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DEMUR ON LOCAL OPTION VALIDITY

NO PLEADINGS HEARD IN

CIRCUIT COURT TODAY.

Summerville Whisky and Gambling Cases Rest Until Arguments on Demurrers Filed by Defense Are Heard—Holds That Local Option Law is Invalid in Union County and Charge is Null—May Await High Court's Decision.

Holding that the local option law in Union county is invalid, Attorney T. H. Crawford has filed demurrers in every Summerville whisky and gambling case wherein 14 defendants were arraigned yesterday. The defendants were given time to plead, the hour being set for 9 o'clock this morning. Before the time for pleading came, Attorney Crawford who handles all the defense cases, filed the demurrers. In the gambling cases the demurrers simply attempt to set out legal flaws in the indictments.

Considerable interest is evinced in the usual stand taken in the whisky cases. It may mean that no decision will be forthcoming until the supreme court hands down findings in the Roesch vs. Union County appeal, now pending before it.

Free to Indiana.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 24.—As a direct result of the passage of a prohibition law by the Tennessee legislature, Evansville is rapidly gaining in population and industries. Several wholesale liquor dealers, driven from Tennessee by the strong arm of the law, have established themselves here and many others are likely to come.

Moran Still Anxious for a Go.
New York, Feb. 24.—Owen Moran, the English featherweight, who fought two draws with Abe Attell, today issued a challenge to Attell for a third battle. Moran posted \$5000 to bind the match.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.—Washington.

COL DUNCAN IS PUT ON STAND

RELATES EXPERIENCE WITH CARMACK PRIOR TO SHOOTING.

Col. Duncan Cooper Called to the Stand This Afternoon—Details the Conversation Between Himself and Carmack—That Latter Pulled His Revolver is Corroborated.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Col. Duncan Cooper took the stand today in the trial growing out of the murder of Senator Carmack, and told of the fatal encounter. He said he met Carmack and spoke to him. He said Carmack immediately reached for his revolver. He testified:

"I remember saying something about a 'damned coward' who would hide behind a woman, but I did not say 'got you'." He corroborated the testimony of Robin, his son, as to the number of shots fired. He declared he did not draw his revolver until after Carmack fired at Robin.

Captain Fitzpugh, in cross-examination, caused Cooper to identify a bill dated 1883, admitting he appropriated to his own use, \$351.08, received from a land sale. Fitzpugh declared he would show that Cooper defaulted to the extent of \$100,000.

STORM SWEEPS OVER ARKANSAS KILLING 14

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 24.—Fourteen persons were killed, scores injured, livestock destroyed and one town demolished is the record today of a tornado that swept eastern Arkansas. Owing to a gale, wire communication is interrupted.

It is impossible to ascertain the details. The greatest damage was at Fisher, Poinsett county, which was destroyed and where eight were killed. Six were killed in Woodruff county. Torrential rains accompanied the tornado, which is still raging.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 24.—This section is in the grip of another blizzard. For the fourth time in three weeks railroad traffic through northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota is blocked by snow drifts. Trains for Rosebud county are stalled. Telephone wires are crippled.

Northwest Traffic Affected.
Portland, Feb. 24.—The entire northwest is suffering today through lack of telegraphic and rail facilities on account of the storm in the middle west.

Denver Feels Storm.

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.—Three men are known to have perished in the blizzard Monday, and a fourth was badly frozen and will die. Several are missing. It is estimated 200,000 sheep have perished.

GOVERNMENT BREAKS ELKINS LAW

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Charging the government with abusing the Elkins act by making it a means of revenue instead of a means to vindicate the law, Attorney Miller, representing the Standard Oil company in the second

big suit against the company, today attacked the indictment under which the company was fined \$29,340,000. Miller was arguing in support of the motion that the court fix a unit by which offenses of which the Standard can be convicted be measured.

EXPRESS AGENT SHOT BY ROBBERS

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 24.—Robbers entered the office of the Wells-Fargo Express company at the Santa Fe depot last night, and killed Agent Jesse Haymaker, who refused to open the safe, and then cracked the safe

and stole a large sum of money. Before the murder the robbers entered the uptown office of the Express company. The police think the thieves were after some particular consignment.

NEGROES GET IN BANDWAGON CELEBRATION OVER FREEDOM

EPOCH-MAKING EVENT TRANSPIRES IN ATLANTA.

Southern Negroes Are Firm in Their Battle Against Liquor—Are as Anxious About Local Option Wave as Any White Men—Whites Take Part in Struggle.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Representative negroes from all over the country are in Atlanta today and make up the attendance at the first national prohibition convention ever held by the colored race. It is declared by delegates that liquor is the greatest foe to the progress of the race, and they will seek to add their influence to the prohibition campaign which has been waged in the south by the whites and which has already resulted in making Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and North Carolina wholly dry. Resolutions especially pointed at the manufacturers of "nigger gin" and other cheap liquors, especially designed for sale in the negro resorts of the south, will probably be passed.

Prominent white men, as well as negro clergymen, educators and physicians, will address the sessions during the next three days. The leaders in the movement make this announcement regarding its purpose:

"It is intended to make the meeting an epoch in the history of the negro race in the south, and we are determined to prove to our worthy white friends that we are as profoundly concerned in the great moral movement as any others.

"This is the first general effort made by our people in this direction, and it is our purpose to make it in every way a memorable one."

Love of country is one of the loftiest virtues; and so treason against it has been considered the most damning of sins.—E. A. Storrs.

CUBANS REMEMBER THE COMMENCEMENT OF LAST WAR

With Slight Ups and Downs to Mark Freedom's History in Cuba Has Run an Undercurrent of National Unity—Unveils Statue to Famous Man in Late War.

Havana, Feb. 24.—Cubans are today celebrating the anniversary of the commencement of the revolution against Spain which ended, by aid of the United States, in the freedom of the island and the establishment of a republic. Although the second attempt at self-government, recently commenced, has been marred by many differences between those in power, the Cubans generally are in a joyous frame of mind and are celebrating the anniversary with cock fights and other forms of native amusements.

At Matanzas today a great statue of liberty was unveiled and the affair was made the occasion of a mammoth celebration. The statue was executed by Salvatore Biondi, of Rome, a famous Italian sculptor, and stands in a public park facing the harbor. The sculptor is today the guest of Matanzas and took a prominent part in the dedication ceremonies. Two years were occupied by him in completing the work.

The liberty statue stands 12 feet high, and a bronze image of Jose Marti, the Cuban patriot, forms a part of the same monument, which was erected by popular subscription.

To Observe Lent.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A pronounced cessation of social activities marks the arrival of Lent, and aside from the inaugural festivities, there will be few affairs of consequence in the society of the national capital during the next 40 days.

Dry-Farming Congress Popular.
Cheyenne, Feb. 24.—Today's attendance at the dry-farming congress was greater than yesterday's. Billings, Mont., will probably get the next congress.

"Lucky" Baldwin Sinking.
Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin has suffered a relapse. He is reported low today.

RESCUE MEN IN SEATTLE SEWER

WORKMEN EXHAUSTED WHEN RESCUERS REACH THEM.

After Twenty-Four Hours of Imprisonment 40 Feet Under the Surface, the Dozen Sewer Workmen at Seattle Were Rescued This Morning—Friends and Relatives Gathered to Witness the Rescues—Exhausted, Victims Are Taken to Hospital.

Seattle, Feb. 24.—After being imprisoned beneath the earth's surface a distance of 40 feet, a dozen workmen who were entombed yesterday morning by a cave-in of the North Trunk sewer on which they were working near the exposition grounds, were rescued this morning.

The rescuers worked all night and finally broke through the soft earth to where planks of the sewer lining formed protection for the entombed workmen.

Scores of friends and relatives of the imprisoned men were on the scene most of the night and as the rescuers were nearing the starving prisoners, crowds gathered quickly.

Exhausted from lack of sleep, anxiety and hunger the workmen were rushed to hospitals, where the needed attention was given them.

TWELFTH JUROR NAMED.

Patrick Calhoun Jury Now Full of Temporary Jurors.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Thomas Lockwood, a sawmaker, was accepted this morning as the twelfth temporary juror in the Patrick Calhoun trial.

Roosevelts Attend Funeral.
New York, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt and daughter, Mrs. Longworth, and Ethel Roosevelt, arrived today to attend the funeral of S. D. Robinson, a nephew. Taft joined the party at the church of the Holy Communion, where the burial ritual was read.

Buy what thou hast no need of, and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities.

EMPLOYMENT IS OFFERED IDLE

SHARP WAR ON INDEPENDENT STEEL COMPANIES.

In Chicago Alone Reduction in the Price of Steel Has Given Employment to Hundreds of Men—Demand for Thousand Tons of Steel Rails Ordered—Furnaces Idle for Months Are Suddenly Working With Full Quota—Harriman Serene.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—One effect of the steel trust's war on independent competitors is the employment of large additional forces of men here. Orders for a thousand tons of steel rails has necessitated the employment of 1539 men. Furnaces which have been idle for many weeks have been reopened. The trust's price list shows a reduction on all steel goods.

Harriman Not Worried.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 24.—Harriman is unworried by the report from New York concerning the sharp declines on steel stocks, and the effect the steel trust war on independent competitors will have on other markets. He said:

"These fellows will wake up some of these days." He was practicing pistol shooting with "Bobbie" Golet when interviewed. He continued:

"Young man, I am no damn fool. But do not put that in the paper; if you say anything, you say 'damned'."

Salary Bill Jolted.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The house this afternoon defeated the senate amendment to the legislative appropriation increasing the president's salary to \$100,000, by a vote of 141 to 168. Cannon voted "aye." The house adopted the report of the conferees on the legislative, executive and judicial bill reducing the salary of the secretary of state to \$8000.

Brotherhood Session.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—An increased attendance marked the second day of the Presbyterian Brotherhood convention. Several thousand delegates are now in the city.

Finley to Speak.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 24.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, and other prominent railroad officials will discuss industrial and commercial conditions at tonight's annual banquet of the Macon Chamber of Commerce.



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