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Another crisis is announced in Russia.

The press bureau senatorial booms are liable to strike a snag yet.

People have long pointed with pride to Lincoln as the city of schools. The schools have now become Lincoln's disgrace.

A fifteen-year-old wife of a forty-five-year-old husband is locking May in the arms of January pretty strong. A law that sanctions such marriages at the consent of the girl's parents needs amending. If parents have no sense of the eternal fitness of things, society owes it to helpless children to enact marriage laws that will protect them.

One thing seems quite logical, and that is if the next republican state convention does anything radically different than previous conventions other blood will have to be injected into the component parts of the convention. It may not be expected that the same old warhorses who have been delegating the convention for the last quarter of a century will do anything radically different than heretofore.

It is not unlawful to roll a cigarette for your own use, says the supreme court. The cigarette law contains a clause prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes. The court holds, in a recent decision, that a person rolling tobacco in a piece of paper to smoke himself is not manufacturing cigarettes, and therefore is not amendable to the law. The court's decision does not, however, destroy the validity of the law as to the manufacture, wholesale or retail of cigarettes in Nebraska. This much of the law appears yet to be intact.

"God, be merciful unto us, and bless us; cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

The republican state committee meets next week to arrange for the next state convention. The direct primary proposition, which has been growing in favor among the laity of the party, is one of the serious problems confronting the committee. It is understood that Victor Rosewater has a proposition up his sleeve to bring before the committee that will materialize the desired result. There are some good men on the committee who are capable of handling this question, but no doubt they would appreciate timely tips from anyone feeling like making them.

The Scientific American raises the question of what material or substance will take the place of iron when the world's supply of that much used ore is exhausted. It shows from a report lately made by the Swedish government that the total available iron ore of the United States will be exhausted within three quarters of a century at the present rate of consumption and that at the same rate the total world's supply must be exhausted within 100 years. This is borrowing trouble a good way off and we of the present day may leave it to the genius of any future generations to discover what shall be used in place of iron.

There can be no adoration of the shrewdness of the barrister who heads off a just retribution for grave and reprehensible crimes. Society has quite as much to be alarmed at in the one who saves the criminal from a just reward for his deeds as in the one who commits the act. A truly great lawyer aids, not hinders, the operation of the law.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT.

The Columbus Telegram speaks of Alton B. Parker's recent startling utterances as "a voice from the tomb."

The Hastings Tribune conjures the following reason as to why it does not favor Norris Brown for the senate: "He is a machine-made candidate, a candidate boomed and groomed by the Harrison-State Journal fake press bureau, and it is for this reason that we cannot conscientiously give him our support."

"Congressman Kinkaid gives it out," says the Burwell Tribune, "that there will be no land leasing law enacted at this session of Congress. None of the bills presented accorded the homesteaders the protection Mr. Kinkaid thinks is due that individual, and he favored none of them. The small cattle man and homesteader are the 'salt of the earth' and the congressman is eminently correct in the stand taken by him."

Commenting on the report that Charles J. Green of Omaha, a Burlington railroad attorney, will ask to be sent to the United States senate, the Bloomington Advocate thinks his selection "would be a calamity." Says the Advocate: "A man who has grown up in the employ of the large corporations is not free enough from bias or prejudice to faithfully serve the interests of the great commonwealth in the United States Senate. There are now too many paid attorneys of railroads in the Senate, who upon all vital questions where their clients' interests are at stake, forget their oaths, and vote as they are ordered to."

The Albion News propounds this: A banker going home for his dinner saw a \$10 bill on the curbstone. He picked it up and took the number home in order to find the owner. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent a bill amounting to \$10. The only money he had with him was the bill he found, which he gave to her and she paid the butcher. The butcher paid it to the farmer for a calf and the farmer paid it to a merchant, who in turn paid it to a washwoman, and she, owing the banker a note of \$10 went to the bank and paid the note. The banker recognized the bill as the one he had found, and which up to that time had paid \$50 of debt. On careful investigation he discovered that the bill was counterfeit. Now, will some of our friends tell us what has been lost in this transaction, and by whom?

"Brown, Millard, Wattles, Schneider, Hammond, Green and perhaps half a score of others have been mentioned as likely to succeed J. H. Millard as United States senator for Nebraska," says the Tilden Citizen, "but the whole bunch combined haven't the ability that is wrapped up in the small stature of Edward Rosewater. No other man has accomplished so much for the state nor done so much toward the success of the republican party within its borders as the editor of The Bee. His consistent battle for better and purer politics has made him bitter enemies among the class that depends upon political graft for an existence, but his efforts in this direction should, and do, command the respect of the rank and file of republicans. If he desires to round out his long and honorable career with a term in the United States senate, he richly deserves the distinction, and the independent voters of the republican party should make themselves heard with no uncertainty in his behalf."

A family rumpus resulting in a Stanton county man of middle life shooting his wife who was a mere child of fifteen years inspires the News at Norfolk to write: "There is too much laxity regarding the laws that govern marriage and divorce in this country today. Hundreds and hundreds of crimes result from unwise marriages, performed without regard to law or compatibility of nature, and from which there must come a break and lack of harmony. There are too many marriages performed in this day and age, which ought not be performed, and too many divorce suits result from this condition. It is against the law for a girl of fifteen to marry in Nebraska. Yet this child of Frederick Hohneke was allowed by her parents, and later by the county officials who performed the ceremony, to become the wife of a man of middle life. It is no wonder that harmony was lacking in the Mueller household. There were no common ties to bind these two minds together. They were so widely different that they couldn't think together if they chose."

PACKERS ARE IMMUNE.

Not the Individuals But the Corporation Amendable to Law.

Chicago Ill., March 21.—All of the packers indicted by the federal grand jury last summer upon charges of being in conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce were to-day granted immunity from criminal prosecutions under the indictment. While the individuals are to go free, the indictments found against the corporations, of which some of the indicted individuals are members and others employes, are to stand.

A decision to the above effect was handed down this afternoon by Judge J. Otis Humphrey in the United States district court. The arguments in the case were concluded shortly after 3 o'clock. Judge Humphrey at once commenced the delivery of his opinion. He reviewed the case at length in all its bearings, cited all the essential facts which had been brought out and concluded as follows:

Under the law in this case, the immunity pleas filed by the defendants will be sustained as to the individuals and denied as to the corporations, the artificial persons, and the jury will find in favor of the government as far as the corporations are concerned and against the government as far as the individuals are concerned.

The courtroom was crowded. Edward Morris and Edward Swift were in court, and both smiled happily when the decision was announced. The attorneys for the defendants were also highly pleased, and they hastened to the jury box to shake hands with the jurors, who had been excluded from the courtroom during all of the arguments made in the case, and who returned a verdict in accordance with the directions of the court. District Attorney Morrison sat with bowed head for a short time after Judge Humphrey had concluded, and then walked over to the jury box and also shook hands with the jurors.

Immediately following the dismissal of the jury Mr. Morrison raised the question of the date of the trial of the corporations. He asked that the case be set for trial and that it commence within two weeks. This met with a storm of protest from the attorneys for the packers, who insisted that they would be unable to prepare for the case before the fall of the year. Judge Humphrey directed that the lawyers agree among themselves upon a date, and notify him of their decision next week. It is expected that the total number of witnesses in this trial when it begins will number at least 1600. The attorneys for the packers declared to-day when asking for a postponement of the trial that their witnesses would number 1500.

The court proceedings for the day were commenced by the argument of Attorney John S. Miller, who scouted the contentions of the attorney general, saying that it was evident to the most casual reader of the interstate commerce law that no distinction existed in that act between evidence given voluntarily or evidence given

under compulsion.

Part of Judge Humphrey's decision was as follows:

The defendants are indicted under the Sherman act, charged with a conspiracy in restraint of trade. They have pleaded that, as to them, that act should be suspended, because they were compelled to furnish evidence concerning the matter in the indictment, and, under the law, such furnishing of evidence gives them immunity. The law under consideration, for the construction of which the court is called upon to decide, is the commerce and labor act.

It is clear that the primary purpose of this act was to enable Congress to provide, through the channel of officials charged with the execution of the laws, remedial legislation. The act is a substitute for one of the most cherished rights of the American citizen, which is the right to remain silent when questioned about any subject, the answer to which might incriminate him. It is conceded that the privilege amendment to the constitution can not be taken from the citizen without giving to him something equally valuable in return. The privilege of the amendment permits a refusal to answer a question relating to the offense. The privilege must be claimed by the witness at the time. The immunity flows to the witness without any claim on his part.

It is contented that the defendants in this case were volunteers, because they haggled with Garfield at times, debated, resisted, gave less than he asked and withheld some things. The record does show that, but the fact remains that every approach was made by the government. Garfield made his demands, and it does not, to my mind, destroy the character of the compulsion under which they acted, that the defendant after having considered the law, and after having decided that they had no legal right to resist, still debated with the commissioner, in the hope of inducing him to take something less than the originally demanded, Garfield came to the defendants and held up before them the powers of his office. They did not go to him and volunteer anything. Now, since the defendants volunteered nothing, but gave only what was demanded by an officer who had the right to make the demand, and gave, in good faith under a sense of legal compulsion, I am of the opinion that they were entitled to immunity.

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