

## BLUFFED THE COMMITTEE.

Armour, Swift et al Fail to Put in An Appearance.

THE SENATORS ARE INDIGNANT.

It Will Be Laid Before the Senate—Vest Reads a Sensational Telegram—Why Armour Did Not Appear.

In a Quandary.  
Chicago, Sept. 4.—[Special Telegram to THE HEE.]—The United States senatorial investigation into dressed beef transportation arrived at a position this morning when it became necessary to resort to vigorous measures or acknowledge the whole affair to be a stupendous farce.

G. F. Swift, the millionaire dressed beef dealer, had been subpoenaed for the third time, and it was reported that he had agreed to appear before the commission this morning. He did not come. The messenger who served the subpoena on him, was asked by Senator Fairwell:

"What did Mr. Swift say?" asked Senator Fairwell.  
"He said he would be here without fail."  
"You are sure you saw him in person?" asked Senator Vest, who was evidently laboring under suppressed indignation.

The messenger accurately described the delinquent packer.  
"You saw Mr. Armour again?"  
"I did."

"And what did he say?"  
"He told me it would be extremely inconvenient for him to be here at this hour, but he would send word as to when he would come."

"And he sent no word?"  
"No."

It began to look serious and the three senators leaned over the table in whispered consultation. Just then Secretary George T. Williams, of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company, entered the room. He was ordered the other day to appear before the commission with certain statistics of shipments and a list of the stockholders in his company. At the request of Senator Vest, Mr. Williams took a seat in the witness chair.

"You have that list?" asked Senator Fairwell.  
Mr. Williams looked like a small school boy who had been asked a hard question. He twisted his face in his hands and murmured, "No, sir."

"What is that list?"  
"I have not the list."

"Why not?" demanded Senator Vest, with flashing eyes.  
"I thought, in case counsel about the matter, and I have been advised not to furnish the list."

"Then you decline, as secretary of the company, to produce a list of the stockholders?"  
"I do."

"Mr. Williams was only too glad to get away, and again the senators consulted together.  
President John B. Sherman, of the stock yards company, was the next witness. Mr. Sherman said he had been president of the company since 1887, and had been very much acquainted with the methods of doing business.

"Who are the principal purchasers of cattle?"  
"The packers and the shippers."

"Who do you mean by the shippers?"  
"Men like Eastman & Munroe, who buy for eastern parties, and dressed beef dealers, like Armour, Morris, Swift, and the Libbys."

"Do you know who the stockholders are?"  
"No; that is the secretary's business."

"Who do you charge shippers for?"  
"We charge \$1 for the year, and \$1.50 for a full year. We also get 25 cents for yardage."

"Is a shipper by yardage?"  
"No, sir; that is the only way we have to gain a revenue." Mr. Sherman said that there had been 20,000 head of cattle in the yards at one time. The charge for yardage included considerable service, as the stock yards company furnished the tracks connecting with the yards, and were responsible for the unloading of the cars and weighing the cattle. Certificates of weight were issued, which were used as headquarters receipts on change. The charge for yardage, then, was no more than a delivery charge. The company also watered the cattle, and fed them when purchased by the shippers.

Senator Vest—"Your secretary said there was \$4,000,000 in the stock of the company. Is that true?"  
"I think that is the amount."

"Now what is the market price of the stock?"  
"Oh, it varies. Sometimes it is at par. I have known it to be as low as 90, or as high as 115."

"Is not quoted on the stock exchange?"  
"I think not."

"Very little, I believe, in the market." Senator Crook asked the witness if there were any relations between the stock yards at Omaha and Kansas City, and those at Chicago.  
Mr. Sherman said there were none whatever. Then he was excused, and after vainly waiting for some time for word from Mr. Armour, the commission took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Two o'clock came, but the hour did not herald the appearance of the delinquent packer. It was a direct rebuff to the committee and the members felt it keenly.

Chairman Vest, in discussing the absence of Mr. Armour and other gentlemen, said he was sorry that a number of persons, including the heads of several of the prominent dressed beef firms, had refused to attend sessions of the committee, and had paid no attention to its subpoenas. Mr. Vest said there was no doubt about the power of the commission to compel the attendance of persons summoned before it as witnesses, and read several statutory clauses providing punishment by fine and imprisonment for persons willfully failing to appear before the committee of either house of congress. Mr. Vest, continuing, said that although they could compel attendance, they could not compel unwilling witnesses to testify to all they knew, and he feared if they had these parties brought in before them now they would find themselves in the same predicament they were in at the start. All they could do, therefore, was to place the matter in the hands of the district attorney of Columbia and be brought by him before the federal grand jury. He then read a telegram, continued Senator Vest, "about which I had desired to personally ask Mr. Armour, had he appeared here, and in justice, to do so before making it public, but I cannot say as I have refused to appear here. I was sent to me by a gentleman about whose respectability there was no question."

FAIRPLAY, Pa., Dec. 18, 1888.—Can't allow Schwab to continue killing live stock. If he will not stop make other arrangements and make the price so we can get our stock.

The following was unanimously passed, after which the committee adjourned.  
Witnesses, Philip Armour, Nelson Morris, Lewis Swift, Frank E. Vogel, J. S. Newman and Jacob Meyer, having been duly and lawfully sworn, and after being duly sworn before this committee have repeatedly refused to obey the same, it is ordered that the facts be reported to the chairman of the senate of the United States at its next session, in pursuance of chapter 7 of the revised statutes of the United States.

The committee adjourned to meet in Des Moines on Friday morning.  
A reporter for the Associated Press called on Mr. Armour and asked for an interview. Mr. Armour made the following statement: "The reason we did not appear before the senatorial committee was that we knew we

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## SOUTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATS.

The State Convention Largely Attended—Every County Represented.

Huron, S. D., Sept. 4.—[Special Telegram to THE HEE.]—The democratic state convention this afternoon was largely attended. Representatives were present from all parts of the fifty counties of South Dakota and there were many visitors.

J. E. Carpenter, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order. Colonel Steele, of Lawrence, and General Hardin, of Jerauld, were nominated for delegates. The report by committee gave Steele four majority and he took the chair. E. M. O'Brien, of Yankton, H. S. Walker, of Grant, and O. W. Goddard, of Minnehaha, were made secretaries.

After appointing credentials and permanent organization committees an adjournment was taken until 7 o'clock. On resuming the credentials committee report was adopted, showing all counties entitled to a full vote. The chairman appointed five on rules and nine on platform, when another adjournment was taken till 10 p. m.

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McClure Declines the Nomination.  
Pierre, Dak., Sept. 4.—[Special Telegram to THE HEE.]—Hon. P. F. McClure, who was solicited to accept the democratic nomination for governor of South Dakota, positively declined the honor. He has been in the time in the interest of the Pierre capital campaign.

Pennsylvania Democrats.  
HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 4.—There was a long delay in the assembling of the democratic state convention to-day. At 11 o'clock it was called to order and the usual preliminaries were gone through with. Samuel W. Wherry, of Cumberland, was chosen temporary chairman, and after a short speech, he called the convention to order. The delegates were then called to the roll, and the usual committees were appointed and a recess taken for half an hour.

The convention reassembled at 1 o'clock and made J. B. Riley, of Schuylkill, permanent chairman. The report by committee was adopted. It reaffirmed the declaration of principles made by the democrats at St. Louis in 1888, especially that part demanding the reduction of the tariff on duties of raw materials where it will enlarge the scope of the domestic market.

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The Merchant Refused to Sell Them Powder.

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George Allen, the Leader of the Outlaws, Enforces His Authority With Death—A Possessive Hot Pursuit.

A Deserter Will Pilot the Whites.  
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 4.—A Greenwood, Miss., special says: The most dastardly outrage since the beginning of the trouble was perpetrated by George Allen and his squad of fifteen negroes last night, in the burning of Mr. Jamison's store at Shady Grove, on the Tallahatchie river. They went there and asked for powder and shot. Jamison refused to let them have any and they told him they would either burn his house or kill him. They caught him, set fire to his house, firing off their guns in the meantime and making other hostile demonstrations. Jamison got away and went to Sunny Side informing the people what had happened.

About the same time a negro deserter from Allen's camp at Long Street heard if they would spare him and his two brothers who were among Allen's men.

About two hundred men at once started for the hostile camp, which is about six miles above Sunny Side, but it has not been learned whether they succeeded in capturing Allen. He is very likely he will be taken alive as he is a very desperate negro.

It now transpires that the negro whom he killed last night for refusing to take up arms against the whites was his own brother.

Yesterday evening the sheriff's posse got all of two negroes who had gone to Cleveland for ammunition. The negroes jumped from their hides and fled into the cornbrake. The posse captured the negroes and 2,000 Winchester rifle cartridges, ten pounds of buckshot and four pounds of powder.

Further particulars from up the river confirm the statement that the four negro leaders who were killed up there yesterday were killed by the sheriff's posse while resisting arrest.

The number of hostile negroes are now estimated at from 10