

SENATORIAL GRAFTING UNMASKED

How Little Thieves Are Punished and Big Thieves Are Protect- ed With Appropriations

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"I will oppose it with all my power, for it is contrary to the interests of the express companies."—T. C. Platt.

At the time of the investigation of the frauds in connection with the post-office department there was much boomerang of cannon and noise.

A few head clerks were found guilty of appropriating money that rightfully belonged to the people.

The poor little head of the money order department, and who, by the way, fought the post check currency bill tooth and nail, it seems, had some relatives connected with the concern that was furnishing the paper, and he had to go.

Then there were others interested in the purchase of some of the supplies, and they were dismissed and finally indicted, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment.

The housecleaning seemed very thorough, but the job is laughable, when the facts are looked at. These peculations of the people's money were acts of petty larceny compared with the tremendous sums of money taken from the people's purse each year, and drifted into corporations by some of the same people who distribute the clerkships.

I am safe in saying, and it can be demonstrated, that a gift or graft of at least \$34,000,000 a year is paid out to railroads for carrying the United States mail more than should be paid on an equitable basis for the service rendered.

No legislation can be carried through to save this tremendous loss, so long as the express companies and the railroads have their own representatives in the United States senate and the house of representatives. Nor can measures for the relief of the people, in other ways, such as needed reforms in postal currency, parcels post, or any reform that will take away from the corporations' rich fees they now enjoy.

As an illustration of the boldness with which this work is carried on, I to pay a bill or to buy groceries or for existed against the adoption of postal currency, and we put out on the trail to find where the trouble lay. This postal currency subject has been discussed by the newspapers and the public for four or five years. Thousands of letters urging its adoption have been received by members of congress from their constituents. Farmers, merchants, workmen, bankers, newspaper and other publishers have continually called for the post check, or some measure that would supply the people with convenient money for safe transmission through the mails. A canvass of the senate and house devel-

Thousands Have Kidney

Trouble and Never Suspect It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this paper and don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y.

the paper, so we are told, and who was requested to disappear for the "good of the service," but his terribly expensive methods still obtain. For the fiscal year 1904 the cost of the money-order service was \$5,491,000, as shown by a careful computation made by Capt. H. A. Castle, ex-auditor of the department, and the domestic money orders issued numbered 50,712,168. Therefore the average cost of making, issuing and redeeming these orders was about 10.8 cents each. Seventy-eight per cent. of these money orders were for \$5 and under which the post check currency would replace. The boiled down facts follow:

Cost to department for money orders less than \$5, 78 per cent. of total cost of department... \$4,282,980.00
Receipts from fees on same 1,450,000.00
Loss \$2,832,980.00
Annual profit on same business by use of Post check:
Total number orders 50,712,168, 78 per cent. of same equals 39,555,391 bills at 1 1/2 cents each... 494,442.38

Annual saving and profit, \$3,327,422.38 to the people by the adoption of post check currency. It is not usual that old conditions and clumsy machinery can be replaced by modern methods and a heavy profit made by the change. But here we secure clean money first. Then convenient money to send by mail, and finally we clear over \$3,000,000 each year by reason of the change.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

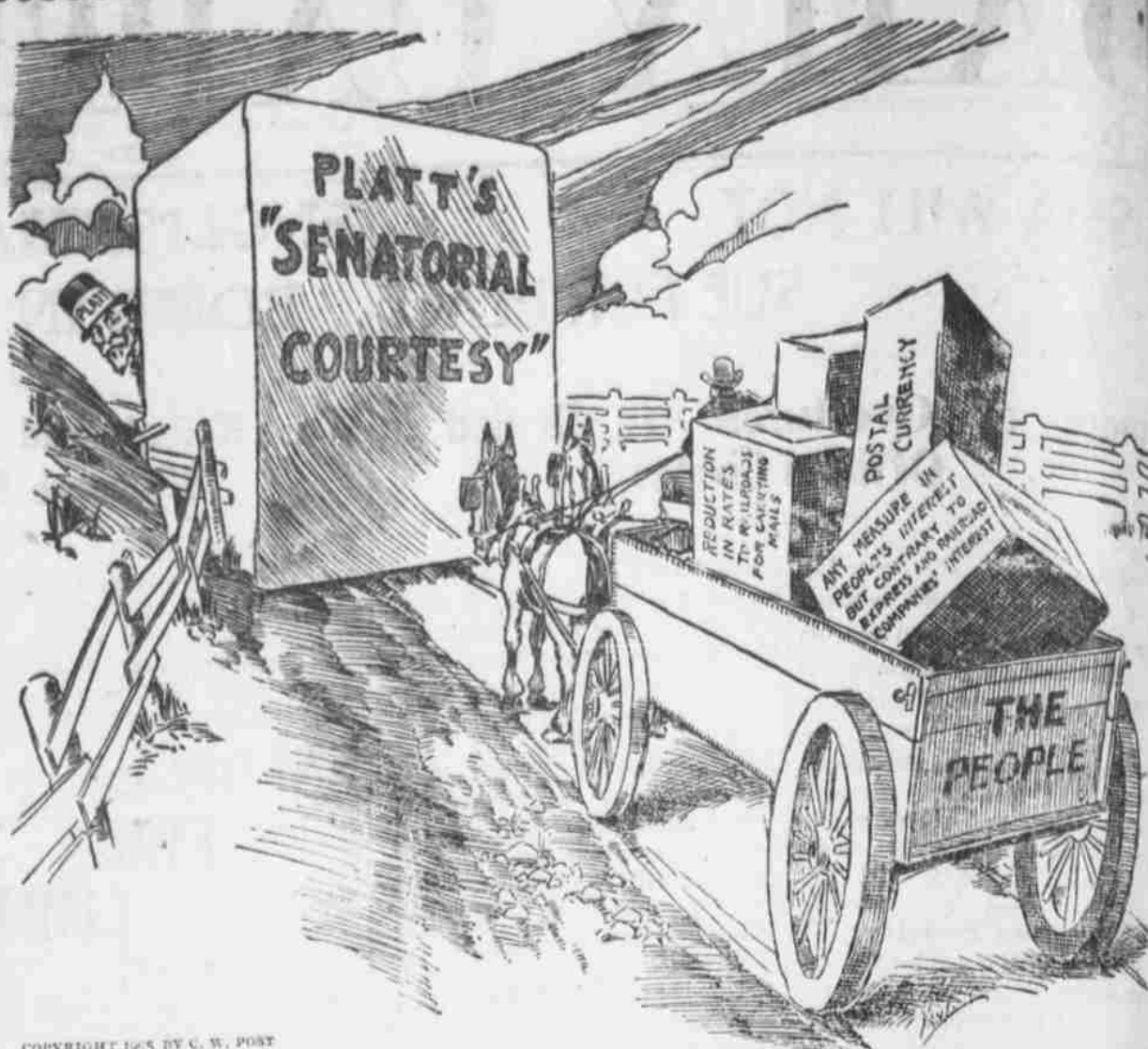
The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Work of Mother's Congress.

Washington, D. C., March 11.—The arrival of many belated delegates resulted in a largely increased attendance when the National Congress of Mothers resumed its sessions this morning. The forenoon was given over to reports of chairmen of standing committees. Mrs. Florence Kelly of New York presented the report of the committee on child labor, and the report of the committee on education was presented by Mrs. W. S. Hefferan of Chicago. Other reports presented and adopted were those of Mrs. D. W. Standwood, of Boise City, Idaho, on domestic science, and Hastings Hart, on dependent, defective and delinquent children. President Stanley Hall of Clark university will deliver an address before the congress this evening on the subject of child study. The religious education of the child in the home will be the subject of special services in several churches tomorrow.

Does your head seem to be oppressed with a dull pain, as if it were the base of a monument? Wright's Paragon Headache Cure will relieve it. Every druggist has it. Try it.



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Are You Engaged?

Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided by keeping their digestions in good condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated

with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and O., says: "For years my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated and guarantees them, at 50c a bottle.

Mrs. A. M. McManus, of Portland, who has been attending the Sanner-Berts wedding, returned to her home Friday evening.

Mrs. C. F. Belt has returned to home at Dallas, after a brief visit to

A Word of Caution to Land Buyers

About 80 per cent of the land titles in Marion county are bad. When you buy BE SURE and get an ABSTRACT of the TITLE. You wouldn't buy a horse without looking at him; why would you buy land without looking at the title? Lands in Oregon are not under legal subdivision surveys like in the east, but under donation land claim-meters and bounds descriptions. We have been abstracting land titles for over 25 years and are fully equipped with the NECESSARY record for RELIABLE work. We sell FRUIT FARMS near the city for \$5 down and \$5 monthly installment.

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