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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL A WITNESS BEFORE THE TELEPHONE COM-

Telling His Relations With the Pan Electric Company and Denying that He Ever Used His Official Place to Advance Its

The announcement that Attorney General Garland was to appear be-General Garland was to appear before the telephonic investigation com
mittee on Monday, caused a large
attendance. It was nearly three
quarters of an hour after the regular hour of meeting when the Attorney General appeared, looking pale
and rather feeble. With a courteous
salute to the committee he immediately took the stand and on the invitation of the chairman began to make a statement of his connection with the Pan Electric Company. He wished he said, to lay before the committee and reaffirm the matter contained in his statement to the President on October 8 last. In addition he wished to explain two or three points of that statement. In February, 1883, General Atkins had said to witness that he believed the Roger inventions were of great utility if properly handled and that money could be made out of them. Being a poor man like himself, General At kins had desired witness to enter into

"I told him," said the witness, that I had never undertaken to make any money except by law and poker. I have always lost at poker and generally won at law. I was willing to go into this if he thought it

THE SUIT AGAINST THE BELL COMPANY. Continuing, the witness said that Senator Harris made substantially the same statement about the inventions, and two or three days after-wards the witness had been intro-duced to Dr. Rogers and his son at their home. He briefly told of their organization of the Pan Electric Com-pany, as detailed by Senator Harris and other witnesses, and then turned his attention to the applications made to him to bring suit against the Bell Company. It was an inference and not a fact, he said, that the Pan Electric Company had made the application. The inference was found ed on two reasons—first, that Colonel Young came with the other gentlemen (in the latter part of July) and witness knew him to be secretary and treasurer of the Pan Electric, and second, because witness had on May 25 received a letter from Dr. Rogers requesting suit to be brought as a stockholder of that company. Witness had treated Dr. Rogers' letter as personal, and he knew Rogers had no authority to make the publication—that such an application must come from the president of the company. Therefore the letter had remained unanswered and a per

sonal paper had not been filed.

It July Van Benthuysen had presented his application for a suit, basing it upon the law which he stated had been passed at the last session of Congress. The application had been referred by witness to the Interior Department, where he should have gone in the first instance, and witness had heard no more of it until t had been returned last January with the other papers. Looking over the authorities he had concluded that he could not order suit, and when the gentlemen came (Van Benthuy-sen, Young and the others) he had determined that he would not touch

it at all, under any circumstances. WHY HUMPHREYS GOT MAD. In the early part of the fall a Mr. Rumphreys, of the Globe Telephone Company, had called upon him at the department about the application. Humphreys had insisted that he (witness) order a suit and had said it was very curious that because he (witness) was in another company that his (Humphreys') right should

e disregarded. "He got mad because I would not "He got mad because I would not do anything about it," said the wit-ness, "and we parted, not with mu-tual respect and admiration at all." While a stockholder he had been yery derelict in attending meetings. Mr. Young and Senator Harris usually drew up the legal papers and made such alterations as seemed to be nade such alterations as seemed to be necessary. These papers had been submitted to witness in the Senate judiciary room, but it was a mistake to say that any board meeting had been held in that room.

Turning his attention to the order-ing of the Memphis suit, the witness said that he had arranged to leave Washington on August 27th and spend the entire month of September at his home in Arkansas.

He had chosen that time because he had found September the best month to be out of Washington, and because he could shoot deer in Ar-kansas in that month under the State

GARLAND AND GOODE, Mr. Goode had returned about the

middle of August, but witness had said nothing to him about the application he had received. He had come to Washington about October 1st and when he called at the White House the President had told him the papeas were speaking of the case, whereupon he had made the explanation that had been published. Witness had never to this day spoken to Mr. Goode about the first suit or the one

declined to sit in the case because of his friendship and old acquaintance with the witness. He had seen some notice now and then "about Garland being the recipient of a block of stock by way of a gift." Of course there had been no gift about it.

THE QUESTIGN OF PROPRIETY.

As to the question of propriety, there was no more impropriety in his position than in the case of gen-tlemen holding railroad stock sitting tlemen holding railroad stock sitting in Congress, or Congressmen going over to the Supreme court to practice for money. It was a legitimate business, and witness had never dreamed of any legislation being asked. His only regret was that it "had not panned out better."

If any question had come up in Congress connected with the company he should not have voted on it. He had recommended Dr. Rogers and his son to Messrs. Cox and Hewitt.

his son to Messrs. Cox and Hewitt, because he regarded them as very competent men in their line. Witness had talked with Architect Clarke about Farris Rogers' application for appointment as House Electrician, and about putting in the Rogers telephones, but after a consultation with Senator Edmunds, the President pro tempore of the Senate, Mr. Clarke had refused to make the appoint-

THE STOCK NOT A GIFT. The chairman inquired if witness regarded the stock as a gift.

He replied in the negative.

or six persons had come together for the organization of a company and they had made assessments, the first move being to give a note of \$1,000, which was followed by assessments of \$50 or \$100 each. Chairman Boyle asked: "Did you

contemplate using your official posi-tion for the advantage of the enter-"Not at all," replied Mr. Garland. "If I had been a private citizen I could have done much better than when in office." He added that he had no more idea of using official influence than of jumping into the

Potomac river with a millstone around his neck. The company was simply an undertaking by half a dozen impecunious gentlemen. UNDER CROSS FIRE. Mr. Ranney inquired whether witness regarded his stock as a purchase, as he said it was not a gift.
Mr. Garland replied that it was not precisely a purchase; it would be difficult to define it in one word.

Still, taking the assessments into

Mr. Ranney wished to know if the witness had felt that it would be improper to tell the applicants for suit that he was disabled and refer them to the Solicitor General. "It would not have been improp-

er," responded the witness, "but it was a question of delicacy with me." "Don't you think you were a little versensitive!" "No sir; with me it was a case like that of Lorenzo Dow's man—you will be damned if you do and be damned if you don't." [Laughter.]

NO OFFICIAL INFLUENCE. As Mr. Raney still pressed the witness for his reason in remaining si-lent he remarked that after what had ccurred it seemed to him that it was the utmost propriety that he had kept silent. He thought it would

have been extremely indelicate to have said anything about it. Mr. Oates - "Since you have been Attorney General have you done any act or thing, directly or indirectly, to enhance the interests of the Pan

Electric Company, either as counsel for them, as stockholder, or interested party?".
The witness—"I cannot call to mind any thought, action or word of mine since I have become Attorney Gen-oral that is calculated in the remot-

est degree to increase the value of that stock or enhance its value in any way. I have not been at a meeting and have had no conference with the gentlemen connected with it at all.' The committee adjourned

Wednesday. Decision Against the Bell Com-

The Bell Telephone Company, in ts subserviency to the Western Union monopoly refused to place one of its instruments in the main office of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in this city. Its plea was that it was carrying on a private business, and could do what it pleased with its own. But Judge Arnold, of the Common Pleas Court of this city, decided that the Bell Telephone Company, as a common carrier, is bound to furnish its instruments to the pub. to furnish its instruments to the pub lic without distinction and at a common rental. This sensible and righteous decision has just been conrighteous decision has just been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. When a monopoly like the Bell Telephone Company seeks extraordinary privileges it is a very public institution, but when it desires to evade its duties and obligations to the public it tries to shrink into a very private affair.

Stepping on a Het Brick.

Philadelphia Times. Sometimes it is the reformers who get into trouble. In order to force the druggists of Ipswich, Mass., to abandon the selling of cigars and candy on Sunday a Selectman threatened to prosecute them all They didn't resent this for a little time and when the Selectman again appeared for the purpose of enforcing his threat he was politely told that if he carried out his intention counter suits would be brought against him for selling cider without a license during the entire winter and peddling milk on Sunday in violation of a local law. When last heard from the Selectman was sitting in a neighboring fence corner wondering whether there was any truth in the saying that a man once broke his own neck while trying to break the neck of while trying to break the neck of another man. The dubious look on his face indicated that the affirmative side were nearing a favorable

Unnecessary Violence, which outraged nature exacts heavy persons who with anching purpatives make war on those order to relieve their constriction. Consider one of those deperate diseases that perate remedies. In fact, it is not at but the incomplete discharge of a furnitude of a furnitude of the complete discharge o

TARIFF REDUCTION.

CLEVELAND'S OPINION ON THE BILL

Helps Out Morrison-Powderly in Washington-Personal Notes. Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.

WASHINGTON, April 20.-Some gentlemen who have heretofore differed from your correspondent as to the probabilities of the passage of the tariff reduction bill now concede that the horizon is clearing up. The report that the President has gone into the fight in favor of the measure is verified. Mr. Cleveland is consistent in this matter. He has always been a moderate revenue reformer, leaning more to Morrison than to Randall. It is understood that he has told members of the House that the bill is a reasonable measure of reform, and should be passed. This pressure, it is believed, will have the effect to destroy Mr. Randall's opposition, although that able but narrowminded politician will persist to the bitter end. His followers cannot be rallied, in the face of the President's friendliness, to vote against the

A practical man who has been here many years, and has enjoyed fine opportunities, says that the right course for those who have charge of the Morrison-Hewitt bill is to open the whole subject for amendment. If free wool is objectionable to the majority, or free lumber, or salt, or any other article, let it be stricken off without endangering the measure as-a whole. The idea is that the people expect some bill to pass the House, with the option to the Senate of rejecting it, if it will incur the risk. It is also said that the President takes this view. He is certainly in favor of the bill.

Although the feeling against the Pendleton act is still violent, one hears rather more than formerly from those men who, while not formally approving this measure, are disposed to obey it lovally, and supplied to obey it lovally. consideration, it might be called a disposed to obey it loyally, and suppurchase. He was \$400 out by the port the President in his obedience to it. Of this class of gentlemen, Mr

Johnston has talked with your correspondent several times recently. The member from the Ninth District thinks that the President has undoubtedly made mistakes. The appointment of Matthews he regards as bad as bad can be, and proposes saying so on the stump. But Mr. Johnston says that the President is not responsible for divisions which exist in the House, and that the House would be better engaged in perfecting measures of economy and necessity than sitting around smoking cigars and abusing the President. This gentleman has been a very industrious

and judicious Representative. Interviewing Gen. Warner, one of the Ohio protectionist Democrats, to day, I learned the following: Questioned as to the effect of the Presi dent's influence in the tariff issue, he replied: "It will amount to nothing. Men who have convictions will not change because the administration i in favor of the bill We all know how little influence the President had in the last Congress on the silver question Men will think for themselves. In Ohio we believe in the sort of protection advocated in the Democratic platform-that which gives labor the immediate benefit of the difference in price between the cost of manufacture here and abroad." The General held that the Morrison

bill had not gained ground. Powderly, the great labor leader, appeared before the Labor Committee of the House today. He is a stout, short man, dressed in a pepper-and-salt suit, sack coat; wears steel spectacles; has a face of strong character, the lower jaw heavy; the brow high; head bald on top, with dark hair behind worn very long. His manner is perfectly self-possess ed, his utterance distinct, his language good. The little room in the Congressional Hotel, near the Capitol, in which the committee met, was crowded by Congresemen, reporters, and friends of labor reform. After the sitting several persons spoke to Mr. Powderly, who received the advances very pleasantly and unaf-fectedly. He has made a very favorable impression here as else-

Men in Confederate uniforms have ossession today of the nation's capital. These men are from New York, and they form the 7th Regiment of the National Guard.

Mr. Johnston obtained this morn ing leave of absence for two days. He has gone to Roanoke City, Va., to a railroad convention, to which he is a delegate.

Senator Ransom has not returned. He is not only physically sick, but is said to be greatly annoyed at the recent course of things,

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Green last night by the House Conwill be no d separately or together. Price \$700 ressional Committee as a member of | 68 the Central Executive Committee of nine to conduct the next campaign is a personal tribute to a very worthy and intelligent gentleman.

Mr. Skinner has just made an im-

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on Indian Affairs. It is a bill to grant lands in severalty to Indians and for other purposes. O'Hara reported several bills from Mr. Reid has been at home since

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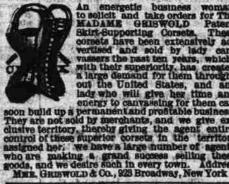
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