwarded by local banks to close their year's accounts in the east and north-west. The loss will fall most heavily on the banks.

Announcements.

The following are the prices charged for announcements in this column: Sheriff \$2.00, Prothonotary \$3.00, Treasurer \$3.00, Recorder \$3.00. All other offices \$5.00. Announcement will not be made for any candidate unwilling to pledge himself to abide by the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries.

TREASURER.
We are requested to announce that J. Mitchell Cunningham, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Saturday, June 3rd, 1911.

PROTHONOTARY.
We are authorized to announce that D. R. Foreman, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Prothonotary of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, June 3rd, 1911.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
We are requested to announce that D. Paul Fortney, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, June 3, 1911.

COMMISSIONER.
We are authorized to announce that John R. Lemon, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the primaries to be held Saturday, June 3, 1911.

The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism, twinges harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

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HOTEL FOR SALE OR RENT.—Ruhl's hotel at Spring Mills, Pa., having license and a good business, is for sale or rent. Write or inquire of T. B. JAMISON, Agent, Spring Mills, Pa. 56-14f

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of John I. Olewine, late of the borough of Bellefonte, deceased: Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly authenticated for settlement without delay. M. ELIZABETH OLEWINE, W. M. BOTTORF, Administrators, Bellefonte, Pa. 56-14

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the Orphan's Court of Centre county, in the matter of the estate of Anna Dale Roller. The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the aforesaid Court, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of David Dale, executor, under the last will and testament of the said Anna Dale Roller, deceased, as shown by the account of the executor, confirmed absolutely December 13th, 1910, to and among those legally entitled to receive the same will meet the parties interested, or those who choose to appear, at his office, No. 18, Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday, January 14, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties are required to present and prove their claims or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. S. KLINE WOODRING, Auditor. 55-50-3f

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of H. A. Snyder, deceased, late of Liberty township, having been granted to the undersigned they request all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make payment and those having claims against it, to present them duly authenticated for settlement. SUSAN LINN SNYDER, HARRY B. SNYDER, Administrators, Blanchard, Pa. 56-1-6f

LINN STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers at private sale a most desirable property on east Linn street, late residence of E. K. Chambers Esq. The property has been completely renovated and repaired and is in excellent condition. Has all the modern improvements and is one of the best residence properties in Bellefonte. Will be sold on very reasonable terms. Apply to ELLIS ORVINE, ADAM WAGNER, Executors Est. Ino. Wagner. 55-48-3m

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