

STARTLING FRAUDS IN ELECTION BOLD

New Jersey Democrats Recite Story of Thousands of Illegal Votes Cast.

POLL WATCHERS ROBBED

Physicians Say Water is Drugged by Republicans—Three Thousand of Twelve Thousand Votes Held to Be Fraudulently Entered.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 20.—That there were startling frauds in the recent election here, especially in the First and Third Wards, was the evidence brought out at the first hearing before the special commission appointed by the New Jersey Legislature to investigate election frauds in Atlantic County.

In a single precinct, the fifth of the Third Ward, a Democratic watcher told the commission nearly 200 persons, none of whom was known to him, "were touched for by Republican Leader John J. Mahoney."

Another Democratic watcher was surrounded in a restaurant and robbed of his poll books, while two physicians testified they were drugged by water "brought into the booth by Republican politicians."

It also was testified before the commission that the Sheriff of the county, whose family lives at Mays Landing, registered and voted from a hotel here. Local Democrats say they will be shown the commission that at least \$200 of the 12,000 votes cast at the November elections were fraudulent.

Frank Smathers, a lawyer and Democratic watcher, said that he was drugged by "gamblers in my precinct. They placed a drug in a pitcher of ice water and when I drank of the water I became violently ill."

DASH FOR LIBERTY FAILS

Prisoner Feigns Drunkenness and Then Sprints From Officers.

Desperate and shrewd means were employed last night by Frank Howard, an accused forger, in an attempt to escape from Detectives Lindroff and Sloane. The attempt failed, however, and Howard is now awaiting extradition to Tainier, Or., where he is accused of having passed four forged checks.

Howard, with his suitcase in his hand, was arrested by the detectives at the Union Depot, whereupon he feigned drunkenness and thereby lulled the distrust of the detectives. The prisoner, taking up much of the sidewalk in his apparent drunken attempts to walk, the detectives marched him to Sixth and Davis streets. At the corner he suddenly dashed his grip with all the strength he could command upon the toes of Detective Sloane and ran. Before the officers recovered from his surprise Howard was half a block distant with the officer in pursuit. After running more than a block Sloane tripped the fugitive, falling him to the pavement in the mud. He was then handcuffed and marched to the station.

SCHOOL BONDS SUBMITTED

Board Orders Vote on Added Issue for High School.

At the meeting of the School Board yesterday afternoon, W. P. Onda presented a petition asking the Board to call an election to submit to the legal voters of this district the question of issuing \$200,000 bonds to complete the new Lincoln High School. The request was granted and the election will take place February 14.

The School Board originally appropriated \$300,000 for the erection of the high school building of mill construction, but with the passing of a new building code it was ruled that the proposed schoolhouse should be fireproof. The additional cost will be \$100,000.

The petition was signed by 17 prominent business men, among them being A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank; C. F. Adams, president and secretary of the Security Savings and Trust Company; Edward Cookinman, vice-president of Ladd & Tilton Bank, and J. D. Honeyman, of the Honeyman Builders Company.

Contracts were awarded for next winter's wood for the schools yesterday, the amount being about 400 cords.

MAN BUMPED, WALKS AWAY

Streetcar Overtakes Wagon Driven by Ross Murphy.

A streetcar last night collided with a wagon, driven by Ross Murphy, a Northern Express Company driver. The wagon was overturned and Murphy was picked up insensible by Police-men Martin and Shaffer. He was not seriously injured. He was able to walk away without assistance.

Stray Dogs Must Be Returned.

Provisions for having stray dogs returned to their owners are outlined in an ordinance approved by the health and police committees of the Council at its meeting yesterday morning. The ordinance was prepared by members of the Portland Kennel Club and the Multnomah Red and Gun Club, and by request was introduced by Councilman Watkins. The ordinance provides that if anyone finds a lost dog and feeds it instead of keeping the dog, the finder must inform the poundmaster. Any violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.

MULESKIN VICTIM INSANE

Man Who Is Sewed Up in Carcass Contracts Blood-Poisoning.

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga., Jan. 20.—Barlow Brown, the man who was sewed up in the carcass of a mule, while in an intoxicated condition, it is alleged, several weeks ago, has gone insane as a result of blood poisoning contracted from the mule carcass. Brown is not expected to recover. The four men responsible for the practical joke, it is said, have fled the country.

TAPT'S SECRETARY WILL RESIGN TO RETURN TO PRIVATE BUSINESS.



CHARLES D. NORTON.

DIRECT VOTE AIM

California Gets Initiative, Referendum, Recall Bill.

SENATOR GATES IS FATHER

Measure Is Introduced in Upper House of State Legislature—Public Service Commission of 3 Men Is Proposed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 20.—In the upper branch of the State Legislature today, Senator Gates introduced a bill providing for the initiative, referendum and recall. It gives the people the power of initiative for any law or constitutional amendment, provided the Governor for a term of four years, and the object is to find the missing 3,000,000 males and bring them into participation of church life.

\$33,000,000 IN COURT

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO SETTLE VIRGINIA'S DEBT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The arithmetic problem of how much of the \$33,000,000 debt of the old State of Virginia that West Virginia should bear, was before the Supreme Court of the United States today for its solution.

Recognizing the intricacies of the problem, the court consented to devote practically all its time until next Thursday to a hearing of arguments. This is more time than has been given to any other case argued before the Supreme Court in years.

ALLIANCE GROWS STRONG

Jap Premier Says Empire Bound More Closely to Britain.

LAUREL AFTER PUBLICITY

Town Near White Salmon—Organizes to Develop.

LAKME NEARING EUREKA

Wrecked Steamer Towed by Nann Smith Makes Slow Progress.

SPECIAL TRAIN SATURDAYS

To Clatsop Beach Points.

TAPT'S SECRETARY WILL RESIGN POST

Norton Discloses Fact While Arguing for Increase in Salary.

HE WILL NOT GET BENEFIT

It Is Said That It Has Been Understood at White House That He Would Quit to Return to His Private Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The fact that Charles D. Norton, secretary to the President, would retire from that position in the near future and return to private business in Chicago, was disclosed today in connection with the proposal to increase the salary of the position from \$2000 to \$10,000 a year.

It was said in the sub-committee of the Senate committee on finance that while Mr. Norton strongly urged the increase, in connection with the reorganization of the White House staff, he had declared that he would not himself get the benefit of the increase.

Neither the President, nor Secretary Norton could be seen tonight, but it was said at the White House that from the beginning of his work as secretary, Mr. Norton had an understanding that after the White House staff had been reorganized on the basis of the new appropriation, he would be free to return to private business at such time as the President found convenient, but that the date of his leaving was still uncertain and not near at hand.

It was further said that Mr. Norton's successor was long ago decided upon, but that no announcement on that subject would be made at present.

CHECK TORN IN DISPUTE

Partners Disagree and Charge of Assault Results.

Tearing up a check for \$1250, in an effort to get his share of it, caused the arrest yesterday morning of Fred A. Williams, a contractor, upon the complaint of Sylvester S. Gill, his former associate, on a charge of assault and battery. The men were taken together on a contract with the Mount Hood Railway Company and in a recent suit, secured a verdict for \$1250. The check was turned over to Gill by Attorney Bruchman.

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SCHENK ILL LONG TIME

LAWYERS TRY TO SHOW SICKNESS ANTEDATED POISONING.

Defense Fails to Prove That Detective-Nurse Was Addicted to Use of Morphine.

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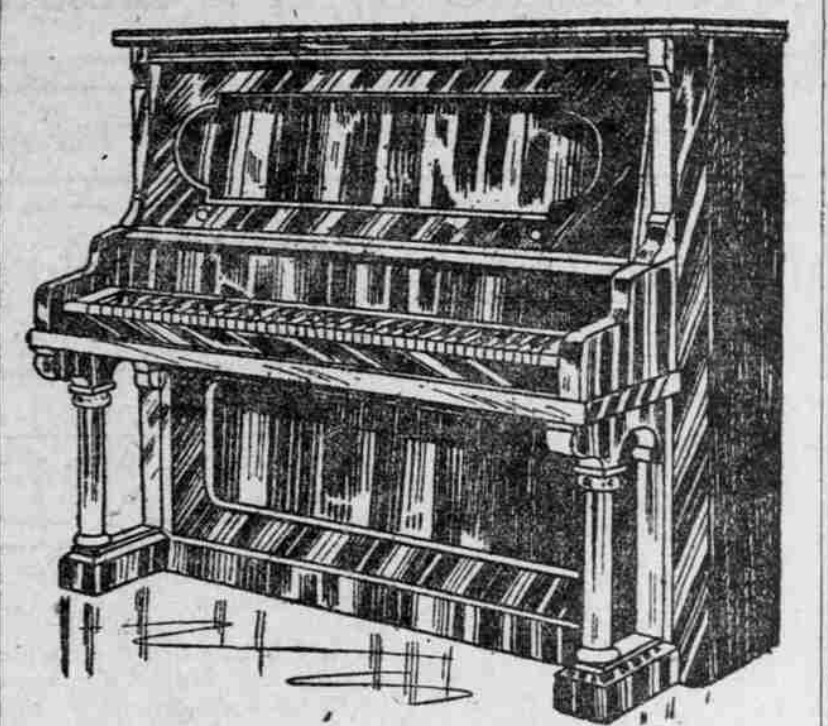
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