



A London cablegram to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: "That the caliber of students sent to Oxford from the United States under the Rhodes scholarship scheme is poor was the statement of Dr. George R. Parkin, executive secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship trust.

A translation of the King James version of the Bible into modern English by the American Baptist Publication society in Chicago has caused a stir among pastors.

A dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: Examination by specialists of students of Highland college, in Breathitt county, disclosed that 90 per cent were afflicted with the hookworm disease.

An Associated Press dispatch from Salt Lake City says: Eight votes in the electoral college for vice president may be cast for a woman, Mrs. Margaret Zeane-Witcher, of Salt Lake City, if the wishes of Eph Homer, one of the republican electors chosen in this state, prevails. Mrs. Witcher is herself an elector and might be averse to casting her vote in her own behalf, but there is more than a possibility that Mr. Homer may persuade his two male colleagues from Utah to vote for her and will seek the support of Vermont, the other state to be represented in the college by republican

electors. Mrs. Witcher is a daughter of C. F. Zeane, former chief justice of the supreme court of Utah.

An Augusta, Ga., dispatch, says: Thomas E. Watson, at one time presidential candidate of the populist party, now editor and publisher of the Watson's Jeffersonian, was indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of sending obscene matter through the United States mails.

The charges were presented in connection with articles which appeared in the magazine under Mr. Watson's signature, bitterly arraighing catholicism. These articles were characterized by the grand jury as too "obscene, filthy and improper to be spread on the court records."

In the federal court at St. Louis, the jury disagreed as to the guilt of E. G. Lewis, charged with using the mails wrongfully. The jury was discharged.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: The federal government called for trial in the United States district court here what it considers one of its most important cases growing out of alleged misuse of the mails. It involves the integrity of the so-called Hawthorne group of mining stocks and brings to the bar as defendants men of national reputation. They are five in number—Julian Hawthorne, son of

the novelist, Nathaniel Hawthorne; Josiah Quincy, former mayor of Boston and assistant secretary of state in the Cleveland administration; Albert Freeman, a promoter, Dr. William J. Norton, a nerve specialist, and John McKinnan, secretary-treasurer of the Hawthorne companies.

All were engaged directly or indirectly in the stock of the Hawthorne silver and iron mining companies and other concerns and were indicted in New York in January last for alleged use of the mails to defraud investors.

The government contends that at least \$3,000,000 accrued from the sale of securities; that sales were effected through misrepresentation of the character of the properties, and that notwithstanding promises, no dividends have been paid.

The defendants maintained they have been the victims of a ruthless crusade on the part of the post-office department. Before the case was called a statement was issued in their behalf in part as follows:

"The defendants contend that the primary cause of the suspension of operations at their mines is the action of the post-office department, instituted two and a half years ago and vigorously prosecuted ever since, destroying confidence of stockholders, their investment and in the management, thus compelling the directors to suspend operations until the government case could be disposed of. The defendants contend that the Hawthorne mining enterprises were undertaken in good faith and were based upon geological and mineral conditions which gave sufficient grounds for expecting the success of mining operations and the stock of the mining companies was offered to the public with notice of its specula-

tive character and of the risks of mining prospects."

More specifically, the action of the government is based on the alleged misrepresentation and the false statements contained in the literature sent through the mails concerning mines of the continental syndicate located in Canada. The government alleges these mines are outside the silver producing belt at Cobalt and this fact was suppressed in the circulars and letters sent out.

A terrible hurricane swept Jamaica, and more than one hundred persons were killed.

John Schrank, who shot Theodore Roosevelt, was declared insane and committed to an asylum.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: "Dam" fell from the lips of Judge Coxe in the United States court of appeals, as he scrutinized the court calendar. The startled clerk took the paper the judge handed to him. Then the clerk, too, said "Dam." But he got no further. With the air of a man who gives up guessing he called "No. 17." The case up for trial was "Dampatiesacktiiztspabet vs. the United Fruit company." It is known as the case of "The Alphabet vs. United Fruit."

An Associated Press dispatch from Springfield, Ill., says: Insurgent Woodmen won an important victory when Judge Robert S. Shirley, in the Sangamon circuit court, granted their plea for a perpetual injunction restraining the head officers from putting into effect the proposed rate increase. The decision affects more than a million members throughout

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