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## FILL KNOX PLACE

### President Favors Ambassador Choate for the Secretary Ship

Washington, June 11.—Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to Great Britain, is President Roosevelt's first choice as attorney-general to succeed Mr. Knox. The President suggested Mr. Choate name at the cabinet meeting today, saying the ambassador was the ideal selection, and expressing the belief that he would accept. He said Mr. Choate was the equal of Mr. Knox in legal ability, and, having been abroad five years, was free from all corruption influences. He thought Mr. Choate would be willing to round out his career by a full term in the cabinet.

Secretary Hay and other members of the cabinet discouraged the President by declaring Mr. Choate would not accept the position, but did not succeed in affecting the President's optimism.

The President declared that the attorney-generalship must be filled from New York, as that state now has no representative in the cabinet.



### Government Graft—A Remedy Suggested.

The national government is required by the necessities of good service to keep abreast of the times in recognizing and adopting valuable new mechanical devices. In war and in peace, in public as well as in private life, competition obliges the use of the best facilities.

This is especially true in the postal service, a purely business institution, availing itself of innumerable mechanical contrivances to expedite its work. The head of this department must not be of the class who would slaughter a novel suggestion with the bludgeon of conservatism or dismiss an independent thought as pernicious activity. If the postal service is to comply with the public demand for celerity and efficiency, it must use the latest inventions and improvements applicable to its varied activities. It can only do this by promptly utilizing patented articles and, therefore, under present conditions, finds itself, to a certain extent, at the mercy of patentees and manufacturers.

It is, the Sentry believes, a significant fact that in nearly every case the alleged criminal practices in the post office department, for which many indictments have been found and some convictions had, occur in the purchase of articles covered by patents, to which the general principle of purchasing government supplies on competitive bids, cannot be applied, since there can be no competition. The corruption largely consisted in paying exorbitant prices to the manufacturers of these necessary patented devices through collusion with subordinate officials of the department who, it is alleged, were induced to pay these extravagant prices by heavy bribes.

The law requires ordinary supplies and commodities used by the departments to be purchased on contracts with the lowest bidder after competition open to all who make or sell these articles. But as only one concern can make or sell a patented device, the Comptroller of the treasury was forced to decide as early as 1896 that the revised statutes do not require the advertising for proposals of the making of contracts for the purchase of patented or copyrighted articles where the benefit of competition cannot be secured. Among the certificates for expenditures of money specifically referred to in the decision and especially covered thereby, are postal straps for the use of letter carriers; time clocks; attachments for street letter boxes, and time cards for street letter boxes. Strangely enough each one of these enumerated devices was the subject of a separate and special scandal developed in the postal investigation of 1903.

All such purchases are of an emergency character. There can be no bids on contracts, and the post office authorities are the sole judges of prices to be paid and quantities obtained. This fact throws an enormous responsibility on several subordinate

employees of the department and opens a wide field of temptation and opportunity for collusion with unscrupulous patentees for mutual profit. In practical operation it is found that this condition has opened the door for alarming instances of bribery and corruption.

One remedy which has been sought by the department and authorized by congress to take effect July 1, 1904, is the employment of a high salaried purchasing agent for the entire service, who shall give heavy bonds and be responsible directly to the Postmaster General. Another remedy which occurs to the Sentry, and which would apply equally to all other departments of the government, to the great relief of each and with doubtless an enormous aggregate saving in money each year, is this:

Amend the patent laws so as to provide, when any branch of the government departments desires to use a patented article in the public service, some just method of deciding on the value thereof, based on the cost of manufacture, a reasonable profit or a fair royalty; then fix that as the price to be paid therefor. The manufacturers would, doubtless in all cases be willing to accept the price thus established. They would have no motive for offering bribes to any official for approving or buying and the several departments would secure the desired improvements at a minimum cost.

The whole value of an invention to an inventor consists in the monopoly given him by the government through its patent laws. It is surely permissible, the Sentry believes, that the nation should protect itself against extortion under cover of its own benefactions. If the manufacturer should refuse to accept the price thus established, provision could then be made for invalidating the patent as to articles required for the government use and they could be contracted for in the open market without regard to the patent.

There would seem to be in this suggestion an inviting field for investigation and action by some practical congressman anxious to do something for the public good. Some pretentious statesman of past eras are now memorable only as industrious contributors to committee-room pigeon holes. This field of practical utility is respectfully commended by the Sentry to such public servants as desire to avoid that kind of distinction.

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## KILLED LARGE COUGAR

### Lane County Men Have Thrilling Experience With Vicious Animal

On last Thursday night, Mrs. Will Jones, who resides on a homestead near eGorge Down's home, on upper Mosby creek, was startled by a commotion in the calf pen near the house, in which a young calf was kept. Mr. Jones being absent from home, Mrs. Jones took a lantern and proceeded to investigate the cause of the disturbance. On nearing the calf pen, she heard the crackling of the underbrush nearby as if some large animal was beating a hasty retreat. The calf was found lying dead with a crushed and bleeding skull, indicating that it had been attacked and killed by a bear or cougar. Having no dog or gun the lady returned to the house and resolved to notify the neighbors of the occurrence the next morning. On the dawn of the following day it was discovered that the varmint had returned and dragged the calf far up on the mountain side and not until Friday evening was Mr. Jones, who returned home that day, successful in getting on the trail of the cougar. He was in company with Andrew Downs, and having only two small dogs, the big cat came to bay several times and made vicious attacks upon the dogs, both of which were badly wounded. Darkness finally ensued, but the two hunters kept up the pursuit of the big game by lantern light and several times came near getting into a hand-to-hand struggle with the cougar in the mountain jungles. The little dogs finally harassed the big cat to such an extent that it went up a large tree and could only be located by the glare of its eyes as it watched the movements of the lantern in the hands of its pursuers. Finally the lantern was placed on the head of young Downs, who thus attracted the attention of the cougar, aimed his rifle at the two shining eyes, but his aim proved a little low, the ball striking the cougar in the throat, coming out at the point of the shoulders. The beast, with a cry of pain, came crashing through the boughs to the ground and died almost without a struggle. There are few hunters who care to pursue a mountain lion or cougar through an Oregon forest at night. Mr. Jones is a young school teacher who came here from the East some months ago and this hunting experience was naturally a thrilling and novel one for him.—Cottage Grove Leader.

**A Rogue River Souvenir.**  
W. R. Anderson has just received a splendid bottle of nuggets from Southern Oregon. They were taken from a tributary of the Rogue river, and were sent to him by an old miner, whom he boarded for the winter. The value of these nuggets will reach over \$300, a pretty good return for an act of charity. Bill wants his friends to see them, and will keep the souvenir as evidence that there is at least one honest man in the world.

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**Gas Exploded in Sewer.**  
Chicago, June 11.—An explosion of gas at the sewer on Halsted and 39th street this morning caused the death of Guy Milmore, John Wrenn, Matthew Miller, and George Cunningham, and possibly injury to many others. Fifty men were at work 30 feet below the surface when the accident occurred.

## READ DAILY EVENTS

### Passengers on An Ocean Atlantic Liner Kept Posted by Wireless Telegraph

New York, June 11.—The passenger steamer of the Cunard line, "Campania," arriving this morning, was enable to read the news bulletins of the world's events each day before breakfast on the voyage, through the agency of the Marconi wireless system. Marconi was a passenger, and directed the operations. The communication with Cornwall was maintained for 2300 miles, when Cape Breton was picked up.

**New Governor-General.**  
London, June 11.—It is announced that Earl Grey, lord-lieutenant of Northumberland, will succeed Earl Minto as governor-general of Canada.

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