

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

The Store Closed Monday

We Wish You All A
Happy New Year

Tomorrow's full-page advertisement will be an interesting one to everybody. It will contain details of—

Our Great Sale

The Great Economy Event of
the Year When Every Article
in the Store Is Reduced

Countless opportunities presented for buying every possible personal and home need at prices which are much less than those asked elsewhere for similar goods.

Everything Reduced in

The Glove Store—Kid Gloves and Golf Gloves—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The Jewelry Store—Watches, Cut Glass, Jewelry, etc.—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The Drug Store—Perfumes and Toilet Goods of all kinds—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The City's Best Book Store—Chances to stock the library for little.

Everything Reduced in

The Great Notion Store—Pins, Tapes—Thousand and one everyday needs—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The Stationery Store—Papers and all correspondence helps—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

Our Great Cloak Store—Women's and Girls' Wearing Apparel—all of it less.

Everything Reduced in

The Muslim Wear Store—American, French and Italian Lingerie—all of it less.

Everything Reduced in

The Corset Store—The world's best Corsets on sale at cut prices—all less.

Everything Reduced in

The Art Store—Cushions, Doilies and everything else—all of it less.

Everything Reduced in

The Drapery and Bedding Store—Curtains, Draperies, etc., all are less.

Everything Reduced in

Men's Underwear, Socks, Shirts, Suspenders, Neckwear and all other Furnishings.

Everything Reduced in

Women's and Children's Cotton, Wool, Lisle and Silk Hosiery.

Everything Reduced in

The Silk Store—The world's best makes of Black and Colored Silk—all less.

Everything Reduced in

Dress Goods—Black and Colored—all wool and silk and wool—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The Linen Store—Towels, Cloths, Napkins—everything of linen is less.

Everything Reduced in

Cotton Goods—Sheets and Pillowcases, Sheetings, Prints, Battings, etc., all are less.

Everything Reduced in

Dress Linings and Findings—Button Shields, etc.—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Trimmings, Appliques and Neckwear—everything is less.

Everything Reduced in

The Picture Store—Helps for making home beautiful are all less.

Everything Reduced in

Handkerchiefs, Veilings, Fans, etc.—Chances to buy for little—all are less.

Everything Reduced in

The Leather Goods Store—Purses, Suit Cases, Bags, Belts, all are less.

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RUMORS ARE MANY

Report Out That Mayor Is Indicted.

IT LACKS CONFIRMATION

Malfeasance in Office Is the Reported Charge, but Officials Say They Are Uninformed—Grand Jurors Reticient.

Rumors of the indictment of Mayor Williams for malfeasance and neglecting to perform his sworn duties in enforcing the gambling ordinance, were current yesterday, but District Attorney Manning says he has not been advised by the members of the grand jury that such an indictment has been agreed upon. Deputy District Attorney Adams, who attends the grand jury as legal adviser, states that no such indictment has been voted by the grand jury to his knowledge. When the grand jury votes upon indictments only the members are present, and the statute does not permit the attendance of the District Attorney or his deputy.

Held Secret Sessions.

The grand jury was in secret session all day Friday. Late Thursday afternoon the members voted on some matter, and also yesterday. What was done during these private sessions only the members themselves know, but outside reports are in circulation that Mayor Williams' indictment has been agreed upon. The grand jury adjourned yesterday until Tuesday, and on that day will make a report to Judge George. There are some indications against persons held to answer by Municipal Judge Hogue. What others, remains to be seen. Yesterday a number of cases from the Municipal Court were investigated.

Just before the grand jury adjourned, late in the afternoon, Deputy District Attorney Adams said to them: "Gentlemen, if you have any indictments or 'not true bill' verdicts, I can prepare them for you between now and Tuesday. As you have considerable business to attend to, this will save you time and prevent you from being rushed."

No Additional Reports.

The members of the grand jury responded that they had no additional decisions to announce. Foreman Johnson, when questioned, said nothing had been done. George H. Thomas, clerk of the grand jury, responded, "Nothing doing," and John M. A. Lane, one of the members, when asked if an indictment had been agreed upon against Mayor Williams, was evasive and declined to make a direct answer to the question.

Chief of Police Hunt is another official whose indictment is said to have been agreed upon for malfeasance and failure and refusal to perform his sworn duty by not enforcing gambling and other ordinances too numerous to mention.

Hunt Charge May Fall Flat.

The charge that the Chief received \$300 from E. O. Magoon to permit money nickel-in-the-slot machines to run, it is said, will fall flat. The only evidence in the case is a copy of a letter written by Magoon, a slot-machine agent, to his principals in the East, on October 14, 1903, saying gambling was closed in the town, and he paid Chief Hunt \$300 so that he could open up, but had not been able to get the machines running.

As a matter of fact, in October, 1903, the gambling houses were run and under the city fine system, and W. A. Storey, then Sheriff, did not interfere with the plans of the city administration to raise money for municipal purposes in this way. Magoon is known to have been pushed by the slot-machine company for a settlement of affairs, and it is said he wrote the letter claiming he had been drafted to the extent of \$300 to cover his own shortcoming. Magoon's bare assertion in a letter is not evidence against Chief Hunt. Yesterday afternoon Chief Hunt was in the grand jury room a long time, presumably to make explanations. George Scoggin and A. M. Shannon, deputies in the City Engineer's office, were also called as witnesses during the morning.

On Friday night, when the members of the grand jury visited the red-light district in the North End and went through the concert halls and other places, they are said to have had some remarkable experiences. The concert hall managers escorted them all over the house, even showing them the dressing-rooms. Some of the girls, who can drink champagne at \$5 per bottle like water, are said to have referred to the grand men of the jury as "dads," stroked their hair and appendages and chucked them under their chins in a playful manner. It is not believed any of the girls will be indicted for any such unbecoming conduct, but the fact that the jurors lost their tempers while seeing the sights.

Some surprises in indictments are expected Tuesday, and it is probable names will probably appear among the list.

ARE NOT ON TRIAL DOCKET.

Many Criminal Cases Await Hearing in Circuit Court.

Complying with the new rule of the Judges of the State Circuit Court, Madison F. Johnson, clerk of department No. 1, has entered all criminal cases on the trial docket, so that the list will always be under the watchful eye of Judge George, the presiding judge of the court. At actual count there are now 138 criminal cases pending and nearly one-third of these are city cases appealed from the Municipal Court. The city cashiers for violations of numerous city ordinances, such as keeping saloons open after hours, disorderly conduct, fighting, and many other things. There are 130 cases naming cases, but in some of these there are a number of defendants jointly charged, making probably 40 persons all told, who are accused of violation of the gambling statute. Most of the defendants are charged with poker playing. Peter Grant and Nathan Solomon are on the list for conducting a nuisance in the shape of a poolroom, thereby disturbing the public peace, morals, and so forth. There are a number of such charges against M. G. Nease and J. A. Fishman, of the Warwick Club. Also one against J. E. Cullison, M. Bartholomew and Colonel W. E. Applegate. There are the nickel-in-the-city, Mrs. Campbell, charged with the sale of a come by Borrelli of Marquette, right ascension one hour 14 minutes south, declination ten hours no minutes. This comet was immediately looked up and observed by Messrs. Hammond and Wright of the Naval Observatory.

colored woman who has resided for many years in Portland, was filed in the County Court yesterday by Henry W. Miller, of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, of which she is a member. He asks that Fred D. Thomas be appointed her guardian. Mrs. Thomas owns a house and lot valued at \$200 on Woods street. She is 22 years of age and is in poor health and is unable to take care of herself. She has a stepson, George Newsome, whose whereabouts is unknown.

Legal Jottings.

The delinquent tax sale of property on the 1903 roll will begin Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Tuesday will be the last day to pay and save the penalty.

Incorporation articles of the Mount Taber Association were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by Henry W. Miller, L. O'Connor and A. McGilivray; capital stock \$2000. The objects announced are to conduct a sanitarium and to furnish medical and surgical aid, treatment and nursing to persons needing the same; to furnish and provide a hospital, etc.

But for an accounting was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Carl S. Nicklin against L. F. Shirley, Lanna H. Shirley and L. F. Shirley, as executors of the estate of James Shirley, deceased. James Shirley was a resident of Marion County desiring lands to his children, including his daughter, Eliza I. Nicklin, and bequeathed the real and residue of the estate to the widow, Lanna H. Shirley. Carl S. Nicklin and L. F. Shirley were named as executors of the will. The complaint recites that during a period of six years past Lanna H. Shirley entrusted sundry sums of money to L. F. Shirley. On December 12, 1904, it is alleged, she gave him an order on L. S. Shirley, which the latter refused to pay, saying he had no money belonging to Mrs. Shirley. It is charged that L. F. Shirley, who lives at Cotton, Wash., has neglected to file reports of the affairs of the estate and the court is asked to direct him to make an accounting.

Articles of Incorporation of St. Johns Abstract & Title Company were filed yesterday by T. T. Parker, L. B. Chipman, M. L. Holbrook and W. H. King; capital stock \$1000. The objects announced are to abstract titles to property, etc.

GREAT FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Suspicion of Incendiarism Attached to Burning of Big Stores.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A fire that started today on the second floor of the seven-story brick building in West Van Buren street, occupied by the Cash Buyers' Union, destroyed property valued at \$200,000. Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed such large proportions that the whole district was in danger, and a second alarm was sent in, followed by a series of extra calls for additional men and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing Company, a four-story structure, the firemen were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames.

Within a few minutes the flames had gutted the structure and had spread to the Boston Rubber Paint Company. Then the flames, breaking down through the walls of the building, spread to 195-197 West Van Buren street, causing heavy damage to the Peninsular Store Company, which firm occupied the several floors.

So fierce did the blaze become that burning sparks, carried by a high gale, were driven far over the district and buildings blocks away caught fire. With a detonation that was heard for squares, an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' Union building tore up the streets and sidewalks, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van Buren-street electric car line down. Fred Block, a fireman, was struck on the head by falling bricks and severely injured. Crashing down through the walls of the structure adjoining came the towering walls of the Peninsular Store Company, and those of the Cash Buyers' Union tottered and collapsed.

A series of small explosions followed the fall of the walls. A two-story frame dwelling at 195-197 West Van Buren street, occupied as a rooming house, was crushed like a shell by the falling walls. The inmates had been awakened earlier and escaped to the street, but were unable to save any of their clothing.

The stables occupied by Fortune Brothers Brewing Company were gutted. The horses were saved. There was a small panic on the Metropolitan Elevated Railway when the motor men rushed their cars through the smoke. Passengers attempted to get out, but were held and headed by the fire. When the explosion occurred the windows in the residences across the street were shattered and chimneys were thrown down. Firemen who were on duty at the time the falling walls escaped death by leaping into a hole that was being dug at the east side of a frame building.

The fire is pronounced by Chief Campion to have made more rapid headway than any in his experience since the great fire of 1871.

The principal losses are: 193-4 West Van Buren street, seven-story brick building, \$15,000; Peninsular Store Company, \$200,000; 195-197 Van Buren street, seven-story brick building, \$15,000; Cash Buyers' Union National Co-operative Society, \$100,000; 194-5 West Van Buren street, five-story brick building, \$50,000; Rubber Paint Company, \$40,000; Zeno Manufacturing Company, \$20,000.

Suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire in the Van Buren-street plant of the First National Co-operative Association and Cash Buyers' Union—amalgamated concerns—have led Chief Campion to make an investigation as to the origin of the fire. Late tonight it became known that the path of the fire, which is believed to have started in the basement of the building, was made more rapid headway than any in his experience since the great fire of 1871.

The incendiary theory of the police and fire departments was founded on the strange manner of the starting of the fire and later was strengthened by the statement of a person who declared he had seen some one moving about the second story of the building a few moments before the discovery of the fire.

New Comet Is Discovered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Naval Observatory here was notified last night by cable from Kiel, Germany, of the discovery of a comet by Borrelli of Marquette, right ascension one hour 14 minutes south, declination ten hours no minutes. This comet was immediately looked up and observed by Messrs. Hammond and Wright of the Naval Observatory.

Forces Wife to Die With Him.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 31.—A. R. Hemphill and wife were notified last night by cable from Kiel, Germany, of the discovery of a comet by Borrelli of Marquette, right ascension one hour 14 minutes south, declination ten hours no minutes. This comet was immediately looked up and observed by Messrs. Hammond and Wright of the Naval Observatory.

Large Timber Tracts Sold.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—About 20,000 acres of timberland in Linn County changed hands today when W. A. Kirtland sold two deeds by which tracts were sold to C. A. Smith, of Minnesota, and C. O. Swensen.

WAS TRICKED ALSO

Miller Explains About Disputed Talbot Charges.

CHANGE OF PAPERS MADE

Vestryman of Irvine's Former Church Says He Got Signatures to Petition for Settlement, Not to Presentment.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 31.—W. G. Miller, the vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, who secured the signatures

whether or not a presentment shall be sent to the House of Bishops. "Everything has been carried out legally and according to the canons of the church. The names of the signers, as now in the hands of Dr. Bodine, are affixed to the request for the presentment. "I am going to Huntingdon for the purpose of seeing the vestrymen. I expect to be retained by them and will attend the church tomorrow. I am going to explain, if any explanation is necessary, just how the misrepresentation came about."

BISHOP BREAKS SILENCE.

Says Chancellor of Diocese Will Review Whole Controversy.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 31.—Bishop Talbot tonight broke the silence he has maintained regarding the charges made against him by Dr. Irvine. He said:

"Within the next two or three days there will be issued by the chancellor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese a statement covering the entire controversy between Dr. Irvine and myself which will clear up the entire affair. "I have been acting in harmony with my counsel and he has advised me to say absolutely nothing in regard to the mat-

FEE IS TOO SMALL

Taxpayers Say Marriage Licenses Should Cost \$5.

WOULD ADD \$4000 REVENUE

League Recommends Legislature to Appoint Commission to Investigate Taxation of Corporations—Bittulthic Investigated.

If the Taxpayers' League has things its own way it will cost lovers of swains \$5 hereafter to get the required marriage license. After their meeting held yesterday afternoon, the league voted in favor of the increase, showing that, computed on the number of licenses issued during the year 1904 over \$4000 additional would come into the treasury by this means alone.

The league took up the taxation of corporations and recommended that the Legislature appoint a commission to investigate the matter. The league also voted in favor of making the terms of court once a month, to shorten the terms of jurors, and by this means get better men to act, and to give prisoners a speedier trial and save expense to the county.

It was also recommended that the Sheriff take the names and addresses of all taxpayers in order to facilitate the work of the several officers and save the county money in advertising special assessments and tax lists. The State Auditor bill was resurrected, and it was voted to ask the Legislature to pass it. It was thought by the members of the league that, though the bill failed to pass before, it could now be successfully presented and made to become a law. The Council committee appointed to investigate the various offices in the city government also came up for discussion, the league voting to see that the matter was not snowed under, but was rushed through and a report made.

The report of the street committee was the principal theme of interest. This committee, consisting of Leo Friede, J. N. Teal, Thomas Scott Brooks, Frederick L. Macleay and A. J. Giesey, discussed in the report street paving, and went on record against the new "bittulthic" after an investigation of this paving in Tacoma and other cities. It is recommended by the committee for streets over which there is a certain class of traffic, and the report states that though the pavement might be considered suitable for a speedway or boulevard it would hardly be serviceable for a street over which there is much heavy traffic. It is recommended in the report that the contractor give a bond in defense of the durability of the pavement where this pavement is laid. The report concludes as follows:

Finally, our conclusions on the matter, as it stands at the present time, are as follows:

First—For residence and parks, we believe this to be the best pavement.

Second—it is our opinion, based upon the evidence furnished us, that it will stand a reasonable amount of heavy traffic.

Third—We are not in a position to state at this time that it would sustain the heaviest kind of traffic.

Fourth—in our opinion, the pavement of the class that has been laid in this city, with the exception of the curbing, as heretofore stated, is not a good one. A certain class of traffic, and the report states that though the pavement might be considered suitable for a speedway or boulevard it would hardly be serviceable for a street over which there is much heavy traffic. It is recommended in the report that the contractor give a bond in defense of the durability of the pavement where this pavement is laid. The report concludes as follows:

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RIGHT REV. ETHELBERT TALBOT, BISHOP OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA



ACCUSED BY REV. I. N. W. IRVINE OF LYING.

of the Huntingdon presentors to the presentment of Dr. Irvine against Bishop Talbot, submitted to an interview today. He said:

"The paper which my brother vestrymen—Messrs. Langdon, Denithorn, Jackson and the others—signed was a petition addressed to Bishop Tuttle, praying that the controversy between Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irvine be permanently settled. It was not a presentment in any sense, for I have in my possession a copy of the paper. There were two separate parts to it, one containing the petition itself and the other a blank paper, both of which were attached. I received the papers from the Rev. Mr. Irvine, at whose request I secured the vestrymen's signatures to the blank which was attached, after stating to them that this creation would be advisable in the event the original petition should become lost. I signed only what I believed to be a simple petition and not a presentment to have Bishop Talbot's official acts investigated. The others, I believe, acted similarly. If our names are attached to the presentment and the signatures are genuine, then there must have been some fraudulent manipulation of the blank paper which contained them."

Mr. Miller's change of position is a great surprise. It is known that he is personally friendly to Rev. Mr. Irvine, and it is said, antagonistic to Bishop Talbot. The indignation of Vestrymen Langdon and Denithorn at finding their names on the presentment has provoked them to threaten prosecution against Miller and to cause his method of procuring their signatures to be rigidly investigated.

DR. IRVINE EXPLAINS.

All Trouble Due to Misunderstanding on Part of Vestryman.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Rev. I. N. W. Irvine left this city today for Huntingdon for the purpose of conferring with the vestrymen who had repudiated their signatures. Before leaving, he made public the following statement:

"It is true, as stated by the Huntingdon vestrymen, that they did not sign the presentment, but they did sign the request. They seem to have got these two things confounded. A presentment is one thing and a request another. They admit having signed the request to have the case quieted forever and that is all their names are used for. The presentment will not be returned until the board of inquiry decides on it."

The signing of this request, according to the canons of the church, calls for a board of inquiry. This board decides

ter at present. At the proper time the public will be informed of the facts in the case.

WHO SHALL PAY EXPENSE.

Question at Issue in Denver Election Investigation Case.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—No modification of the Supreme Court's orders for a full investigation of the election in Denver on November 8 was sought today, as anticipated by counsel for Alva Adams, the Democratic candidate for Governor, who petitioned for the investigation. Appeal will be made next Tuesday for some modification of that portion of the order stipulating that the expenses of the investigation shall be divided equally between the two parties.

"Under the order of the court there is no limit to the expenses," said Samuel W. Bhorst, one of the Democratic attorneys, today. "Governor Adams is willing to stand the expenses within limitations, but the way matters stand the Republicans are hiring a corps of 500 workers to go into the registration books, and we would have to stand for half the aggregate expenses. We are willing to pay for the people we hire, and that is all." James H. Brown, attorney for the Republicans, is quoted as saying that the Republican party will pay the entire expenses of carrying out the investigation as ordered, if necessary.

Band of Horse-Thieves Caught.

M'LEOD, N. W. T., Dec. 31.—For months past settlers in Southern Alberta have been harassed by horse thieves to such an extent that the Royal Northwest Mounted Police stationed extra patrols along the boundary. Sergeant Piper has just rounded up a gang of horse thieves, consisting of seven Indians and three white men, which had been stealing horses and selling them to Frenchmen at \$5 a head. These Frenchmen recently arrived from the States and settled at Pincher Creek and disposed of the stolen horses in the States and British Columbia. The whole 13 have been arrested and with them was found a band of 50 horses which had been stolen from Canadian farmers.

Fatal Collision on "L" Road.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—Four persons were injured today as the result of a rear-end collision between two "L" road cars. The injured: Cyrus Walton, motorman; probably will die.

Henry Dingle, conductor; cut by falling sign.

Michael Krouss, passenger; cut on forehead and face and bruised about arms and body.

John Malloy, passenger; arm sprained, bruised and injured internally.

Several other persons were more or less hurt.

BANK-WRECKER INDICTED.

Federal Grand Jury Finds Billingsley Committed Crimes.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 31.—C. E. Billingsley, president of the Capitol National Bank, which failed here last June with nearly \$1,000,000 deposits, \$250,000 of which belonged to the Territory of Oklahoma, was indicted on seven counts by the Federal grand jury, which has been considering the bank case for the past 17 days. Mr. Billingsley was arrested and brought before Judge Haines this afternoon. He gave bond for \$10,000 and was released. The grand jury states that the failure was due to bad loans and that the entries were made in the books with the intention of misleading the examiner as to the true condition of the bank. The grand jury reports that it found that Billingsley borrowed \$55,000 of the bank on his own note to pay a 33 cent assessment levied by the Comptroller on his stock.

Arbitration Treaty With Spain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Mr. Ojeda, the Spanish Minister, today signed with Secretary Hay an arbitration treaty between Spain and the United States, similar to those already signed with other nations.

Governor Higgins Takes Oath.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Governor-elect Higgins took the oath of office today. The formal inauguration ceremonies will occur Monday. The term of office begins at midnight tonight.