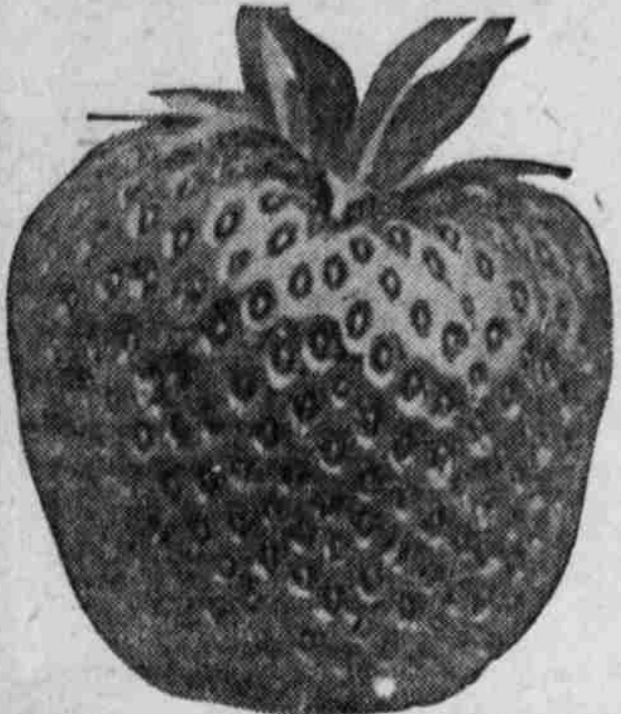


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**WEEK AT WASHINGTON**

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, says: "General Sanders W. Johnstone, for many years a resident of this city, died here today, aged 84 years. During the Mexican war he raised and commanded Company G of the first regular Ohio volunteers and was especially mentioned for bravery by General Taylor in his report in the battle of Monterey. He was elected a member of the Ohio state senate in 1851 and in 1854 was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the territory of Kansas."

President Roosevelt addressed the American forest congress at the National theater, Jan. 5.

Representative Goulden of New York has introduced a joint resolution for a committee to investigate and recommend legislation for the betterment of the United States naturalization laws.

Senator Bailey has submitted to the senate a proposed amendment to the constitution providing that the term of the president be made six years, and making him ineligible for re-election.

The secretary of the treasury, in compliance with a request from Secretary Hay, has asked congress to appropriate \$7,500 annually to provide for an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Morocco.

Following President Roosevelt's recommendation that some form of corporal punishment be meted out to wife beaters, Representative Adams of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a whipping post for this class of offenders. It provides that the whipping be administered by the chief of police or his deputy, in the presence of the jail physician only.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, Jan. 4, says: "Representative Stephens, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the house today placing private freight car lines, not owned by railroads, under control of the interstate commerce commission and making them subject to the present law as far as applicable. The payment of rebates and the establishment of discriminatory rates is made unlawful, the penalties now provided in law being made to apply."

The government will soon commence to take another census of the manufacturing companies throughout the United States.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, received a decoration known as the Order of St. Alexander Nevsky, ornamented with diamonds, from Emperor Nicholas, in appreciation of his fine services.

The government's cotton statistics were discussed by the house Jan. 5. Representative Livingston of Georgia, said that the inaccuracy of the government figures and estimates had created a panic in the cotton market. He also said that the southern press was ready to demand the abolition of the statistical bureau of the agricultural department.

The senate committee on commerce has authorized a favorable report on the nomination of W. D. Crum for the office of collector of the Port of Charleston S. C. At three sessions of congress Senator Tillman has opposed the confirmation of the Crum nomination on the ground that "a colored man is

objectionable to a majority of those who transact business through the Charleston custom house."

The Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Republic, under date of Jan. 4, says: "Thomas Lawson's revelations upon 'Frenzied Finance' may lead to a chapter or two of animated politics by virtue of a resolution introduced into the Senate today by Senator William J. Stone. Citing Lawson's last article, calling attention to the charges made by Judge Alton B. Parker at the close of the campaign, and referring to mention of the subject in the President's message, the junior senator from Missouri demands that the judiciary committee of the senate investigate the expenditures of national committees in recent campaigns, and that the committee report to the Fifty-ninth congress, by bill or otherwise, 'the legislation said committee may deem necessary to suppress bribery and corruption in such elections.' The purpose of the senator in introducing the resolution, it is understood, is to put the democratic party upon 'high moral ground' as to the use of money in general elections."

"In its preamble the resolution declares that Lawson specifically charges that he conspired with other well-known capitalists to raise funds for the republican candidates in 1896."

"Then the Parker-Roosevelt incident is recited, when National Chairman Cortelyou was charged with receiving campaign contributions in large sums from corporations—money 'contributed by or extorted from numerous trusts and corporations, to be used to influence the election then ensuing.'"

"The preamble ends: 'Whereas, the President in his last annual message, sent to congress on December 6, 1904, took official cognizance of the growing tendency to corrupt the electorate and did in direct terms recommend the enactment of a law against bribery and corruption in federal elections; therefore,

'Resolved, That the judiciary committee of the senate be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make inquiry into the matters stated in the foregoing preamble and also generally into the subject of the use of money in federal elections, so as to ascertain, as far as possible, the extent of the evil, and to report to the senate at the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress, by bill or otherwise, the legislation said committee may deem necessary to prevent or suppress bribery and corruption in such elections. Said committee may sit during the vacation of the senate, and shall have authority to send for persons and papers and to compel the attendance of witnesses.'

"Senator Stone will call up the resolution in a few days and will make a speech upon it. The subject probably will 'start something,' in view of the charges made by Parker, and the warm reply by Roosevelt during the closing hours of the campaign."

"Lawson has specifically stated," said Senator Stone today at the capitol, "that a fund of \$5,000,000 was raised to 'swing five doubtful states.' Parker made direct charges against Cortelyou, and they are not withdrawn, and, in his reply, the president admitted that contributions were received. In his message the president declared for a remedy and, though that message is now a month old, nothing has been done."

"To combat an evil its extent must be known. Let this be ascertained by investigation of the affairs of both committees; let us hew straight, regardless of where the chips may fall. In Missouri expenses of state campaigns are published under the law and

in a general way my idea is to apply such a law to the national committees."

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, Jan. 4, says: "Senator Newlands today introduced in the senate a joint resolution providing for a commission with instructions to frame and report to congress a national incorporation act for the construction and consolidation of railroads employed in interstate commerce. The action proposed by the resolutions, the senator says, has nothing to do with the recent suggestions of Commissioner Garfield, which he said simply covered the question of licenses to manufacturing corporations engaged in interstate commerce. Its pur-

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