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POLITICAL MATTERS.

The Battle for Senatorship in Ohio.

SENATOR HANNA STILL SHORT. Republicans Divided in the Maryland Legislature.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The political future of Senator Hanna is dependent upon a closely poised balance. While there are now reported to be only nine dissenters among the eighty Republican members, one in the senate and eight in the house.

Representatives Griffith, of Union, and Joyce, of Guernsey, who voted with "the combine," on the organization of the house, stated that they would vote for Senator Hanna. This gives Hanna 54 in the house and 17 in the senate, a total of 71, or two short of a majority.

The Hanna men say they expect the votes of Scott, of Fuller, and Rutan, of Carroll, who were instructed for Hanna and voted for "the combine" on organization.

It is believed that Mayor McKisson will give way to Kurtz for the short term for senator, while Governor Bushnell has all along been regarded as the candidate for the long term.

Letters and telegrams poured in today on Governor Bushnell from dissenting Republican members and others protesting against the action of Republicans who are co-operating with the Democrats.

The announcements by the Republicans, that they would have no joint senatorial caucus at any time previous to balloting for senator will compel all to continue in this guerrilla warfare for another week.

Late last night the Hanna managers lost two of the doubtful members they had gained, so that there is now no material change from Tuesday, when the house stood 58 to 53 against Hanna.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 5.—What promises to prove a serious split among the Republicans in the Maryland legislature developed, when an attempt was made to caucus for officers of the general assembly which convenes tomorrow.

delegation refused to take part in the caucus, and the other Republicans met without them.

The realists are known as "Masters" men, because they are adherents of that faction, which recently dethroned United States Senator Wellington from the leadership of the party.

Van Wyck's Inaugural. A Rebuke to Windbag Orators.

The Mayor of Greater New York Will Be Responsible to the People.

"The people have chosen me to be mayor; I received the office from them, and to them I will answer."

Those twenty words comprise the inaugural address of Mayor Van Wyck, of Greater New York. Mr. Van Wyck has very wittily rebuked the meaningless windbag oratory that usually disgraces inaugural addresses.

Without stopping to ask who made that wealth, and how it had been largely transferred by night of speculation from the hands of the speculators to the hands of the voters who supported Low, let us rejoice that the new mayor talks right at the start for the people and we cannot assume that he means the capitalistic classes.

It is probably well at the close of the century that such a man has been elected mayor of Great New York. It is time to call a halt in windy platitudes and political verbosity that is only intended to deceive the unthinking and gloss over the situation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The benefits derived from the rural delivery of mail matter, it is believed, will be extended as soon as authority can be obtained from congress on the subject.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Joseph Leiter is said to have closed contracts for the greater part, if not all, of his 8,000,000 bushels of cash wheat.

\$200000 We've heard of people "enjoying" poor health—guess some of them "enjoy" poor baking powder. Good food for good health—Schilling's Best baking powder and tea.

MAYOR KNOCKED OUT

Richardson's Man Was Not Continued.

A NEW STREET COMMISSIONER. The Fire Department is Endorsed Again.

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THE GALLOWES AWAIT

The Final Hour of the Execution of Durrant.

NO AUTOPSY WILL BE ALLOWED. Other Criminal News Reported by the Associated Press.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 5.—Durrant has rehearsed the scene of his own death. At his own request, made absolutely without emotion, he has been told every incident that will mark the final hour of his life.

The condemned man has made the following requests: First, that the rope used to hang him shall be destroyed immediately after his death; that no person can say that he held a piece of it as a memento; second, that none of the inspectors shall be allowed to gaze upon his features after he is executed; third, that no autopsy shall be held after death and that no physician be allowed to examine his body; fourth, that after he is pronounced dead his remains shall be delivered to his parents as soon as possible.

The father of Theodore Durrant has received from Meridian, Tex., a document which purports to be the original alleged confession of Joseph E. Blanton to the murders of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. It will be used in the final efforts to secure a stay of execution.

In the United States circuit court before United States Judges Morrow and Dehaven, Attorney Deupree succeeded in obtaining leave to present and file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Durrant, who is confined at San Quentin. When the petition had been heard and Deupree had concluded his argument, Judge Morrow announced that the matter would be taken under advisement by the court and a decision rendered some time today.

A Cowardly Dog. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 5.—Miss Daisy Dillard about 19 years of age, was shot in the arm last evening. She was alone at home, while her mother had gone down town, and while sitting near a stand on which a light stood, some person shot through the window, evidently with murderous intent. The bullet missed its mark and took effect in the left forearm, the wound not being serious.

Conditions of Winter Wheat. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The special report of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says: The final returns of winter wheat show 25,663,000 acres as compared with 23,930,000 acres harvested last year, an increase of 11.4 per cent.

Largest Fee. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 5.—The secretary of state has licensed the incorporation of the American Steel & Wire Company, of Chicago. The capitalization is \$87,000,000, the incorporating fee for which was \$87,500, the largest ever paid in any similar proceeding.

Paying Dividends. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The National Shoe & Leather Bank, which lost its entire surplus of \$250,000, and \$104,000 in addition, by the default of its bookkeeper, Seeley, in 1894, announced that in April next the payment of quarterly dividends of 4 per cent will be resumed.

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