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**EVERY YEAR CASTE RULES**

**Mr. Platt Got \$10,000 from the Equitable.**

**TO USE IN POLITICS**

**The Mutual Life and New York Life Also Gave Frequently--Tarbell and Nichols Talk.**

New York, Nov. 22.—The identity of Senator Depew's "rantankerous friend from up the river" was disclosed in the session of the legislative insurance investigating committee yesterday by the testimony of John A. Nichols, a lawyer under retainer by the Equitable Life Insurance Co. Mr. Nichols had written Senator Depew a letter referring to an individual in the above terms, and this letter was read at the session of the committee Friday when Senator Depew was on the stand. The senator was unable to recall who was meant by the "rantankerous friend," but yesterday Mr. Nichols disclosed a series of payments to W. S. Manning, of Albany, a former actuary who had been connected with the investigation of insurance companies in 1877.

Aside from the disclosures by Nichols, the feature of the day was the appearance of Senator Thomas C. Platt, who told of the contributions of the insurance companies to state campaigns. The Equitable, the Mutual Life and the New York Life were the only insurance companies that made such contributions. The Equitable Life, the senator said, contributed regularly \$10,000 to the state campaigns, the Mutual Life the same sum frequently and the New York Life a sum not as large, occasionally. These monies were always delivered in cash to Senator Platt's office by messenger, and he turned them over to the state committee.

The senator said he was expected to influence the legislature when any legislation appeared that was hostile to the insurance companies. Senator Platt said he believed he had asked President McCurdy, of the Mutual Life, for a contribution when the needs were very great. He had, however, never been asked to use his influence on any measure before the legislature, nor had he ever done so.

Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president of the Equitable Life, was also a witness. He detailed a history of the agencies of insurance companies.

**A MILLION IN FIVE MINUTES.**

**That Was the Profit of a New York Speculator When Cotton Prices Soared.**

New York, Nov. 22.—Joseph Hoadley made \$1,000,000 in five minutes Tuesday over a sudden rise in cotton prices.

Cotton leaped \$5 a bale in less than five minutes, meaning an increase of \$50,000,000 in the valuation of the year's crop.

Yesterday's flurry in cotton was brought about quick as a flash by the receipt of telegraphic information from the census bureau at Washington, showing that up to November 14 only 7,498,000 bales of cotton had been ginned, as against 9,786,646 bales at the corresponding time last year.

New Orleans, Nov. 22.—With the winners' report coming like a bolt from a clear sky, yesterday's operations were the most exciting of the year in the local cotton market. From the lowest to the highest the range in prices throughout the active future positions ran as high as 105 points and the net gain over Monday's closing after the satisfied longs had taken profits was from 87 to 89 points.

When the report was due at 1 o'clock local time, prices were at the lowest of the day. Nearly every bull looked for a report of 8,000,000 bales. The report showing less than 7,500,000 bales ginned is taken to mean, if the estimate of the Southern Cotton association that 75 per cent. of the crop was actually ginned this year up to November 14 is right, a crop of slightly below 9,000,000 bales.

**WERE BLOWN TO PIECES.**

**Four Men are Killed by an Explosion in a Laboratory.**

South River, N. J., Nov. 22.—Four men were blown to pieces yesterday afternoon by an explosion at the laboratory of the International Smokeless Powder and Chemical Co. at Parlin. They were:

John Pierce, Frank Spratford, John Applegate and J. W. Redpath, superintendent of the laboratory.

What caused the explosion will never be known, as only the four men were in the building at the time. The building was a one-story frame structure and because of the liability to explosions was separated from all others in the plant except one by a space of several hundred feet. The next building was a store house in which supplies used in the other were stored. This caught fire and was burned.

**Another Disaster at Sea.**  
Halifax, Nov. 22.—The violent storm which swept the coast of Nova Scotia the latter part of the last week apparently has claimed another victim. A two-masted steamer is thought to have gone to the bottom on Thursday off Beaver Harbor, 55 miles from Halifax. Her identity has not been established.

**Two Men Killed by a Train.**  
Vicksburg, Mich., Nov. 22.—Section Foreman John Thomas and Chris Haverman, of Thomas' crew, were instantly killed yesterday by an east-bound Grand Trunk passenger train.

**In the Naval Academy with an Iron Hand.**

**A CODE OF HONOR.**

**Its Provisions are Illegal and Unwritten--The Meriwether Court-Martial.**

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 23.—Midshipman Minor Meriwether, jr., of Lafayette, La., a member of the third class of the naval academy, was put on trial here Wednesday before a naval court-martial on charges that include that of manslaughter in having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, jr., of New York, a member of the class above him, as a result of a prearranged fist fight which took place on the evening of Sunday, November 5. An operation was performed on Branch the next night, but he died on the following Tuesday.

The first and gravest charge is manslaughter in having caused the death of Branch, but there are two other charges, the second supported by two specifications and the third by one. The second charge is of violation of the third clause of the eighth article of the rules for the government of the navy. The first specification is that Meriwether applied to Branch the names of sneak and coward and the second that he assaulted him. The third charge, of conduct to the prejudice of discipline, specifies that Meriwether engaged in a fight with Branch.

The sad incident of the death of young Branch under such circumstances has called attention to the existence at the naval academy of an unwritten code governing the student body, but quite outside the authoritative regulations and generally in violation of them. Under the "code" every detail of these fights is fixed, the midshipmen on duty abstaining from reporting them. These facts were very cleverly brought out both by the judge advocate and in the cross-examination by Lieut. Commander Robison for the defense.

Midshipman Fitch, who refereed the fight which was followed by Branch's death, stated that he had officiated in 19 such contests and Midshipman McKiltrick testified that he had taken part in nine. Detailed accounts were given of the arrangements by which midshipmen on duty acquiesced in absences without leave and other derelictions in order that the fights might go on, and the testimony also showed that although frequently severe injuries resulted from these fights and the recipients often had to be taken to the hospital, nothing further was ever heard of them.

Interesting side lights to hazing, or "running," as it is called at the academy developed from the testimony of one of the midshipmen. Meriwether had been generally disliked, he said, because he was too "ratty," that is, it was explained, that he did not abide by the rules laid down for the government of the lower classmen. Some of these were that he should never enter "Lovers Lane," an academy walk, that he should turn all corners at right angles, should not look at an upper classman and should answer most respectfully when addressed by one of them, that he must never touch the table nor ask for anything during a meal.

**CAME WITH GIFTS.**

**An Envoy from Abyssinia's Ruler Visits President Roosevelt.**

Washington, Nov. 23.—El Hadjie Abdallah Basha, minister of commerce for Abyssinia, called upon President Roosevelt yesterday and presented to him a letter from Emperor Menelik. He also brought gifts for the chief magistrate.

The president extended a cordial welcome to his visitor, who first handed him the emperor's letter of greeting. Unfortunately this screed was in the Abyssinian language which no one could interpret and the president was obliged to defer the reading of the message. Then Basha presented in behalf of Emperor Menelik three elephants' tusks, one being a gigantic specimen nine feet long and of great rarity and value. As his personal offering Basha gave the president the skin of a magnificent Numidian lion.

The nature of Basha's mission was explained to the president through an interpreter. Basha already has visited France and England, but regards America as the most desirable field for cultivation from a commercial point of view. Looking to this country as one without any possible sinister political designs upon Abyssinia, the emperor of that country feels disposed to favor American investors in the exploitation of his country. Therefore Basha stated that he had with him a number of concessions of value for the development of the material and industrial resources of his country which he was prepared to place in American hands. The president told his visitor that he wished him success.

**Creseus Is Sold for \$21,000.**  
New York, Nov. 23.—Creseus, the world's champion trotting stallion, record 2:02 1/4, was sold at auction yesterday for \$21,000 at the Old Glory horse sale here to M. W. Savage, of Minneapolis, Minn. Only one other bid was made, which was for \$20,000, offered by P. H. McGuire, of New York.

**The Turk Defies the Powers.**  
Constantinople, Nov. 23.—The Porte has rejected the proposals of the powers for the international control of the finances of Macedonia.

**HOSPITALS CROWDED**

**MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WOMEN**

**Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Saves Many From this Sad and Costly Experience.**



Miss Luella Adams

It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, lumbago, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the trouble will make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness at best, while in many cases the results are fatal.

The following letter should bring hope to suffering women. Miss Luella Adams, of the Colonnade Hotel, Seattle, Wash., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"About two years ago I was a great sufferer from a severe female trouble, pains and headaches. The doctor prescribed for me and finally told me that I had a tumor on the womb and must undergo an operation if I wanted to get well. I felt that this was my death warrant, but I spent hundreds of dollars for medical help, but the tumor kept growing. Fortunately I corresponded with an aunt in the New England States, and she advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it was said to cure tumors. I did so and immediately began to improve in health, and I was entirely cured, the tumor disappearing entirely, without an operation. I wish every suffering woman would try this great preparation."

Just as surely as Miss Adams was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, just so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure every woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability and nervous prostration.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all young women who are ill to write her for free advice. Address, Lynn, Mass.

**HISTORICAL GLEANINGS.**

One of the fads of 1770 was the wearing of two watches.

The drum is said to have been the first musical instrument of the human race.

Four shillings per annum was the rent of a five-roomed house in Henry VIII's time.

Records of Fairfax county, Virginia, show that George Washington owned at the age of 27 50,000 acres of land, and in 1790 the Washington family had killed 150 hogs for their use.

New York was first called Gotham by Washington Irving and J. K. Paulding in their humorous work "Salmagundi," in sarcastic allusion to the singular wisdom of its inhabitants. There is a Gotham in England, seven miles from Nottingham, the people of which are usually styled "the wise men of Gotham," because for hundreds of years they have been credited with saying and doing the most foolish things.

Automatic cooking boxes were in general use among the Hebrews nearly 2,000 years ago. The Greek and Roman writers frequently refer to them. In his edition of "Juvenal," for example, Friedlander cites a commentator who refers to "the Jews who, a day before the Sabbath, put their viands hot into the cooking boxes, the pots being covered with napkins and wrapped about with hay, so that they may have warm food on the Sabbath."

Preferred the Natural Color.  
She—What color hair do you like best?  
He—Blond; but you needn't change it.—Town Topics.

WASTED TO A SHADOW.  
But Found a Cure After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

A. H. Stotts, messenger at the State Capitol, Columbus, O., says: "For fifteen years I had kidney troubles, and though I doctored faithfully, could not find a cure. I had heavy backaches, dizzy headaches and terrible urinary disorders. One day I collapsed, fell insensible on the sidewalk, and then wasted away in bed for ten weeks. After being given up, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a couple of months I regained my old health, and now weigh 185 pounds. Twelve boxes did it, and I have been well two years."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



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**CURES CONSTIPATION**

It is just about impossible to be sick when the bowels are right and not possible to be well when they are wrong. Through its action on the bowels,

**Lane's Family Medicine**

cleans the body inside and leaves no lodging place for disease. If for once you wish to know how it feels to be thoroughly well, give this famous laxative tea a trial. Sold by all dealers at 25c. and 50c.

**Balcom & Lloyd.**

WE have the best stocked general store in the county and if you are looking for reliable goods at reasonable prices, we are ready to serve you with the best to be found. Our reputation for trustworthy goods and fair dealing is too well known to sell any but high grade goods.

Our stock of Queensware and Chinaware is selected with great care and we have some of the most handsome dishes ever shown in this section, both in imported and domestic makes. We invite you to visit us and look our goods over.

**Balcom & Lloyd.**

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Chiffoniers of all kinds and all prices.

The finest line of Sewing Machines on the market, the "DOMESTIC" and "ELLERIGE." All drop-heads and warranted.

A fine line of Dishes, common grade and China, in sets and by the piece.

As I keep a full line of everything that goes to make up a good Furniture store, it is useless to enumerate them all.

Please call and see for yourself that I am telling you the truth, and if you don't buy, there is no harm done, as it is no trouble to show goods.

**GEO. J. LaBAR.**

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