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RECENT JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

The adoption of a law authorizing the prosecution of crimes already committed, by information, is held in State vs. Kyle (Mo.), 56 L. R. A. 115, not to be forbidden by the constitutional pro-

vision against ex post facto laws. A statute providing for a bounty on the manufacture of beet sugar is held, in Michigan Sugar Company vs. Dick (Mich.), 56 L. R. A. 329, to be unconstitutional as a taking of the property of the taxpayers for a use which is not

An insolvent corporation is held, in National Wall Paper Company vs. Columbia National Bank (Neb.), 56 L. R. A. 121, to have no right to give preferthe officers and directors are bound as

A condition in a policy insuring a building against loss or damage by fire, which purports to give the insurer the option to rebuild in case of total loss, is held in Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Company vs. Russell (Ohio), 56 L. R. A. 159, to be repugnant to a statute providing that in case of total loss the whole amount mentioned in the policy shall be paid.

Municipal authorities are held in People ex rel. Bibb vs. Alton (Ill.), 56 L. R. A. 95, to have no right to establish different schools for white and colored children and exclude colored children from schools established for white children and send them out of their district to reach a colored school established for the colored children, though equally as good or superior to those established for white children.

The owner of a life-insurance policy having agreed to pay a city for support furnished him out of its poor fund, the city is held, in McQuillan vs. Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association (Wis.), 56 L. R. A. 233, to be his creditor for the value of the support furnished within the meaning of a clause in the policy providing that, in case of its assignment to a creditor, it shall be valid only to the amount of his claim.

A provision in an insurance policy that if a policy holder, in case of forfeiture for failure to pay assessments, shall afterward pay the amount due from him, the policy "shall be holding from the date of the receipt of said amount," is held in Johnston vs. Phelps County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company (Neb.), 56 L. R. A. 127, to prevent receipt of the amount of the delinquent assessment from operating as a waiver of forfeiture if at the time of such receipt any of the insured property remains in existence to which the revived insurance may

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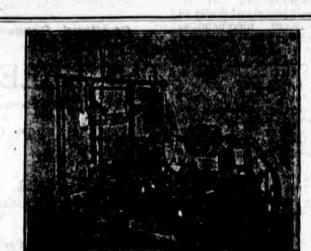
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