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this campaign pointing with pride at the fulfillment of every promise made. Judge Owen said the republicans collected \$21,000 annually from special privileges and franchises and that the democrats have collected \$174,000 in four months of a single year. He said the democrats gave the state a two-cent passenger fare rate and the republicans knocked it out. He said the republicans valued railroads at \$3,100 per mile and the democrats at \$36,000. He reiterated democratic faith in the bank guaranty law and predicted a democratic victory in November. The

convention adopted a resolution pledging to Senator Gore the confidence of the party in Oklahoma in his integrity and expressing gratification that his charges have resulted in an investigation of Indian affairs that may lead to more wholesome legislation for the state."

Bribery exposures continue in the inquiry at Muskogee, Okla. An Associated Press report says: "Not only Jake L. Hamon, but J. F. McMurray was named as a would-be briber in the investigation of the \$30,000,000 Oklahoma Indian land deal before the special congressional committee. McMurray is the holder of the contracts with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, to promote which in congress Senator Thomas P. Gore charged he was offered a bribe. D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian and a delegate to Washington for his tribe, charged that McMurray in 1906, offered him a bribe of \$25,000 to withdraw opposition to the old tribal McMurray contracts, which were subsequently disapproved by President Roosevelt."

An Associated Press dispatch from Havana, says: "The resignation of Diaz de Villegas, secretary of the treasury, which has been accepted by President Gomez, is regarded here as of considerable political importance, as bearing adversely on the long continued negotiations for the fusion of the Miguelista and Zayista factions at the opening of the congressional electoral campaign. Senor de Villegas presided at the recent municipal convention of the liberals, which broke up in a riot. In consequence of this, President Gomez issued a decree forbidding members of the cabinet to take part actively in politics. Senor de Villegas, offended at this action of the president, forthwith handed in his resignation."

LEAVING A MAN HELPLESS

"That statement made me think," said a veteran newspaper man to the Cincinnati Times-Star, "of the celebrated row between President Cleveland's colored man and Secretary Hoke Smith's colored man. The two were exercising their masters' horses out on a country road, and got into a dispute as to what is the best thing in the world. Finally they made a bet of a dollar on it.

"Well, what is de bes' thing in the world?" asked Cleveland's man. "Roas' 'possum and sweet taters," said Hoke Smith's moke. "'Whoa,' says Cleveland's man, dragging at the bridle. He jumped to the ground, seized Hoke Smith's man by the leg and dragged him to the dust.

"Take that," says he, lamming him on the neck. "You misible black rascal! Yo ain't leave me nuffin' to guess at."

ONE-SIDED GAME

Judge (sternly)—"Three times in a month! What do you make of this?"

Rastus (apologetically)—"Deed an' I don't make nuffn, sir. You fellahs up here seems to be de on'y ones dat makes anything of haulin' me up heah."—Ladies' Home Journal.

READY FOR THEM

Judge—"Will you tell the jury all you know about the case?"

Miss Jabber—"Yes, if they can spare the time."—Brooklyn Life.

THE PETS

He—"It's quite true that there are microbes in kisses."

She—"Oh, the sweet little darlings!"—Illustrated Bits.

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