

MAKES TWO REPORTS

(By Scripps News Association)
 Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—The majority and minority reports were presented in the house this morning by the committee appointed to investigate into the Neidringhaus campaign fund. The majority report, signed by the republicans, recited that they had not the time to investigate the charges and that promises of patronage were made for Senator's votes for Neidringhaus and more time was asked. The minority report charges that the majority had failed to make a thorough investigation.

Carnegie To Rescue

Oberlin, Jan. 17.—President King of the Oberlin College said this morning Andrew Carnegie would make good the losses of those who suffered worse in the failure of the Citizens National Bank.
 A draft covering the losses has already been received by president King. The beneficiaries are students, churches and people of small means. The money donated by Mr Carnegie will be distributed by a commission.

Like Our Attitude

(By Scripps News Association)
 Tokio, Jan. 17.—The Emperor today received Prince Fushimi, who has just returned home from an extended visit in the United States, and in the audience the Prince expressed himself as being greatly impressed with the friendliness manifested in America for the Japanese.

Will Try Weber

(By Scripps News Association)
 Auburn Cal Jan 17.—Judge Prewett today issued an order for a venire of a hundred jurors to be returnable January 26, when the trial of Adolph Weber for the murder of his mother begins. Should Weber be found guilty of a less crime than murder in the first degree, he will be tried on the charge of killing his father, sister and brother.

Washington Senatorship

(By Scripps News Association)
 Olympia, Jan. 17.—The senatorial contest today resulted on the first ballot as follows:—Jno L. Wilson 15; Samuel H Piles 33; A O Foster 43; Chas Sweeney 27, Westly Jones 6; Casgrove 5; and George Turner dem.

Stoessel Departs

(By Scripps News Association)
 Nagasaki, Jan. 17.—General Stoessel, and about five hundred Russian officers with their families embarked today on the steamer Anstralis for Odessa.

SENATOR MITCHELL MAKES DENIAL

(By Scripps News Association)
 Washington Jan 17.—With dramatic fervor, Senator Mitchell yesterday afternoon appeared upon the floor of the Senate and denounced his accusers in the indictment against him for conspiracy in the Oregon land frauds, and branded them publically as "malicious and atrocious liars." During his talk, he proclaimed his innocence of the charges upon which he and Representative Hermann had lately been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Portland, and expressed confidence in his ultimate vindication. He declared: "I assert in most positive and unqualified manner that each and every one of these charges, in so far as they involve me, are absolutely, unqualified, and maliciously false. And I here and now indignantly and defiantly denounce those who have made these charges, and I publicly brand them as malicious and atrocious liars. I defy my defamers and challenge them to produce any evidence other than that of condemned thieves and perjurers to sustain any such charges."
 The Senator then explained in detail all his connection with S A D Pater in having certain land claims passed favorably by Representative Hennemann, at that time Commissioner of the General Land Office, as merely the duty a Senator owed to his constituents, declaring that he had no suspicion of anything wrong with the homestead entries in question, and that his personal dealings in the case were identical with that in hundreds of others. "I have done this invariably," he said, "without making any charges or accepting compensation of any kind and, as long as I remain Senator, I shall continue to do these things for my constituents, so help me God, even at the risk of a hundred indictments. Criticising the public officers who knowingly misconstrue the public acts of public men, and thus seek to distort and convert them into badges of dishonesty," the Senator said in conclusion: "Permit me to say that the representative of any Government who will tolerate this is unworthy of the exalted position which they occupy. As for my enemies, I defy them here and now to produce any evidence worthy a moment's consideration, which will connect me, in any wrongful manner whatever, with any land frauds in Oregon or elsewhere."

Thornless Cactus

(By Scripps News Association)
 Santa Rosa, Jan. 17.—Mr Luther Burbank the horticulturist today announced that it would probably be from three to five years before the new thornless cactus would be ready to present to the world. Thousands of inquiries have been received by him from every quarter of the United States from people who are anxious to reclaim arid lands.

Irvine vs. Talbot

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—The Rev. I N Irvine this afternoon in the Common Pleas Court took out a summons in assumpsit against Bishop Talbot and this undoubtedly means the beginning of a suit for damages. The papers filed reveal some of the particulars of the case. It is understood that D. Irvine is preparing to renew his appeal for presentment against Talbot.

Hardware Dealers

(By Scripps News Association)
 Stockton Jan 17.—The Pacific Retail Dealers Association met this morning in this city this being their fifth annual convention.

Eagle Valley Coal

Messrs Preston and Albert Boyer have discovered indications of coal on the Powder River ranch lying in the canyon a mile east of the valley. The discovery was made within a few feet of a mineral spring, which is locally well known to possess superior medical properties. When an Eagle Valley News reporter visited the scene they were following up a small seam of chalk substance that somewhat resembles coal, and when cast into a fire emits fumes which smells like coal smoke.—Baker Herald.

Commendable Work

The City Council at least has taken steps toward building hand-railings on the high and dangerous sidewalk on the east side of Fourth Street, near the Mormon Church. Work is now in progress. This is something that has been greatly needed since the walk was built, now persons can pass on either side of the street in time of strong winds or in the dark without the dread of being precipitated to the bed of the creek, crossing the street.

China Denies

(By Scripps News Association)
 Washington Jan 17.—The State Department was today officially notified that the Chinese Government makes a sweeping denial of the charges recently made against her and filed with the Powers by Russia to the effect that China had been violating her neutrality obligations. China's attitude will be communicated to the powers through Secretary of State Hay.

Elected U S Senator

(By Scripps News Association)
 Lincoln Neb Jan 17.—Elmer J Barkett was today elected United States Senator receiving a majority in both the house and the senate.

FIFTY NINE KILLED

(By Scripps News Association)
 Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—An avalanche of rocks at Namsdal, north of Bergen, last Sunday, caused the death of fifty nine people. Only four bodies have been recovered at the present time. The mass of rocks and debris was suddenly precipitated from the high hills into Lovland Lake, sweeping away in its terrible course, people, houses and cattle.

ENGAGEMENT AT SHAKHE

(By Scripps News Association)
 St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—European reports that on January 14, a strong Japanese force turned both of the flanks of one of the Russian positions at Shakhe river, and that after a brief fight, the artillery forced the Japanese to retire. The Russian loss was five officers and fifty men killed and one wounded.

Favorably Reported

(By Scripps News Association)
 Washington, Jan 17.—The House Committee on Merchant Marine today by a strict party vote, directed that the ship subsidy measure be favorably reported to the House. The efforts of the democrats to amend the bill were defeated by a strict party vote.

Pelt Frauds Grow.

(By Scripps News Association)
 Salt Lake, Jan. 17.—The pelt frauds which have just been discovered to exist in this county are growing in extent, and has also been practiced in Idaho, and Nevada, according to the confession of Arthur Conlisk, son of the former chief of Police of Ogden, Utah. This morning it is stated that a number of prominent people of Utah are implicated in the frauds and it is said that the gang secured the sum of fourteen thousand dollars. Ex Deputy County Clerk of Weber county was arrested today. Two other arrests were made today, but the sheriff declines to give their names.

Vote On Impeachment

(By Scripps News Association)
 Washington, Jan 17.—Swaine impeachment investigation has been completed and the house agreed today to vote on the articles of impeachment at three thirty tomorrow.

Steamer Captured

(By Scripps News Association)
 Tokio, Jan 17.—A Japanese torpedo boat today captured the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina, with coal from Cardiff, Wales, on Vladivostok. The steamer will be held for ransom.

More Testimony in the Smoot Case

(By Scripps News Association)
 Washington Jan 17.—Judge McCarty resumed his testimony in the Smoot hearing this morning with the statement that there was a disposition among the Mormons to turn the judiciary of the state over to the Gentiles, that is with the exception of some district judgeships. He stated that the Church officials tried to keep entirely out of politics, but were continually egged on and urged by politicians.
 R W Young, formerly in the regular army, testified that he was a democrat and a Mormon and the grandson of Brigham Young and a president of one of the four "Stakes" into which Salt Lake is divided by the church. He said that he was not a polygamist and that he believed that the Mormon sentiment was decidedly hostile to polygamy ever since 1890; that there had been no teaching of polygamy, and that the policy of the church was to discourage the practice. Attorney Taylor read a dispatch purporting to give the language of Bishop Connely at Euraka, Utah, on Sunday last, in which he was quoted as denouncing those Mormons as traitors, who attempted at this hearing, to describe the endowment ceremony, saying that he had known men to be shot for violating their oaths. The witness agreed with the sentiment of bishop Taylor, but took exception to the statement about the men being shot for a violation of their oaths.

AGED MILLIONAIRE TELLS HIS STORY

(By Scripps News Association)
 New York Jan 17.—In Justice Bishop's Court here today John D Platt the millionaire cotegenarian, took the stand and testified in his own behalf in his suit to recover the sum of \$685,000 alleged to have been obtained from him by Hannah Elias, a negro woman represented by former Governor Black, and Platt was represented by Lyman E Warren. Platt told the story of his relations with the woman and said that he first met her when showing some volunteer firemen about the town, and that it was at Pap Millers place where he saw her first, a place where they dance on can. He states that he saw her there three times after this. Later while suffering from rheumatism he went to a massage parlor and found the Elias woman there. He states that she moved from there to West 53rd Street where he called on her once a week at her invitation. He says that he always paid the woman cash and produced his ledger showing a list of the payments and says that he may have paid over twenty thousand dollars to the Elias woman. All through the book were records of large sums paid to the woman.

Six Meet Death In Burning Shaft

(By Scripps News Association)
 Decatur, Illinois, Jan. 17.—The list of dead as a result of the fire which started Monday afternoon in the shaft of the Decatur coal Co., has now reached six. The dead are as follows: August Jagush, Charles Lachinnaki, Emil Knorr, Henry Ollan, and his son, Will Fagan, and four miners still missing. The disaster is due to a fire which broke out in a mule stable, located in a corner of the mine six hundred feet below the surface. The smoke and fire at the entrance of the shaft was so fierce that the egress of the miners was entirely cut off.

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