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THE WORK THAT LASTS.

The work of the quiet, conscientious man does not cease when death stills his heart. He has planned too carefully and wrought too conscientiously for his unselfish labors to pass into oblivion. The world has need of his services and often benefits by them long after his race is run. He may not have made much impression in his lifetime, but for all that he built to the best of his ability and to future generations his worthy and enduring value. The quiet worker is never exploited by his fellow-men. Indeed, there are some persons who hold in contempt the man who does not make a stir in the world, says the *Charleston News and Courier*. It is not always the quality of the work that counts, but rather its spectacularity. That these effects soon wear away and leave exposed the rough surfaces cannot be questioned, and then it is that men turn with confidence to the results of the unobtrusive, dependable worker, who strives with his heart, as well as with his hands. In a recent article on the subject the writer says of the quiet worker that he builds for eternity, and that eternity alone can discover the fine finish of his workmanship. We can take a piece of furniture and point out its brilliant gloss as we wipe it, but it will not long be so bright. The shining, glistening and showy in all its ugliness the painted wood beneath. On the other hand, the fine finish which the master workman gives to the article he is restoring is attained only after the most honest and painstaking efforts, which he directs not to the attainment of immediate final results, but to results which lead gradually to the beautiful finish which crowns his work.

The colony of lepers on the island of Molokai in the Hawaiian group is again called to the attention of the outside world by the sad report that Brother Ira Dutton has been stricken with leprosy. Ira Barnes Dutton was born at Stone Mt. in 1843, and in 1869, in his sixteenth year, he went west before the Civil War, and when that broke out he enlisted in the souvere cadets of Zanesville, Wis. Before the war ended he became a captain, and was known as Captain Dutton until he became a member of the Dominican order. Brother Dutton is the last of the pioneer nurses who volunteered to care for the lepers at Molokai, where they were segregated by Father Damien. He has done his duty well, and now that he has been stricken with the dread disease, it can easily be believed that the report is true that he is facing death with the same bravery that was shown by his predecessor, the more widely known Father Damien. To be brave in battle, as Captain Dutton proved himself to be in one thing; to face death bravely before an infection of the dread disease, and that, too, in the god-of-one's fellow-men, is the true thing, says the *Massachusetts*. Brother Dutton is shown almost capable of both.

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And now politics of Berlin have engaged in a successful battle with robbers who adopted the methods of the Paris Apaches. Both this and the recent escape of Paris criminals who took refuge in a house which was carried down with dynamite, recall the encounter in London in which Winston Churchill figured. It is worthy of note that in all three instances the fugitives from justice failed to escape.

BIG CASES INCREASE

State's Litigation Grows Into Huge Proportions.

Hasty Review of Some of Most Important of Great Suits Tried During Recent Years in Illinois.

"What's in that trunk?" repeated the old attaché of the attorney general's department to the questioner, viewing a large, heavily bound case in the center of an office floor. "The records of a case ready to ship to some court," he laconically replied. "I don't know where it will end. When I came to this office, we could carry the records of our biggest cases around in our pockets. Now we have to express them in trunks. This isn't anything unusual nowadays," and he tugged at the trunk to move it into a corner.

The last few years have been remarkable for the number of big cases which the state has instituted or defended through the gamut of court procedure.

Just a Few of Them. Let's take up briefly just a few of those that have developed during the term of Attorney General Stead. One of the first things he did was to cut short in their infancy a new form of article which promised to become prolific because of its respectability. The Continental Finance company was a partnership affair soliciting money for investment purposes. Its literature indicated that it depended upon the lapses and forfeitures of its contract holders for its profits. Mr. Stead proceeded against that company as carrying on an illegal banking, money loaning and investment business.

Strengthens Inheritance Tax Law. The assembly having passed an act prohibiting trust companies, banks, insurance companies and corporations to transfer the personal property of a decedent without a permit from the attorney general was attacked by the National Safe Deposit company in a suit against the state treasurer. Mr. Stead defended the law and the court's decision upheld the act.

Abolishes *Masses Corpus Mili.* The habeas corpus bill, as it came to be known in Cook county, was broken up by Attorney General Stead when he made a determined effort to stop the liberators by lower courts of prisoners from Joliet and Chester prisons on mere technicalities and flimsy excuses after the supreme court had decided they had been legally tried and convicted.

The Famous Joyce Case. The Joyce case is one of the most celebrated in the administration of Attorney General Stead. Joseph A. Joyce alleged that his rearrest for violation of his parole from Joliet prison was unconstitutional in February, 1910, the court decided that the parole law of 1889 was invalid. This decision threatened a wholesale liberation of prisoners and by inference invalidated a large number of laws applying to different subjects. Attorney General Stead appealing the chaos that would ensue, petitioned for a rehearing, and with new evidence and authority the court reversed its decision.

The Two-Cent Fare Law. The Forty-fifth general assembly made two cents per mile the maximum passenger fare in this state. The roads opposed it. One of the weaker of their number having gone into receivers' hands attacked the law. The attorney general has defended the law. The case is in the federal courts pending a decision.

The Right of the trustees of a drainage district to destroy a navigable body of water is denied by the supreme court in what is known as the Spring Lake case. This large body of water, it was proposed to drain out. Mr. Stead filed an injunction which the supreme court granted.

The Auditor's Cases. Under the registered bond law, the auditor and treasurer had, for thirty years, been claiming as their own the fees paid by municipalities for the collecting by the state of interest and principal on bonded indebtedness. General Stead was called upon to prosecute suits for the recovery of these funds. The supreme court held that the fees belong to the state. Up to his present time \$100,772 has been collected; judgment for \$40,568 has been obtained, making a total of \$241,765 collected or in judgment. The remainder, it is expected, will be collected in due time.

Submerged Land Litigation. In conjunction with the state's attorney of Cook county, Mr. Stead has instituted five suits to recover lands along the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. The last general assembly created a department in his office to deal exclusively with the recovery of submerged lands from un-lawful holders.

The Kaskaskia Commons case was notable for its historical interest. As a result of litigation a large amount of property has been recovered for the Kaskaskia school. The act of the last general assembly compelling all state records and records to turn their fees into the state treasury was attacked by the Chicago Board of Trade, because it affected the inspection of grain. The court upheld the act which had been defended by Attorney General Stead. The attorney general has successfully defended the state and secured \$287,000 of which only \$25,000 has been advanced.

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