

## CHANGE IS MADE AT SALEM

Phelps Introduces a Bill to Create a Deputy Attorney in the Sixth District.

W. T. G. HAILEY TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Proposed to Be a Substitute for Creating County Attorney—From Morrow County Evidently Planning for a Job.

Jan. 27.—No candidate made and there were no important developments on today's joint ballot for the state senator.

Today's Vote at Salem, 32 17 17 21 3

Jan. 27.—The Phelps bill, which provides for the office of deputy attorney in the sixth judicial district, passed the house. It provides that \$500, to be deducted from the present salary of the district attorney, be paid to the deputy attorney. The district attorney and the deputy attorney must be from different counties.

To Honor McKinley. Jan. 27.—Men prominent in public life and representing sections of the country are gathered in this, the home town of William McKinley, to do honor to the memory of the martyred president. The occasion is a banquet of the Canton Republican League in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of McKinley's birth. The affair takes place evening in the Grand opera house auditorium of which has been solemnly decorated. Covers will be laid for 200 guests. President Cleveland arrived from Washington and was met by a citizen's reception committee. After the formal dinner the president presided over the ceremonies. The president paid his respects to Mrs. McKinley at her home. Other prominent men to arrive during the evening are: Secretary of War, who accompanied the president; Postmaster General Chas. Smith of Philadelphia; Governor and other officials from Colorado; Leonard Wood; Myrick, of Cleveland; J. H. assistant secretary of agriculture; Herman H. Kohlsaat, of who was one of President McKinley's closest friends. Judge J. Day, of this city is to act as the officiating officer at the banquet. The principal feature of the evening will be a play of 1609.

## EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, Attends Services in His Honor—Meets Ambassador Tower. Berlin, Jan. 27.—The birthday of Emperor William, who was born January 27, 1859, was generally observed throughout the empire today. In this city the day was celebrated as a holiday and public and private buildings were decorated. Most of the Berlin papers as well as those of other cities take occasion to utter a few words of eloquent eulogy of the emperor. A performance of "Henry I," arranged by court dramatists, is to be given tonight. The emperor's flatterers profess to see many points of resemblance between his character and that of Henry, and it is rumored that these points of resemblance are to be especially emphasized by the court players. During the course of the morning Emperor William and the imperial family attended service in the chapel of the castle. The members of the diplomatic corps and the imperial and Prussian cabinet ministers were present.

When Ambassador Tower was presented to the kaiser he held a long, familiar conversation with him. The kaiser paid marked attention to what he said.

Senator Spooner Re-Elected. Madison, Wis., Jan. 26.—United States Senator John C. Spooner, was re-elected today by the two houses of the Wisconsin legislature, meeting in joint session.

## BIG DROP IN WHEAT MARKET

GREAT EXCITEMENT CAUSED BY VERY BEARISH REPORTS.

May Wheat Drops to 79% Amid Great Excitement—Armour Forced to Drop Ten Million Bushels.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—There was the greatest excitement on the Board of Trade in recent years this morning, on receipt of bearish reports from everywhere. May wheat dropped from 82 to 79% amid tremendous excitement. Armour was dislodged from the corner which he has occupied so long and was compelled to drop 10,000,000 bushels.

## Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Wheat—81% @ 79% per bushel.

## Celebration at Northwestern.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—Plans have been completed for the celebration of the fifty-second anniversary of Founder's day by the officials of Northwestern University. President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale, is to be the guest of the occasion, and the granting of certain honorary degrees to men who have distinguished themselves in the field of professional education in the United States will be a leading feature. The celebration begins with the annual alumni banquet at the Auditorium hotel this evening, at which President Hadley and the recipients of the degrees will be present. The topic to be discussed is "Needed Reforms in Our American University System."

## Kansas Lawyers Meet.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 27.—Men prominent in the legal profession are here from almost every county in the state to attend the annual meeting of the Kansas State Bar Association, which opened today and will continue in session through tomorrow. The program is one of the most interesting ever arranged for a meeting of the association. Chief Justice Walter Clark, of North Carolina, delivers the annual address and eminent members of the bench and bar of other states will be heard on subjects of great public interest.

## Physicians of New York Meet.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The New York State Medical Society began its annual meeting here today with Dr. Henry T. Hopkins, of Buffalo, presiding. Among the topics to be discussed during the three days' sessions are the medical schooling the question of whether sterilized, Pasteurized, or clean milk excels. Another subject to receive the attention is recent improvements in the care of the insane.

## Sentence Commuted.

London, Jan. 27.—Lynch's sentence today was commuted from death to penal servitude for life.

## MEET AWFUL DEATH

Fifty Aged Women, Inmates of an English Asylum, Are Burned to Death.

WERE NO FIRES ESCAPES NOR WATER AVAILABLE.

There Were 2600 Inmates, Mostly Feeble Old Women, in the Institution—One Wing Was Completely Destroyed—Bodies Burned Beyond Recognition.

London, Jan. 27.—One of the most sensational fires seen here in years, in which it is believed 50 are dead, partially destroyed the state asylum of Colony Hatch, North London, this morning. It started at 5:30 in the Jewish wing, which has 800 inmates. The building is on an eminence and the approaches are steep, making it difficult of access. The fire had a big headway when the firemen arrived. There was pandemonium among the inmates who had been asleep. They tore away from the attendants and raced up and down the corridors, shrieking. A number got out of the building and are still at large. The firemen devoted their entire attention to the main building, leaving the wing to be destroyed. The fire was gotten under control by 8 o'clock. It was at first believed that all the inmates had been taken out or had escaped, but after the fire, several bodies were discovered, disfigured beyond identification. All were women. The agonized relatives are arriving. All London is thrilled with the horror of the fire. Details only add agony. It seems nothing had been provided for such an emergency. There were no fire escapes and no water available. No system for protection nor appliances. The building was surrounded by high walls. It was a flimsy affair of corrugated iron and wood built for temporary use, five years ago. The inmates were mostly feeble old women. Many were seen to struggle to break the bars and then fall back in the flames. There are 2600 inmates in the entire institution. At noon 50 bodies of old women had been recovered. The list will probably be increased.

## BOSTON NEWSBOYS.

Returned Complimentary Tickets to Non-union Theater.

A New Yorker went to Boston recently to apply his genius to the task of increasing the circulation of a Boston daily newspaper which was recently acquired by one of the endless chain New York publishers. The circulation manager has a new and interesting experience to relate of his first encounter with Boston trades unionism.

Spurred by kindly sentiment toward the newsboy army that acted as intermediary between his paper and the great public and also having some designs in securing the sentimental attachment of the aforesaid army, the manager decided to "do something." He selected one of the best plays running at a Boston theater, one he thought the newsboys would appreciate, and bought 500 tickets for one performance. These he gave to the leader of the host that appeared daily at the counting room of the paper, and asked him to distribute them among his fellows.

The boy accepted the tickets, but soon returned with a solemn air. "We don't want dese," he said. "Why?" asked the circulation manager.

"Why do fellers can't go dere. Dat's a non-union theater."

The 500 tickets were returned to the office and the New York man is preparing a dinner for his particular newsboy friends where nothing shall be opened unless it bears the union label.—New York Commercial.

## CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

Research Hospital to Be Built by University of Chicago at a Cost of \$7,000,000.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—An afternoon paper says Rockefeller will give \$7,000,000 for founding a research hospital to find a cure for consumption. The buildings will be erected by the university of Chicago, complying to a previously planned extension of the Rusk Medical College at the time when the two universities were combined.

## WITNESS THREATENED.

Receives an Anonymous Letter Containing Excerpts of Mormon Doctrine.

New York, Jan. 27.—One of the witnesses in the case of William Hooper Young, informed the district attorney that he had received an anonymous letter threatening death if he testified at the trial. The letters contained excerpts from the blood atonement doctrine of the Mormon church.

## Stormy Session Expected.

Rome, Jan. 27.—The Italian chambers reconvened today. The first measure to receive attention is one of paramount importance, namely, the government bill looking to the economic relief of Southern Italy. The measure provides for relief of the South by the repeal of taxes and other economic means, largely at the expense of the more prosperous North of Italy. Baron Sonnino and his intelligent supporters in the rational opposition are prepared to oppose the measure with all the strength at their command and every indication points to a stormy session.

## Accounts Short.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Win Mercer, the famous pitcher, who suicided was short in his account. It is estimated that he squandered at the race tracks some \$5,000. He lost all the money the clubs made in their western trip.

## PENSIONS FOR ALL

Senator Scott Urges the Adoption of Some Changes in the Pension Laws.

TOO MUCH RED TAPE AND HUMBUGGERY NOW.

Thinks That All Soldiers Who Served Ninety Days in the Civil War and Were Honorably Discharged, Should Receive a Pension.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, today made an eloquent address before the senate urging the adoption of his resolution for the appointment of a commission to examine the present pension laws and report desirable changes. Also to advise the desirability of pensioning all soldiers who served 90 days in the civil war and were honorably discharged, who have reached the age of 62 and made application for the same in 12 months. He said the pension laws now used were filled with red tape and humbuggery.

## BLOCKADE ENDS THURSDAY

EMBASSADORS OF ALLIES CONSULT WITH BOWEN.

Practically Accept Venezuela's Proposition to Pay Thirty Per Cent of the Customs at Cabello and La Guayra.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Despatches, the Italian ambassador, Herbert, the British minister, and Count Quade, the German charge d'affairs, had a consultation with Minister Bowen this morning. They presented the answers of their governments to the Venezuelan proposition to pay 30 per cent of the customs. It is understood that they accepted these terms with slight modifications and the blockade is to be raised Thursday or Friday.

## EVIDENCE OF SINCERITY.

German Officials Think That Castro's Offer is in the Right Spirit.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—President Castro's offer of 30 per cent of the customs receipts at La Guayra and Port Cabello as a guarantee for payment of the foreign claims is regarded in official circles here as evidence of the sincerity of his intention to make a satisfactory settlement.

As the offer includes the claims of the other countries besides those taking part in the blockade, some doubt is expressed whether 30 per cent is adequate.

## CZAR IN A SCANDAL.

Ballet Girl Claims Betrayal by the Ruler of the Russian Empire.

Vienna, Jan. 27.—The Die Zeit has confirmed the message about a scandal in which the czar was the principal figure. While walking in a garden recently a ballet girl whom the czar formerly favored, evaded the guards, rushed to the czar's side and pleaded reparation for desertion. The czar ordered the expulsion of the girl, who resisted. Her loud outcries attracted the attention of the carina, who witnessed the conclusion of the scene and then retired to her apartments.

## STEAMER SANK.

Crafee, of Glasgow, Goes Down Off Ramsey Island—Seventeen Men Missing.

St. David's, Wales, Jan. 27.—The British steamer Crafee, from Glasgow to Buenos Ayres, sank off Ramsey Island this afternoon. Six of the crew were saved, 17 are missing.

## SOIL BADLY WASHED.

Hillside Land of Walla Walla Valley Much Damaged by Heavy Rains of Past Few Weeks.

Walla Walla, Jan. 27.—General complaint is heard among farmers and those interested in grain production that the rains of the past few weeks have done great damage to the hillside land which makes up a great percentage of the Walla Walla valley. Great ditches and gullies have been cut in fields which slope to any extent, a depth of one and two feet being common in many places. At the foot of the hill where bad washes have occurred great bodies of earth have gathered, covering grain and old soil to a depth of four to 10 inches. This unusual washing of the land is unaccounted for by even old settlers, and has never been noted to such an alarming extent anywhere in the valley.

In fields where fall grain was sown the damage will be heavy. The ditches will have to be plowed in so that a header or binder can be run over the fields in harvest, and the deluged land will have to be reseeded entirely. In fields not seeded the plow will readily cover up the damage before the grain is sown, and at harvest time no damage is expected to show up.

By some it is held that a change is going on in the make-up of the soil, the hard and constant cultivation having robbed the land of some of its substances which held it together. Others maintain that the rains were peculiar in severity and frequency, giving the land no chance to settle from one shower to another. Be the cause what it may, the fields of the valley present a washed appearance, but little known heretofore.

## FIRST FOR NEW GOVERNOR.

Requisition Papers Issued for Hobbs Thieves, Who Broke Jail in Portland.

Governor Chamberlain Friday issued the first requisition papers from his office, they being for the return of Frank Ward and F. Miller, arrested in North Yakima, Wash., after having escaped from the jail at Portland. The men are two hoboes who broke open a freight car of the O. R. & N. Co., at the terminal yards at Portland, stealing an assortment of articles. Their trial was conducted by W. N. Gatens, then deputy district attorney. When the case was postponed one day in order to secure additional witnesses, the two prisoners escaped from jail.—Salem Journal.

## MINERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Powder Explosion in the Bellevue Mines at Scranton, Pa.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 27.—Eight miners were seriously injured and several others slightly hurt by a powder explosion in the Bellevue mines this morning. The mines are owned by the Lackawanna railroad.

## Triple Celebration Held.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 27.—Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia and other prominent prelates of the Roman Catholic church took part in a triple celebration held by the parishioners of St. Joseph's church in this city. The celebration commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the church, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph Regnery's priesthood, and the fiftieth anniversary of the latter's birth.

## Vessel Ashore.

Liverpool, Jan. 27.—The vessel ashore near Holyhead is the German boat Bothilde Russ, instead of an American liner, as at first reported. All were saved. The vessel is a total wreck.

## Bank Dynamited.

Waterloo, Neb., Jan. 27.—The bank here was dynamited early this morning. The robbers took \$3500 and escaped. A posse is now in pursuit with bloodhounds.

## Pettus Without Opposition.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 27.—United States Senator E. W. Pettus was unanimously re-elected today by the legislature of Alabama.

## NO SENATOR IN WASHINGTON.

The Conclusion of the Tenth Ballot Shows No Change in the Situation.

Olympia, Jan. 27.—There is no change in the senatorial situation, and none anticipated before Saturday next. The tenth ballot was taken today, on which four members paired.