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## ATTEMPT TO BRIBE SENATOR.

Charge Involves Members in Both Branches of Congress and Former Senators.

Washington, June 24.—Senator Gore of Oklahoma disclosed in the Senate to-day what he interpreted as an effort to bribe him in connection with legislation affecting the fortune in attorneys' fees claimed by J. F. McMurray of Oklahoma for services rendered to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in land and town site cases.

The charge created a sensation in the Senate which later extended to the House. The latter body in consequence sent back to conference the general deficiency bill which carried an item relating to contracts between the Indians and their attorneys.

As a result of the denouncement, Senator Gore finally involved a member of the Senate committee on Indian affairs, a member of the House committee on Indian affairs, two former Senators, one from Nebraska and the other from Kansas, but whose names were not made public in debate.

It is not improbable that an investigation will be ordered, Mr. Gore was compelled to address the Senate three times before that body was fully aroused to the seriousness of the charges which he made. His first effort was in connection with the adoption of the conference report on the deficiency bill, which had been presented by Senator Hale. As passed by the Senate, that measure contained an amendment which would render null and void contracts made by the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and by individual members of these tribes with their attorneys, unless the contracts were approved by Congress.

This provision was in accordance with a resolution introduced by Mr. Gore on May 4 last. It was designed to prevent Mr. McMurray from obtaining fees which, it is said, would aggregate \$3,000,000 and which Mr. Gore complained had not been earned by the attorney.

The conference report had been adopted by the Senate when Mr. Gore entered the chamber. He announced that he had been informed that the Senate had receded from the amendment requiring the approval by Congress of tribal agreements, but Mr. Hale assured him that the matter had been properly safeguarded. He added that as agreed upon in conference these agreements would require approval by the president and the secretary of the Interior before becoming effective.

Mr. Gore accepted the explanation but said if the contracts were to be recognized Mr. McMurray would receive \$3,000,000. It was in this connection that he first announced that improper influences had been exerted by a representative of Mr. McMurray in an effort to defeat the provision requiring Congressional action upon the contracts.

Characterizing the McMurray claims as having been "conceived in corruption and brought forth in corruption," Mr. Gore said that he had been approached by an outsider who desired to interest him in the McMurray claims.

"This is one of the biggest steals ever attempted to be put through Congress," said Mr. Murphy.

After naming Mr. McMurray as the man who had been trying to put this scheme through he said McMurray had been ably assisted by Cecil Lyon, "chairman of the great Republican committee of Texas and national Republican committeemen from that State."

"These gentlemen," continued Mr. Murphy, "have traveled over the Indian Territory and have procured contracts from the individual Indians. You are giving to these men who are holding these contracts from \$5,000,000 to \$16,000,000 and presumably more and they have done nothing that is worth a single dollar for it."

Mr. Murphy, who was once an attorney for the Creek Indians, to-night figured the ultimate amount that would accrue to McMurray and those associated with him under the 10 per cent. contract at \$20,800,000. This, said Mr. Murphy, is under the geological survey estimate and is exclusive of the percentage they would get from the pine lands which are reserved from allotment.

## HAS TAFT FORGOTTEN ROOSEVELT?

The Situation in National Affairs as Reported From Washington.

BY CLYDE H. TAVENNER.  
Staff Washington correspondent of THE WATCHMAN.

Washington, June 27.—Why is it that the price of articles on which the tariff was not advanced, has increased since the passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill? I put this question to United States Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, one of the genuine progressive Republicans of Congress.

"I can answer that question," replied Senator Clapp, "in less than two minutes, and no one will successfully contradict my statement."

"In the Payne-Aldrich revision of the tariff the rates on scores upon scores of articles were advanced. Those increases have advanced the price of everything; yes, have increased the price of articles on which the tariff was not changed.

"You can't raise the cost of living to a man who is producing something to sell, without forcing that man to raise correspondingly the price of what he has to sell.

"Suppose both of us are in business, and that each has to use what the other produces. Suppose the tariff on the article I handle is increased, while the tariff on the article you handle is not increased. By virtue of my increased protection, I force you to pay increased prices. What are YOU going to do about it? What MUST you do about it? Answer: you must increase the price of what YOU have to sell! And that's just the way it works out all along the line, and in the end all of the increases fall upon the broad shoulders of the consumer.

"But you will hear it said constantly with reference to something on which the price has been advanced, 'Oh, that isn't in the tariff at all. That increase has nothing to do with the tariff.' But the fact is tariff revision upward on a few articles reaches all along the line.

"The new tariff law has cost, and is costing the American people millions on millions of dollars, in increased cost of living. And if the Payne-Aldrich bill had been passed, those millions would have been saved to the people."

**BATTLESHIPS ARE EXPENSIVE.**  
Congress has authorized two more battleships. It is estimated each ship will cost \$12,000,000 to build, and \$1,000,000 a year during its 20-year life-time to maintain. The aggregate ultimate cost of each ship, as a matter of fact, is, therefore \$32,000,000!

The cost of each ship would buy 8,000 farms at \$4,000 each; it would furnish the means of education through a four-year course to 16,000 men or women at \$500 per annum; it would build and equip 50 manual training schools with necessary tools and appliances, giving a trade to 75,000 young people each year; it would build a macadam road between Chicago and New York, or build and equip 40 Y. M. C. A. buildings of magnificent proportions, each building accommodating the young men in a city of 200,000 people!

**THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM!**  
The eve of the Congressional campaigns is at hand. It looks as if the Republican party proper will boldly attempt to bluff the American people on these propositions:

That Aldrichism is a good thing for the country.

That "Uncle Joe" belongs to the Abraham Lincoln type of statesmen. (Which will not do any good hereabouts.—Ed.)

That the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was the "best tariff bill ever passed" and is a God send to the consumers.

That the expenditure of more than double the sum used by Cleveland to run the government is really necessary for "party solidarity."

**WHAT DEMOCRACY OFFERS.**  
Here is the platform the aver-

age Democratic candidate for Congress will present to the people:

Lower duties on the necessities of life  
An income tax that a large part of the burden of the cost of government may fall upon those best able to bear it.

Reciprocity with Canada and our best customers.

Repeal of Section 2 of the Aldrich act that forces tariff wars and retaliation.

Election of senators by direct vote.

Old-time democratic economy in public expenditures.

Restoration of popular government in House of Representatives.

**ROOSEVELT AND TAFT.**

Gilson Gardner, a newspaper correspondent who joined the Roosevelt party in Egypt and accompanied it to Washington, and who had almost daily interviews with the ex-president, stakes his reputation on the prediction that the Taft administration has been so thoroughly bad that Roosevelt will not endorse it in any shape or form. He declares Taft deserted the Roosevelt policies cold-bloodedly. In connection with Gardner's statement, it is significant that Roosevelt should have been this long on American soil following his long absence in Africa without having seen the man he made president or having mentioned him in any way. Roosevelt and Taft have not met since March 4, 1909.

**ALDRICH "STANDS PAT."**

Hear ye! Hear ye! Senate Boss Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich stands pat on his original statement that the government is wasting \$800,000,000 a year. Senator Beveridge, fretting under Aldrich's indictment of the Republican party on the charge of gross and wanton extravagance, sought to discredit Aldrich's statement. But Aldrich declared he knew what he was talking about, and that if he could run the government as a business man, "without let or hindrance from anyone," he could save the people \$300,000,000 a year. Query: Is Aldrich contemplating joining the ranks of the insurgents? It would be interesting to know what the "stand pat" Republican editors of the country think of Aldrich's statement on Republican wastefulness!

**REMOVING THE STING.**  
The House passed a bill requiring the publication of campaign expenses before and after election. The Senate took the sting out of the measure by amending it so that it provides for the publication of expenses 80 days after election.

## Don't Experiment with a Cough

When Dr. Bell's Pine Tar-Honey has been used by Millions of people for sixteen years with a steady increasing demand. Look for the Bell on the Bottle.

## The Road Drag.

One of the first conversations we heard on our return from Glenn Springs, was that of two representative business men, in the strongest commendation of Mr. Ruff's use of the split log drag, constructed at a cost of less than \$5, and he does not hesitate to use it. After each heavy rain he drags the entire section of the road through his place. It does not take long to do the work and the result is both speedy and satisfactory. There is no one implementation that the farmers need to learn the value of to such a large extent. The split log drag accomplishes wonders. Every farmer should have one and contribute his part to solving the present road problem.—Winnsboro News and Herald.

## Kept the King at Home.

"For the past year we have kept the King of all laxatives—Dr. King's New Life Pills—in our home and they proved a blessing to all our family," writes Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y. Easy, but sure remedy for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 25c at All Drug-

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COURT.

Will Gardner, a Notorious Chicken Thief Rounded Up, Tried and Found Guilty.

Only one case was tried in the County Court on Friday morning, a young white man who had viewed the moon through the bottom of a bottle. He pleaded guilty to the charge, paid the cost and was discharged.

After two cases of plain drunks had been disposed of in the County Court on Monday morning with light fines and costs, the cases of Will Gardner, charged with the promiscuous stealing of chickens from different parties in Salisbury and at Spencer, was taken up. In the first case only a preliminary hearing was had. R. L. Gill, who has several yards of very valuable chickens at his home, near the switch between Salisbury and Spencer, testified that, on the night of the 18th, he had about 75 of his best young chickens taken, and, on Saturday afternoon, found part of them in the coops of parties in East Spencer who claimed that they had bought them that morning from a Negro who came along with them in sacks. Mr. Gill has a system of marking his chickens, by punching a hole in the web between the toes, which makes their identification easy, and was thus able to identify one lot which he found even after they were cut up and ready for frying, the feet having been saved. Several parties testified to the fact that they had bought the chickens from Will, whom they identified in court. Will, when put on the stand, after being cautioned by the court that he need not testify unless he wanted to, admitted that he had sold the chickens, but claimed that he was selling them for Will Byers, who was to pay him 50 cents for selling them. He denied that he knew where they came from. Little credence was given to his story, as Byers is badly wanted here for escaping from the chain gang some time ago, and it is not probable that he was going around at an early hour in the morning peddling chickens from a buggy, as Will claimed. He admitted that he had served two terms on the Mecklenburg chain gang: once for fighting and once for concealing an overcoat which had been stolen. In the last case he served 28 months. He denied that he had ever done time for stealing chickens. The evidence was so conclusive that he was held for the Superior Court, the County Court not having jurisdiction in larceny cases where the value of the article stolen exceeds \$20, and failing to give the \$300 bond required, he will have to stay in jail.

Will was tried in two more cases of chicken stealing in which the court did have final jurisdiction. In the first case he was charged with stealing five Leghorn hens from W. E. Beaver, in East Salisbury, on the night of the 18th. Mr. Beaver found them next day at the store run by Frank Miller, son of D. M. Miller, near Shober's bridge, on the morning of the 14th, Frank turned the chickens over to Mr. Beaver, when he claimed them, and fully identified Will as the Negro from whom he had purchased them.

**The Boundary Dispute.**  
Asheville, June 24.—The hearing in the suit in the United States Supreme Court involving the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee which began at Murphy Monday has been concluded and the next taking of testimony will take place at Asheville July 6. Following this there will be hearings in Knoxville and perhaps one or two other Tennessee places. The section involved in the suit is the extreme western part of the State, being the lines of Cherokee and Graham counties in this State.

Of such importance was this litigation that the United States Supreme Court granted an order allowing North Carolina to bring an original bill of complaint in the Supreme Court and after the testimony is concluded it will be submitted to the court and arguments had. North Carolina alleges that Tennessee has several thousand acres of land which should under certain surveys belong to North Carolina.

One of the features of the hearings is the taking of a large number of depositions and June 30 is scheduled as the date for taking the deposition of Rope Twister Connessee, a Graham county Indian, who is 102 years of age.—Charlotte Observer.

## We Don't Have to

Tell you what it's for, it's name tells. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is the best cough medicine and several million people already know it. Look for the Bell on the Bottle.

chased them. Will made no defence other than to say he was not guilty, but the court decided that he was and gave him twelve months on the roads. In the third case he was charged with stealing chickens valued at \$20 from W. E. Young, at Spencer. A Mr. Albright testified that he was at the well in his yard, at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning when a Negro walked near him with two sacks in his hand. He asked the Negro what he wanted, said nothing, and, as he turned to leave, one of the chickens in the bag squawked. This gave him away and he ran through a cotton patch and into a piece of woods. Mr. Albright could not identify Will as the Negro, but as Officer Ataway arrested Will near this piece of woods in less than an hour afterwards, as the two bags with the chickens in them were found in the woods late in the day, and as Will's foot fitted exactly in the track made in the soft ground in the cotton patch, the track showing the print of a stout cord where his torn shoe was tied, he was found guilty. In view of the case standing against him in the Superior Court, judgment was suspended in this one.

## A Box Party at Mr. Ruff's.

A jolly crowd of more than a score of Salisbury's young folks attended a box party and an ice cream supper at the home of M. B. Ruff, on the Bringle's Ferry road seven miles from town, on Wednesday night. The party was given to raise money for missions. Quite a nice sum was realized, from the sale of the boxes which were filled with candy, fruit and other things. The boxes were furnished by the girls and were bought by the boys. They were out for a good time, and had it. The party returned to Salisbury in the wee small hours of the morning. Those attending from Salisbury were: John Boat, Miss May Swink; Ray Lentz, Miss Effie Morgan; Gilmer Julian, Miss Elsie Hall; Gilmer Boat, Miss Etta Taylor; Marvin Boat, Miss Josie Trolinger; Turner Beeker, Miss May Misenheimer; Latta Morgan, Miss Beulah Albright; Conrad Sherrill, Miss Willie Sherrill; Sam Trexler, Miss Bruner Phillips; Clarence Trolinger, Miss Gaither Othwalt; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan and Mr. Matthews.

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## STATE GETS \$1,237,500.

Senator Overman Holds Every Item of the Public Building Bill and Adds \$320,000.

Washington, June 24.—The public buildings bill as it now stands carries an appropriation of \$1,237,500, for North Carolina. This is three times as much as Virginia. No other Southern State has fared half so well. Senator Overman succeeded in holding every item put on in the House and adding \$320,000.

The different items as they appear in the bill, now a law, are:

Charlotte	\$250,000
Winston-Salem	250,000
Hendersonville	70,000
Rocky Mount	70,000
Tarboro	60,000
Hickory	60,000
Greenville	45,000
Monroe	45,000
Reidsville	85,000
Washington	80,000
Waynesville	7,500
Lumberton	5,000

Total \$917,500

## ITEMS ADDED BY SENATOR OVERMAN

Shelby	\$10,000
Burlington	10,000
Greenville	10,000
Monroe	5,000
Oxford	50,000
Tarboro	10,000
Raleigh	225,000

Total \$320,000

Grand total \$1,237,500

The North Carolina members of the public buildings committees have done good work for their State. On the House committee are Representatives Thomas and Grant. On the Senate committee Senator Overman.

Mr. Thomas used his influence in behalf of Charlotte and helped Mr. Webb in getting the handsome appropriation provided for the improvement of the postoffice building. Senator Overman made a strong and determined fight and succeeded in adding a handsome sum, helping out the towns of Shelby, Burlington, Monroe, Oxford, Greenville, Tarboro and Raleigh. He had to battle hard and long for the Raleigh item, which was added at the eleventh hour. Being a member of the conference committee he was able to retain every item. Here Mr. Thomas aided him.

The North Carolina people should realize from what has been done here this year by Senators Overman and Simmons on the public building committee and the judiciary committee, on the finance and commerce committee, what it means to keep men here until they get first class committee assignments. No two Senators have done better work for their State, and the beauty of it appears in dollars and cents in the public buildings bill and the rivers and harbors bill.

The same can be said of House, committeemen. Committee work tells.—Charlotte Observer.

## Prisoner Refuses to Eat

Greenville, S. C., June 25.—W. A. McGinnis, a white man who has been serving a 3 months' sentence in the county jail for bigamy, according to the warden, has eaten no food for a period of fourteen days. The facts in the case became known to-night.

A week ago the warden's attention was called to McGinnis' condition and the county physician was summoned. He made an examination and reported that there was nothing the matter with the man's condition. He appears normal in every particular, and seems bent on starving himself to death. He even refuses milk and has only taken two or three drinks of water this week.—Charlotte Observer.

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## LOCAL NEWS MATTERS.

Minor Matters of Interest Prepared for The Watchman Readers.

Miss Hattie Dean Turner and Dr. E. Q. Houston, of Davidson College, were married at the home of the bride, on Jackson Street, this city, at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Byron Clark officiating. After the ceremony the happy couple left for Davidson College, followed by the good wishes of all who know them.

Miss Pearl A. Sowers and L. O. Griffin were married on last Wednesday afternoon at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Sowers, of East Spencer, Rev. G. A. B. Holderby, of the East Spencer Methodist church, officiating. After the ceremony they left on a bridal trip for Raleigh and points in Eastern Carolina. They will make their homes in Spencer, where Mr. Griffin is employed by the Southern Railway Company.

Hub Sullivan, a Salisbury boy and well known engineer running on the Southern between Spencer and Asheville, was painfully hurt by falling from the top of his engine on the Spencer yards last week. One arm was broken, a wrist dislocated and his back and leg was badly out. He was taken to the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium, but was afterwards removed to the home of Miss Sallie Chunn, on West Council Street.

Mrs. Catherine Wise, widow of Edward Wise, died at her home near Union Church, in Providence Township, at 12:30 Friday night, aged 80 years. The funeral was held from Union Church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, Rev. L. B. Spoober officiating. The interment was made in the cemetery there.

The most severe wind and rain of the summer so far visited Salisbury and vicinity about 4:30 Friday afternoon. In the city very little damage was done except to awnings, several being torn to ribbons by the wind, but in the country much corn and the wheat and oats which were in the shock were overturned. At the Vance Cotton Mill a portion of the roof of the mill about, 80 feet square, was blown off and the heavy rain which followed poured in on the machinery, doing it is thought, serious damage to a portion of it. The rain was very heavy in the city, but scarcely enough fell at Spencer, Gold Hill and other points to lay the dust.

Some damage was done by lightning at the Southern Power Company's sub-station. Here the power was turned off which caused the stoppage of the street cars for a short while.

## Rare Musical Treat.

Miss Adelaide White, of Salisbury, who has had a class in voice culture here for some months past, with her pupils and Miss Virginia Busby, of Salisbury, were at home to friends at the studio in the Raper building Friday night; and their delightful rendition of a most excellent program was keenly enjoyed by the music lovers present. Miss White is possessed of especially fine gifts and the proficiency of her pupils was highly complimentary to her work. Miss Busby, piano soloist and accompanist, likewise is a talented musician and her parts of the program were rendered in true artistic manner.—Lexington Dispatch.

## A Woman's Great Idea

is how to make herself attractive. But, without health, it is hard for her to be lovely in face, form or temper. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and Kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion, good health. Try them. 50c. at All Druggists.