

A POLITICAL MACHINE?

Serious Charge is Registered Against Postoffice Department. Strong Dig at Hitchcock.

Washington, April 29.—“The Postoffice Department is the greatest political machine ever constructed in this or any other country and it is openly administered as a political organization.”

This was the charge made on the floor of the House of Representatives today by Representative Cullop of Indiana, who referred to Postmaster General Hitchcock as being the creator and presiding genius of this organization.

Too much time devoted by the head of the postoffice department to political affairs and too little to business, were declared by Mr. Cullop to be responsible for the annual deficit in the operation of the department. He said the people should know whether any of the 272,000 postmasters or employees had been discharged or reduced in rank for failure to perform political duties, or contribute to campaign funds and whether employees are regularly assessed for campaign purposes and punished if they do not comply.

He declared that the appointive power lodged with the President is greater than that enjoyed by any foreign monarch.

BOLD HOLD-UP

Farmer Lured to Open Field in Center of Spartanburg and Revealed of \$100 at Point of Pistol.

Spartanburg special in Charlotte Observer: On a warrant issued before Magistrate Gantt of this city Baxter Thomas and Charlie Foster, white, aged about 23 each, were arrested today by a policeman on a charge of holding up and robbing Robert I. Whitener, who lives near Landrum.

It is alleged by Whitener that he came to Spartanburg yesterday afternoon, after drawing \$250 out of the bank at Landrum. In this city he fell in with Baxter Thomas, a well known young man, who, on the pretext of meeting a woman near the Southern station, lured Whitener to an open field on Magnolia street.

Here they waited for the woman, who never came. In the meantime, however, it is alleged that Foster put in his appearance and, with a loaded revolver staring the victim between the eyes, demanded the two \$50 bills. He was given the money quick, it is said, and no outcry was made on the spot.

While Whitener was peeping down the barrel of the gun, Thomas remarked, “Foster,” who is his friend in this city, “don’t you shoot my partner, please.”

When Whitener got away from the scene he notified Capt. Hayes of the police department, who, after working on the case, caused the warrant to be issued and the men to be placed in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing.

The hold-up was well planned and took place in the center of the city.

Midnight in the Ozarks
and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton, of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King’s New Discovery, he began to use it. “I believe it saved my life,” he writes “for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again.” For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, grippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy, it is the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Lancaster Pharmacy, Crawford Bros.

SCANDAL IN TENNESSEE

Bribe Fund Raised to Bind Votes of Regular Democrats. Would Line Up Insurgents.

Nashville, Tenn., April 28.—Out of Tennessee’s politico-legislative deadlock this afternoon came a development bordering on the sensational, by the publication of a dispatch from Birmingham, declaring that a bribe fund of \$1,500 had been offered to Representative J. Q. McDonald of Overton county, by Judge E. C. Goodpasture of Livingston, providing Mr. McDonald agreed to bind himself to vote with the so-called “regular” Democrats on all questions coming before the Legislature. The alleged agreement, in writing, McDonald claims he holds. It was made, he asserts, on December 31 of last year, but he explains, for fraternal and political reasons he withheld a revelation of the alleged bribe attempt up to this time.

In a statement to the Associated Press at Birmingham this afternoon, Mr. McDonald, one of the “insurgent” legislators, who quit Tennessee to hold up further legislation, verifies the published statement that a bribe was offered to him providing he voted with the “regular” Democrats in the Legislature who were defeated in the late gubernatorial contest by a fusion of Democrats and Republicans.

Goodpasture was shown Representative McDonald’s statement this afternoon. He denied that Mr. McDonald held a written proposal as described. He admitted that there had been a typewritten statement which pledged Representative McDonald to vote for the repeal of the election law and a State liquor law, but Judge Goodpasture declares McDonald did not sign it and Goodpasture further asserts there was no pecuniary consideration involved.

Precautions For Druggists.

South Carolina has been comparatively free from so-called “accidents” in drug stores, that is to say, deaths resulting from careless filling of prescriptions filled by drug clerks, or by inefficient employees.

The bill introduced into the general assembly of New York will, however, be of interest in this State as showing the precautions sought to be had in other parts of the country. Special provisions of the bill are:

Prescriptions as written by the physician must appear upon the label of the package sold.

The license number of the druggist under whose supervision the prescription was filled appear.

No prescription of drugs,

medicines or chemicals shall be filled by any druggist or pharmacist unless such prescription purports to have been issued by a duly licensed physician. The prescription must be accompanied by the physician’s business address.

No such prescription shall in any event be filled if the druggist or pharmacist knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the physician’s signature is not genuine.

The labels on each box, bottle, vessel or package containing drugs, medicines or chemicals shall show the ingredients and qualities thereof.

The term “physician” shall apply to and include a licensed veterinarian.—Columbia Record

“Our baby cries for Chamberlain’s Cough Remedy,” writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Basco, Ga. “It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup.” For sale by all dealers.

Six Lose Their Speech.

Miss Edna Woods’s friends will be grieved to learn that through over-study at college she has lost the power of speech. Six other girls at Winthrop college are affected in a like manner. The affliction came upon her several weeks ago, just after the examinations. Doctors have attributed the condition to over-work, and it is thought that she will regain the power of speech after several weeks’ rest. Mr.

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Wood left this morning with his daughter for Atlanta.—Farm and Factory.

METHODISTS TO BUILD CHURCH AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Commission Appointed For the Purpose Instructed to Begin at Once the Work of Construction.

Richmond, Va., April 29.—Resolutions appropriating \$35,000 for special religious extension work were adopted today by the board of Church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, of which \$10,000, is provided for a fund of \$60,000, to be raised at Seattle, Wash.; \$10,000 for carrying on the work in Oklahoma City, Okla.; \$10,000 for the mining section of Kentucky

and \$5,000 for Key West.

The report of the commission for the building of a representative church at the national capital was read and adopted. It appears that of the \$275,000 desired for this enterprise \$197,857.50 is in sight. The commission was later instructed to begin at once the actual work of erecting the church. The structure is to occupy the site of the present Mount Vernon Place church.

Saved His Mother’s Life.

“Four doctors had given me up,” writes Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., “and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good. I will always praise them.” Electric Bitters is a priceless blessing to women troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, backache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney disorders. Use them and gain new health, strength and vigor. They’re guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded. Only 50c at Lancaster Pharmacy, Crawford Bros.

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