

INSANITY PLEA IS NOT RESORTED BY SCHENK

CONSPIRACY IN FAMILY WILL BE WOMAN'S PLEA—THE DEFENSE HAS RESTED.

RANCHMAN ON THE STAND

Conspiracy in Schenk Family to Get Rid of Mrs. Schenk Will be Chief Defense of the Millionaire Woman—District Attorney Held Off the Stand by the Defense—Woman Tells of Family History

Wheeling, Jan. 21—Without a chance to hear from the lips of Mrs. Schenk her version of the poison affair or refutation of the charges that she administered arsenic and lead to her husband, the defense this afternoon rested its case. It will now go to the jury after the arguments.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21—When the Schenk poison case was resumed today it was predicted the defense had a card up its sleeve. It was announced Mrs. Schenk would not take the stand. Attorney O'Brien said the woman would not plead insanity and that Albert Schenk, a brother of Millionaire Schenk, would not be put on the stand in an effort to prove Mrs. Schenk was the victim of a family conspiracy. Nevertheless the plea of conspiracy against her will be the defense.

District Attorney Held Out.

District Attorney Handlan today declared attorneys for the defense that threatened him to testify. He said he was willing to testify but warned the defense he would tell all he knew and add pointedly that the defendant had made damaging admissions the night after her arrest. During the early part of today's trial a long line of experts were introduced to show Schenk could have been suffering from natural ailments with the same symptoms of poisoning.

Conspiracy Borne Out.

Mrs. Hedges, a ranchman's wife testified for the defense, saying Albert Schenk showed intense dislike for Mrs. Schenk. At one time Albert said to her: "John has got Laura an automobile and I wish everytime she rides in it that she will break her neck." On cross examination nothing new was produced.

NORTON LEAVES PRES. TAFT'S ASSISTANCE

SAN FRANCISCO MAN DISCUSSED AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

Norton Wants to Retire and Taft Seeks His Successor in West.

Sacramento, Jan. 21—Martin Egan, mentioned in Washington dispatches today as the probable successor to Private Secretary Norton, to President Taft, is a former San Francisco newspaper man. He arrived a few days ago from Manila where he was editor of the Manila Times. He came at the urgent request of President Taft. Norton wants to return to private life.

Taft wants Egan particularly to handle the press matter, and as Egan has occupied prominent journalistic positions, he is deemed fitted for the job.

GOVERNOR ATTACKS LORIMERISM

Advises Chicago University Students to Keep Away From Such Methods

Ann Arbor, Jan. 21—Denouncement of "Lorimerism" and advising students of the University of Chicago to work for a purer ballot methods, was contained in an address to the Chicago debating team here by Governor Osborne of Michigan at the conclusion of a talkfest held with the University of Michigan students. "You can teach the people of Illinois to steer clear of Lorimerism and all it implies," said the governor.

OLD ENEMIES TO UNITE

Methodist Episcopal and M. E. Church South May Unite Soon.

Cincinnati, Jan. 21—The amalgamation of the Episcopal church south and the Methodist protestant churches is predicted here today, following the adjournment of the sub-committee of three members of each organization that has been working out a plan for a union. The committee is to make a final report in May. Bishop Cranston admitted a working agreement had been reached but declined to give details.

ELLIS TO DELVE INTO CENSUS MATTERS

ALL EASTERN OREGON TOWNS TO FILE OBJECTIONS.

Entire Northwest Delegations Are Flooded With Complaints.

Holding out some encouragement but for all that indicating how polemical is relief in the matter, Representative Ellis, representing this district in Congress, was informed local constituents that La Grande's census enumeration is going to be looked into. In a letter to J. H. Peare, received today, the representative affirms that the complaint La Grande has made is duplicated by all towns, particularly in his district, but that in due time attention will be given to each separate complaint. La Grande, the representative says, has suffered as hard or harder than any of the Eastern Oregon towns and that her case will be looked into just as soon as possible. The entire Northwest delegations at Washington are bringing pressure to bear on Director Durand and the census director is harder to gain audience with than the president himself these days.

Though it may require some time attention of the director to the huge joke he has published will at least give the public the satisfaction of knowing that the Director cannot pull off such stunts and not meet objections from the towns that were unjustly curtailed in the count.

PLEASE ADMINISTRATION.

Virginians Who Refused to Join in Organization Move are Fettered.

Cincinnati, Jan. 21—Indications that the administration at Washington endorses the action of fifteen members of the Virginia senate who fled to prevent organization of the senate by Democrats is seen here today in an announcement that Chas. Taft, a brother of President Taft, will dine the fugitive legislators. Under a compromise agreement, the exiles will return to their legislative duties Monday.

More Battleship Explosions.

New Orleans, Jan. 21—An explosion in a gas tanker on the battleship Kansas, now in the port of England, is reported in a private cable today. Ensign Theodore Wilkins was severely injured. There were eight sailors testing the bunkers when the explosion occurred. All were burned but not fatally hurt.

CANNON'S HOME COUNTY SEETHS WITH CORRUPTION AND MANY WILL CONFESS TO BUYING VOTES

Danville, Ill., Jan. 21—Election corruption and bribery declared to exist in Cannon's ballawick, Vermillion county, promises to be bared to the grand jury investigating a statement sent today to a newspaper by a prominent attorney in which he confessed to buying votes in previous elections. He says he kept the records for a

long time but recently burned them, suggesting a mass meeting at which all should agree to confess.

A panic has struck the politicians. More than 100 of them have been summoned. It is expected many will confess Monday to the grand jury.

It is believed the affair will assume equal proportions with the scandal in Ohio recently.

SLOCUM MAN MAY ESCAPE.

Parole Will Likely be Granted Commander of Sunk Steamer.

New York, Jan. 21—Parole may be granted to Captain Vanchack, the famous ex-master of the steamer Slocum which sunk in New York harbor with one thousand excursionists aboard, six years ago. The president of the parole board is in Washington interesting himself in the case.

Set Fire to Juarez Stables.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 20—Some unknown person set fire to the stables at Terrazas park racetrack, and the thoroughbred irrigator was burned badly and will probably die. Smiley Metzner was injured by breaking loose and running into a fence.

THOMAS LIPTON "APPROACHED"

Sharp Tries to Relieve the Old Sport of Money But Fails.

London, Jan. 21—Only his adroitness saved Sir Thomas Lipton, the yachtsman from hands of a dangerous crook today. A man called him over the telephone today saying he was from Scotland yards and wanted to speak privately with the skipper. When he arrived, he demanded money. Lipton had telephoned for the police by private resources and the man was arrested, charged with being a mafiac.

Aged Man Buried Today.

With only a handful of his kind—pioneers—at hand, the remains of John Predmore were laid away this

Snapshots of Representatives Who Are Prominent For Various Reasons



Here are four representatives who attract considerable attention in Washington for widely different reasons. Cy Sulloway, known as "the Tall Pine of the Merrimac" around his home in New Hampshire, is the tallest man in congress. He towers to an amazing height, and he is also big mentally. Nicholas Longworth is usually pointed out as "Colonel Roosevelt's son-in-law," though he has other claims to distinction besides the fact that he married Alice Roosevelt when she was the White House belle. He is wealthy, represents an Ohio congressional district, and he is pretty busy as a politician and a lawmaker. Frank Mellen Nye of Minnesota is a brother of Bill Nye, the genial humorist, who made the world laugh for several years. Nye is an attorney of Minneapolis and has been in congress two terms. He has been county attorney at home, and he does not pose as a funny man. John Dalzell of Pittsburg has been in congress continuously since 1887 and has been a member of the important rules and ways and means committees for the last seven terms.

morning according to Catholic ritual, Rev. Father Aanders officiating. The attendance was small, especially so, considering the type of a man being buried. Predmore, aged about 116, stood not only for pioneerism but also for the longest life spanage that has lived in Oregon, no doubt. His wonderful vitality has always been the envy of people less than three score and ten—When considerably over 100 years of age he walked with a briskness that was surprising indeed for a man of his age.

ARGUE RETRIAL TUESDAY.

Motion Made Recently to be Argued Early Next Week Before Judge.

A motion filed a few days ago for a new trial in the case of Jess Parker accused and found guilty in second degree murder of killing his father-in-law, will be argued before Judge Knowles next Tuesday at 10 o'clock, according to an agreement between the defense and the State today. This will lead to the final decision of the court relative to whether or not Parker is to have another trial.

NOT ALL WARFARE AT LAWMAKERS CHAMBERS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORTS THE SESSION AN ACTIVE ONE.

Absence of Lobbyists Also Tend to Aid Speedy Lawmaking This Time.

It is not all warfare at the state legislature, affirms District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe who arrived some this morning for an extended visit with solon friends at Salem and where he kept in touch with affairs of state. While the legislatures scrap and don much of the warpaint variety, they also transact much business and laws are being ground out, or rather introduced with more than customary speed and smoothness.

Lobbyists Are Scarce.

Another important feature coming to the notice of the district attorney while at Salem was the fact that lobbyists are scarcer than customary. For some reason or other they do not cut as much effect on legislation as formerly and in this respect the lawmakers are proceeding with less handicap than is customary.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURN.

Fire in Home Leads to Death of the Family and Injury to Others.

Toronto, Jan. 21—Mrs. Percy Brooks, wife of the manager of the Fairbanks Scale company of Toronto, and her four children were burned to death early today. A servant girl named Violet Martin was badly burned and was taken to the hospital. The home was practically destroyed. A defective flue is responsible. The woman's body was almost unrecognizable and indicated she had used herself to shield the two youngest children from the flames. Brooks is visiting in Chicago.

BOUGHT NEAR CITY.

A. L. Martin Buys J. W. McCaughey's Fruitdale Home, Thirty Acres.

This afternoon A. L. Martin who for a number of years has been living in Cove, purchased through the G. L. Currey real estate agency, J. W. McCaughey's thirty acre farm in Fruitdale. Mr. Martin will take possession sometime prior to March 1. This is a desirable home, so situated as to overlook beautiful Grande Ronde and just one mile from one of the best markets in the northwest.

Dynamite Ship Afire.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 21—A ship in the local port, carrying a shipment of dynamite caught fire today. No damage

SALEM PROBERS WILL LEAVE THURSDAY

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL ASK EXPERTS TO JOIN THEM IN STUDY.

WILL VISIT PENDLETON

Condition of Site Chosen by Bowerman to be Investigated by the Committee Assisted by Experts in Medical and Engineering Lines—Leave Salem on Thursday of Next Week is Schedule Arranged.

Salem, Jan. 21—Thursday the legislative committee named by Governor West will leave Salem for Pendleton to view the site selected by Jay Bowerman for the branch asylum. The committee will undoubtedly invite a committee of medical experts to accompany them. It will also select such engineering experts as are deemed advisable to advise them relative to the site. The purpose of the junket is to advise the legislature whether the site chosen is suitable or whether more lands should be purchased.

BIG MEN FIGHT PUNISHMENT

Miller Hubbard and London Behind Move to Stop Capital Punishment.

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 21—"I have seen men legally hanged. It was sad but as comical as hell itself. We might execute physically sick men as a man who has gone wrong mentally and spiritually." With this characteristic endorsement of his object by Jack London the anti-capital punishment league of California today started a campaign to push the Cattell bill now before the legislature to a successful issue. Joaquin Miller, the poet and Elbert Hubbard, the author, are among the league backers. Miller telegraphed: "The whitest plume in the tyrant of California is the fact that she has never taken the life of a woman and a man is no worse than a woman."

PENDLETON COMING THURSDAY.

Fast Team From Wheat Town Will Counter With M. I. A. Thursday.

Manager Geddes this afternoon announced Pendleton's high school quintet, a speedy aggregation indeed, will come to La Grande next Thursday to contest the local M. I. A. team. This is to be the first game from without the county teams. Pendleton in years past has always vanquished local talent on the basketball floor.

CONTRABAND IS SOUGHT FOR BY ARMED MEN

TWO REVENUE CUTTERS PATROL SOUTHERN WATERS.

Chinese and Opium Said to be Hoarded for South Coast, Sought for.

Los Angeles, Jan. 21—With the coast from the Mexican line to Monterey closely guarded with United States revenue cutters Orsini and Bar, with sailors heavily armed, searching California waters for smuggling craft bearing contraband Chinese and opium which it is known is making for unfrequented parts of the coast, the forces against smuggling are hard at work today. It is presumed the ships will try to land at Santa Barbara or San Louth Obispo.