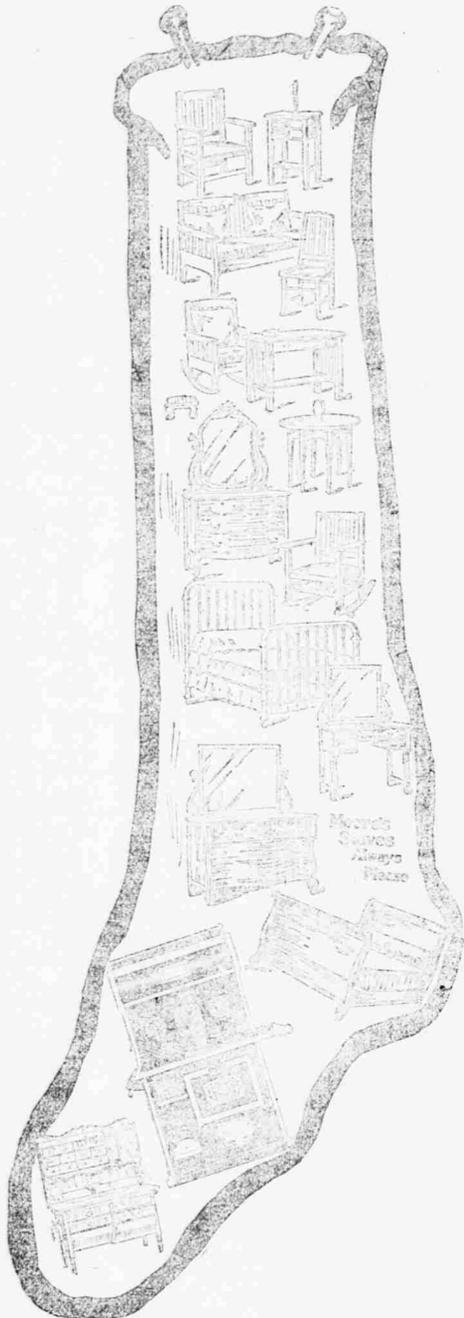


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CARNEGIE ON WITNESS STAND.

Says Steel Industry No Longer Needs Protection.

WILL NOT GIVE ANY FIGURES.

Former Steel Magnate Says American Manufacturers Can Compete With the World Under Free Trade Conditions—Enjoys Quiz for Night Hours

Washington, Dec. 22.—Andrew Carnegie, founder of the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, was an enterprising, if not instructive, witness before the Senate today and means commencing his testimony.

In answer to the quiz, especially relating to the steel schedule, written by Mr. Carnegie, recently appeared in a weekly magazine. Owing to the same quiz made in that article it became the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee at the hearings on the steel schedule.

As the testimony of various steel manufacturers was at variance with the statements made by Mr. Carnegie, the committee invited him to give any information the committee could use. As Mr. Carnegie declines to accept the invitation, he was subpoenaed.

Although he was on the stand for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegie rushed and talked good naturedly throughout. He cooperated several of the "round tables" with his epigrammatic replies, pulled the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Cary as conclusive, and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened on the steel question than they were before Mr. Carnegie was sworn in.

Says Steel Needs No Protection. Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection, that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions. While he claimed that the cost of labor and production of steel are less in this country than the other countries producing steel, Mr. Carnegie gave no figures to support his contention.

He said Judge Cary told the committee that the United States Steel corporation can get along without a tariff on its products and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

Mr. Carnegie's testimony was most unique and interesting and he frequently caused much laughter, the joke often being at the expense of the chairman or some other member of the committee. He declared emphatically against combinations or "trusts" and said he had nothing to do with the sale of the Carnegie Steel company to the United States Steel corporation. He characterized the "stock gambler" as being the worst citizen a country could have, and said he never had one associated with him in business.

Gary and Schwab interested witnesses. Mr. Carnegie dealt largely in the charges and deductions, stating that he was merely expressing his opinion when his testimony varied from that of Judge Gary and Mr. Schwab. He said that these two gentlemen were very truthful, but were interested witnesses, and the committee should not place too much stress on figures supplied by "interested witnesses."

Mr. Carnegie evidently enjoyed the course of questions put to him by both Republicans and Democratic members of the committee, but frequently expressed regret that he could not denounce the members of the committee. He seemed to devote his attention to making Chairman Payne and Representative Duffell and Ford uncomfortable. He called Mr. Payne "John" and other gave him such coarse replies to his questions as to cause an evidently serious discussion into a humorous one. The member from Pennsylvania soon subsided into silence.

Auto Death Harvest in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 22.—In the first eleven months of this year, twenty people were killed in automobile accidents in Chicago, as compared with fifteen for the same months last year, while 227 people were injured.

Devotee Killed at St. Louis. St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abner were found dead from gas asphyxiation at their home, at 7428 Grandview street. Apparently they had committed suicide. The cause is not known.

Suicidal Dead of Wound. New York, Dec. 22.—Harry B. Suddam, the curb broker who was shot in his Broad street office by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died in the Hudson street hospital. Lumsden is under arrest.

President Felton to Resign. Mexico City, Dec. 22.—Santiago M. Felton will retire from the presidency of the Mexican Central railroad within the next few days, according to an authoritative report.

BRYAN TALKS AT DOLLAR DINNER.

Takes as His Text, "A Battle Over the War Begun."

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 22.—With "A Battle Over the War Begun" as his text, William Jennings Bryan has tonight declared that the Democratic party must continue its fight for reform and that he would not give up the principles for which he has fought. Mr. Bryan spoke at a "dollar" dinner given by prominent Democrats of the Ohio region.

Concerning his continued leadership of the Democratic party, Mr. Bryan said that leadership had come to him without effort on his own part and as long as the party wanted him to continue such leadership he did not feel that he could relinquish it at the behest of those who might be personally interested in such action upon his part. Mr. Bryan said Mr. Taft had been elected through a combination of financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country and that he would rather remain a private citizen than be a president and be subservient to these interests as Mr. Taft must be under the conditions that elected him. He declared President Roosevelt had degraded his high office by making it the football of party politics during the recent campaign.

BRIBERY SCANDAL AT PITTSBURG.

Seven Members of City Council Arrested on Graft Charges.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Seven members of the city council were arrested at the instance of the Voters' league, a civic reform organization, charged with conspiracy, corrupt practices and bribery in connection with municipal legislation during the past two years. Alleged ploys in establishing depositaries for the funds of the city are enumerated in the complaints, and it is said a number of persons occupying official positions in local banks will shortly be arrested. Following a series of vetted charges and innumerable references to councilmanic acts, the Voters' league several months ago employed detectives and the arrests are based on the reports made by the detectives. Three of the complaints against J. C. Wasson, chairman of the finance committee of the common council, and John F. Klein of that committee and William Brand, president of the common council, charge these men with giving and offering to give money and other rewards and bribes in order to influence the votes of other members of the council in favor of resolutions, etc., designating the depositaries for the funds of the city, bridge ordinances and bond ordinances.

Another complaint names these three, together with T. O. Robinson of the select council, James Sollen and W. H. McFarley and Hugh Ferguson of the common council, and charges them with conspiracy to secure by corrupt and unlawful means and by bribery of other members of the two branches of the council, the passage of the ordinances enumerated in the first charge.

BISHOP MICHAUD NEAR END.

Returns From Trip to Lourdes in a Dying Condition.

New York, Dec. 21.—At Rev. John F. Michael, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Burlington, Vt., arrived on the steamer America from Clermont in a dying condition.

Bishop Michael left for Lourdes, France, some two months ago, after physicians had given up all hope of staying the progress of acute Bright's disease, from which he was a sufferer, hoping that he might be healed of his complaint by the waters of this miraculous spring. For a time the physician who had accompanied the bishop abroad noted a marked improvement in the patient, but a relapse soon followed. Feeling that the end was near, the bishop asked to be taken back to Burlington to die.

Leiter and Wife Fight Wild Fire. Zeigler, Ill., Dec. 22.—With a stubborn fire slowly eating back hundreds of men who have been ceaselessly at work for days seeking to save the coal supply of the great Zeigler mine, Joe Leiter, Chicago millionaire, and his beautiful young wife have joined forces with the workmen and are personally combating the flames.

Crushed to Death by Choppers. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Passed by crows of Christmas choppers, Elmer B. Bester, the seven-year-old son of George Bester, a wholesale grocer of South St., was crushed to death in an elevator of the Boston store here. The boy was being taken by his grandfather to see the toys. The elevator operator was arrested.

Leiter Wins in First Round. San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Sam Langford, the colored middleweight, making his first appearance in a local ring, made good with a vengeance and incidentally made short work of Jim Egan of Pueblo, Colo. Langford knocked out his man in the first round after two minutes of fighting.

Bishop McQuaid in the Shadow. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid of the diocese of Rochester is very low and it is said that he may not live through the day.

WOMAN TELLS OF NIGHT RIDERS.

Describes How She Was Whipped by Masked Band.

STATE COMPLETES ITS CASE.

Secrets of Tennessee Riders Revealed in Court by One of the Members. Soldiers and Legation Guard Prisoners at Union City.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The state practically completed its case against the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Ranken when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement, not only of the Ranken tragedy, but of half a score or more of other outrages. It also called Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Professor Frank Fehringer, involving the men on trial as actual participants in the murder of Captain Ranken, was given with an exactitude of detail that was amazing. As Mrs. Johnson's name was called, a murmur of satisfaction arose. Nearly everyone knew she had been whipped, but except the grand jury and prosecuting officers, none had heard her story. She removed her veil reluctantly on the judge's instructions that she might be heard by the jury.

Mrs. Johnson had married Joe Johnson, a man thirty years older than she, and lived with him four years, when a child was born. Last August she sued him for divorce, charging cruelty, and asking maintenance. Early in September the riders visited her father's home, and left word that she must withdraw the suit. She failed to do so and on a second visit her father was whipped.

Riders Enter in Silence. On both occasions she was at her sister's home. The riders seem to have realized this, for on Sept. 29, about 11 o'clock at night, they went to the sister's house. Mrs. Johnson awoke to find her bedroom filled with masked and armed men. A man, whom she said she recognized as Fred Phlox, one of the defendants, was standing so close that she could touch him.

"We have come to tell you for the last time that you must dismiss a divorce suit," Phlox is charged with saying. "I will not withdraw it," she replied. "You will before we get through with you," was the reply.

Mrs. Johnson obstinately insisted that she would press the case. Two members of the band seized the young woman, dragged her roughly from the bed, threw her on a log in the woods, and one of them beat her across the shoulders with a strap. After the first beating they asked her if she would dismiss the suit. She said no. Then she was again whipped. This time her fighting spirit was broken and she, sobbingly, said she would give in to their demands.

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned and said: "There are eight defendants here charged with a capital offense. They are not handcuffed and are under guard of the two deputies. I do not think they are safe. Therefore I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as guards."

FISH IN NEED OF PROTECTION.

States Are Lacking in Laws to Prevent Destruction of Finny Tribe.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The most serious condition now confronting the American fishing industry is the failure of the states to afford adequate protection to migratory fishes in state and interstate waters.

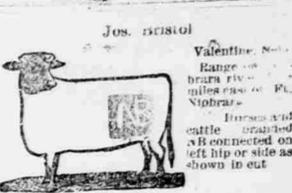
This is the serious note of warning sounded by George M. Bowers, United States fish commissioner, in his annual report. Mr. Bowers graphically depicts the great destruction wrought to certain species of fish and makes an earnest appeal for their preservation.

Taft Declares for Open Caucus.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—Charles P. Taft, who arrived here personally to superintend the campaign for his election as United States senator from Ohio, declared himself for an open legislative caucus, the proceedings of which shall be subject to published report. Neither Congressman Burton nor Senator Foraker, leading opponents of Mr. Taft, would make any comment upon Taft's statement.

New Smelting Company Incorporated. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 22.—The International Smelting and Refining company, with an authorized capital of \$50,000,000, was incorporated here. It is understood that this is the company that is being organized by big financial interests in opposition to the American Smelting and Refining company, which latter company includes the Guggenheim interests.

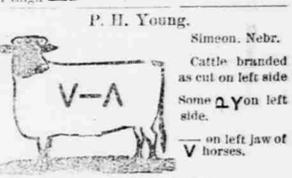
Rittenhouse Succeeds Langham. New York, Dec. 22.—E. E. Rittenhouse, insurance commissioner of Colorado, was elected president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society of New York, succeeding Arthur G. Langham of Louisville, Ky.



Valentine, Neb. Range on Snake River. Some cattle also have a 'V' on hip or side as shown in cut.



R. M. Fadish & Co. Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy. Some branded on left thigh. Horses branded on left shoulder or thigh.



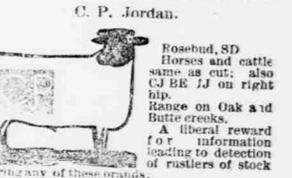
P. H. Young. Simeon, Nebr. Cattle branded as cut on left side. Some on left side. Some on left jaw of V on horse.



Albert Whipple & Sons. Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded SOS on left side. Some on right side also have a '40' on neck. Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters. Some Texas horses branded SOS on left side and some on left hip.



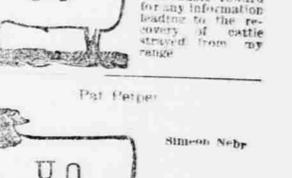
N. S. Rowlev. Kennedy, Nebraska. Some as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horse. Also on left side of hip. Some on left side of hip. Some on left side of hip. Some on left side of hip.



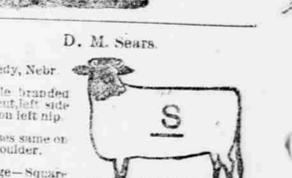
C. P. Jordan. Rosebud, SD. Horses and cattle same as cut; also on left hip. Range on Oak and Butte creeks. A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock worth any of these brands.



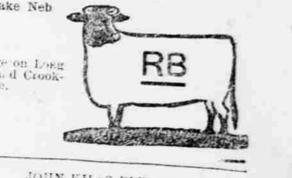
KOHL & FERRILL. Brownlee, Neb. Cattle branded as cut on left side. Some on left side. Some on left side. Some on left side.



J. A. YARYAN. Pullman, Nebr. Cattle branded JY on right side. Horses branded JY on right shoulder. Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.



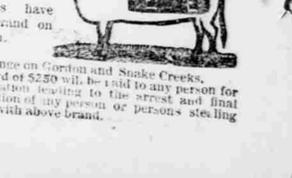
Pat Peiper. Simeon, Nebr. Cattle branded as cut on left side. Some on left hip. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Square Lake.



D. M. Sears. Kennedy, Nebr. Cattle branded as cut on left side. Some on left hip. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Square Lake.



Roan Brothers. Woodlake, Neb. Range on Long Lake and Crooked Lake.



JOHN KILL'S PLENTY. St. Francis Mission, Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded as in cut; horses same on left side. Range—Square Lake and Little White River.