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Editorial,

Local News.

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Week's News Condensed

Carefully Reviewed and Explained

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

Burton Again on Trial.

By order of Judge Van Deventer at St. Louis the retrial of United States Senator Joseph R. Burton of Kansas was begun Nov. 20. Four of the six counts in the indictment against him are that he agreed to accept money from



Senator Burton.

the Rialto Grain and Securities company to represent it before the postoffice department, two counts that he received money for so doing, Colonel T. R. Dyer representing the government and F. W. Lehmann the defense. The defense claims that Burton was employed by the Rialto company to defend its president, H. C. Dennis, now dead, who was at that time under indictment, and that Burton went to the postoffice department to investigate the Dennis charges. Counsel Harlan for the Rialto company told of retaining Burton at \$500 a month, and Vice President Mahoney testified that on the suggestion of Burton he destroyed two letters written by Burton, who feared that his motives might be misunderstood.

"Rake-off" in Legal Parlance.

At Reading, Pa., Judge Endlick in refusing a new trial for two men convicted of libel for having accused in a publication the county comptroller of receiving a rake-off said that this expression was not given in the standard dictionaries, but that it had gained currency in popular speech and in the court's opinion meant going for a certain fund and fraudulently scraping in a part thereof. He thought the phrase was understood by everybody, and consequently the court must take judicial notice of it.

Twenty-seven Railroads Appeal.

Appeals have been filed with the supreme court by twenty-seven railroads operating in Michigan against the validity of the ad valorem tax imposed on such corporations by the Michigan legislature in 1901 when it adopted the system of taxing their gross receipts.

Royalty to Harvey Steel Company.

The court of claims has awarded to the Harvey Steel company of Bethlehem, Pa., a judgment of \$900,000 royalty on the armor plate used in the construction of battleships.

Ohio Doctor a Woman Killer.

Astonishing revelations have attended the investigation of the charge of murder and cremation against Dr. Oliver C. Haugh at Dayton, O., a graduate of the Western Reserve Medical college and for several years a prominent practitioner at Cleveland. He is charged not only with the murder of his mother, father and brother, but is suspected of having caused the death of twelve women in different parts of the country. His method was the morphine habit.

POLITICAL

Cabinet Members to Remain.

The president has asked Secretary Shaw to remain at the head of the treasury at least until the end of the coming session of congress instead of retiring on Feb. 1, as contemplated. This Mr. Shaw agreed to do, as he is in close touch with the questions of revenue, deficit, currency, banking legislation and Panama bonds, which are likely to come up during the session. At the same time Attorney General Moody and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock have agreed to remain in the cabinet until the end of the present congress.

Senator Platt's Tale of Dough.

Under the smooth and gentle but remorseless questioning of the great insurance inquisitor, Counsel Hughes, of the New York legislative committee, the aged United States Senator Platt made a series of significant admissions concerning the payment of large sums by insurance concerns for many years past to secure the protection of the state Republican machine. The witness said that every year the Equitable Life sent by messenger boy to his office \$10,000 in cash without any written agreement or acknowledgment whatsoever, while the Mutual had made similar contributions irregularly. He could not recall what sums other companies had contributed; He said that he turned these sums over to the Republican state committee. He admitted that these sums were used in securing the election of men to the legislature known to be subservient to the interests of the insurance people. He said that his dealings with the Mutual

had been with President McCurdy in person, whereas the latter while on the stand said under oath that he had never known of any contributions to state organizations for political purposes.

The man referred to in a letter to Senator Depew as "our rancorous friend up the river" turned out to be W. S. Manning of Albany, a retired insurance expert and commercial traveler. Testimony showed that this man was paid in the neighborhood of \$450 a year to keep quiet about some things he knew concerning the workings of the Equitable.

McClellan Resists Recount.

Through ex-Judge Alton B. Parker as chief counsel Mayor McClellan of New York has begun a legal fight against the motion of counsel for W. R. Hearst in favor of opening the ballot boxes and recounting the ballots. Already an injunction was in force preventing the board of canvassers granting a certificate of election to any candidate until the count of void and protested ballots was finished. The Hearst people claim to have gained in the canvass of protested ballots made in a few districts.

The grand jury discovered that John F. Pickett, a saloon keeper in Leader Murphy's district, was the man who supplied the \$5,000 cash ball for John Krup (otherwise James Halpin), who was accused of voting illegally, but the floater succeeded in eluding all his pursuers as soon as he was released. Already one illegal voter has been sent to prison, and a number of cases are under way. There was evidence showing that William Harrington, who was shot and killed in the Paul Kelly dive on Nov. 23, was an election day floater and that the gang got after him to prevent squealing. Charles F. Murphy in the midst of this contest has gone to Mount Clemens, Mich., for an extended vacation.

Platt Retires as Leader.

In an interview Senator Platt of New York said his farewell to the leadership of the state Republican organization on the ground of age. At the same time he said that there was one duty remaining—namely, to effect a reorganization of the party, which would mean the elimination of Odell.

President Wins Rats Skirmish.

After the first meeting of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which was held early in the week, it became known that a majority of the committee, made up of three Republicans—Cullom, Dolliver and Clapp—and five Democrats—Foster, Carmack, Tillman, Newlands and McLaurin—had taken a position favorable to the principle of federal rate regulation for which the administration stands.

Grangers Condemn Grafters.

The national grange went on record in favor of boycotting those insurance companies which pay their officers more than \$25,000 a year or permit money to be used for political causes, for private gain or to influence legislation. Resolutions were passed condemning all forms of bribery or corruption in state or nation. Former Governor N. J. Bacheider of New Hampshire was elected master for the coming year, W. F. Gaunt, lecturer, and T. C. Atkeson, steward. Ten thousand dollars was voted to aid in securing the parcels post.

Bossism Versus Republicanism.

Since the election the Republican organization of New York state has been torn into factional disputes over the issue of party home rule as opposed to the arbitrary interference of a state leader, otherwise known as a boss. This issue has been presented in sharp relief in the proposition to reorganize the New York city committee by electing a county chairman in place of William Halpin, who is said to be the creature of Odell. Odell in an interview has virtually warned the president to keep his hands off the state organization for fear of creating factional strife. Congressman Herbert E. Parsons has announced his candidacy for the county chairmanship on a non-factional platform.

EXECUTIVE

Trial of Fighting Middy.

The trial of Midshipman Meriwether, charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., in a fist fight and with violation of the Naval academy rules, was begun at Annapolis. Several midshipmen as witnesses told of the system whereby lower class men are compelled to conform to certain regulations of the upper class men. Meriwether had resented this treatment, particularly at the hands of Branch, and had called him a sneak and a coward. Both men insisted on a fist fight. Midshipman Fitch, who refereed the fight, admitted to having served in nineteen similar affairs. It was shown that Meriwether offered to forfeit the fight in the twentieth round for having fouled, but Branch refused. Medical testimony was to the effect that nothing

but the blows received in the fight could have caused the death of Branch. The court martial was asked to recognize the academy authorities as also responsible for Branch's death in that they knew of the fighting code.

Growth of Rural Free Delivery.

In his annual report Postmaster General Cortelyou will ask for \$29,000,000 to maintain and extend the rural free delivery service. This is an increase of \$3,000,000 over the appropriation for the current year. Where practicable routes are to be shortened and additional carriers employed, so as to give daily delivery to every patron. The estimate for the entire postal service is \$193,000,000.

Nine to Four For Sea Level Canal.

The decision of the board of consulting engineers of the isthmian canal commission, as indicated in advance of the official report to the president, is in favor of a sea level canal by a vote of 9 to 4. Such a canal, the engineers profess to believe, can be constructed in fifteen years at an estimated cost of \$250,000,000 at a depth of 45 feet and a width of 100 feet on the bottom. It would be necessary to have two locks at the Pacific end of the canal for the purpose of controlling the heavy tides which occur there and a dam to control the Chagres river. The plan also contemplates a straightening of the line so as to move the entrance in the Atlantic side two miles west of the present entrance close to the city of Colon, while the exit on the Pacific end would be further east from the city of Panama. This would necessitate the abandonment of several miles of the present excavation from Colon. The alternative favored by the board is a lock and dam canal on a thirty foot level, which could be completed in twelve years at a cost of \$200,000,000. It would have three sets of locks capable of taking a 1,000 foot vessel. President Roosevelt is said to be opposed to either of these plans as involving too much delay and too great an expenditure.

Plates For Canal Bonds.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has already caused to be engraved the plates necessary for an issuance of \$130,000,000 of Panama canal bonds, which, however, is to be deferred until congress meets. He will ask congress to fix the tax on national bank circulation at one-half of 1 per cent to be the base of deposits on canal bonds. The available funds for canal expenses are nearly expended, as the \$10,000,000

provided by the Spooner act for the beginning of the work will last only about a month longer.

Virginia Fastest Battleship.

The new battleship Virginia had her trial run off the Maine coast and developed a maximum speed of 19.74 knots, which is thirty-two hundredths of a knot faster than the speed of her sister ship, the Rhode Island, and the fastest ever made by an American battleship.

SCIENTIFIC

A Woman Explorer's Triumph.

Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., who at one time was thought to have been lost like her husband in the barren wastes of Labrador, has returned safely to New York, accompanied by her half breed guide, George Elson, who was with her husband on his fatal trip in



Mrs. Hubbard.

1903. Mrs. Hubbard not only has revealed the secret of her husband's failure, but has completed the work which he began in locating the headwaters of two of the most important rivers in Labrador, the Nascapae and the George, which have never before been mapped. Mr. Hubbard's mistake was in leaving Grand lake when he ascended the Susan river instead of the Nascapae, which enters the lake three miles away, hidden by an island. This mistake led him into the barren country. Mrs. Hubbard successfully ascended the Nascapae, found the headwaters of the George and descended it to Ungava bay, where she remained at the Hudson bay fort until the company's steamer came for her. She traveled 550 miles by canoe and portage in that wild, almost uninhabited country.

Sold His Brain For \$10,000.

An Englishman named Datas, who possessed a wonderful memory, has sold his brain to a syndicate of American brain specialists to be dissected by them after his death. He says the doctors have come to the conclusion that his brain must weigh at least sev-

enty ounces, which is six ounces more than the heaviest brain ever weighed, that of Cuvier, the French naturalist.

Aerial Target Shooting.

During the recent experiment conducted by M. Berteaux, the French minister of war, in the Lebaudy dirigible balloon, aerial torpedoes were dropped with deadly accuracy from a height of 400 feet to the earth at targets twenty-five yards square. It was found that the airship could travel from thirty-five to forty kilometers an hour and could remain in the air at least six hours. It rose easily to a height of 15,000 feet and enabled the passengers to take photographs of batteries and troops which would have been useful in an attack on the town. The balloon motor was of forty horsepower, and the envelope, or gas bag, had two thicknesses of silk joined with a coating of liquid rubber, which reduced the loss of gas to 2 per cent a day. It was found that this envelope had a quality of elasticity such that bullets either did not perforate it at all or made such small holes that the escape of gas was then negligible, the wound often closing entirely after the passage of the ball. At a height of 200 to 500 yards the artillery in motor cars was unable to hit the balloon, and altogether it was declared that for war purposes this balloon had met successfully all the tests and that it was a new and dreadful acquisition.

INDUSTRIAL

New York-Buffalo Macadam.

In co-operation with the New York state engineer's department the counties of the state are expected to begin

an era of good road construction under the \$50,000,000 proposition approved by the people on election day. One feature of this programme is a continuous macadam highway from New York to Buffalo. Already sixty-six miles of such a road have been completed.

Railroad to Bury Its Wires.

The Pennsylvania railroad has decided to experiment with its telegraph system by laying a portion of its wires underground to avoid trouble from wind and snow in the winter time. The Postal Telegraph company will co-operate in the test east of Pittsburgh.

The Biggest Gold Output.

The geological survey puts the production of gold in this country during 1904 as 3,910,729 ounces, valued at

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Appetite Gone?

And perhaps what little you do eat distresses you. Strength is falling—illness. You have headache, backache, feel blue and melancholy—and can not rest or sleep. The fact is your nerves are unstrung, and you are on the verge of nervous prostration. They must be strengthened, renewed. If neglected, stomach and kidney troubles follow. They will not cure themselves, but must have a nerve remedy. This you will find in

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