

MARYLAND LAWMAKERS

The Most Important Session Held in Many Years.

SIDNEY E. MUDD TO BE SPEAKER.

Republicans of the House Decide to Elect the Ex-Congressman as Presiding Officer.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—The Republican members of the Maryland house of delegates, in caucus last night, nominated ex-Congressman Sidney E. Mudd for speaker; Martin Higgins, of Talbot, for chief clerk; C. L. Wilson, of Baltimore, for reading clerk, and James Albert Smith, of Laurel, for journal clerk.

The present meeting of the Maryland legislature promises to excite more general interest than any of its predecessors in many years. One of the reasons for this is the fact that it is the first of its kind in which the Republican party have had a majority in either house since the close of the late civil war.

It will also excite great interest because it will attempt to enact many measures of reform, which it is understood will, if passed, have a great deal to do with the political future of the state.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Bart Tormey, Andrew Lawrence and William Girard were blown to atoms yesterday by the explosion of black powder at No. 11 Minesville stripping. They were alone in the mine at the time, and the cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 30.—W. W. Franklin, a member of the Lancaster bar and an ex-member of the legislature, was arrested on the charges of forgery and embezzlement, preferred by Mrs. Emma Faesig, a former client. Mrs. Faesig avers that she employed Mr. Franklin to secure a divorce and paid him certain moneys for expenses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The senate held a two-hour session yesterday, in the course of which a speech by Mr. Mitchell on the restoration of the McKinley duties on wool was listened to and a resolution was passed for the investigation by the committee on naval affairs of the prices paid by the government for ship armor.

ATLANTA Exposition Ended. ATLANTA, Jan. 1.—The last day of the exposition was clear and bright, and there was a good crowd in attendance. Last night the work of packing up the exhibits began, and today they are being prepared for shipment.

TENNESSEAN, Pa., Jan. 1.—The locomotive and fifteen box cars of a Northern Central freight train were tumbled into the Susquehanna river, two miles below Greentown, last night. Twenty other freight cars were thrown across the track and completely blocked travel.

REPORTED EXPULSION OF MINISTERS. CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 1.—Great excitement has been caused here by a report that the Spanish minister has been escorted out of Bogota, the capital of Colombia. According to this report, which is devoid of details, the extraordinary act was due to the minister's denunciation of the treatment which the British minister to the same republic is alleged to have suffered.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Being refused a free ride by the conductor, Otto Krouse, 13 years of age, tried to wreck a train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie road near this city.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 31.—All the furies of this city are closing down as a result of the demands on the part of the employers to pay for time and half on Sundays, and a corresponding increase on holidays.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 30.—John Thomas, aged 13 years, shot a playmate with a Flobert rifle. The boys had been quarreling, and Thomas, it is said, took deliberate aim, shooting the other lad in the face, the shot just escaping the left eye.

BEDFORD, Pa., Dec. 28.—The most disastrous storm in many years passed over here Thursday night. Travel was delayed several hours on both the railroads and public highways.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 1.—Governor Hastings left last night for Asheville, N. C., for the benefit of his health. He has been suffering from nervous prostration for several weeks, and his condition is such that if he does not take a prolonged rest it is feared there will be serious results.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Charles Kolofsky was committed to jail here charged with attempting to kill his brother, Mathias, in a free saloon fight at Gilberton. A number of Poles participated in the fray, and knives and blackjacks were used. Mathias Kolofsky was struck upon the head by a blackjack. He lies in the hospital, it is thought, dangerously hurt.

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SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 30.—Feeling keenly the disgrace of being arrested for forgery, C. McNeel, a Philadelphia liquor agent, attempted to end his life in the South Bethlehem station house by cutting his throat with a razor.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 1.—In fear of appearing in court as a defendant in a suit of an unusual character, Lewis R. Clayton, a popular young man of Thornbury township, this county, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 30.—Charged with being the dynamiter who blew up the St. Joseph's Polish Catholic parochial residence and school, at Mount Carmel, with the intention of killing the priest, William Deposki and Frank Novitski were arraigned before Squire Amour.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 30.—Benjamin Luff, who was shot from a smash on Tuesday night while walking on the street with Annie Moore, a young woman, is now dying in the hospital. He has accused Abrahams Watson, his rival, of firing the fatal bullet.

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VENEZUELAN COMMISSIONERS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Judge Brewer, of the United States supreme court, has been tendered and has accepted a place on the Venezuelan boundary commission. Hon. Richard H. Alvey, of Hagerstown, Md., chief justice of the United States court of appeals of the District of Columbia, has also been offered a place on the commission.

THE HAZARD TOTALLY BLIND. LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 1.—Abo Buzzard, one of the members of the famous Welsh mountain outlaw and robber family of that name, who, like his brothers, has spent the major part of his adult life in jail, has gone totally blind, and has been admitted as an inmate into the county almshouse.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH.

Terrible Results of a Theater Panic in Baltimore.

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED, MANY HURT

A Senseless Cry of "Fire" at the Old Front Street Theater Results in a Frightful Scramble for Escape from an Imaginary Danger.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—In a senseless panic, caused by a defective gas burner and a foolish cry of fire, at the old Front Street theater last night, twenty-four people were killed, two fatally injured and ten more seriously hurt.

Almost all the victims are of Polish nativity and Hebrew extraction, and many of the injured were taken to their homes by friends.

The theater, which is probably the oldest in the city, was filled from pit to dome with people who had assembled to listen to Hebrew opera, which has been given in the old house twice a week for the past month.

Ten minutes after the curtain rose one of the attendants went up to the second tier to light a gas jet which appeared to have been extinguished. As he applied a match the light flared up, and it was seen that there was no tip to the burner.

The jet was in plain view of the greater part of the audience, but as the glare from it showed against the wall some one in the gallery shouted "Fire! fire! fire!"

In an instant there was a mad scramble for the door. The vanguard of the terror-stricken multitude reached the entrance on Front street, pushed on by the howling, shrieking mob behind them.

As the crowds from the two doors reached the landing they met. There was a brief struggle, and then some one lost his or her footing and fell. In a moment the crowd, pushed with irresistible force from the rear, crowded upon the prostrate form and began to tumble, reel and presently to fall upon the floor under the myriads of feet coming from behind.

The tumbled and the hundreds behind them were struggling over them to reach the street. The tumult attracted an immense crowd from the outside, many of whom tried to enter the entrance to the theater, thus adding to the confusion.

A New Year's Gift for Miners. PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—Cleveland Coal company, notified his employees that beginning with the new year the mining rate will be sixty-four cents per ton, an advance of five cents over the rate now paid.

A San Francisco Sensation. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary A. Davidson has been arrested on the charge of extortion preferred by Rev. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church.

REPUBLICANS CONTROL THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The committees of the senate yesterday passed into the control of the Republicans by a vote of 30 to 28.

Another Bond Issue Coming. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—There is now no reasonable doubt that another bond issue has been fully agreed upon, and that the details of a contract with a syndicate, of which Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is the head, have been arranged.

Lawyer Shoemaker Indicted. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Among the indictments found by the grand jury yesterday was one against Attorney William A. Shoemaker, who was counsel for H. H. Holmes, the convicted murderer.

ENGLAND'S POET LAURATE.

Alfred Austin's Selection Officially Announced—Other New Year Honors.

Among the honorees of the New Year's honours which have been gazetted is the appointment of Alfred Austin to be poet laureate of England.



ALFRED AUSTIN to be peers of the realm; Sir Richard Temple, ex-member of parliament, and Mr. C. B. Stuart-Wortley, to be privy councillors, and Colonel Henry Vincent and Judge H. P. P. Cresce, of British Columbia, have been knighted.

BRUTAL KENTUCKY LYNCHING.

A Mob's Terrible Vengeance on an Erring Wife and Her Paragon.

LEBANON, Ky., Dec. 30.—Within two miles of this city Saturday night a relentless mob burned to death a pregnant woman and riddled with bullets her gray haired paragon.

The affair was the outgrowth of the old story of faithless wife and revengeful husband. Several months ago Devers, a middle aged widower, was accused by Thomas West, a prosperous farmer, of intimacy with Mrs. West. Quarrel followed throughout the fall, until West instituted divorce proceedings and declared that Devers must die.

On the plea of self defense the murderer secured bail, and scandalized the neighborhood by immediately taking his two daughters and moving into West's house. Saturday night a mob surrounded the house, and when Devers and Mrs. West refused to come out and be murdered, after a little daughter of Devers had been allowed to depart, the house was set on fire.

A Shock of Earthquake has Felt Yesterday at Weiner-Neustadt, thirteen miles south of Austria's capital.

The death is announced in London of Mrs. Stirling, the well known actress, who retired in 1885. She was 75 years old.

Walter C. Sanger, the well known oculist, was privately married at Milwaukee last Friday evening to Miss Katherine Kotzberg.

An explosion of firedamp in a colliery at Waldenberg, Prussian Silesia, resulted in the death of fifty miners.

The present cold wave entered New York city with a gale which reached a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour.

In a row in a variety theater at Victor, Colo., George Smith, the proprietor, and Tom Pascoe were killed and a man named Ferguson mortally wounded.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS. Closing Quotations of the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Four steady; winter superfine, \$3.20; 2.50; extra, \$3.00; 2.50; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.00; do., straight, \$3.25; 3.50; western winter, clear, \$3.25; do., straight, with 60c; bid and 60c; asked for December. Corn quiet, unchanged, with 25c; bid and 25c; asked for December. Oats dull, unchanged, with 25c; bid and 25c; asked for December.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, Dec. 28. John McBride, the retiring president of the American Federation of Labor, is to become a journalist.

A. O. Owen was indicted by the grand jury of Chicago for sending infernal machines to P. D. Armour and George M. Pullman.

A heavy gale on the British coast has resulted in many marine disasters. It is known that at least forty lives were lost, including a crew of sixteen brave life savers.

Twenty-three federal prisoners escaped from the United States jail at South McAlester, I. T.

The window glass manufacturers of the United States will close their factories for the four weeks beginning Jan. 11.

The new bond bill passed the national house today. There is considerable opposition to this measure in the senate.

In a battle between a posse and a band of outlaws near Caddo, I. T., United States Marshal McHenry and one outlaw were killed. The outlaws escaped.

At Weldon, Ill., Postmaster Pace shot and killed Dr. W. E. Taylor. He shot in self defense in a quarrel over family troubles.

Thomas Potts, accused of murder, when released from the jail at Port Pleasant, W. Va., tried to kill Mott Bright, the chief witness against him.

The residence of Thomas Burden, 5 Madison Square, New York, was robbed of diamonds valued at \$5,000. About the same time the residence of Mrs. Barnes, 280 Central Park, was robbed of \$10,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

A gale at Vera Cruz, Mexico, yesterday completely wrecked Ordin's theatre and circus.

The Philadelphia Bourse was dedicated yesterday with appropriate ceremonies, including addresses by leading citizens.

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RAILROAD SCHEDULES

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES. In effect on and after May 3, 1895.

Leave Bellefonte 5:20 a.m. arrive at Tyrone, 6:40 a.m. at Altoona, 7:40 a.m. at Pittsburgh, 12:10 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte 10:00 a.m. arrive at Tyrone 11:20 a.m. at Altoona 1:45 p.m. at Pittsburgh 6:50 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte 5:15 p.m. arrive at Tyrone 6:35; at Altoona at 7:40; at Pittsburgh at 11:50

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