

from William H. Ellis, who accompanied the young man on the steamer up to the time of his disappearance.

A decision has been rendered by the house of lords to rehear the arguments in the controversy over the refusal of the Scotch Free Presbyterian church to merge with the United Free church. This may undo the great work of Presbyterian union in Scotland, which was the fruit of years of effort.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Havana, Cuba, July 6, says: The house of representatives had a quorum today for the first time since congress convened, on April 4. The radical soldier members joined their comrades of the moderate party in bringing about this result. The house approved the credentials of thirteen new soldier congressmen. The moderates will control the organization of the house. Unless a compromise be effected, however, the deadlock will be resumed after the passage of the soldiers' pay bill and other urgent legislation.

The four Filipino students who sought admission to the Dupont Manual Training High School at Louisville, Ky., have been informed that their color debars them from entrance. Prof. Mark of that school told them that he had investigated the law and found that the word "colored" applied to negroes, Indians and the brown races.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Frankfort, Ky., July 6, says: General Joseph H. Lewis, famous as commander of the "Orphan brigade" in the confederacy, dropped dead today. He was chief justice of the court of appeals for more than twenty years.

A Texas planter has filed a suit to prevent the United States government from carrying on any experiments with the Guatemalan ant, which is supposed to exterminate the boll weevil. The department of agriculture has submitted the matter to the department of justice. The government will, of course, abide by the decision of the courts.

The fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the republican party was celebrated at Loomis Park, Jackson, Mich., by a gathering of 5,000 people. It was at that place 50 years ago that the first state convention acting under the name "republican" was held.

While Mrs. Edward Stonebreaker of Ishpeming, Mich., was walking in the street with her three-year-old boy, the little fellow was hit in the heart by a skyrocket and instantly killed.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of St. Louis, Mo., July 6, says: After nominating two persons for president of the United States, both of whom declined to accept, the convention of the national liberty party, an organization of negroes which convened here today, decided to indorse

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the candidacy of President Roosevelt, declaring that he is "the true friend of the negro" and that the latter's interests will be safe in his hands.

A repetition of the terrible flood which swept over Kansas City is feared. The Kaw river and its tributaries, swollen by the recent incessant rains, have overflowed and the cities of Armourdale, North Topeka and Wichita are deluged. So far, only three lives, those of Mrs. Cass Woods and her two children, have been lost, the other residents having fled at the approach of the floods. Armourdale is a packing-house district and all business is suspended there.

While burning some waste oil at the Belgo-American oil works in Lander, Wyo., the keeper of the plant lost control of the blaze and the flames extended to an immense lake of oil. Immediately vast columns of smoke and flames leaped into the air. It is feared that the flames will spread to two other lakes even larger than this.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Harrisburg, Pa., July 8, says: Rev. Silas C. Swallow tonight mailed a brief letter to National Chairman Stewart at Chicago advising him of his acceptance of the nomination for president by the prohibitionist national convention at Indianapolis, June 30.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of London, July 8, says: In the course of the discussion of the Irish land bill in the house of common today, Timothy M. Healy, nationalist, fiercely attacked John Redmond, the Irish leader, for selling his estate on the basis of twenty-four and a half year purchase. His remarks were greeted with a prolonged uproar and cries of traitor. Mr. Healy said the nationalists had honored him (Healy) by turning him out of the party, in December, 1900. This statement was fiercely resented by the nationalists and Mr. Healy, who was unable to proceed, left his seat.

The Letter of the Law

Most Indiana lawyers during the past seventy years have heard the story of Cuppy's recognizance, but the tale has not traveled far out of the state, and, especially since it possesses the merit of truth, it is worthy of perpetuation in a wider field.

When, in 1835, Salamonie township in Jay, then Randolph, county was organized, one Henry H. Cuppy was chosen to sit as the local squire. His first case was about a dog. William Bunch had been offended by Philip Brown's dog, and brought an action to require the owner to make the animal, which was reputed to be cross, keep the peace. Brown was arrested and brought to the magistrate's log cabin in the woods for a hearing. He admitted the charge; the law was laboriously examined, and an order was entered that the defendant should be bound over to the higher court.

But now the judge was in a great dilemma, for there fell upon him the necessity of drawing a recognizance. After long and diligent search, with the aid of the parties and witnesses, a form entitled "recognizance" was found in the vagrancy act. Cuppy, being an indifferent scribe, invited the defendant, who had some education, to write the instrument, which he forthwith set himself to do. He soon came to the words "John Doe and Richard Roe" in the form, and suggested to the squire that they did not seem to fit the case. Cuppy deliberated seriously for a spell, and then decided:

"Them words is in the law. I didn't make the law an' I didn't put 'em thar. Ef it ain't right, 'tain' my fault. You jest copy that thing like it's printed."

So John Doe was bound over to appear at the next term of court at Winchester to stand trial for vagrancy on the charge of Richard Roe. The fictitious names of sureties employed in the printed form were solemnly written down, and Brown went home. Having written the document himself, Brown felt bound by it, and in due season appeared for trial, but whether for his own vagrancy or that of the dog does not appear in the record.—The Green Bag.

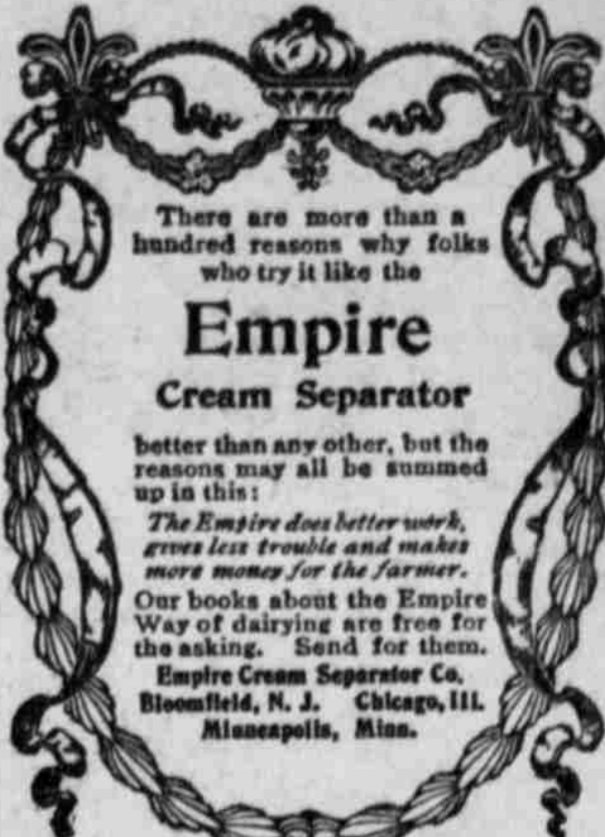
Better Than Barnum's

Speaking of circuses, do you recall that wonderful all-star performance we held in the barn for three or four weeks after Barnum came to town? The admission was five pins. One of the prize stunts was done by Nifty Robinson, who used to go up a ladder hand over hand, cross over among the rafters on another short ladder and so down on the other side on still another ladder. This stunt went well with the crowd until Mrs. Robinson, coming into the barn one day, looked up and saw with deep horror her offspring's little legs dangling in space. As there was a scythe, a rake (teeth up) and a saw or two on the barn floor or on the walls, she raised a loud feminine outcry that brought the circus to a close, Nifty being led from the scene of his triumphs by the ear. After that we all tried the stunt and found it was "dead easy."

Feeny Jones, looking around for something to do, and remembering the sword-swallowing act, stumped the crowd to try it, using the scythe as the Hindu juggler used the sword, but nobody would begin, so the project fell through, luckily; otherwise some small boy certainly would have been cut in two.—Minneapolis Journal.

Three Parts in One

There are three prominent parts to the republican platform. Part one is Roosevelt; part two is more Roosevelt; the remainder is the rest of Roosevelt. Nothing like a variety to give spice to it.—Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.



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