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A Winston Salem, N. C. dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Former United States Senator Marion Butler, and his brother Lester Butler, were convicted in Guilford superior court of criminally libelling Republican State Chairman H. B. Adams, by the publication in the Caucasian, a weekly newspaper owned and operated by the Butlers, of serious allegations against Adams' integrity and honesty. Adams' acts as chief justice of the Indian court of Oklahoma in 1905 were severely condemned by the paper in its fight against Adams' re-election as chairman of the republican state executive committee. The trial lasted six days, was hard fought and created widespread interest. Judge Long imposed a fine of \$500 upon Marion Butler and \$250 upon Lester Butler. A motion for a new trial was overruled and notices of appeal to the supreme court was given, the defendants being released on bond in the sum of \$1,000 each."

William Neville, formerly a member of congress from the Sixth Nebraska district, died at Douglas, Wyoming.

The will of the late "Lucky Baldwin," the famous California turfman, was probated at Los Angeles. The property is valued at more than \$20,000,000.

A Chicago dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "A new supply of ammunition against the Payne tariff bill as it applies to hosiery and gloves, a petition containing approximately 350,000 names which, when bound, will make twenty-five big volumes, was started for Washington from this city today. It left Chicago in the care of Mrs. Nathan B. Lewis, president of the League of Cook county clubs; Miss Helen Norris, secretary of the petition headquarters; Mrs. E. M. Henderson, recording secretary of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Freeman E. Brown. A committee of Washington women will welcome the visitors tomorrow, after which the Illinois congressional delegation will listen to some first hand information concerning women's wearing apparel and the prices thereof."

St. Louis elected Frederick H. Kreismann, republican, mayor.

John S. Snipp, democrat, was elected mayor of Springfield, Ill.

In the city elections held throughout Colorado the "drys" generally were victorious. On this question the municipal elections in Nebraska were a standoff.

John F. Heinrichs, democrat, was elected mayor of Jefferson City, Mo.

Castro, former president of Venezuela, returning to his country left the steamer at Fort de France, Martinique. This course was necessary because all the forts in the West Indies were barred to him. The British government and the United States government acted in conjunction and gave orders that Castro be permitted not to land, on the ground that he was bent upon trouble.

Republican organization in the house had a bad day when by a coalition between some republican "insurgents" and the democrats, the ways

and means committee was bowled over and the advocates of free crude oil and its products won a signal victory when an amendment by Mr. Norris of Nebraska placing the duty of one per centum ad valorem on those articles, was reported by a substantial majority. An Associated Press dispatch says: "A decision of the chairman that amendments could not be offered to the oil schedule other than the one covered by the special rule of last Monday and which provided for the removal of the countervailing duty on crude petroleum and applying an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent was overturned and not even a fervid appeal by the speaker, in an endeavor to rally the republican forces was sufficient to stem the tide avowedly against the Standard Oil company. By a practically unanimous vote the countervailing duty went out as the committee had recommended. On all other propositions the committee was sustained. The barley schedule ran the gauntlet without change. Tea and coffee were placed on the free list and duty on barytes increased from 75 cents a ton to \$1.50 a ton. A colloquy at first humorous, but later developing into personalities developed between Mr. Stanley of Kentucky, and Mr. Clark of Florida, and was terminated only on an objection by Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, that it was against the dignity of the house. The bill was laid aside and at 5:04 p. m. the house adjourned."

Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska has vetoed the indeterminate sentence bill which passed at the recent session of the legislature.

Congressman Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, one of the bolting democrats, recently made public the following statement with reference to Mr. Bryan's criticism of the bolters: "With his usual rashness, Mr. Bryan rushes in where angels might well fear to tread. His statement that I am not a representative of my party would have come with better grace if made when my speeches were being selected as democratic campaign documents in the last two national campaigns. It would be more convincing if he had marshalled incidents in my ten years' service in the house of representatives to justify his assertion. If Mr. Bryan means that I am not a representative of the democratic party as democracy has been understood and professed by himself I shall not challenge his statement. My political convictions and beliefs are more in accord with the democracy of those men who twice made possible Mr. Cleveland's election as president than with the latter-day radicalism of the west. As to the personal references in Mr. Bryan's statement to my sense of propriety and respect for my party, I have only to say that if the democratic party had given me three opportunities to become president and I had failed as dismally as Mr. Bryan has, even if I did not have the sense to do so, yet the obligation of gratitude to my party would compel me to remain silent about matters of which I was grossly ignorant."

Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne and one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, died at her island home at Bay City, Orange county, California, at the age of 65, after an illness of about two months. For sev-

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