

LORIMER JACKPOT

Illinois Man Tells How He Was Offered \$1,000.

TOLD HE WOULD GET MORE.

Explains to Investigators He Had Heard of Jackpot Which Was to Be Divided Among Legislators For Strangling Bills.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—State Representative Charles C. White of O'Fallon, Ill., took the stand in the investigation into the election of United States Senator William Lorimer by the senatorial subcommittee on elections and privileges.

White declared he had been asked by the minority leader, Mr. Browne, to vote for Lorimer, and that Browne told him he would receive \$1,000 for his vote.

The first severe clash of the hearing came when Mr. Austrian asked what money was promised White.

"I asked Browne how much I would get from other sources, and he replied, 'Oh, about as much more.'"

Senator Lorimer's attorney objected to this answer, arguing that the "other sources" were entirely outside the case.

"This brings up," he said, "what has been referred to as the 'jackpot.' By the words of the witness, 'other sources,' it is shown that it has no connection with the election of Senator Lorimer."

The committee retired into executive session to consider admissibility of this line of evidence.

On returning to the hearing room the committee questioned the witness concerning his understanding of the promise of money from other sources.

White said he had heard rumors of what was known as a "jackpot" which was to be divided among legislators for "strangling or passing bills."

Shortly thereafter recess was taken.

EAGLE STEALS A CAT AT SEA.

Big Bird Swoops Down and Gets Away With a Mead.

Boston, Sept. 27.—How a monster eagle carried away a fourteen pound cat from the deck of the three masted Somerset schooner William P. Hood while that vessel was sailing the high seas was told by the crew of the craft, but the men were rather reluctant, fearing that their veracity would be doubted.

The Hood, laden with railroad ties, was off Highland light Friday evening. The captain's cook lay asleep on top of the deck load. There was a sudden flutter of wings, and a big eagle descended, caught the cat in its talons and flew away with it.

HARD ON WAGE EARNERS.

Railroads Will Have Trespassers Arrested Because of Killing.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—As a result of the killing of Giovanni Deandella, a pottery worker, who was run down by a train while taking a short cut to his work, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company has instructed its detectives to arrest all trespassers.

Hundreds of wage earners—men, women and children—will be inconvenienced by the crusade, as many industrial plants are along the railroad, and short cuts are popular, especially mornings.

\$800 MAD DOG BITES THREE.

Girl Among Victims of Animal Before It Is Killed.

Waverly, N. J., Sept. 27.—Rex, a powerfully built St. Bernard dog of pedigree, suddenly became mad here and bit two men and an eleven-year-old girl before he was killed.

The injured are George Arnold, thirty-seven years old, bitten on the right leg and arm; Gustave Schultz, thirty-nine, bitten about the left arm and hand; and Grace Smith, eleven, the daughter of the dog's owner. She was lacerated about the face and arms.

The dog, valued at \$800, had been purchased a week ago by Smith and was supposed to be very gentle.

Suicide on Park Bench.

New York, Sept. 27.—A man supposed to have been Frank H. Jaeger of 570 Fifth street, Bay Ridge, killed himself with a revolver in Central park. A policeman heard a shot and found the man lying on a bench.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Weather. Includes New York, Albany, Atlantic City, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Washington, Philadelphia.

TO TAKE UP FREIGHT RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Resume Hearings Oct. 3.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The interstate commerce commission will hold its first formal conference after the summer recess on Oct. 3. By Monday next it is expected that all seven members of the commission will be in Washington ready to take up the general increases in freight rates which were suspended by the commission pending investigation.

The commission has practically promised that before the taking of testimony in these cases has closed it will give a hearing to the presidents of the leading railroads involved.

ASKS PASTOR TO QUIT.

Jersey City Church Believes He Absents Himself Too Much.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 28.—Trouble between the congregation of the Waverly Congregational church in Booram avenue and its pastor, the Rev. Howard A. M. Briggs, has resulted in the decision of the flock to ask Mr. Briggs to resign. The ultimatum was reached at a meeting Monday night.

Albert Weissenborn, president of the board of trustees, said he had told the pastor several times that he hadn't done right by the church in absenting himself for longer periods than his allotted vacations.

MASKED MEN ROB CAR.

Two Loot Mail but Make No Attempt to Bother Passengers.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Two masked robbers invaded the mail car of the Southern Pacific train leaving New Orleans and secured several batches of registered mail.

No attempt was made to rob passengers. The robbery took place at Avondale, twelve miles west of New Orleans.

Pooley Nominated.

Buffalo, Sept. 28.—The Democrats of the Eighth judicial district have nominated Charles A. Pooley of this city for supreme court justice.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Arnol Copper, Atchison, B. & O., Brooklyn R. T., Ches. & Ohio, C. C. & St. L., C. & H., Erie, Gen. Electric, Ill. Central, Int.-Met., Louis. & Nash, Manhattan, Missouri Pac., N. Y. Central.

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Barely steady; receipts, 14,572 packages; creamery, specials, per lb., 30c; extras, 28c; thirds to firsts, 24c-26c; state dairy, finest, 25c; common to prime, 22c-24c; process, specials, 27c; seconds to extras, 22c-24c; factory, June make, 23c-24c; current make, 22c-23c; imitation creamery, 24c-25c.

LOCKOUT OF BRICKLAYERS.

The Union Will Go on Strike to Retaliate.

New York, Sept. 28.—The lockout declared by the Mason Builders' association against ten of thirteen unions of bricklayers in the greater city has gone into effect.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 men are said to be directly affected, and their leaders declare that before the end of the week 14,000 bricklayers, the entire membership of the thirteen unions, will be on strike in retaliation of the lockout order.

SEVERAL HURT IN BLOWUP.

Explosion in Factory Occurs Among Barrels of Turpentine.

New York, Sept. 28.—An explosion occurred in the basement of a factory at 61-63 Green street, Williamsburg, in which two persons were badly burned and several others slightly injured.

The explosion took place among a lot of barrels of turpentine, paints and other inflammable material stored in the basement. The factory is that of Solomon Levine.

Promptness Unappreciated.

George—What's do matter, kid? Willie—It's dis way (boohoo). De boss told me to be prompt about every thing, an' now he's fired me because I was too prompt about goin' home.—Chicago News.

All the Worse.

Willis—So Skinner's mining scheme broke you? I thought you got in on the ground floor? Gillis—I did. That's the reason I was buried so deep when it fell in.—Fuss.

The Unhumbled Valet.

The Duke of Cambridge was once about to visit Lord Stratford, who had been appointed ambassador to Turkey. At an early hour on the morning of his expected arrival the ambassador went, in slippers and dressing gown, to see if the rooms were in perfect order. He found that the duke's valet had arrived and was arranging his master's trunks and portmanteaus. Stratford gave some directions how they should be placed. The man left off working and stared at the intruder.

"I tell you what it is," he said. "I know how his royal highness likes to have his things arranged better than you do. So you just be off, will you, old fellow?"

Lord Stratford left in a towering passion. Calling one of his attaches, he ordered him to go in and tell the man whom he had addressed in such language. The attaché returned with twinkling eyes.

"What did you say?" asked the ambassador.

"I said to him, my lord, that the person he had ventured to address such language to was her majesty's representative to Turkey."

Wise Men of Gotham.

A "wise man of Gotham" is a fool, but the phrase arose through the real wisdom of the people that lived in the English town of Gotham. The story goes that King John of England once visited the town with the intention of seeing a castle that he thought of taking for himself. But the Gothamites did not care for the nearness of royalty and the expense they would be put to if the king should have a house there, and so they cooked up a scheme to drive him away. When the king arrived with his company of followers and rode through the town he saw all the inhabitants of Gotham going through the most foolish of tasks, each person with a silly smile on his face. The king was disgusted with them. He would not live among crazy people, and so he rode on through the town and did not stop for the castle. Then the wise men of Gotham, still smiling, but not in a silly fashion, told one another that there were more fools that passed through Gotham than remain in it.

Not What He Seemed.

Lieutenant General J. M. Grierson tells an amusing story of some maneuvers in which he took part. Only a small body of troops were being actually employed, and "skatoon forces" were the rule—in other words, whole bodies of men represented while divisions. General Grierson with his staff was riding along a lane when he suddenly came upon one of the enemy's pickets sitting calmly by the roadside. Quickly the general rode up to him and said:

"You are my prisoner; you had better surrender."

The man grinned and pointed to a flag beside him.

"Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but I am a brigade of infantry, so you are all my prisoners."—London Mail.

Christians in Old Rome.

Religious persecution as such was unknown under the Romans. The Christians were regarded as sectarians. In denying the divinity of the Caesars and the Roman gods they were guilty of high treason in Roman eyes and were accordingly punished. But their punishment had no religious significance whatever. The Christians were persecuted not because they were Christians, but because, in the opinion of the authorities, they were disturbers of the peace and safety of the state. Religious persecution was a thought that never entered the Roman mind.—New York American.

Wounds of the Heart.

In wounds of the heart itself the escape of blood is never in large quantity, and the lethal consequences are due to the fact that the escape of blood from within its cavity or cavities into the surrounding sac of the pericardium mechanically interrupts the alternate contraction and expansion by which its pumping action is maintained. Accordingly the results of the wound of the heart are usually identical with those of gradual suffocation.

Cutting.

A Scotch lawyer was well reproved when, seated by a lady fully aware of her own plain looks, having bowed to his hostess in giving the toast, "Honest Men and Bonnie Lasses," she rejoined, raising her own glass, "We may both drink that toast, since it refers to neither of us."

Similar Tastes.

Belle—But do you think you and he are suited to each other? Nell—Oh, perfectly! Our tastes are quite similar. I don't care very much for him, and he doesn't care very much for me.—Paris Figaro.

Willing to Pass.

"How do you like the new oatmeal soap?" inquired the barber.

"Seems nourishing," replied the customer, "but I've had my breakfast."—Washington Herald.

The Long Arm.

Jenny—I consider the fellow was quite impudent. He put his arm round me twice. Rose—Did he? What a long arm he must have! We should not be too niggardly in our praise, for men will do more to support a character than to raise one.—Colton.

BUY READYMADE GOWNS NOW.

London Dressmakers Affected by the New Custom of English Women.

The demand for ready made gowns in London to-day is so great that the small dressmaker complains that she is being crushed out of existence. According to a report made by an inspector of factories and workshops there has never been a time when the ready made clothing industry flourished as at present.

Such clothing can be bought in shops at all prices from \$1.10 to \$400. Most of the cheaper dresses are made in factories and one style is reproduced often 200 times.

Naturally the dress trade, that is the sale of material by the yard, decreases and the small dressmakers cannot get sufficient work. The convenience of entering a shop, seeing a gown, trying it on and having it sent home to wear the same day or, if slight alterations have to be made, the next day has proved too alluring for the London woman and her suburban sister. Another reason for the existing state of affairs is the fact that the present style of gown requires very little fitting, soft folds serve to drape the figure and boning and steels are rare. Naturally the cheapness of the ready made dress adds to its attractiveness.

Conscience vs. Art.

Thomas Nelson Page, in the smoking room of the Baltic, contrasted the literary and the scientific temperaments.

"But a letter will beat bring out my point," said the famous author. "You have heard, of course, of Tennyson's poem, 'The Vision of Sin.' Well, an eminent mathematician wrote to Tennyson, on the appearance of his poem, a letter that ran like this:

"Dear Sir—I find in a recent poem of yours, entitled 'The Vision of Sin,' the following unwarranted statement: 'Every moment dies a man, and every moment one is born.' I need hardly point out to this calculation, if correct, would tend to keep the sum total of the world's population in a state of perpetual equilibrium, whereas, it is an established fact that the said population is constantly on the increase. I would therefore suggest that in the next edition of this poem the erroneous calculation to which I refer should be corrected as follows: 'Every moment dies a man, and one and a sixteenth is born.' I may add that the exact figures are 1,167, but something must, of course, be conceded to the laws of rhythm."—Washington Star.

With the Courage of His Convictions.

When Oscar Straus, minister to Turkey from this country, held the same position in Grover Cleveland's administration, he had occasion to show how he felt for the Hebrews, to which race he belongs. He and Mrs. Straus were taking a trip to the Holy Land when the governor of Jaffa, a "Jew-baiter," met them and asked them to ride in his carriage and receive an official welcome.

"Governor," said Mr. Straus, "I would like to ride in your carriage and be received at your palace, but I understand you have in your prisons four hundred Armenian Jews. Unless they are released, I must decline your hospitality."

The four hundred prisoners were given their liberty, and Straus was welcomed officially by the governor.

The Rush for Wealth.

There are multitudes of people in the world to-day who are steering and sailing for Ophir, simply because it is the land of gold. What will they do if they reach their desired haven? They do not know. They do not even ask the question. They will be rich. They will sit down on their gold. Let us look out desires squarely in the face. To win riches, to have a certain balance in the bank, and a certain rating on the exchange, is a real object, a definite object; but it is a frightfully small object for the devotion of a human life, and a bitterly disappointing reward for the loss of an immortal soul. If wealth is our desired haven, we may be sure that it will not satisfy us when we reach it.—Henry van Dyke.

Speaking with Authority.

One of the briefest and no doubt one of the most sincere addresses ever delivered on the subject of capital punishment was made in Worcester County, Massachusetts, more than two generations ago.

A notorious character by the name of Charles James, standing on the gallows with the noose properly adjusted, was asked before the cap was drawn over his face if he would like to say a few words.

"Ladies and gentlemen—beg pardon, gentlemen," he said, "standing where I do, I am unalterably opposed to capital punishment."—Everybody's Magazine.

Probably True.

A raw Irishman shipped as one of the crew on a revenue cruiser. His turn at the wheel came around, and after a somewhat eccentric session in the pilot house he found himself the butt of no little humor below.

"Begorra," he growled at last, "and ye needn't talk, I bet I done more steerin' in ten minutes n' ye done in your life."—Success Magazine.

Awfully Busy.

Jim—A stitch in time saves nine. Tom—Who said that? Jim—Gee! Ain't you read your Bible? Tom—Nope; I ain't even had time to read the sporting page this morning yet.—Cleveland Leader.

He Got Badly Left.

Experiences of a correspondent of a Nuremberg paper go to show that the German adulteration laws are drastic. He says: "A French friend sent me four bottles of burgundy. After paying the duty I was informed that all wine coming from abroad has to be analyzed. As my consignment included two kinds of wine a double analysis was necessary, and for this I paid a fee of \$9.24. As the end of a week I received first a certificate attesting that my wine was pure and, second, the case in which the bottles were sent. I was also informed that two bottles had been required to form the basis of each analysis and that consequently there was no wine left. I am naturally grateful to the state for the precautions taken to guard my health, but I cannot help thinking I am entitled to the empty bottles. Surely these were not also analyzed."

O. Henry's Reading.

The late O. Henry, whose flippant and slangy stories gave him a great reputation as a humorist, was, in private life a serious student.

A visitor to the library of Mr. Porter's New York residence was amazed at the ponderous histories and biographies on every side.

"But don't you read," said the visitor, "Ellis Parker Butler and writers of that sort?"

"Well, no," said Mr. Porter. He laughed and added whimsically: "I make fancy cakes and sell them, but I only eat bread and meat."

Three Curious Bells.

There is a curious legend connected with the bells of Messingham church. It is said that a long, long time ago a traveler was passing through Messingham when he noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and saying, "Come to church, Thompson; come to church, Brown," and so on. Being very much surprised, he asked what it meant and was told that, having no bells, they called folks to church in this way. The traveler remarked that it was a pity so fine a church should be without bells and at the same time asked the men if they could make three for the church, promising to do this. They were respectively a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker. When next the traveler passed that way he found the three men ringing three bells which said, "Ting, tong, pluf," being made respectively of tin, wood and leather!—London Tit-Bits.

A Real Sport.

Penelope Maiden—I won't marry any one but an aeronaut. Black is so becoming to me.—Simplicissimus.

On a Surly Porter.

What a jolly hell's gates are not kept by O'Hanlon! The surly old dog would let nobody in.—Humor of Ireland.

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