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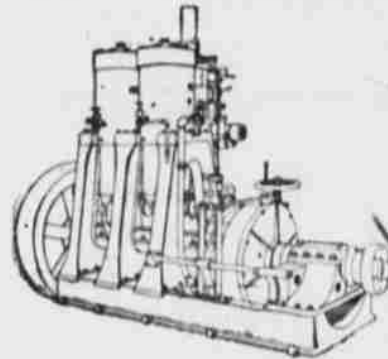
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THE INDIGNATION MASS MEETING

M. E. Church Filled to Overflowing With People From All Classes.

HON. I. M. LONG CHAIRMAN

Who Presided Over the Meeting and Read the Law on the Subject of Gambling--the Speeches on the Subject.

After music on the streets by brass band, a large audience gathered in the Methodist church last night, at the call for an indignation mass meeting.

In opening the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Walter said: "We have met again tonight at a call for which I disclaim any responsibility. At the other meeting in this case, the ministers were responsible, but since the objects of that meeting miscarried, we are all law-abiding citizens and will uphold the law."

The Hon. I. M. Long, the well-known attorney, was then introduced by Mr. Walter as the presiding officer of the evening. Mr. Long took the chair, and stated in his opening remarks that the object of the meeting was to protest against the passage of the gambling license ordinance, and to take some steps, if possible, to prevent its being signed by the mayor.

Mr. Sam Harris then arose and stated that never since he had been in business, for twenty years, had he ever allowed boys in his place, but that there were others in the audience who would sneak in in the dark.

Mr. S. B. Smith stated that he was disappointed in the meeting, as he had expected that some of the prominent business men would get up and say something, as the matter affected them more than others.

Mr. Thomas Dealy was called upon for an expression of opinion upon the subject and said: "When the citizens of Astoria elected a city council, they delegated to them power to act for them. Has this council done its duty? No, but I hope Mayor Taylor will place his veto on this measure. This is the opportunity of his life."

Dr. Estes was then asked to make a speech, and replied that he had not come prepared to talk, but felt that so far the laws as enacted put a price on crime, and that the gamblers themselves were opposed to it.

Mr. Baker, a visitor in the city, was then introduced, and said that "right is right, and no kind of license will ever change wrong into right. We may talk about necessity, but God forbid that we should license gambling. We may say the law cannot be enforced. Ten thousand murders were committed last year--better put a tax for revenue on it. Crime has increased. Five thousand suicides were committed last year--better make them pay a license for the privilege, and get a little revenue out of it."

The Rev. Mr. Walters then took the stand and said: "This meeting reminds me very much of the two ministers who were to preach on the same day. The one took for his text 'I go a-fishing,' and after a two hours' harangue the other one got up and said, 'He caught nothing.' I am afraid that is the way this meeting will turn out. I am not so afraid of this ordinance. The men who advocated it did so honestly, and were opposed to the back-handed business. I believe the Astorian, the Budget and the councilmen were all honest in the positions they took. I doubt if the mayor will be influenced by your actions here tonight. He will do what he thinks is right. Is there a man here who in the past has, or is now willing to go into the court and inform against crime? What we want is organization, entirely aloof from politics. We want a citizens' league that will stand at the back of honest officers, as did Marshal Field and Lyman J. Gage in Chicago. They did not stop gambling and vice altogether; but I had the pleasure of

THE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEET

Whole Question and Reasons for Advocating Timber Reserves Explained.

CONFIRMS SOME NOMINATIONS

W. J. Bryan in the Supreme Court Representing the State of Nebraska--Light House Board--Other Capital News.

Washington, April 5.--The government Forestry Commission had a hearing before the secretary of the interior, Biles, today at which they went over the whole forestry question and explained the reasons for advocating all reservations of timberlands made by President Cleveland's proclamation on the 23d of February.

Senator Wilson, of Washington, and Senator Shoup, of Idaho, represented the western opposition to the reservations. Senator Wilson, on the other hand, protested vehemently against the wholesale reservations "committed" in Washington. The outcome of the conference was a decision to forward to congress in a day or two a proposed amendment to the sundry civil bill, to be framed on the lines of the McRae bill, which has been before both houses of congress in various forms and is now pending in the senate.

The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Andrew D. White, to be ambassador to Germany; William F. Draper, to be ambassador to Italy; Oliver L. Spaulding, of Michigan, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; William B. Howell, of New Jersey, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; Chandler Hale, of Maine, to be secretary of the embassy of the United States at Rome; Lieut. Commander A. R. Couden, to be commander in the navy.

Special to the Astorian. Washington, April 5.--The president today named Alfred L. Buck, of Georgia, minister to Japan, and James Boyle, of Ohio, consul at Liverpool. Boyle, the new consul to Liverpool, has been with Mr. McKinley for several years as his private secretary and in this capacity he has been known to politicians throughout the country.

The crowds about the United States supreme court today were a slight reminder of the late campaign. They were attracted by the presence in the courtroom of the Hon. W. J. Bryan, late democratic candidate for president, who appeared as counsel for the state of Nebraska in what is known as the maximum freight case. The limited capacity of the court room was taxed long before the hour of the opening of the court at noon, and the corridors were soon filled by a throng anxious to secure admission.

The lighthouse board today elected Captain W. S. Schley as chairman, to succeed Admiral Walker, retired, Col. Gillespie, of the corps of army engineers, succeeds General Wilson as a member of the board.

TO FORECLOSE UNION PACIFIC. Omaha, April 5.--General John C. Cowin, special counsel for the United States government in the foreclosure suits of the government against the Union Pacific, returned today from Washington. He has been in conference with the attorney general, and other government officials, regarding the foreclosure. He was asked when foreclosure will take place.

"It will be difficult to tell the exact date," he replied, "but the papers will be issued in May. Then it should not be more than a matter of sixty or ninety days after that until the foreclosure is completed."

MICHIGAN ELECTIONS. Detroit, April 5.--The returns from the state indicate the re-election of Judge Long, republican, as justice of the supreme court, and the defeat of George B. Yopie, the fusion candidate. Charles D. Lawton and William J. Crocker, republicans, for regents of the university of Michigan, are also elected. The vote was light and the free silver sentiment was shown in several of the cities more strongly than in the November election. In a few cases in the vote for city officers the republican majorities of last fall were turned into fusion victories. As usual the result as to local officers is considerably split up politically.

Wm. C. Maybury, democrat, was elected mayor by about 1000 majority, over Albert E. Stewart, republican. In view of Maybury's victory it is considered surprising that Judge John Minor, democrat, for police justice, was defeated by Judge Albert F. Sellers, republican, who was re-elected by a majority fully equal to that received by Maybury. Maybury's election is looked upon as a decided defeat for Governor Pingree, who practically named Captain Stewart as his successor as mayor.

THE FLOOD GROWS VERY SERIOUS

Further Breaks in the Levees Increase the Disaster to the Delta.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? Is the Question Which Now Interests the Planters--Tremendous Losses Already Incurred--Relief Committee.

Memphis, April 5.--The prediction made in these dispatches on Friday that a greater disaster to the Mississippi delta would follow the breaking of the levee at a point on the east side of the river north of Helena, Ark., has been terribly realized.

The break at Flower Lake, which occurred yesterday morning, has rapidly grown from a dozen feet in length to a thousand. This was the condition of the levee this afternoon at four o'clock, when an Associated Press representative left the levee north of the break. Arrangements are being made to the east end of the levee, but owing to the difficulty in getting material from the railroad, four miles away, the success of the effort is doubtful. This levee is at the head of the delta and will cause an overflow of the northern tier of counties in Mississippi, with the exception of a part of Tunica. The situation that now confronts the planters is the duration of the flood. If the water is out of the delta by May 5 a crop of cotton can be grown, but cotton planted as late as May 10 has little chance of maturing before frost. There is still another danger. These levees must all be closed before the June rise or there will be a second overflow. The delta country produces annually no less than five million bales of cotton.

The river at Memphis is stationary tonight. Much suffering is reported from the overflooded region. Relief committees are making daily trips into Arkansas and Mississippi, rescuing hundreds of people and bringing them to Memphis. The local relief committee is doing everything possible for the refugees. At a meeting of the committee today it was decided to ask other cities to help.

THE MISSOURI

Bismarck, N. D., April 5.--The ice in the Missouri river this afternoon became broken below here and the water is now rising at the rate of six feet per hour. A perfect torrent is rushing towards Mandan and it is probable that the lower part of that town will be inundated. The Northern Pacific trucks between this city and Mandan are under water. The great steamboat warehouse at the landing here is afloat. It is tied to the banks by cables.

IS IT TRUE.

Or Was Someone Impersonating the Railroad President?

Rochester, N. Y., April 5.--E. McNeill, president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., is recovering from injuries received here. Saturday evening a man staggered into the Krevlin hotel, on North St. Paul street. There was a deep cut in his temple and his clothing was covered with blood that flowed from the ugly wound. He was sent at once to St. Mary's hospital, where he is at present in a very dazed condition. The man said his name was E. McNeill, and he claimed to be the president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. First he said he had been enticed into a saloon by three men and assaulted, one of the men using an ax, and then thrown into the street. Today he contradicted this story and stated that he stopped over at the Central Station while on his way east, and while wandering about the streets either fell down or was assaulted. His mind, however, does not seem clear enough for him to give a detailed account of his experience in Rochester. He had considerable money and jewelry with him.

Trusting that this will receive your favorable consideration. Yours very respectfully, V. BOELLING, Secretary.

The committee on manufactures and industries submitted correspondence had with parties on the subject of the establishing of large saw mills, in reply to circular letter sent out by the committee. The matter was left in the hands of the committee. Communications were read by the secretary, and referred to the proper committees, from Hon. H. R. Kincaid, secretary of state; Kansas City, Mo.; Association of Credit Men, and the Currency Reform Committee of the Massachusetts Reform Club. The resolution presented at last meeting, charging the time of meetings of the chamber to the second and fourth Mondays in each month, was, on motion, adopted, and the chamber was then adjourned till Monday next, being the second Monday of this month.

In direct contrast to the tiny watches that have been in vogue so long, women of fashion now wear good sized ones.

Chloro, Pa., "Herald." Richard Vessel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success in medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vessel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.



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