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The Evening Dispatch.

THE WEATHER.

Unsettled with showers tonight or Friday, not much change in temperature. Moderate easterly winds.

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DAMAGE SUIT NOW ON TRIAL

Novel Action Up in The Superior Court

Case of Highsmith vs. Highsmith is being tried today in the Superior Court. The case is a novel one, and the action is being taken by the plaintiff against the defendant.

At 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, after the testimony was in, counsel for the plaintiff in the Highsmith case announced that as they were unable to get some important witnesses in court at this time, they would take a non-suit. This ended the trial, and now the case will have to be started anew.

Upon motion of ex-Mayor A. G. Ricard, Judge Peebles this morning in the Superior Court remanded all of the indictments found last week against eighteen women of the underworld to the Recorder's court. It was pointed out that the indictments read that the offense was committed "on and after the 1st day of February" and unless it was more than sixty days from the time the indictment was returned the Superior Court would not have jurisdiction, and even though it did have jurisdiction it was concurrent with the Recorder's court, and the cases could have been remanded. No announcement has been made as to when the women will be tried.

When the Murchison Bank case came to an abrupt ending yesterday afternoon, as told in yesterday's Dispatch, there remained no cases that could be disposed of as all witnesses had been excused until this morning, the opinion prevailed among all the bank case would consume at least two days and possibly three. This morning the case of Edmund Highsmith against Thomas A. Highsmith was called for trial. All of the morning session was consumed in examining witnesses and it looks like the case will consume the remainder of the day.

Highsmith claims that Thomas Smith tore the roof of the house he occupied off for the purpose of making repairs, and over his protest and that his furniture was almost ruined by rain. He asks for \$2,500 punitive damages for the willful and wanton manner in which Smith entered the premises and removed the roof from the dwelling, and \$500 for the damage done the furniture by water.

The defendant contends that Highsmith had agreed to get out of the house so as the repairs could be made, and in fact moved out and then moved back in after the roof had been removed. Both parties to the suit are negroes.

Case of W. H. Chadborn et al. against the Brunswick Wood and Coal Company will be called either late this evening or tomorrow morning. It involves the ownership of seventy large poles, such as are used for pilings. The evidence is very conflicting and when tried before there was a mistrial.

Other cases disposed of are as follows: Elizabeth Williams against Ernest T. Williams, absolute divorce granted. John R. Turrentine, Jr., against the Atlantic Coast Line, continued for plaintiff; I. J. Sternberger against National Cash Register Company, death of plaintiff suggested; J. C. Stevenson & Co., against Atlantic Coast Line, continued for plaintiff; Alexander Sprunt & Son against W. M. Pate, and a similar action against J. D. Barnes dismissed, the matters in controversy having been adjusted.

The following cases were set for trial today but there is no probability of any of them being reached before tomorrow: Luke Davis against Atlantic Coast Line; Lula Russ against Wilmington Steam Laundry; J. W. Carmichael against the Southern Bell Telephone Company; S. L. Smith & Son against Rogers & Thomas.

SEVEN YEARS IN PEN. Aberdeen, Miss., April 13.—Judge H. C. Niles in the Federal District Court today sentenced J. H. Miller, who was found guilty of fraudulently using the mails, to seven years in prison, and to pay a fine of eleven thousand dollars.

FUNERAL OF TOM JOHNSON

Remains Laid By Side of His Friend

Last Sad Rites in Greenwood Cemetery Over All Mortal of Cleveland's Distinguished Dead—William Jennings Bryan Met the Remains and Was One of the Pallbearers—Career of The Notable Man.

New York, April 3.—With solemn and fitting honors the obsequies over the body of the late Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, were held this morning in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, where, near his old friend, Henry George, the great single taxer, he was laid to rest. William Jennings Bryan was among those to meet the funeral party at the Grand Central Station upon its arrival from Cleveland.

More and more it is being realized that in the death of Tom Johnson the masses have lost a big friend, and the country a really great man. Thomas Loftin Johnson, who rose from the humble station of clerk in a car barn to the position of traction magnate, inventor, member of congress and four times mayor of Cleveland, was born in Georgetown, Ky., July 13, 1854. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Johnson, and received his early education in the state of Indiana.

In 1869, at the age of 15, he took a position with the Louisville Street Railway Company, where he applied himself so well that after six years service he had thoroughly mastered every detail. He invented and patented numerous improvements, the sale of which formed the nucleus of a fortune later estimated at more than \$1,000,000. In 1876 he bought a badly managed traction line in the city of Indianapolis, rejuvenated and placed it on a paying basis. Later he acquired large street railway interests in Cleveland, Detroit and Brooklyn which he afterward sold and centered in Cleveland, his adopted city. There, too, he operated an iron manufacturing establishment.

Tom Johnson first came into the public eye in 1891, when he was elected to congress by the Ohio democrats through his advocacy of the "single tax" theories of the late Henry George. As an exponent of the municipal ownership of public utilities, with stress on street railway lines, he came even more famous. So firm a believer was he in its principle that he spent most of his fortune fighting its opponents in Cleveland. He argued that there was no more reason why passengers should be carried by elevators free of charge to the tops of high buildings than that they should be carried from one building to another, or from their residence uptown to their offices downtown. He declared that a free ferry was just as sensible as a free bridge, and often said he hoped to live to see the day when vehicles would be provided for the public free of cost, both on land and on water.

After the expiration of his term in congress he was boomed at various times for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Ohio, and was seriously considered as a presidential possibility. In 1901, convinced that Cleveland's council and major were corporation-owned, or at least negligent of the rights of the people, he announced his candidacy for the mayoralty. He was elected. In Cleveland it had been customary for the incumbent of this office to hold over sixty days after election. Acting under the letter of the law, however, Johnson entered the mayor's office the day after the ballots had counted him in and calmly informed the then mayor that he was out of a job—that he, Johnson, had qualified and proposed to take immediate charge.

Prior to 1900 there were two traction lines in Cleveland, one on which Tom Johnson and his friends were controlling factors and the other in which Senator Hanna was the power. These lines were later consolidated as the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, and, in the process of consolidation Johnson was froze out. His company had been giving seven fares for a quarter while the other line charged 5 cents each fare. After the absorption the 5-cent fare was universal. As soon as he had taken his oath as mayor, Johnson opened the first broadside for a 3-cent fare and for prevention of extension of franchises on valuable streets, excepting upon that basis. Fourteen injunction suits, three of which went to the United States Supreme Court, were brought during the early stages of the duel. The most exciting incident of the fight

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Committee of Five to Conduct The New Lorimer Investigation



Senator La Follette reopened the Lorimer scandal when he introduced a resolution appointing a select committee of five to investigate charges of corruption in the election of William Lorimer and to report their findings to the senate. An extraordinary feature of the resolution is that it names the five senators instead of directing a standing committee to make the investigation. Another unique feature of the measure is that all five are new members of the senate. They are John D. Works of California, an insurgent; Charles E. Townsend of Michigan, a "near" insurgent, and George P. McLean, a regular, from Connecticut, with John W. Kern of Indiana and Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, both Democrats.

NEGRO CONVICT SLAIN

Felons on Roads in Cumberland County Made Break for Liberty This Morning—One Killed and Others Shot.

Special to The Dispatch. Fayetteville, N. C., April 13.—The white crew of the county chain gang, working the road six miles from Fayetteville, attempted to escape this morning. A negro, Frank McDonald, was killed and several others were shot by the guards. No one escaped.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 13.—Hundreds of houses were shaken about the midnight hour when nitroglycerine in a bomb exploded, having been set off supposedly by "Black Hand" agents in Augustine Arrigo's home, on Ewing street.

"DIXIE" CHEERED LUSTILY BY VETERANS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 13.—Battalions of grizzled veterans of the blue and gray, who fifty years ago glared at each other over pistol and rifle barrels, sat side by side last night in the Auditorium, where the semi-centennial anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter was celebrated. The great theatre was packed from stage to gallery. Both the blue and gray sang the old battle hymns. "Dixie" echoed with as loud fervor as "Marching Through Georgia."

SENATE ADJOURNS TODAY UNTIL NEXT MONDAY

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Giving notice that it would be impossible to complete the re-organization of the Senate committees before next week, Senator Gallinger moved this morning that when the Senate should adjourn today the adjournment shall be until next Monday. The motion was adopted.

Cheaper Man Offered Memphis.

Omaha, Neb., April 13.—In a letter to James S. Warren, Commissioner of the Memphis Business Men's Club, Will A. Campbell, manager of the Publicity Bureau of the Omaha Commercial Club, says: "Since you failed to get Bryan for two millions, why do you not get James C. Dahlgren, the Cowboy Mayor of Omaha, who will likely come for about a million and a half? "Mayor Jim has been the brains of the Bryan candidacy in the West for fifteen years and will make you a good advertisement. Photo and letter follow."

AGAINST GAMBLING

In Agricultural Products is Text of Bill Introduced by Representative Macon—Aimed at Both Interstate and Foreign Buying.

Washington, April 13.—Representative Macon, of Arkansas, has introduced a bill making it unlawful for interstate or foreign buying, or selling, or otherwise dealing in futures in agricultural products or commodities of any kind whatsoever. The bill would prohibit the receipt, delivery and transmission of interstate or foreign messages sent by telegraph, telephone or mail, if such messages are in connection with or dealing in futures in agricultural products.

RIOTERS TODAY IN FRANCE APPLIED THE TORCH

Epernay Department of Marne, France, April 13.—A renewal of rioting broke out in almost every village in the Marne champagne district today. Rioters at Vinay demolished wine presses and burned buildings. A score of the ringleaders have been arrested.

"Trading Stamp Mania"

Howling comedy—Grand Theatre today.

THREE YEARS' CONTRACT.

Has Now Been Signed by Star Twirler Walter Johnson. Washington, April 13.—Walter Johnson, the Washington American League team's star pitcher, who left the team while at Atlanta in training, refusing to sign for a salary of less than \$7,500, has now come to complete terms with the club and signed a contract for three years at a salary said to be twenty-one thousand dollars for that period. Johnson has resumed training and will be pitched either tomorrow or Saturday.

SIX BURGLARS WENT AFTER BANK'S BIG MONEY ROLL

Winchester, N. H., April 13.—Half a dozen burglars made an unsuccessful attempt this morning to blow open the Winchester National Bank safe, containing twenty-six thousand dollars. Much of the bank's furniture was destroyed and the heavy outer doors of the vault demolished. The robbers did not have time to attack the inner door and the funds remained intact. The robbers escaped.

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QUICK ACTION ON THE BILLS

Committee Acts Favorably on Tariff Measures

Ways and Means Committee Reported the Canadian Reciprocity Bill to the House Today—Will Report Free List Measure Tomorrow—Republican Members Stand Solidly Against Latter—House Takes Up Direct Election of Senators.

Washington, April 13.—The Canadian Reciprocity bill introduced in the House yesterday, was reported favorably to the House today by the new Ways and Means Committee. The committee also passed favorably on the free list tariff measure, but will not report it until tomorrow. The Canadian reciprocity bill was taken up first by the committee and, after brief discussion, Representative McCall, its sponsor in the Sixty-first Congress, moved that it be approved by the committee and it was done without division. The free list bill was not unanimously approved. The vote on it in committee was strictly a party vote. The Democrats favored it. The Republicans voted solidly against it. The Republicans, with Seneno Payne as spokesman, declared the measure hasty and ill advised. They asserted that Chairman Underwood and his Democratic colleagues had not sufficient data to show what would be the effect of the changes.

Direct Vote For Senator. With announcement from Representative Underwood that the Democrats were determined before adjournment today, to pass the resolution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people the House plunged into debate on the proposed constitutional amendment. Representative Rucker, of Missouri, chairman of the committee in charge of the matter called up the direct election resolution immediately after the House began its business. The resolution is identical with the one passed in the Senate last session by Senator Borah. Representative Hobson spoke in favor of the resolution. Representative Foster, of Vermont, Republican, declared he favored it. Former Speaker Cannon declared he could not vote for the Rucker resolution because it robbed Congress of its control over the elections of Senators and he further believed of members of the Houses.

His Annual Shave.

New Haven, Conn., April 13.—When the friends of Edward Lewis, one of the well known characters of Stratford, a New Haven suburb, saw him this morning they realized that it was his birthday, for he had had a shave. Mr. Lewis does not believe in shaving as a general rule. Each birthday, however, he gets a fine, fresh shave and hair cut, and today, as for many years past, he celebrated.

BOLD WORK OF A LONE BANDIT THIS MORNING

Syracuse, Kas., April 13.—A bandit boarded a Santa Fe passenger train near here this morning. He was heavily armed and pointed a revolver at Conductor Reiley and brakeman O. Leavy robbing both men, obtaining a small sum. When he attempted to rob the passengers Reiley showed resistance and was shot twice through the shoulder. The bandit stopped the train and jumped off. A posse is searching for the robber.

Stock Market

New York, April 13.—The stock market was dull and irregular at the opening. Fluctuations in prices in most cases were confined to small fractions. Influence of the coming holiday over the week-end was felt this morning. Trading was at a low point. Soon after the opening business almost suspended. Pressure against Pennsylvania had a depressing effect on general buying. Some of the western stocks eased off. Few inactive stocks fluctuated a point either way. There was scarcely any movement whatever to the market in the late afternoon. Occasional spurts of buying and selling were succeeded by intervals of intense dullness. Prices averaging pretty well up to yesterday's close. Prices worked lower, but not enough stock was sold to create any marked impression on values.

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AWFUL WORK OF TORNADO

Many Killed and Great Property Damage Done

Storm That Hit Kansas, Oklahoma and Other States Dealt Out Death—Many Houses Blown Down—Damage Toll a Tremendous One.

Kansas City, April 13.—Meagre reports received this morning from the storm stricken districts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas indicated that the storm covered a wider area than early information showed. The wire service is so demoralized that definite news is not now obtainable. When communication with Big Heart, Okla., was established this morning it was learned that two persons were killed and sixty were injured, thirty-six seriously. Every business house in the town was destroyed. Those seriously injured were taken in a special train to Tulsa, Okla., where they were placed in a hospital. It is believed that some of them were fatally hurt. Whiting, Kansas, at first reported to have been a severe sufferer, almost escaped injury. The tornado did much damage in the farming districts north and south of there.

One person was killed and three seriously injured at Reserve, Kansas. Mrs. Fred Stone was killed when her house collapsed. Her two sons were seriously injured. The wind was so severe it stripped the clothing from Mrs. Stone and her children. The tornado destroyed five houses in Reserve. Three persons were injured and several houses blown down at Delaware, Okla. Several houses were destroyed in Ocheola, Okla.

Thirty-two persons were hurt, thirty houses demolished, and the property damage is estimated at \$50,000 at Eskridge, Kansas. A school house was destroyed, injuring thirty school children, some seriously. Mrs. Claire Rutledge and Daniel Cousins were badly hurt by flying timbers. At Hiawatha, Kansas, one person was killed, four seriously injured and a number slightly hurt. At Plummerville, Ark., the tornado killed three and severely injured a score.

"WETS" AND "DRYS" AT IT AGAIN IN ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—The "wet" and "dry" fight in the legislature was resumed today when the county option bill was placed upon third reading in the House. The "dry" bill carries county option and the "wet" bill repeals the present township local option law.

LICENSE FAR AHEAD

Jay Gould Prepares to Wed Queen Lil's Grand Daughter in June. New York, April 13.—Jay Gould, George J. Gould's son, this afternoon obtained a marriage license to wed Miss Annie Douglas Graham, grand daughter of Queen Lil, of the Hawaiian Islands. The couple will be married in June.

Resurrection of John.

Latest Edison drama—Grand Theatre today.

NATAL DAY OF THOS. JEFFERSON

Anniversary is Being Royally Observed

Big Celebration of Founder's Day at the University of Virginia—Cornell Professor Declares If Jefferson Were Alive He'd Defend the People.

Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—The one hundredth and sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, third President of the United States, and father of the University of Virginia, was appropriately celebrated with annual Founder's Day exercises at the University of Virginia today. Jacob G. Schurman, President of Cornell University, delivered the principal address. He declared that if Jefferson were alive today he would insist upon protection of the rights and interest of the general public against the aggressions of consolidated capital.

GIRL FACTORY WORKERS FLED DOWN FIRE ESCAPE

New York, April 13.—Sixty girl factory workers fled down a fire escape when fire threatened destruction of a building occupied by the Manhattan Soap Co. on West Thirty-sixth street today. One hundred men, escaped in elevators and fire escapes. The property loss is heavy.

DEFENDS "ONLY CHILD."

Other Scientists Do Not Agree That Such is a Menace. New York, April 13.—Several neurologists of this city commented yesterday on a cable from Vienna in which Prof. Friedjung was quoted as saying the "only child" is a menace to the race, inasmuch as its domestic isolation makes it unnaturally nervous.

Prof. Charles L. Dana, said: "The only child in a family is likely to be overindulged and so may be injuriously affected. On the other hand, an only child is more likely to get more individual training, so that, if only that training is good, the only child is safe. In my own experience cases of deterioration of the brain and the nervous system do not, as a rule, occur in cases of only children. Nerve degeneration in children is usually due to a combination of bad heredity and environments and bad mental habits."

Dr. Frederick Peterson said: "I do not think it can be safely asserted that the 'only child' is a menace to the race through nerve degeneration. It is true the only child is often a little shy. Otherwise it is not abnormal. The facts in my own experience do not lead me to regard the only child as a menace." Dr. Edward D. Fisher said: "I do not think an only child more of a menace to the race than any other child."

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THOMAS JEFFERSON, UNITED STATES THIRD PRESIDENT. His Birthday Anniversary is Being Celebrated Today in a Number of Places and Big Observance at the University of Virginia.