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**BINGHAM TO FATHER THREE SENATE BILLS**

(Salem Statesman.)  
Three very interesting bills will be introduced in the upper house by Senator I. H. Bingham, of Lane county, next Monday. If passed they will strike fatal blows at political corruption funds, at the publication of exaggerated statements by corporations of their resources, for the purpose of alluring investors, and to a strict regulation relative to burning of debris and stumps by logging companies.

The above first-named bill includes joint stock associations, co-partnerships, or individuals, and corporations which give out statements that shall have a tendency to give a greater apparent value to the property of such companies or persons, than really exists.

This will certainly save many people seeking investments a great deal of money, as thousands of dollars every year are lost in fake companies, and watered stock corporations. It is also believed that the enactment of such a law for the protection of mining investors will establish greater confidence in mining, and result in a largely increased investment in western mining enterprises. At present fake mining companies are being promoted all over the West, and millions of dollars are being expended for worthless mining stock. This condition is a serious detriment to the mining interests of the West. The above bill has been approved by the American Mining Congress. For violation it provides a fine of not more than \$10,000, and an imprisonment of not more than ten years.

The second bill mentioned is to prohibit corporations and joint stock associations from contributing to the campaign fund of political committees or to the campaign expenses of candidates for public office. It subjects any officer or agent of any corporation violating this act to imprisonment in the penitentiary or

county jail, and to a heavy fine. It limits the expenses of a candidate for public office during a campaign, according to the office for which he is running, and requires him to file with the county clerk after election a sworn itemized statement of his expenditures.

The object of this bill is to remedy some of the imperfections of the direct primary law, under which the candidates in the nominating primaries have to make their own fight, and have to pay their own expenses. Under these conditions the success of a candidate often depends very largely upon the amount of money he is able to spend, therefore a poor man, or a man of moderate means, but who is a man of ability, is prevented from running for office.

The last named bill is to permit the clearing up of agricultural lands of debris, stumps, brush heaps, logs, etc., in small quantities, under personal supervision, with such safeguards as will keep the fire from spreading. On or before June 15 of each year logging companies under this act will have to burn the slashings, tops, limbs, etc., which have accumulated during the preceding year. Violation of this law means imprisonment in the county jail for a month or a year. No fine goes in this case. The passage of this law, it is believed, will have a tendency to prevent, to a large extent, the breaking out of forest fires, as all such burning will have been done before the dry season sets in.

(Senator Bingham tells the Guard that this bill was framed so as to carry out his pledge to the settlers of Lane county that legislation regarding forest fires would not be enacted that was inimical to their interests. The farmer is allowed certain privileges in his work of clearing the land in this respect that are not permitted the logger, whose camp is situated in the timbered section.)

**PARROT SAVES FOUR LIVES**

Its Cries Arouse Sleeping Sailors on Gas Filled Yacht in Nick of Time.

Four members of the crew of the steam yacht Visitor, owned by W. H. Brown of Pittsburg, John Melanson, steward; E. B. Neal, engineer; Herman Smith, fireman, and Charles Amercott, cook, narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation in the fore-cabin as the yacht lay at Fifty-eighth street, Brooklyn.

Melanson, awakened by the screaming of a parrot, reached the outer air, and, obtaining aid, dragged his companions to the deck of the vessel in time to save their lives.

Mr. Brown's yacht, just in from Boston, was moored in the basin beside John Jacob Astor's yacht, the Nourmahal. Several yachts, with steam up, came alongside. It is thought that



THE PARROT CRIED, "GET UP, GET UP!" gaseous substances from the funnels of these yachts entered the portholes of the Visitor and overcame the men.

Melanson said that he heard a terrific screaming from Swipes, an incorrigible Brazilian parrot. Swipes was crying: "Get up! Get up!" when Melanson, ill from the fumes, aroused himself and made his way to the deck. He realized that his associates were in danger. When he succeeded in getting assistance he made his way to the fore-cabin and found that the other three men were unconscious. Dr. J. J. McQuillen of Fifty-eighth street had great difficulty in reviving Neal and Smith.

When Melanson appreciated that the parrot had saved the lives of all he went into the fore-cabin in time to bring to the deck the bird in a state of semi-consciousness, but still with strength enough to ejaculate, "Get up!"

**MARRIED SIX SISTERS, ONE AFTER ANOTHER**

Indian Killed First Three, Then Craven Killed Indian and Went on Down Line.

After marrying five sisters, all of whom died or were killed, James Craven of Mount Glenn, O., has wedded the sixth and last.

Craven met the Lamprecht family in Montana thirty years ago. He established a trading post and married Nora Lamprecht. A jealous half breed Indian shot her.

Four years later Craven married Marie Lamprecht, who was killed by the same Indian. Then he married Edna, and the Indian killed her.

Craven, somewhat discouraged, returned to Ohio, but was not contented. He went back and married Helen, aged twenty-eight. He lay in wait and shot the redskin, but his wife was taken ill and died.

Bertha came next. She was thrown from a horse and killed. Craven prevailed upon Lena, the sixth, to come and marry him.

"There was some attraction, I can't tell what, about that family of Lamprecht girls that I could never see in any other," said Craven after the ceremony.

**Drank Fourteen Drinkers of Booze.**  
William Howard, a negro, saved the price of twelve glasses of gin and two glasses of whiskey by dying before he could get to the bar and quaff another drink at Lexington, Ky. He had bet that he could drink fifteen glasses of gin in half an hour, but by the time he had drunk twelve glasses the gin supply of the bar ran out, and whiskey was substituted with his consent. He drank two glasses of the "whisky," and before he could take the third and final one he dropped to the floor unconscious and died before a physician could be called.

**Dug His Own Grave.**  
Nicholas Striegel, a prominent farmer of Madison township, Ind., was declared insane by a board consisting of Judge F. L. Betz, Dr. E. A. Sturm and T. R. Johnson. The evidence showed that Striegel made all preparations to commit suicide. He took his gun from the house, hid it, and for two days he was digging a grave on his farm, telling his wife that it might be for him and that he would blow off his head. He also threatened to shoot one of his neighbors.

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**A Quick Cure**

Mrs. McGinnis was not expected to live through the day. For a year she had been an inmate of St. Luke's hospital, gradually growing worse till at last she had been given up by the house physician, and now he pronounced the end very near.

"Has she any relatives?" asked the physician.

"She's married and has children." "Well, notify the husband."

Now, it so happened that Pat McGinnis, having to work hard all day, with no one to take care of four young children during his absence, had called in a comely young woman for housekeeper and nurse. It was not long before Miss Mulcahy, who occupied the position, had drawn a promise from Pat that after his wife's death he would marry her. Mrs. McGinnis was well acquainted with Miss Mulcahy, but did not know that she had been installed in her place as housekeeper and had been promised that when it should be possible she would be installed as wife and stepmother. Pat in his visits to the hospital had been warned by the doctor not to say anything to his wife calculated to worry her. Since this accorded very well with his inclinations, he had refrained from doing so.

On the day Pat was summoned to the bedside of his dying wife he had taken a half holiday to go shopping with Miss Mulcahy, who, it having been reported to her that Mrs. McGinnis could not last long, was quietly picking up a trousseau. He took his conditional fiancée with him to the hospital to wait in the reception room while he bid his wife a last farewell, after which they were to continue their shopping. Mrs. McGinnis was lying in a ward on the ground floor, from which she had a fine view of the approach to the hospital. She saw her husband coming in with Miss Mulcahy, and it was a revelation to her. A man, whose intuitions in such matters are sluggish, would likely have died before the revelation had broken in on his stupid brain. Not so Mrs. McGinnis.

The story of her husband's relations with Miss Mulcahy was not only as plain to her the moment she saw them coming in together as it has been recorded here, but a great deal plainer. Indeed, her mind shot out little radiations of intelligence, giving her minute pictures which have been necessarily omitted in this bald statement of facts.

When Pat entered the ward and was conducted to the bedside of his wife his face wore a very solemn aspect. Nor was it assumed. Mrs. McGinnis was the mother of his children and had been a good wife to him till disease deprived him and them of her attention. Indeed, he felt so deeply that it was not easy to open a conversation. She spared him the trouble. There were a flash in her eyes and a drawing down at the corners of her mouth, but at all becoming to one

about to enter marriage. Instead of lying on her back she raised herself and supported herself by an elbow.

"Pat," she said, "yer a good man. Y' never lied to me. Now tell me who's been tendin' the childer?" "I got Mary Mulcahy to do it."

"And who's goin' to do it when I'm gone?" "I suppose she'll stay on."

"What y' been doin' with her this afternoon?" Pat started.

"Don't lie to me, Pat. Y' never did it, and y' never'll do it unless some woman persuades y'. What y' been doin'?"

"Mary was doin' some shoppin'."

"And what's Mary's shoppin' to y'?" Pat stood stolidly silent. His eyes rolled everywhere; his tongue moved not.

"D'y' think the banns 'll be published next Sunday?" asked his wife.

Still Pat was silent. His thoughts were tumultuous.

"And the weddin' the day after the last banns?" Pat signified his distress by changing the leg that supported the principal part of his weight.

"Have y' said anything about this at confession?"

"Niver a word. But how did y' know 't all?"

"Pat, you go right out and send that woman away and don't y' let her go back to my place. Tell her O'll be there the night mesel'."

"Howly mother!" exclaimed Pat, crossing himself.

"Send her away, I say."

Pat went out and told Miss Mulcahy that his wife had gained a supernatural knowledge of their intention, warning her not to go to his house, since his wife had threatened to be there in ghostly form. Miss Mulcahy made a hasty departure, and Pat compelled his rebellious legs to take him back to his legitimate partner.

"Has she gone?" asked Mrs. McGinnis.

"Yes."

"Now, go get a hack."

"For the love of heaven, Bridget, what y' goin' to do?"

"Goin' home to the childer. D'y' suppose O'm goin' to die an' I've 'em in the mercy of that lussy, who can't wait till O'm dead before preparin' to take me place?"

Within an hour the patient was driving up to her own domicile, into which she walked, and she has long ago completely recovered her health. The case is noted in the medical books as one especially illustrating the influence of the mind over the body.

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