

## SUSTAINS BILLS.

## Judge Refuses to Quash Cotton Case Indictments.

New York, March 23.—Judge Noyes in the United States circuit court handed down a decision this afternoon refusing to quash the second "cotton pool" indictments, against James Patton, Frank Hayne, Eugene Scales, William P. Brown and Col. Robert M. Thompson. He sustained certain technical contentions and dismissed others. The indictment charges conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade in cotton of which the defendants must stand trial.

Judges Noyes ruled that the cornering of a commodity in the market does not constitute a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law unless it can be shown that the direct effect of the so-called corner would be to restrain or obstruct interstate traffic. This result would be remote, in the present case, the court ruled, as the effect of the corner was to stimulate traffic and raise prices.

The combination to control the market he termed "negatively illegal without any prohibitory statute and would be positively unlawful in any State having a statute against corners."

The allegation that creation of the corner was violation of the law is dismissed, the court holding that even "if the combination in question be a violation it is because it is an involuntary restraint of trade; not a conspiracy entered into by persons not engaged in interstate commerce which has the effect of restraining others from engaging in interstate trade."

## PLANT OWNED BY WOMEN.

## The Larke Illinois Factory That is Under Their Control.

One of the most unique situations in the industrial history of Illinois exists at Aurora and concerns its largest manufacturing plant outside of the Burlington Railroad shops.

By the death of Charles H. Smith, nine women are left in control of the great plant at the eastern edge of the city of Aurora that employs hundreds of men and turns out road construction machinery and railroad cars that are shipped to every part of the world, says The Chicago Tribune. One-half of the material used in building the Panama canal has been manufactured at the gigantic factory, now owned solely by women. Many years ago the late Warren Beckwith was roadmaster of the Burlington division of the Burlington Railroad in Iowa. Charles H. Smith was his clerk. As the Burlington Railroad was being built through Iowa, Beckwith had much to do with its construction. He decided to go into this kind of work and took his young clerk as partner.

In their work these two men found work for road graders and they commenced to manufacture in a small way for themselves only. Then they found a demand for their product among competing companies and soon they established a factory for the manufacture of scrapers. This was at Mount Pleasant, Ia., and was the beginning of the Western Wheeled Scraper Company, now owned by nine women.

Capt. Beckwith and the late Dr. McClure, of Mount Pleasant, Ia., had married sisters, the Misses Porter, of that city. Beckwith and Smith asked McClure to take some stock in the company and he did so. To-day the entire stock of the Western Wheeled Scraper Company is held by the families of these men, all of whom are dead. Further, the stock is controlled by the women of the three families, Mrs. C. H. Smith and her daughters, Stella, Edna and Genevieve, Aurora; Mrs. S. E. Beckwith and her step-daughter, Mrs. Trigg Garner, the wife of a Kansas City physician; Mrs. A. N. McClure and daughters, Miss Martra of Mount Pleasant, and Mrs. Mae McClure Kelly, of Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. McClure was the first to die, then Capt. Beckwith followed a few years later, and then Capt. Smith, who died last year.

There will be no change in the management of the scraper company. This was the desire of the late Capt. Smith and his partners, and their wishes will be carried out by those into whose hands the property has come. The scraper company has been a family institution for years. Nearly all the heads of departments and many of the employees have been with the company for years and went to Aurora when the institution was moved from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

As the corporation laws of Illinois require that certain forms shall be complied with, the nine women who own the company will meet and arrange for the new board of directors and for the officers.

It is probable that they will select the board from their own number and will choose their own officers. These, however, will act merely in an advisory way, while the active management of the scraper company will be in the same hands that it has been for many years.

## COURTS MAY SETTLE ISSUE.

## Alleged Negroes Would Infringe on K. of P. Rights.

Columbia, March 23.—It is likely the case involving the alleged rights of the Knights of Pythias, of this State, will go into the courts, according to Secretary of State McCown, who to-day addressed a letter to counsel for the three Charleston negroes, who are seeking to have a charter given the "Knights," who first petitioned for a charter for the "Knights of Pythias."

Mr. McCown calls attention in his letter to the latest developments in the case, that is to say the changing of the name of the proposed Order to "Knights" instead of "Knights of Pythias." This does not satisfy the Order of Knights of Pythias in this State. They have asked that the matter be referred to the attorney general for an opinion. Giving this information, also, Mr. McCown writes counsel that the matter will very probably go into the courts.

## Record Cannot be Found.

Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—The original court record in the case of Thomas Edgar Stripling, whose application for pardon is pending following his recapture at Danville, Va., after 14 years' freedom, is missing and until it can be found neither the prison commission nor Gov. Brown is disposed to pass finally upon the matter. Stripling was convicted of murder in Harris county and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped before being transferred to the State prison and his escape so far as the courts were concerned, closed the case. It is believed the full records were sent back to Harris county for preservation and that they have been misplaced there or lost.

## Barnwell May Have Fair.

Barnwell, March 24.—Plans are being set on foot for the establishment of a county fair association for Barnwell county. It is the aim of the promoters to get ready in time to hold the first meeting this fall, in connection with the Barnwell County Boys' Corn club show and the Girls' Tomato club exhibit.

## Wins Bet on Long Life.

A letter received by former Senator Thos. W. Palmer, on his eighty-first birthday, made public this afternoon reveals a curious incident in the career of the statesman, in which he practically bet \$150,000 he would live to be 75 years old, says the Detroit correspondence of The New York Press. The head of an insurance company had been after the senator for a \$100,000 for a long time. Finally about 17 years ago, he obtained the senator's consent, but his company refused the risk. The senator was then 64 years old and the premium would have been \$9,970 a year. The company figured that he could not possibly live long enough to pay in the amount the policy would call for.

The senator didn't need the policy particularly, for he was wealthy, and still is. He proceeded to wager \$150,000 with several insurance companies—for no company would take the entire amount alone—that he would live more than 11 years. The wagers took the form of an income policy. For the amount the senator deposited he received an income of \$12,500 a year for life, whether he lived one year or a hundred. He gave long odds for a man of his age, for if he died the next day his estate would lose the entire amount, and if he died in a year it would lose \$137,500.

But the senator has drawn \$212,500 on the bet, and he is hale and hearty and is still winning. When he dies the original deposits will be returned to his estate.

## It is Not Easy

To apologize  
To begin over  
To be unselfish  
To take advice  
To admit error  
To face a sneer  
To be charitable  
To keep on trying  
To be considerate  
To avoid mistakes  
To endure success  
To be a clean man  
To obey conscience  
To keep out of rut  
To profit by mistakes  
To think and then act  
To forgive and forget  
To make the best of little  
To despise underhandness  
To subdue an unruly temper  
To maintain a high standard  
To shoulder a deserved blame  
To recognize the silver lining  
To smile in the face of adversity  
To accept a just rebuke gracefully  
To value character above reputation  
To discriminate between sham and real

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## LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE.

## "Just Making a Little Investigation Myself."

"I am making a little investigation myself and when I get through they will not need a committee."

Making this statement last Wednesday Gov. Blease stated that he would not sign the measure passed by the general assembly authorizing a commission to be appointed to investigate the acts of the dispensary winding-up commission which was dismissed by the chief executive.

The measure was passed by the general assembly as a result of a special message from Gov. Blease, and he now refuses to sign the act which would give the members the right to be investigated of the charges brought by the governor. Then the governor said:

"Oh that mine adversary would write a book."

"Tom Felder is mad."

These statements were made by Gov. Blease when asked if he would reply to the charges of T. B. Felder, the attorney of Atlanta. He has referred to his adversary and the book before.

Gov. Blease said that he was not ready to drop out any more "of his grains of sand" on the dispensary situation. Three members of the investigation committee have been appointed from the senate by President Smith. Speaker Smith of the house did not name the members from the house, taking the position that the act should be approved by Gov. Blease first. Those named by Lieut. Gov. Smith were: Senators Clifton, Carlisle and Sullivan.

The governor has already stated his dislike for the senate members of the body.

He has also stated that he will constitute himself as a special investigating committee to look into the acts of the members of the old commission.

## Boiler Explosion.

Augusta, March 24.—A boiler explosion at 4 o'clock this morning caused the death of two negroes and seriously injured two white men.

The Southern Railway is placing a draw in its trestle over the Savannah river here, and while the night force was working the boiler exploded because of the water being too low in it.

Harry Trapp, colored, was blown into fragments; Press Somers was also killed but his body has not yet been recovered, and D. C. Wike, a white man, and W. A. Vowell, of Columbia, S. C., superintendent of construction, also white, were injured.

The boiler was blown 200 feet from the trestle and landed in the middle of the river.

## Rectifying an Error.

Uncle Joe Cannon, at a dinner in Washington said of speakers' errors:

"All speakers make queer errors now and then. Usually, though, they correct them with address."

"Once, in the Illinois legislature, there were two men, Montague Harrison and Harrison Montague. The first was very short, the second very tall; but the speaker, during a debate, once addressed the former as the latter."

"He recovered himself, however, quickly. He said, with a chuckle:

"It is strange that I should take Harrison Montague for Montague Harrison—that I should make such a mistake as that—for there is as great difference between you two gentlemen as there is between a horse chestnut and a chestnut horse."—Detroit Free Press.

## A Dreadful Sight

to H. J. Barnum, of Freeville, N. Y., was the fever-sore that had plagued his life for five years in spite of many remedies he had tried. At last he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and wrote: "It has entirely healed with scarcely a scar left." Heals burns, boils, eczema, cuts, bruises, swellings, corn and piles like magic. Only 25c. at Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

## Will Pay Sorrell's Salary.

Spartanburg, March 4.—The controversy started here some four months ago when five members of the city council attempted to abolish the office of meat and milk inspector, was ended to-day, the council paying Dr. Sorrell his salary in full. For four months his pay has been held up.

Through his attorney, Dr. Sorrell brought suit against the city for his salary. Recently the case was tried before Magistrate Kirby and he ruled that the city must pay the salary, Mr. Nash bringing out the point that no ordinance had been passed abolishing the office and the resolution by council would not hold.

Following this Dr. Sorrell's attorneys got an order of mandamus from Judge Wilson ordering the city to show cause why it should not pay Dr. Sorrell his salary for each month since then.

O'Riley is in town.

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