

COMMISSION WILL HAVE LESS SCOPE

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PUBLICITY OFTEN REMEDY

Says Opinion Will Have Serious Effect Upon Work of Interstate Board in Conducting Inquiries Into Various Abuses.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Judson C. Clements, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, discussed the United States Supreme Court decision which held that E. H. Harriman did not have to answer the Commission's questions about certain stock transactions.

Mr. Clements emphatically denied that the Commission expected an adverse decision and insisted that the Commission regarded the decision as important and not lightly, as has been stated.

"The Commission," said Mr. Clements, "deemed its effort and position to be clearly in the line of its duties and within the purpose and intent of the law. No desire to criticize the court is entertained, but manifestly the scope of effective inquiry and disclosure will be greatly hampered and narrowed by this decision. The wholesome effect of investigation have often been seen in the disposition of methods and practices which, though unjust and even reprehensible, had not been specifically forbidden by law.

"There are many thoughtful persons who believe that publicity which discloses any evil and indefensible practice in the management of corporations engaged in a business which affects the public interest is even more efficacious against wrongdoing than formal rules or regulations.

"The foundation for the successful progress of the Government in the Northern Securities case was laid in an investigation of this kind begun upon an order of the Commission substantially similar in all respects to the one upon which the recent investigation of the Harriman lines was conducted."

COSGROVE GETS STRONGER

SON RETURNS FROM BEDSIDE WITH GOOD NEWS.

Believes He Will Be Able to Reach Olympia for Inauguration as Governor.

Howard E. Cosgrove, son of Governor-elect S. G. Cosgrove, of Washington, reached Portland Sunday on his way back to his home at Pomeroy, after spending some time with his father at Pomeroy Hot Springs, where he has been making a valiant fight against the ravages of Bright's disease. Mr. Cosgrove, Jr., speaks hopefully of his father's condition and says he is now out of danger unless the disease shall again reach an acute stage.

"Recent dispatches on my father's condition, issued from his bedside by Sawyer are correct," said Mr. Cosgrove, at the Oregon Hotel last night. "When I left him, he was feeling much better. He was out of immediate danger from this attack and seems another follower will probably continue to improve. He was, of course, very much weakened, but he is resting well now and is daily becoming stronger.

"I am hopeful that he may return to Olympia for the inauguration, but while he probably will be able to return, I am of the opinion that it may not be advisable for him to do so. As to when he will be able to leave California for good, I cannot say at this time."

PASO ROBLES, Hot Springs, Cal., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Governor-elect Cosgrove is decidedly better today. He was dressed yesterday and remained out of bed the greater part of the day. Today he will be wheeled about the sun parlor and porches. Last night he remarked that he felt better than for the past six months. "We are all much encouraged about the outcome of his condition and present indications point to steady gain in strength."

W. W. SAWYER, Director.

LABORER HEIR TO MILLIONS

St. Louis Family to Share \$80,000,000 Delaware Estate.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Arizona Lyle, a St. Louis carpenter, and his brother, William A. Lyle, a railway clerk, were informed yesterday that they are partners to an estate in the heart of Wilmington, Del., worth \$80,000,000.

The estate was originally owned by a German baron named Christopher Springer, who came to America over a century ago. He leased the property to various persons and died without leaving a will. A sister of the baron was the grandmother of the Lyle brothers. The lease expired last January.

Mrs. George M. McCollum, who runs a candy store in Alton, Ill., is also an heir to the estate.

PORK AND BEANS POISON

Family of Six Made Sick by Potatoes, It Is Believed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—The family of N. S. Richardson, consisting of six persons, became violently ill yesterday after eating pork and beans for their dinner at their home in Kansas City, Kan.

It is believed that the pork contained ptomaines. Three members of the family soon became unconscious. Two others are seriously ill.

Only one member, a boy 14 years old, was able to notify the neighbors and physicians were summoned. Mr. Richardson is 35 years old and his wife 74.

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In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated.

DARING BRIDGE PLANNED. Pennsylvania Will Build Three-Mile Structure to Long Island.

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