



The Rhode Island legislature adjourned sine die without selecting a United States senator.

Former Judge Abner Smith, late president of the Bank of America in Chicago, and Gustav F. Sorrow, vice president, were each fined \$1,000 and sentenced for two years in prison.

Mrs. Julia Sheldon, mother of Governor George L. Sheldon of Nebraska, died at her home at Nehawka.

The Rhode Island superior court has held that the proprietor of a place of amusement is under no obligation to admit any person he may choose to exclude, and that the person wearing a United States uniform has no more right to admission than anyone else.

The Oklahoma constitution has been formally signed by the delegates to the constitutional convention. A Guthrie, Okla., dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, says: "The final vote on the constitution, as interlined, changed and added to during the past week, was taken just prior to its being signed by President Murray. The total vote was eighty-five ayes, no nays, and twenty-seven absent. Delegate Cloud of Wellston, the only republican present, voted for the constitution on final passage. Thus it received every vote cast. The signing was completed at 4:16 o'clock, when Secretary Charles Filson of Oklahoma attached the Oklahoma seal. When the signing began, Delegate Harrison of Sayre called attention to the fact that the signing was being done on the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, in 1775, when the first blood of the revolution was shed. Delegate Bryant of Gotebo mentioned that it was the anniversary of the opening of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian country to settlement, in 1892, at which time he made the run for a home. The republican delegates, in caucus assembled, agreed not to sign the constitution, and only Hudson of Henrietta was present when the signing was in progress. It is understood that two republicans were not bound by the party caucus and will in all probability sign the constitution—Cobb of Sapulpa and Cain of Oktaha. The latter recently wrote to President Murray asking him to attach his name to the constitution. None of the other republicans, however, will sign."

In a letter written to George E. Powers of Orange, Ia., Governor Cummins says that Mr. Roosevelt ought to be a candidate for a third term.

An Associated Press dispatch from Topeka, Kan., follows: "Attorney General F. S. Jackson, by securing an injunction against nine foreign brewing companies to prevent their owning property and operating saloons, and in obtaining an order for an appointment of receivers for the brewers' property, has taken the most effective measure that has ever been invoked to enforce the prohibitory law in Kansas. He intends to push the crusade to an active conclusion and today in an interview said: 'When the receiver is named he will proceed to locate and take under his control all property of the defendants found in the state and thus will be able to state every place where the defendants are in any way carrying on business in Kansas. Any attempt to conceal the sale of liquors will place the defendants and all their participating agents in any place in the state in contempt of the supreme court. The property will

be sold and out of the proceeds the court will pay all costs and damages due the state. If it is necessary to send the militia to enforce the order the defendants will pay the bill. It will not be necessary to do this, however.' The brewers' property in Kansas consists of warehouses and saloon fixtures and is valued at many thousands of dollars."

James Bartlett Hammond, inventor of the Hammond typewriter, has been sent to an asylum on complaint of his brother. He is sixty years of age.

John Mitchell, the labor leader, is reported to be seriously ill.

Washington dispatches report that William Loeb, secretary to the president, may be chosen president of the Washington City Railway and Electric company.

Two members of the marine corps were ejected from the congressional library building at Washington. They claimed that they were ejected because they were in uniform. Library authorities claim, however, that they were ejected because they were "flirting."

Gilbert L. Laws, at one time a member of congress, of Nebraska, died at his home in Lincoln.

President Roosevelt and party left Washington for the Jamestown exposition, April 25.

The Jamestown exposition was opened with great splendor April 26.

An Associated Press dispatch from Upper Alton, Ill., says: "Having decided in favor of the sophomores in an oratorical contest at Shurtleff college last night, which decision was displeasing to the freshmen, Prof. M. Mungan of St. Louis and E. M. Dey, general advertising agent for the Missouri Pacific system, two of the three judges, were seized by the freshmen, tied to trees on the campus and left helpless until morning. Attorney Harold Johnson of St. Louis, the third judge, who rendered a decision in favor of the freshmen, was not molested. Professor Mungan and Mr. Dey struggled for hours to free themselves after being tied to the trees, but to no avail. Before dawn they were released and permitted to return to St. Louis, chilled and chagrined."

The Santa Fe railroad company has been indicted at Los Angeles for giving rebates.

A Vienna cablegram says: "Prof. Albert Ritter Von Mosetig-Moorhof, the famous surgeon and introducer of iodoform, threw himself into the Danube today while suffering from mental trouble and was drowned."

DR. GARVIN'S ROMANCE

Ex-Governor Lucius F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island has announced his engagement to Miss Sarah Emma Tomlinson of Lonsdale, who is just half his own age, and who has been blind since she was seven years old. The date of the wedding has not yet been fixed, but Governor Garvin in announcing the engagement said that the ceremony would be performed soon.

When Governor Garvin first met Miss Tomlinson she was a small child. The ex-governor attended her as her physician. He was in attendance at the illness which deprived her of eye-

sight. The nature of the girl appealed to the chivalry of Dr. Garvin, himself a southerner of the old-fashioned type, and through his efforts she was sent to the Perkins Institute for the Blind at Boston, where she took a full course, afterward studying music at the same institution.

Dr. Garvin took intense interest in the young woman, whose attainments were such as to make her a valuable friend, and since the death of Mrs. Garvin, half a dozen years ago, he has spent considerable time in her society, the close acquaintanceship culminating in the announcement of their engagement.

Miss Tomlinson is 33 years old and Dr. Garvin was born in 1841. He has three daughters—Edith, Ethel and Florence Garvin—all of whom are close friends of Miss Tomlinson.—Providence, R. I., Dispatch in New York Sun.

ROSCOE CONKLING'S QUOTATION

There is a vast amount of discussion going on about the poetical quotation made by Senator Roscoe Conkling in his speech at the Chicago convention in 1880, when he placed President Grant in nomination for a third term.

He wound up his great speech with these stirring lines:

"When asked what state he hails from,

Our sole reply shall be,
He comes from Appomattox,

And its famous apple tree."

This was called "doggerel" and "stuff" and the like at that time, and occasionally at this time, and was attributed to Conkling himself. Of course Mr. Conkling himself knew better and well-read people, as a rule, knew better, and knew who the real author was, and knew what it was that evoked the entire poem in 1893, in responding to a toast to the name of Gen. U. S. Grant.

It was a military banquet at Sherry's in New York in 1868, that Gen. Charles G. Halpin, "Private Miles O'Reilly" was unexpectedly called on to respond to the toast. On the back of a menu card he penciled some 20 or 28 lines of verse winding up with the lines above quoted. It was one of the great hits of the evening, and as an impromptu poem has probably never been equaled.

The late Robert B. Roosevelt, the democratic uncle of the president, was at that time associated with Gen. Halpin, and edited one of the volumes of his poems. Now Mr. Roosevelt hated "doggerel" with an implacable hatred, and the fact that he asked Halpin to add a few prefatory lines, and then placed it conspicuously in the volume, answers fully the suggestion made by several writers that it was mere "doggerel."—Columbus Press-Post.

OBSTACLES TO SELF-RULE

The Porto Ricans who want a native of the island appointed colonial secretary should remember that there are several Harvard graduates, rough riders and congressional lame ducks who need a job just about that size.—Washington Post.

MILES' THOROUGHNESS

Some years ago General Miles started to drive from Red Lodge, Mont., to Cody, Wyo., to see his friend, Buffalo Bill. The road was rough, and the reckless driving of the man holding the lines made it seem rougher, but the Indian fighter compressed his lips and clung to the seat without complaint. When near Cody, the general suddenly prodded the driver in the back with his walking stick and said curtly: "Driver, turn around."

"What?" exclaimed the astonished driver.

"Do as I tell you," commanded Miles. So the man turned the horses about and started back to Red Lodge. "Now turn here," ordered Miles,

after they had driven a few yards. Convinced that his distinguished passenger had suddenly lost his mind, the driver turned about once more and started for Cody.

"There!" exclaimed Miles, in a tone of satisfaction, as the side wheels struck a stone and he bounded into the air. "You hit it! Now, driver, you can go back to Red Lodge and tell them that you drove seventy-five miles and never missed a rock. You've hit them, every one."—Lippincott's.

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