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HAS HARD TIME

Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—With 41 standing committees to appoint and many rival aspirants for chairmanships, Speaker Mills has an exceedingly difficult task on his hands. The appointments will not be determined until after his return to Portland and will not be announced until the legislature reconvenes next Monday.

Many members have been requested by the speaker to indicate their preference as to committees, but all say as yet that they have received no positive assurance of appointment.

It is known, however, that Vawter will be chairman of the ways and means committee, which is the most important chairmanship in the house, and carries with it the leadership of the majority on the floor. Vawter says he has no promise of the place, but there is no doubt entertained but that it is to go to him. He came to Mills' aid at a critical time in the speaker's struggle, and the appointment is regarded as merited.

Merely A Conference

Denver Jan 13.—After the adoption of a majority report of the committee advising against the admission of packing houses and railroads into the organization at a conference of the delegates the National Live Stock Association to day president Hagebarth announced that the meeting was merely a conference and that the reports have to be voted on at a regular session. This statement angered the stockmen who declare that they will adopt the majority report as soon as the regular session opens.

Another Safe Cracked

Toledo Jan. 13.—The vault of the county treasurer at Wauson, Fulton Co Ohio, was blown early this morning by four safe cracks. The robbers were successful in their undertaking and secured money estimated at from five to ten thousand dollars. The criminals succeeded in making good their escape and no clue has been found as to their identity.

BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT

The attention of Justice Hough was taken up yesterday afternoon with the case wherein one Arthur Harvey was charged with attempting the life of one W H Bramblett Wednesday afternoon. Several witnesses were brought upon the stand to explain what they knew about the row. The facts in the case as near as could be learned from the versions given by the witnesses was chiefly to the point that Harvey was suffering from the effects of an enlarged jag, and was bent upon having trouble. It seems that he had been engaged to look after the business affairs and the dish washing at the eating house on Jefferson Ave. known as the "Tin Can" during the absence of the proprietor W H Bramblett, and that when Bramblett returned they had some trouble about the ten dollar which Harvey figured out was coming to him from Bramblett.

In the war words which followed the demand for money on the part of Harvey a revolver seemed to play an important part, and finally the said revolver was fired in the direction of Bramblett. When Harvey was questioned regarding the shot he first failed to remember that any shot had been fired, but later remembered that he fired the shot at himself, believing that since his honesty had been doubted and that he could not collect the ten dollars he had no further use for life and wished to demolish nature's mistake finish it all and end it all. Justice Hough after listening to the statements of the witnesses and the rambling excuse of the defendant, concluded to hold him in the sum of three hundred dollars to appear before the grand jury. He can now be found in the county jail waiting for the grand jury to act upon his case.

ANOTHER WITNESS TESTIFIES

Washington, Jan. 13.—In the Smoot inquiry case this morning, J W N Whitton, an attorney of Provo, Utah, was placed on the stand and testified as to the political conditions in Utah. He said that no efforts were made by the church to restrict the political liberties of the people generally or individually. He said that he did not think that the church tried to keep its members from engaging in politics without its consent, but that the church objected to the church officers employing their time in politics when it belonged to the church. He said that he thought the decided sentiment of the Mormon people in Utah was hostile to polygamy, and that women went into polygamy because they thought that a plural marriage was a religious duty. Witness said no man in state had better reputation than Smoot. Referring to plural marriages he said "If there was such a case in my town there are not six men there who would stop until they got the offender in the penitentiary, and my town is 70 per cent Mormon."

JAPS GIVE BATTLE

Tokio Jan 13.—Reports from the head quarters of Japanese army state that Wednesday afternoon two thousand of the Russian Cavalry with field guns attacked the city of New Chwang. The Japanese were forced to retire but were soon reinforced and then began to turn the tide and attack the Russians and are still pursuing them. The Russians also attacked Nulchiatun at ten o'clock Wednesday morning but repulsed by the Japanese. On the same date a Japanese cavalry detachment encountered four companies of Targamese south west of Liao Yang who fiercely engaged them. At two thirty in the afternoon the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses.

INVESTIGATE ADMINISTRATION

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 13.—The proposition of introducing a resolution providing for the appointment by the legislature of a committee to investigate the administration in San Francisco is being discussed by the members of the legislature who are opposed to Abe Ruff, the republican boss of San Francisco whose influence with the San Francisco delegation forced a stampede to Flint in the Senatorial fight.

EXAMINE INTO SANITY

New York, Jan. 13.—Brodie L Duke the rich tobacco manufacturer who was recently married to Alice Webb of Chicago, and whose marriage resulted in his commitment to the sanitarium, was brought into the Superior Court at noon today on a writ of habeas corpus. After a hearing he was sent to the Long Island Home to remain there until next Thursday when he will be examined by a commission appointed to inquire into his sanity.

AFTER THE TRUSTS

Lincoln Neb. Jan. 13.—A bill was introduced in the house this morning which was aimed at the Binding Twine Trust, and which authorizes the installation of a twine plant in the penitentiary and the use of convict labor to operate same. It is argued that this will be a successful undertaking, as the same plan has been successfully operated in Kansas.

Enjoyable Time

The Epiphany tide parish reception of St Peter's church proved a very enjoyable affair in spite of the inclement weather a good number of the members and friends attended. The object was to emphasize the family idea in parish and to get acquainted with each other.

Quite a number of new comers have in the past year arrived here and this opportunity was afforded for them to meet the other members.

The evening was passed in social conversation and enlivened with instrumental music by Mrs Taylor, song by Mr and Mrs Jap Stevens and Hazel McCrary, recitation Miss Williamson. Nor were the children overlooked as amusement was provided for them. Refreshments were served by the ladies and the all adjourned about 10:30.

JOHN BROWN KILLED

Huntington, Ore., Jan. 13.—Al Bernard of Eagle Valley, last night killed John Brown, in front of a saloon in this place by stabbing him with a pocket knife. Brown was a brakeman on the Short Line, and was attempting to separate Bernard and another man who were quarreling.

Again Premier.

Paris, Jan 13.—As a result of the demonstration by the opposition in the chamber of deputies this forenoon Premier Combes this afternoon received nothing but an overwhelming vote. The conference at tonight's session will induce him to return to his post as Premier.

Committee Organizes

Reading Pa Jan 13.—The committee inquiring into the charges against Bishop Talbot made by Dr Irvine met at the Chapel of Christ in the Episcopal Church this morning and a permanent organization was effected. Dr Bodine was elected chairman and W E Butler was elected secretary.

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MORE FOUND DEAD

Las Vegas Jan 13.—Further particulars from the head on collision which occurred near here on the Santa Fe railway yesterday morning disclose that the loss of lives and property was greater than was at first reported. The dead are fireman A M Cochran of Melvin, Kansas, fireman O F Gruenberg of Las Vegas and Phil Freinshelmer, a porter. Engineer Boomer was injured severely, engineer Allison of Flynn was badly cut and sustained internal injuries. All of the cooks and waiters in the dining car were hurt, more or less but none of the passengers were seriously injured. The two engines, the compartments car and several freight cars were reduced to wreckage. The cause of the collision was that the freight was trying to make the town of Tipton against orders.

GRAND JURY ADJOURNED

Portland, Jan. 13.—The federal Grand Jury after examining J A Wasco, a local handwriting expert, A W Baker, deputy clerk of the General Land Office, and Col A E Green, deputy Justice, adjourned today at noon until Monday.

THE IRON HAND

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—The police at Keff broke up the Congress of the Natural Science Teachers which was assembled here today, because the members of the congress, during their session, discussed political affairs. During the altercation and excitement ten persons were injured, among whom were several women.

New Appointment

Washington Jan 13.—It is reported that Congressman Vespien of Warner, Ill will be appointed commissioner of Pensions.

Attention Rebeccas

All Rebeccas are requested to attend the regular meeting next Tuesday evening. By order of the Secretary. Ada Fowler

TO THE PUBLIC:

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