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## THAW TO GET SPEEDY TRIAL

### TO HOLD BOTH NIGHT AND DAY SESSIONS.

#### The New Trial Judge Will Not Allow Matters to Drag—Will Confine Lawyers to Direct Evidence and Will Allow No By-plays—Will Begin Section of Jury Monday.

New York, Jan. 3.—In his cell in the Tombs, Harry Thaw is counting the days that will elapse before he will again cross the Bridge of Sighs and face a jury of his fellowmen, charged with the murder of Stanford White. Only two days, Saturday and Sunday, now remain between the present and the date set for the trial. It is considered certain that when the case of the People vs. Harry Kendall Thaw is called before Justice Victor J. Dowling on Monday morning, the work of selecting a jury will almost immediately be commenced. Judge Dowling has declared that he will hold sessions night and day until a jury has been secured, and that the trial will be pushed to the speediest possible conclusion consistent with the cause of justice.

Judge Victor J. Dowling is the youngest and most energetic jurist on the supreme court bench, and is famous among New York attorneys for the promptness and unerring accuracy of his rulings. He believes in expedition, the New York spirit of "rush," and in consequence it is likely that the coming trial of Thaw will be completed in half the time required by the first famous hearing of the case.

Judge Fitzgerald, the presiding justice at the former trial, allowed the lawyers the widest latitude in arguing motions, and frequently after he had made a ruling listened to a long drawn out debate among the attorneys on the same subject. The attorney who attempts to argue regarding a ruling made by Judge Dowling will likely find himself "called down" with neatness and dispatch. The young judge is a stickler for legal forms and what he says "does."

District Attorney Jerome stated today that he would follow the same line of prosecution in the second Thaw trial as he did in the first. He will put the same hypothetical questions in this trial as he did in the former. This conclusion was arrived at this afternoon at a conference of the attorneys. Both parties to the case are completing the last details and all will be ready for the commencement of the great battle which will begin next Monday. It is noticeable that Thaw is daily growing more nervous as the time for the trial approaches.

## FEWER LYNCHINGS.

### Nearly One-Half as Many as Last Year—Louisiana Leads.

New York, Jan. 3.—Statistics regarding lynching in the year 1907

show, according to the figures compiled by the New York Press association, a total of 43. Of those who were put to death by mobs, 36 were negro men, three were negro women and four were white men. The total is little more than half of that for last year. Louisiana leads the list with nine, all black men; Alabama and Mississippi are tied for second place, 7 men, all negroes, having been lynched in each state. In Georgia four black men, one black woman and one white man were condemned to death by Judge Lynch. Arkansas mobs put away three, all black, two of them being women. Oklahoma mobs wreaked vengeance upon three negro men. Maryland and Texas each disposed of two negroes. In Tennessee one negro was hanged, and one white man each is placed to the credit of the lynchers of Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. It is a noteworthy fact that only 17, less than half, of the negroes lynched in the south were charged with assault or attempted assault, the majority of them having suffered death at the hands of mobs because they were suspected of murder, robbery or other crimes.

## Salvation Army Meeting.

Ely City, Mich., Jan. 3.—Prominent officers of the Salvation Army from various parts of the country are assembling here today for the congress and meetings to be held here during the next four days. The feature of the gathering will be the dedication of the new Salvation Army barracks in this city.

## Night Raiders.

Russellville, Jan. 3.—Dashing into this city on horseback under cover of darkness, 100 night raiders this morning burned two independent tobacco warehouses. Three policemen, who attempted to protect the place, were captured and held prisoners until the fire was beyond control. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

## O. E. S. Installation.

Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., hold their installation this evening at the Masonic hall. Following are the retiring officers: Mrs. Mae Noyes, W. M.; Mrs. Mary Forrest, Asst. M.; M. K. Hall, W. P.; Mary Warnick, Sec.; H. C. Grady, Treas.; Mrs. Lulu Norris, Con.; Mrs. Rachel E. Worstell, Asst. Con.; Mrs. Fred Jackson, Chap.; Mrs. Edna Reynolds, M.; Mrs. Mae Bay, W. Avery Harrison, S.; Miss Pauline Lederle, Ada; Mrs. Fred Schilke, Ruth; Mrs. Fred Swaney, Esther; Mrs. Ona Scriber, Martha; Miss Bess Bohnenkamp, Electa; Mrs. Nellie Niell, organist. The officers to be installed this evening are Mrs. Mary Forrest, W. M.; Mrs. Rachel E. Worstell, Asst. M.; A. C. Williams, W. P.; Mary Warnick, Sec.; Mrs. Louise Wood, Treas.; Pauline Lederle, Con.; Carrie Hunter, Asst. Con.; Mrs. E. M. Reed, Chap.; Mrs. Frank Jackson, M.; Mrs. Hoyt, M.; M. Reynolds, S.; Mrs. Edna Swartz, Ada; Mrs. H. C. Grady, Ruth; Mrs. M. K. Hall, Esther; Mrs. William Bohnenkamp, Martha; Mrs. C. T. Bacon, Electa; Mrs. Nellie Niell, organist. Mrs. Fred Schilke will be the installing officer. After the installation a banquet will be served. All members are requested to be present.

## MINERS ARE STILL ENTOMBED

### RESCUE MAY BE TEN DAYS STILL DELAYED.

#### Rescue Party Has No Hope of Releasing Entombed Miners Before January 13—Barricaded Men Say They Are in Good Health—Men Have Formed Musical Society.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 3.—Advices from Ely, Nev., state that probably 10 days more will be required before the rescuers reach Brown, McDonald and Entley, the three miners who have been imprisoned since December 1 in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine at Ely. It is likely that the men will have been six weeks in their tomb-like prison before they can be freed. They are able to talk with their rescuers over the mine telephone and declare that they are very well satisfied with their quarters and that there is no particular hurry about getting them out. Water and food is sent down to the men through a six-foot pipe, and they have considerable room for exercise. Air is constantly forced in to them. To while away the time the men occasionally hold vocal concerts, singing over the telephone wires for the benefit of those above.

## Will Try Again.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—"Boss" Bill Squires has left for New York where he hopes to gather a little real money from off Broadway. Undaunted by his three defeats Bill hopes to find a manager on the back side of the Monongahela who will let him crawl over the ropes again for a percentage of the receipts.

## ADMITS HE RAISED FIGURES

### BOOKKEEPER ADMITS HE FALSIFIED ACCOUNTS.

#### Just a Little Thing of \$1,000,000—Did So to Deceive State Commissioner—Broke Down During Cross-Examination—Confession is Complete in Every Detail—Great Scandal Uncovered.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—H. L. Storrs, one of the bookkeepers for J. Calzetti Brown, of the California Safety Deposit & Trust company, today confessed that over \$1,000,000 was also added to the assets of the bank to deceive the state commissioners. This confession adds another sensational chapter to the bank scandal. Storrs broke down under the cross-examination. His confession is complete in every respect.

## A BUSINESS CHANGE.

### James Snodgrass Purchases the E. P. Staples Grocery Store.

When the doors of the E. P. Staples grocery store opened this morning, James G. Snodgrass, son of one of the best known pioneer families in Union county, was the proprietor. Mr. Staples, during his four years' active career, built up one of the largest grocery businesses in the county. During the past few years Mr. Snodgrass was his head clerk, and is therefore not only thoroughly acquainted with the grocery business, but with this individual business and his success is assured from the outset. In another column will be found the first announcement of Mr. Snodgrass to the public, and it has the ring of sincerity and honesty characteristic of him.

## The Weather.

Eastern Oregon and Washington, rain and snow tonight and Saturday. Southern Idaho, fair tonight and Saturday.

## GOES TO JURY THIS AFTERNOON

### PETTIBONE CASE SOON TO BE MATTER OF HISTORY.

#### Hawley Said Defense Did Not Dare Continue Case—Makes Strong Point of Orchard Not Having Been Shaken in His Testimony—Judge Gives Instruction to Jury Before Adjournment.

Boise, Jan. 3.—The Pettibone case will go to the jury before court adjourns today.

The defense announced this morning that it would not argue the case and Judge Wood stated that he would read the instructions immediately after Attorney James H. Hawley concluded his speech for the state. Judge Wood announced that he would instruct the jury that if the defendant had in his possession facts which were testified to, this could be taken into consideration. Hawley stated just prior to opening his address that he would conclude his speech within three hours.

J. H. Hawley opened his address with the remarks on the sudden close of the case and declared the defense dared not put on the witness stand men who were charged with being implicated in crimes. He asserted that the opening statement made by Attorney Parrows was simply a mass of broken promises. He declared Orchard's story stood uncontradicted in a single important point and that the witness had remained unshaken under Darrow's grilling cross-examination. He closed with a review of the law pertaining to conspiracy, and then briefly reviewed the corroborative evidence introduced by the state.

## FOR A COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. C. D. HUFFMAN WRITES ON THE ADVANTAGES.

#### Save Not Only the Money That is Now Being Sent Away to Continue the 100 or More Students Now in Distant Schools, But Keep the Young People at Home for at Least Two Years More Than at Present.

The young folks who came home for the holidays have again taken their leave for the various institutions of higher learning.

As the last sounds of the rumbling car wheels die away, our minds are brought vividly to the necessity of better school advantages at home. There are at present approximately 100 students from this county, away attending high schools at a great expense and inconvenience, besides taking the money out of our county that should remain here.

In addition to the number already away, it is safe to say there are equally that many or more that would attend only for the increased cost which they are not able to bear.

This could all be obviated by the establishment of a county high school, which the statute now provides that counties may establish as follows:

The county court, upon the presentation of a petition signed by 100 or more of the legal voters of the county, must submit the question of establishing and maintaining a county high school to the qualified electors thereof. A majority of all the votes cast will be necessary to the establishment of a county high school.

The county may select the location, or it may be submitted to the voters to say where said school may be located.

The course of study shall embrace four years above the eighth grade of the public schools, with two years of required work of training laid down by the superintendent of public instruction after consulting with county

and district high schools of the state. County high schools are to be free to all pupils in the county who have passed the required examinations.

County high school is to be supported by a tax levied in the same manner as other taxes are raised.

It appears to me that Union county could well afford to maintain such a school when we are paying out an average of \$250 per student for 100 students sent away to other schools.

I would like to hear from other taxpayers relative to this subject.

C. D. HUFFMAN.

## STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

### Will Meet in Portland January 18—Thirty-Three Will Attend.

Portland, Jan. 3.—The state democratic committee will meet at the Imperial hotel in this city January 18, to consider convention plans. About 33 delegates will attend. At this meeting the matter of the election of a new state committee will come up. The question of selecting delegates to the national convention by either state convention or by primary system will also be decided at this meeting.

## GUILTY OF LIBEL.

### German Editor Sentenced to Prison for Four Months.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Editor Harden, whose printed charges against the Knights of the Round Table created such a profound sensation in Germany, principally because Von Moitke was accused of immorality, was today found guilty of libel and sentenced to prison for four months.

Harden's first trial was instituted by the kaiser and was brought to an abrupt close by the kaiser's orders. As the articles reflected directly upon Von Moitke he brought suit for vindication, which resulted in today's verdict.

## DUMA LEADER COMING.

### Sensational Address is Expected on Russian Conditions.

London, Jan. 3.—Paul Milyoukov, the leader of the democrats in the Russian parliament, will sail from Liverpool tomorrow for New York, where he will deliver what is expected to be a sensational address on Russian conditions before the National Civic Forum. In order to take up the leadership of the constitutional democrats on the floor of the duma at its reconvening, Milyoukov will remain in America only three days before he sails for Russia again.

## Illinois Legislators.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3.—Illinois legislators are flocking back to the capital today to resume the work of the general assembly, which will reconvene tomorrow.

## Suspended Plant Bought.

Tacoma, Jan. 3.—The plant of the suspended Seattle News has been purchased by R. F. Radebaugh of Tacoma, who will take it to that place. He refuses to state whether or not he intends to start a paper.

## INDICTMENT FOR STATE TREASURER

### INDICTMENT WILL BE ISSUED NEXT MONDAY.

#### Charged With Allowing Illegal Use of State Funds—Bank Officers to Be Indicted Also for Taking Money on Deposit When They Knew the Bank to Be Insolvent—Other Indictments May Follow.

Portland, Jan. 3.—Tonight's Portland Journal will make the positive statement for which they claim to have undisputed authority, that State Treasurer George A. Steel will be indicted Monday on a charge of having allowed the officials of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company to use state funds in an illegal manner. At the same time it is said that J. T. Ross, late president of the defunct institution; T. T. Burkhardt, George Hill and John Atchinson will be indicted on the charge of having received money on deposit after they knew the bank to be insolvent. The papers for these indictments are now being drawn by the district attorney today. Other indictments on other charges may follow.

## BANK WILL QUIT.

### Gaylord Wilshire, the Millionaire Socialist, Acting President.

New York, Jan. 3.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Beaver National bank, Beaver and Pearl streets, will be held tomorrow to ratify the action of the directors in voting to liquidate, and the bank will go out of existence. Gaylord Wilshire, known as the "millionaire socialist" and the editor of a socialist magazine, has been acting president of the bank since George M. Coffin, the president, became ill of nervous prostration just before the financial panic began, and had to go to California. According to Mr. Wilshire, the directors found that it was hopeless to attempt to continue in business at a profit to the stockholders, and as there was enough money on hand to pay all the depositors and settle up the affairs of the bank in full, it was thought best to retire from business.

## Dr. Brown Speaks.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 3.—Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, United States commissioner of education at Washington, delivered the principal address at today's session of the Iowa State Teachers' association, speaking on the subject, "The Educational Ladder." State Superintendent John F. Migg and Superintendent Edwin G. Cooley of Chicago, also spoke. The convention closes this afternoon.

## Mr. Wu is on the Way.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—Wu Ting Fang, recently reappointed to the post of Chinese minister to the United States, will sail early this month, taking with him a number of young Chinese students.

Place Your Surplus Funds With the Farmers and Traders

## NATIONAL BANK

### Comparative Statement as Made to the Comptroller of the Currency

| Date               | Deposits | Amount       |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| September 6, 1900  | Deposits | \$179,324.05 |
| September 30, 1901 | "        | 156,108.60   |
| September 15, 1902 | "        | 194,041.94   |
| September 9, 1903  | "        | 226,904.70   |
| September 6, 1904  | "        | 184,445.64   |
| June 18, 1905      | "        | 141,879.65   |
| June 18, 1906      | "        | 143,225.74   |
| June 21, 1907      | "        | 218,731.09   |

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## IF YOU

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## HILL'S DRUG STORE

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