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LIBRARIAN SPOFFORD.

Charged With Altering Copyright Records for the Scribners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Certain litigation now in progress relating to the law of copyright has developed the charge against Librarian Spofford, that whereas law suits involving large sums of money had proceeded two years on the fact and Mr. Spofford's own certificate thereto that certain copyrights bore certain dates, within a month he has changed those dates on the records, so that if the changes were not detected in particular phase of the litigation which they covered would have entered immediately. Congress may be asked to investigate the matter. Meantime Mr. Spofford's friends are confident that his reputation will be unimpaired by the ordeal through which he will go.



SPOFFORD, LIBRARIAN.

Mr. Spofford has been Librarian of Congress 25 years. At the present time he has charge of nearly 700,000 bound books and 200,000 pamphlets. A new building for the congressional library is in process of construction which will probably be the finest of the kind in the world. Everybody who knows Washington knows Librarian Spofford as the man who travels in company with a bagful of books and who seems to be always reading.

The trouble arises out of the copyright suits brought by Scribner & Sons against Funk & Wagnall and other so-called piratical publishers of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The charge which the piratical publishers have made in this instance is that Spofford had connived with the publishing-house of Charles Scribner's Sons to maintain the validity of a copyright which the Scribners had no right to claim. The basis of the accusation is the fact, that nobody has attempted to evade or deny, that in a blank-book devoted to memoranda of the filing and completion of copyrights, a date had been entered by the erasure of a figure 7 and the substitution of a figure 6.

The original entry on the Librarian's books give the date at which the books were received from Scribner's as April 7, but this was later changed by writing the figure 6 over the 7. This is a very material alteration for the 10 days allowed by law for registering a book under the copyright law expire in this case on April 8, and if the books were not received until April 7 the copyright was invalid. Upon this point hundreds of thousands of dollars hinge.

Spofford confesses to having made the change in the figures himself, and in several months later that the books were received on April 6 and, through pressure of work, were not registered until the following day, and in proof of this he presents the express company's blotter showing that he received no books from the Scribners on April 7, but did on April 6.

The Librarian conducts his work under the most disadvantageous conditions. He is cramped for room and snowed under with correspondence and filed matter. In the mass that accumulated on his desk on April 6, 1888, it is reasonable to assume that the package will be discovered till the following day, thus going into the ledger with the things received on the 7th.

The Chicago Times to Have the Finest in America.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—One of the finest newspaper buildings in America, it is said, will be erected as a home for the Chicago Times. The site is to be the ground at present and for many years occupied by that paper. Ex-Mayor Carter Harrison, the present editor, said it would be twice stories high and cost probably a million dollars. The work will be done in sections in such a way as not to disturb the Times.

Head Estate Man Missing.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—W. T. Hall, a veteran real estate man, has been missing since December 10th, and friends entertain fears as to his safety. It is reported that he has been financially embarrassed of late.

The Passengers Escape Unhurt—The Mail Agent Mercenously Escapes With Slight Injuries and Train Men Fatally Injured.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Report has just reached here that a wreck occurred on the Union Pacific this morning between Kamela and La Grande. Mail Clerk C. P. Holliday is reported fatally, and several passengers seriously hurt.

LATER. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 30.—The Union Pacific fast mail train No. 1, which left here last evening, met with an accident about two miles west of this city. Engineer H. E. Law, Fireman George Law and a tramp named Zaminski were instantly killed and another tramp named Sigmer was fatally injured. The train was being drawn by two engines, the lead one a Union locomotive. It is supposed that in rounding the curve the head engine caused the rails to spread. The second engine, mail and baggage cars were precipitated into the river below. Mail Agent Holliday had a miraculous escape, although his car plunged into the river from the elevation of 50 feet. He sustained slight bruises only. None of the passengers were injured.

When He Gets There He Will Be Governor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Captain A. Tautain, of Paris, who has just been appointed Governor of the Marquesas Islands by President Sadi Carnot, has arrived here on his way to Tahiti Island, the capital. He is accompanied by Mme Tautain and child. Under the protectorate he has rendered service to the French government of material importance. It is believed now he has become governor, he will take measures to suppress the wars that have been waged for many years among the islanders. Governor Tautain is about 40 years of age. His services have been nearly all in the army hitherto. The force of troops at Tahiti and elsewhere on the islands hitherto has been too small and to strengthen them is one of the purposes of the new executive. Governor Tautain will sail for his post at Tahiti on the bark Tropic Bird January 1st.

All Patents For Electric Appliances Held by One Man.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 30.—Rumors in respect to patents being received by Holt U. S. Kelly, covering the entire electric street car system now in general use has caused a vast amount of speculation in this city. Kelly's home, by decisions of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia and by receipt of letters patent of December 15 last Kelly it is asserted becomes possessor of all patents, appliances and principles used in the electric street car systems manufactured by the Thompson-Houston company, the Westinghouse company and all others.

An Unsuccessful Attempt of Convicts to Escape.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Sensational reports are in circulation to the effect that the convicts in the Wormwood scrub prison have mutined. None of the convicts, however, escaped. A number of prisoners determined to make a break for liberty, and on Saturday last attempted to put their plans into effect. During the religious service 30 of them sprang from their benches and made a rush for the main door. The warden, who was not caught napping, however, and the convicts had hardly started before they were checked by revolvers.

Industrial Organizations Meet in Michigan and Form One.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 30.—A new People's party for independent action has been formed here by the federation of all industrial organizations of the State. It was christened the "People's party," and is pledged to independent political action and opposition to traffic in intoxicating liquor as a beverage. The rest of the platform is a copy of the Indianapolis one, except that it favors a per diem pension law.

Recommendation for the Army.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The United Christian Commission has adopted the report of the committee in favor of a chaplain for every army post occupied by two or more companies; the erection of a library building and the creation of a library, and the expulsion of all alcoholic drinks from military reservations.

A Bill to That Effect in the Tennessee Legislature.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of prominent ex-confederates a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to present to the next general assembly a bill appropriating \$1000 annually as a pension for Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

Bulgaria Ready for Independence.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The correspondent of the Daily News says that Bulgaria has resolved to proclaim her independence, should the Porte yield to the demands of France in the Chakouine affair.

Labouche's Truth Says It Would Be Better for Great Britain and Canada if the Latter Were Separated From the Former.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Truth, Labouche's paper, publishes an article on Canada's future. Drawn out by trouble in the province of Quebec, Truth says that it is the manifest destiny of the Dominion to become a new United States or to become a great Britain. Change is inevitable and the sooner it occurs the better. The emancipation of the grotesque Dominion and its absorption by the United States would be a benefit to Canadians and also to Great Britain. Such a course would relieve Great Britain of the necessity of engaging in transatlantic squabbles in which she has no concern.

It would, moreover, give Canadian energy and enterprise, which no mere colonists can possess. The only sufferers would be the Indians, who would be transferred to the tender mercies of what is probably the most corrupt and rascally institution on earth, the Washington Indian bureau. The paper further says that with Canada once free Australia would soon follow. The talk of Australian loyalty to the British crown Truth says is all buncombe.

Organized to Take the Place of the American Association.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—The Equivocal of this morning says that a ball league has been organized to take the place of the American Association and already has clubs and grounds in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Columbus, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis. The new organization is not intended to be antagonistic to the 12 club league. Its promoters recognize the fact that there is room for another organization.

The Firm of A. Lusk & Co. to Be Liquidated by Creditors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The creditors of A. Lusk & Co., have practically decided to assist the firm in resuming business. At the Board of Trade meeting yesterday it was shown that the company had liabilities amounting to \$800,000 and assets immediately available of not more than \$75,000 or \$80,000. A committee of the principal creditors was appointed to confer with Henry and Isador Jacobs in regard to their resuming business.

A Dynamite Explosion Kills Two Men.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30.—At 7:30 this morning four boxes of dynamite exploded in blasting at Stone's quarry in Wauwatosa village, five miles west of this city, exploding blowing Albert Buttlis and William Walker to atoms. John Kalinsky was fatally injured. The two men killed were in the act of loading the blasting rump when the explosion occurred. The concussion demolished hundreds of windows in Wauwatosa and a number in this city.

California Clubs Are Bidding for the Fight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Tommy Ryan and his backers covered Danny Noyes to a fight of \$500 by telegraph, and the fight is now fixed for some time in March. Ryan leaves today for the Hot Springs, to get into condition, and will remain there about three weeks. Then he will return to Chicago and go into training. The California, Pacific and other San Francisco clubs are bidding for the fight. The California, which offers a purse of \$2000, is by far the highest bidder. In addition to the purse there will be a bet of \$5000 on each side. Ryan expects to again beat Noyes and be liberally backed by his friends.

French Prisoners Escape.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Five men serving terms of imprisonment in Montpelier have made their escape. The warden of the prison and one prisoner who refused to join the others were found trampled.

Indian Legislature Wanted.

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.—The Indian national congress in session at Nagpur adopted a resolution declaring necessary the establishment of a legislature in India to which Indian people shall elect representatives.

Prisoners Unchained.

YEMEN, Dec. 30.—A letter has been published here describing the 10 weeks' siege of Yemen by the Arabs. The town was under bombardment daily, while a terrible famine prevailed there. When the Turks relieved the city, a general butchery of prisoners occurred on both sides.

Russia May Be Admitted.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says a conference looking to the admission of Russia into the Zollverein began in St. Petersburg Saturday last.

Grippers in Europe.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 30.—Influenza has spread to an alarming extent in this city. Hundreds of new cases are reported daily. The mortality is 10 per cent.

Many From Front People Were Present Including President and Mrs. Harrison—Dr. Thornydyke, of Boston, the Guest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of the late General W. T. Sherman and Dr. Paul Thornydyke, of Boston, was solemnized at high noon today at the residence of Senator Sherman, in presence of a large number of friends and relatives and high officials from here and all parts of the country. Father Sherman, a brother of the bride, performed the marriage ceremony. After the ceremony a reception was held and the guests partook of a wedding breakfast. Among those present were President and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee, Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, Secretary Blaine, Miss Blaine, Mr. and Mrs. Damrosch, Secretaries Rusk and Tracy, Senator and Mrs. Stanford, Sir Julian and Lady Pannecot, Misses Pannecot, General Alexander, and Admiral and Mrs. Franklin.

Fatal Railroad Accident in Russia—Many Badly Hurt.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Eclair publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg giving the details of a terrible railway accident in Russia at Rosova station, on the railway between Minsk and Smolinsk, the latter city being 250 miles southwest of Moscow. The express train yesterday ran into the rear of a military train, and 20 persons were killed outright, and over 100 seriously injured.

Hall to Debauchee.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—Jim Hall, the Australian, who last night was quailed with delight by local sports, had to appear in a friendly contest with Al Fish, better known in Chicago as Jack King, but the latter left town and went to a local middleweight, went against an Australian and afforded the audience an opportunity to see the skill of the antipodean.

Spanish Tariff Revision.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—The new tariff adopted by the cabinet and which is to be published in January, imposes prohibition duties on alcohol and sugar. It relieves the present burdens on rails and railway materials generally.

Massachusetts Calls for Quota.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 30.—The Maine cattle commissioners have posted quarantine against Massachusetts cattle because of tuberculosis, but the regulations shall not apply to Western cattle coming through Massachusetts into Maine for the purpose of slaughter.

That is the Opinion of Senator Felton, of California.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Herald this morning publishes the following interview with Senator Felton, of California: "I have seen a good deal of Mr. Blaine lately and he looks as healthy and strong as he did when I first saw him seven years ago," said the senator. "The senator succeeded the late Senator Hearst after a spirited heat in the Legislature and is one of the richest Republicans on the Pacific coast. He is a political student and has been watching the presidential chess board that will be manipulated next June at Minneapolis. I asked him if Mr. Blaine had said anything about his intentions in regard to the Presidency."

"No, but there is a strong feeling among his friends that he will accept the nomination," said the senator. "You see Mr. Blaine is not a physical wreck and as to his mentality he is as clear as a bell. His conversation is terse and brilliant. I saw nothing in his appearance that could be criticized except his paleness, and I think he has had that for some years. There may be 'Is California for Mr. Blaine?' " "Yes, most decidedly."

The Senator evidently felt that Mr. Blaine would accept; but he was guarded in his language as to the coming national campaign. He said: "I think it will be the tariff and the money question. A majority in the West favor free coinage; but the sentiment is not as strong in that direction as it was a year ago. Doubtless there will be some general understanding should be had with other nations."

"Will Congress pass a free-coinage bill?"

"The House will, but what the Senate will, I can't say. There may be enough Republican Senators to pass a free-coinage bill; but that is what I don't know. I certainly favor bi-metalism, but I think before it is brought out, some general understanding should be had with other nations."

Old Bank President Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Jacob Dyckman Vermyle, president of the Merchants' National bank, died at his home this morning. Mr. Vermyle was for the last 25 years of his life a conspicuous figure in the financial affairs of this city.

Influenza in Italy.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The influenza in a serious form is prevalent in Italy.

The Glendale Train Robbers May Now Be Caught, for She Was in the Gang—Mr. Sly Went East Without Extraordinary Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—A woman given name of Florence Waterman has been arrested by detectives here and it is claimed she not only acknowledges being the wife of Marion Helpeth, who is suspected of being one of the gang of train robbers which held up the train at Glendale, Mo., November 30th, but has given information which may lead to the arrest of other members of the band in addition to Albert Sly, who was arrested last week in Los Angeles by detectives, Pinkerton and Whitaker, and who was taken East on Sunday without the formality of extradition papers.

On November 30th the express train on the Missouri Pacific, running out of St. Louis, was stopped by masked highwaymen, heavily armed, at Glendale, a station three miles out of St. Louis. The robbers secured, it is said, about \$7000. On the 10th instant Detective Robert A. Pinkerton, who had been in this city on a visit and who was making preparations to return East, received a telegram from Chief of Police Lawrence Haggart of St. Louis, that at least two of the Glendale train robbers were on this coast, and asking him to co-operate with the police here and secure their arrest. One, named Edward Denton Sly, was finally located in Los Angeles, conducting a saloon business under the name of J. H. Denton. He was immediately placed under arrest, and when he was searched a gold watch which was taken from Excess Messenger Malrines at the time of the robbery was found in his possession.

Sly was taken east on Sunday night. Local detectives were informed that a trunk designed for one of the criminals named Marion Helpeth, had been shipped by express to Oakland, addressed to Florence A. Waterman. Detectives who had been "shadowing" Well, Fargo & Co.'s Express office in Oakland to arrest Helpeth, when he should call for the trunk, yesterday arrested a woman who called there and inquired for the trunk. The woman who does not deny that she is Mrs. Helpeth, will not breathe a word that will lead to her husband's arrest. She wears some costly diamonds, which were bought in this city with money taken from the train. The police are unable to learn where she has been hiding in Los Angeles and are satisfied that her husband is either in hiding or has flown. The police will keep a lookout for him, while Mrs. Helpeth will be held possibly for grand larceny for bringing stolen money into the city.

It is Supposed that Two Men Met and Fought to the Death.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2.—John Southwick reports the finding of two skeletons of human beings on the prairie south of this city about 10 miles. He is under the impression that the bones are those of two men who killed each other, as they were lying near together, and on the ground were two rusty knives and two revolvers.

It is supposed that the men were killed two or three years ago as all traces of clothing were gone. There were found in their hands and on their backs like that used on a leather belt. The men probably met and fought together to their death, their horses wandering off and being taken by some ranchman. There is nothing to indicate in any way who they are.

Called to the Door by Strangers and Badly Beaten.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Dean Sage the millionaire lumber merchant, had an experience last night somewhat similar to that of Russell Sage. Two tough looking men called at his residence and demanded an audience with him. They were refused admittance but declared that they would not leave until they saw him. Mr. Sage went to the door, when the men became abusive and dragged him out of doors and assaulted him. A call was sent to police headquarters and the men fled. One of them was subsequently captured and gave the name of Thomas Martin. He would say nothing about his visit.

An Oxford Graduate Embarked for the House of Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A man named Borlas, a graduate of Oxford university, was arrested today while amusing himself by bombarding the House of Commons with a revolver. In court Borlas declared that he was an anarchist, and that he wanted to show his contempt for the House of Commons. He decided that shooting at the house would be the proper course to show his contempt. The prisoner was remanded for further hearing. The opinion prevails that the man is mentally unbalanced.

Inventor Pinkley D. ad.

NEWARK, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Jonas Pinkley has died from lung fever caused by gripple. Pinkley was well known among American inventors.

All the Parties are Highly Respected and Only Wanted to Break the Monotony of the Usual Home Wedding.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—A triple elopement took place at Lebanon this morning. Robert Piper, of Gravel Switch, and Miss Lettie Bottoms, of Fourth Fork, Boyd county; L. J. Powell, of Boyd county, and Miss Emma Piper, of Gravel Switch, and Mr. Logan Whitlock and Miss Mary Belle Couler, of Casey county, went to Lebanon during the night and boarded the morning train for Jeffersonville, Ind., where they will be married.

The young people are well-known society people and are highly respected, and seem to have run away simply to break the monotony of home weddings. Another couple made an effort to accompany the trio, but the young lady was caught and locked up by her parents.

Georgia Alliance Men Do Not Favor the People's Party.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—The State executive committee of Alliance does not want the People's party. The developments of today settled that conclusively. The committee which met in Atlanta today passed no resolution declaring this fact, but the complexion of the committee appointed to attend the national convention where the People's party will be passed upon, left no room for doubt of this point.

The most important work done was the election of delegates to the national alliance convention which meets in St. Louis on Feb. 22. This convention will be an important one, as the third party matter was referred to it. The delegates were instructed to vote as a unit on all questions coming before the convention. Every one of the gentlemen is against the third party.

His Unknown Associates Believed to Have Been Indians.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—An attempt was made to assassinate Dr. Frank Powell, ex-mayor of La Crosse, at 10:30 o'clock last night, at his residence, Seventh and Walnut streets. Dr. and Mrs. Powell had just gone to the second story, and the doctor stepped to a gas jet and struck a light. A moment later there was a loud report and a crash of glass. Rushing to the window, the doctor saw three men running down Walnut street. The bullet missed him by about eight inches and passed within an inch of Mrs. Powell's face and embedded itself in the wall.

Dr. Powell was for 10 years the medicine man of the Winnebago Indians. He and Buffalo Bill were commissioned in November, 1890, to capture Sitting Bull. He is known among the Indians as the "White Beaver," and the general impression is that some of the Sioux, angered at his acceptance of a government commission to take the old chief dead or alive had come to St. Paul and tried to pick him off with a revolver bullet.

Mrs. Osborne Goes to Mexico.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Osborne is now said to have gone to Mexico, accompanied by her brother and Miss Dashwood, who were both witnesses on the trial, and are engaged to be married. It now appears that Captain Osborne knew pretty well that his wife had stolen the jewels and brought the action because the colonel of his regiment forced him to do so, as the wives of other officers would not associate with Mrs. Osborne unless her name was cleared.

ROOM DOWNSIDE IN TROUBLE.

OLD BILL SAGE CLAIMS A MILLION-DOLLAR TRACT IN EVERETT. (Post-Intelligencer.) SPOONSHIRE, Dec. 30.—Another claimant for another quarter-section of the holding of the Everett Land company has "bobbed up serenely." His name is William Smikes, an aged negro, who for many years past claims to have run a small garden within a few miles of Bethel. Smikes alleges that he settled on the northwest quarter of section 19, township 29, in 1864, and that in the early 70's he secured a patent from the United States government for the land in question. He asserts in the most emphatic terms that he never parted with his homestead, nor was he ever asked to sell or deed it away. Nevertheless the Everett Land Company now holds the deed of the land. The old negro strongly intimates that the suit which he proposes to institute for the recovery of his land will result in a sensational case for the ages. The land involved is estimated to be worth, at prevailing prices, over \$1,000,000.

Run Off Five Hundred Animals in the Big Horn Country.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 31.—Word has been received from the manager of a horse ranch in the Big Horn country that an organized gang ran off between 400 and 500 horses. The gang is believed to be snored up in the Teton basin; in which event, their capture is probable. A reward of \$2000 is offered for the horses and \$500 each for the thieves. This gang is not connected with the Johnson county "rustlers."

Spanish Loan Falls.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—The floating of the new Spanish loan has proved a failure, only one-fifth having been subscribed. A syndicate takes the remainder.

WANTS A BIG PURSE.

Corbett Willing to Take Slavin's Chances For It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Frank P. Slavin up to a late hour last night had received no reply to the cablegram he sent to John Dougherty, of Melbourne, asking for the latter's financial support. Speaking of Slavin's expressed intention of throwing up his match with Jackson, Jim Corbett said: "I should be very glad to take Slavin's place at the National Club in London next May, providing the same

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The speaker's physician does not regard his condition as especially serious, although there were, late last night, symptoms of pneumonia that caused some alarm. A severe bronchial attack accompanied by protracted spells of coughing, has been the most annoying feature of the speaker's illness. He will not be able under any circumstances to appear in the House on Tuesday.

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