

articles of impeachment against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the Commerce Court, who has been under investigation for alleged misbehavior in office in connection with a "culm bank" transaction with the Erie railroad.

—The amendment to the women's ten hour law enacted by the General Assembly of Illinois at the last session, making the statute apply to hotels, mercantile and mechanical establishments, factories and telephone and telegraph companies, was declared constitutional on the 21st by the Supreme Court of Illinois. [See vol. xiv, p. 492.]

—G. L. Berry, president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, in convention at Hale Springs, Tennessee, was on the 19th sustained in his action in calling a sympathetic strike of pressmen throughout the country, following the Chicago strike, by a vote of 130 to 80. C. B. Crowley of Massachusetts, who led the fight against Berry, was unseated. [See current volume, pages 466, 582.]

—The Supreme Court of Illinois, decided on the 21st, in the case of Harry Kemp and others vs. Division No. 241 Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, that workmen may work for an employer or not as they see fit, and so long as they violate no contract obligations by leaving his employment they may strike at their own discretion. This decision, dissolving an injunction, sustains Judge Julian W. Mack's dissenting decision in the same case when it was before the Appellate Court at Chicago. [See vol. xiii, pp. 489, 519.]

—London dispatches of the 24th were to the effect that Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, sentenced on May 22 at the Old Bailey sessions to nine months' imprisonment on conviction of conspiracy and inciting malicious damage to property, was released on that day from Holloway Jail because her health was impaired by the hunger strike which she and her imprisoned followers recently began. Miss Annie Kenney, who has been directing the Women's Social and Political Union during the imprisonment of the suffragette leaders, announces that Mrs. Pankhurst was released because she was found the night before to be at the point of death, all attempts to feed her by force having failed. Reginald McKenna, home secretary, admits that Mrs. Pankhurst's heart was too weak to permit of forced feeding. [See current volume, page 514.]

PRESS OPINIONS

Officer-Seeking.

The Mirror (Wm. Marion Reedy) June 20.—What's all this world of noise? It is nothing but "the office seeking the man" in the good old fashion.



The Parker Episode.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (Dem.) June 22.—Alton B. Parker may be the best presiding officer in America; may be a man without blemish, personal or political, but he should not have been selected even tentatively for chairman of the Baltimore convention. For Mr. Parker could not do otherwise

than stir up contention. His most ardent admirer must have known that his selection would be the signal for an outbreak.



Progress of the Singletax.

(Chicago) Real Estate News (real estate), April.—The strongholds of tradition are being fast invaded by the land tax, and as its inroads increase, the reputation of the old methods of merely theoretical equality suffers diminution. The uncollectible personal property tax, that incomparable school of perjury and evasion, becomes day by day a fouler stench in the nostrils of the people; indeed, it is defended now by none save those indoctrinated zealots who set some idol of mere abstract justice or equality above the fortunes and souls of the people, and who raise the insensate cry of "tax-dodging," as if that abuse were not, under the system they support, as inevitable as the precession of the equinoxes. On the other hand, the land tax is insinuating itself by imperceptible degrees into the body politic, whether by discrimination between land values and improvements, or by direct agitation for the Singletax or for appropriation of the unearned increment. The progress of this crusade is seen more in the measures which are being agitated than in those which have already prevailed; but there is no doubt whatever of the eventual adoption in many quarters of methods of taxation largely modified by these theories. The destruction of speculative land value is written in the book of projects of progressive democracy, and it will come to pass in substantial degree whether you and I like it or not. Part of the unearned increment will eventually be taken over for public use, and the value of unoccupied land for purposes of private ownership will be seriously impaired. Besides, as between man and man, who could possibly approach this subject with a fresh and unbiased mind and doubt that the ownership of land for any other purpose than personal or productive use is little less egregious than the ownership of human beings?



"What started th' fight? 'Twas th' same as at the Republican convention. 'Twas about th' timpry chairman. Ye see, Willum Jennings Bryan says there's a man in New York with a fine old Irish name who provides timpry chairmen f'r all convintions iv ivry party. Willum Jennings says he supplied th' very fin' lookin' timpry chairman f'r th' Republican convintion. He's in th' business on a big scale. 'If ye want a timpry or permanent chairman f'r ye'r convintion, Republican, Dimmycrat, Prohibitionist, or Progressive, call on Mither Ryan. Chairmen supplied on short notice f'r anny pollytickal or social gatherin'. Frock coats go with each other. A large stock in speakers iv legislachures always on hand. Our platform department makes a specyality iv th' cillybrated adjustable platform with patent removable planks. Skilled mechanics will be slnt to convintions to assimble these to suit th' taste. No trouble to show goods.'"—Mr. Dooley on the Democratic Convention, in the Chicago Tribune of June 25.