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CANNON'S DEFENSE OF HIMSELF.

Edward E. Higgins, president of Success Magazine, has sent a circular to its subscribers, asking whether Cannon should be elected Speaker again and whether the rules of the House should be revised. The Speaker is criticised in the circular. This has very much incensed Cannon, and he has written a long letter to a friend in Illinois, who sent him one of the circulars, in which he defends himself and the rules of the House. He says the circular shows on its face that Higgins knows nothing of what he writes.

What we do not understand is why the Speaker should be so incensed at this particular criticism of the rules and of his manner of enforcing them and should go to the trouble of writing a long letter in defense of himself and of the rules if the criticism showed on its face that the writer thereof knows nothing of the matter on which he wrote. Cannon says he receives hundreds of letters giving him instruction as to how to conduct the office of Speaker. He ignores these; but the Higgins letter to subscribers to Success Magazine seems to touch a vulnerable spot. How is that? The Speaker would have ignored that letter as he does all the others, but for the fact that there is danger of it having weight in the selection of a Speaker of the next House of Representatives. Writing to the Speaker personally and criticising his official conduct is very different from a letter to each of the thousands of subscribers to a popular magazine calling attention to that official's shortcomings. The letter is something which the candidate for re-election can't afford to let go unanswered.

DAMAGE SUITS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

It seems that up in Union county when a fellow gets the worst of it in a fight instead of taking his medicine, or, if he finds that too bitter, going to a magistrate for a warrant for the other fellow, he applies to the Superior Court for a summons in a civil suit and demands reparation in damages. Here are two items from last week's issue of the Monroe Enquirer giving accounts of two such suits tried in Union during the present term of court:

"The jury found that Mr. Y. M. Bogan was entitled to \$50 damages on account of personal injury received in a fight with Mr. Kemp Helms at Wingate last August. This was a fight growing out of politics. No weapons used—just a fist fight. Suit was brought by Mr. Bogan for \$2,500." "In the case of J. L. Davis against Pearl Sturdivant, which was tried in Superior Court last Tuesday and yesterday, the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. This was a suit for damages on account of personal injury caused by the shooting of Davis by Sturdivant at Marshville some months ago. The jury placed the damages at \$2,000."

THE NEBRASKA SENATORSHIP.

The Nebraska Legislature has passed the bill providing for election of United States Senators on the Oregon plan. The idea is to get Bryan in the Senate in 1911 even if the next Legislature should have a Republican majority. But Bryan's closest friends say the Senate is not the place for him. They still look higher. But if the Democratic Legislature paves the way for him over a Republican majority how could he refuse to accept? There is another obstacle in the way however, which might prove more formidable than Bryan's seeming objection to become Senator, which is that the Republicans in the next Legislature, if they should have a majority on joint ballot, would prefer electing a Senator of their own choice, as the Constitution provides, to being dictated to by Democrats under an unconstitutional act of the Legislature.

BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS.

The appropriations made at the present session of Congress, it is said, will exceed those of the first session. A yesterday's Washington dispatch says: "Now that billion dollar sessions of Congress are the rule, little other than appropriation legislation can be enacted during the short sessions, and the one to end this week is no exception. The appropriations for the session probably will be the largest on record, exceeding \$1,008,000,000 of the first session. As only one of the fifteen general appropriation bills of this session has been sent to the

President for his signature, an accurate statement of the amount to be appropriated is impossible."

CHICAGO'S GOVERNING BODY.

Henceforth members of the Chicago city council will receive salaries of \$3,000 a year. This is the largest salary paid to councilmen of any city in the whole country. In fact, members of no legislative body in the United States get larger salaries, except United States Senators and members of the National House of Representatives. The Chicago council has more legislative powers than the governing body of any other of our cities. Chicago is, in fact, a council-governed city, and because of this fact the people of the city have assented to this increase in the salaries of members of its governing body, hoping thereby to secure the best talent possible in its membership.

The American Review of Reviews for March is just from the presses. The articles under the two headings, "Progress of the World" and "Record of Current Events" are alone worth the price of a copy of the magazine. One can keep posted on current events by reading the articles in these departments of this most valuable publication and they are not the only interesting ones in this issue. Among the others are "In Africa With Roosevelt;" "Improved Method of Fruit-Handling;" "Safety of Travel on the Modern Liner." This magazine is published by the Review of Reviews Company at No. 13 Astor Place, New York, at three dollars a year or twenty-five cents per copy.

That seaman of the Kearsarge who left his ship and went to Monte Carlo in order to break the bank will be mighty apt to find that he has a bigger job on his hands than he supposed. Because he was sharp enough to win eight thousand dollars out of his shipmates in throwing dice does not prove that he has the qualifications necessary to successfully buck the Monte Carlo tiger. The probabilities are he will soon be calling on friends to supply money with which to get home or he will be laid away in the suicide's grave yard where so many of his class have preceded him.

Photo-Era, the American Journal of Photography, which is published at Boston, improves with every issue. The March number is a beauty and shows to what perfection photography has been developed. This magazine will be of interest to both the amateur and the professional photographers. Its home office is No. 383 Boyston street, Boston, the price \$1.50 a year or fifteen cents a copy.

The President, in accordance with the usual custom, has issued a proclamation convoking the Senate in executive session at noon on the 4th instant "for the purpose of receiving such communications as may be made by the Executive," the most important of which no doubt will be the nominations of Cabinet officers.

Colonel Cooper's friends took peculiar measures to prevent him being assassinated by Carmack. One left him, as soon as he got sight of the latter and another asked a woman to stay close by him all day. It looks, rather, like they were expecting Cooper to do the shooting.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—It will hardly be necessary for Mr. Bryan to deny the story from Texas that he is going to write a play and go on the stage in it. He may write the play, but he can make more money by sticking to the Chautauqua circuit than he could on the stage.—Savannah News.

—"Mr. Bryan's announcement that he is 'not discouraged' is the most discouraging item of news his enemies have seen in the papers for some time."—Boston Herald-Courier. Democrats who think that Mr. Bryan ought not to be nominated a fourth time are thus set down as his enemies. That is a played out business, just as Mr. Bryan is played out as a Presidential candidate.—Norfolk Landmark.

—"If Mr. Roosevelt had been a lawyer in the first place, and a good enough lawyer to have been a corporation lawyer, in the second, the chances are that we would have had a more constitutional and a less impulsive government the past seven years, and, moreover, that his efforts at reform would have been more effective and less destructive."—Courier Journal.

—"One report is that Senator Hale and Speaker Cannon have assured Mr. Taft that the tariff will be revised and ready for business by June 1st. Another tells us that there is to be a 50 per cent. cut in the Dingley tariff duties on iron, steel, glass and lumber. Our private opinion is that both these reports are to be taken with a large degree of allowance, judging by those who will control the tariff matter."—Montgomery Advertiser.

—"As the 4th of March approaches a few Senators and a good many Congressmen are looking forward to a permanent divorce from the nation's payroll. Their colleagues will naturally make their drop into obscurity as easy as possible, and provide such consolations as the circumstances will permit for their bereavement in the loss of their salaries. A number of commissions will be created with the expectation that they will be filled with members of Congress who were

"My Worst Aches" "Every Month" writes Mrs. Mattie Campbell, of Ratcliff, Tex., "I suffered untold misery. It is hard to say where my worst aches were, for I ached all over. At times I wished for death to end my suffering. Finally I decided to take Cardui, which has stopped my suffering and made my life worth living. I would not be back, like I was, before I took that wonderful medicine, CARDUI, for this whole world rolled at my feet." Why suffer female pain, when Cardui, Woman's Relief, is in every drug store, waiting for you to give it a trial? It has helped thousands of others. Why not you? Female pain is a sign of female disease. Female disease is a sign of female weakness. Weakness, disease and pain, have been found to disappear, by the use of Wine of Cardui. Try it. All reliable druggists sell it. VALUABLE BOOK FREE Write for 64-page illustrated book, "Home Treatment for Women," describing symptoms of Female Diseases and giving valuable hints on health, hygiene, diet, medicine, etc., for women. Sent free, postpaid. Address: Ladies Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

not re-elected.—Philadelphia Record. —The women of Paris have discovered a new method of stimulation in the tea cigarette. To make one about as much tea is required as would make two strong cups of tea. As many Paris women are reported to be smoking on an average of ten a day, it is easy to see why the doctors should be taking measures to nip the fashion in the bud. They describe it as a horribly easy method of stimulation and sure to undermine the strongest constitution in a few months.—New Orleans States.

—Those who may incline to resent the terrific ordeal through which the State's attorneys put Colonel Duncan B. Cooper should remember that that is a part of the tragedy. Colonel Cooper took not only his life, but his character is his hand when he contemplated a violent reprisal for an insult, and while the attorneys for the prosecution appear to some to be resorting to many useless and altogether uncalled for devices to further humiliate and discredit him, who shall say that their method is not demanded to secure the exact truth upon which alone justice can be done. To the laymen who read the detailed story of the trial in The Chattanooga Times many of the questions put to Colonel Cooper seem cruel and heartless—and they doubtless are—but a judicial investigation in that respect is much like what General Sherman said of war. Feelings and nerves have no day in court when the State has declared a crime has been committed.—Chattanooga Times.

—But the newest expedient has just been started in the Swiss city of Basle, of Bazil, and has been adopted by the Swiss Canton or State of that name. It is a system of insurance against losing one's employment. The person who takes the insurance, which is backed up by the State, must pay a regular fee or premium while employed, and when the evil day comes will be entitled to a given allowance for subsistence. The system in use is described in the London Nineteenth Century for February, and in order to insure against unemployment, a man—or a woman—must pay every month a fee of not less than fivepence or more than one shilling, the exact amount being fixed by Government decree. In the case of persons who have insured against unemployment for a number of years without ever being unemployed, the fees may be reduced. Under the Basle system a policy holder will have no claim against the State insurance office until he has paid his fees for at least six months. Then he has the right, so long as he continues to pay them, to an unemployed allowance six days a week, for eight weeks at most, every year, if out of work through no fault of his own.—New Orleans Picayune.

TWINKLINGS.

—Maud—Would you marry a widower? Ethel—No, I wouldn't. The man I marry I am going to tame myself.—The Tatler.

—Hob—Would you like to see women voters at the polls? Nob—Yes, indeed. At the North and South Poles.—Sewanee Tiger.

—"Do you believe in the superhuman?" "I used to, but I don't any more." "Why?" "I married him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

—"See, Fritz, we have been engaged now seven years." "Yes, dear; that means so many years less of married life."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

—"Maisie—I'll only marry a man whose fortune has at least six ciphers in it. Morton—Then I've got a cinch. Mine is all ciphers.—Milwaukee News.

—"Him—How does she manage to keep her looks? Her—Keep her looks? Why, she can't get rid of 'em, or she would, I suppose.—Cleveland Leader.

—"A case of love at first sight, eh?" "No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an heiress."—Boston Transcript.

—"Blobs—Tightwad claims that when charity is needed he is always the first to put his hand in his pocket. Slobbs—Yes, and he keeps it there.—Philadelphia Record.

—"I sometimes think," remarked the regular patron, "that the snare drummer should be the best musician in the theatre orchestra." "He usually is," said the drummer.—Chicago Tribune.

—"Her Mother—Mabel, dear, do you ever feel timid about asking your husband for money? The Bride—No, indeed, mamma; but he seems to be rather timid about giving it to me.—Chicago Daily News.

—"Weary (lying under the apple tree)—Say, mister, kin I have one of dem apples? Farmer—Why, them apples won't be ripe for four months yet. Weary—Oh, dat's all right, I ain't in no hurry. I'll wait.—Life.

—Rocky Mount, Feb. 27.—Greatly depressed and in a fit of despondency, Mr. I. T. Burgess, a prosperous farmer of the Battleboro section, ended his life Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. The act was premeditated for he had gone into the bedroom at his home and made everything in readiness for his self-destruction. He used a breech loading shotgun, which he placed to his head and by the use of one off his toes he fired the gun, which tore his head from his body and scattered his brains in every part of the room. Death came instantly, and it is hard to picture the horrible sight that met the eyes of his wife as she rushed into the room, attracted by the gunshot. The deceased was about forty-five years old and leaves a wife and five small children.

ROCKY POINT ITEMS

Strawberry Crop—Trucking Outlook News and Personal Notes. (Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Point, N. C., Feb. 27.—The berry growers are having ideal weather for the last scraping away of fine grass from the plants. Quite a number have commenced strawling the plants, not as a frost protector but to keep the fruit from the sand and grit. The condition of the crop is good and a fair yield is expected with no disaster between now and the 15th of April. A fairly large potato crop is being planted notwithstanding the unusually high price of seed. The Rocky Point crate and basket factories are turning out a large product and will be ready to supply all reasonable demands.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY. C. I. McKeithan, Administrator of W. T. Atkins, deceased vs. A. T. Atkins, Mrs. W. Q. Atkins, M. W. Atkins, W. L. Atkins, S. H. Atkins, C. G. McKeithan, W. G. McKeithan and H. D. McKeithan et al. The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County by the above mentioned Plaintiff as administrator of the estate of W. T. Atkins, deceased, to sell certain lands set one and described in the petition filed in said cause to make assets to pay the debts of the said W. T. Atkins, deceased, and the defendants will further take notice that they are requested to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held at Wilmington in said county on the 5th day of April 1909 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. JOHN D. TAYLOR, Clerk Superior Court. February 12, 1909 to 16 oaw 4w tus

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