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THE SLATES ARE COMPLETED

Fred W. Fleitz Unsuccessful in His Candidacy for Reading Clerk.

SETBACK FOR J. A. SCRANTON

One of the Rumors of the Day Credited Him With Gubernatorial Aspirations

Four Years Hence--Sam Hudson Gets an Empty Honor.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.--This has been a day of caucuses with the members of the legislature.

Both parties have held their conferences, but of course, those of the Republicans were the most important.

The Senate Republican slate committee was in session until midnight before agreeing on a list of officers for the senate.

The members were confronted with the difficulty of trying to fill about thirty places for which there were five times as many applicants.

It took considerable figuring to parcel out these places satisfactorily to the forty-three Republican members.

yet the committee feels it has accomplished this. Edward W. Smiley, of Venango, was selected for chief clerk; James B. Carson, of Butler, reading clerk; Joseph Young, of Philadelphia, journal clerk; H. R. Thorpe, of Mercer, executive clerk; W. J. Robinson, of Erie, message clerk; Herman P. Miller, of Dauphin, senate librarian; Rev. F. C. Bardens, of Harrisburg, chaplain; Joseph Woolley, of Philadelphia, clerk to judiciary general committee; James P. Harrah, of Beaver, sergeant-at-arms; James Reilly, of Philadelphia, superintendent of folding rooms; Edward Adams, of Philadelphia, engineer; E. M. Macklin, of Philadelphia, fireman; R. W. Greenman, of Philadelphia, assistant sergeant-at-arms; William McAnany, of Philadelphia, watchman.

The house Republican caucus was presided over by Jerome B. Miles, of Toga. Harry Anderson, of Adams, was chosen speaker by acclamation. A committee of thirty, one member from each congressional district, and two at large, was appointed to select a list of officers of the house. John R. Farr represented the Eleventh district on this committee. The committee has thus far been in session for several days. Fred W. Fleitz, of Montgomery, for chief clerk; Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, resident clerk; and E. J. Randolph, of Pittsburg, journal clerk. The fight of the night was over the reading clerkship, for which there were four candidates, Edward Taylor, of Delaware; Fred W. Fleitz, of Lackawanna; Luther Rogers, of McKean; and R. Nichols, of Crawford. The battle waxed warm and furious and was undecided at midnight. Later Representatives O'Malley and Farr succeeded in landing James Watkins for reading clerk after an exciting contest. Fred W. Fleitz has backed the other members of the delegation for this place, but the popular young members threw their support to Watkins, and with the assistance of Lieutenant Governor Watres they have been assured by the slate committee of his selection. Forest R. Nichols, of Crawford, has been selected for message clerk, with John T. Shoener, of Schuylkill, for sergeant-at-arms.

Democrats in Caucus.

At a caucus tonight of the twenty-nine Democrats in the house John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, was chosen permanent chairman and Fritz, of Columbia, made the nominee for speaker. Other candidates were named as follows: Chief clerk, Samuel E. Hudson, of Scranton; resident clerk, George M. Wangaugh, of Dauphin; reading clerk, Albert Williams, of York; journal clerk, H. W. Bowers, of Berks; message clerk, R. M. Jacoby, of Monroe; postmaster, H. J. Postnot, of Millin, and doorkeeper, William Kistler, of Monroe. The Democrats in the senate have selected Laubach, of Northampton, for president pro tem and Green of Berks for permanent chairman. The Democrats nominated Colonel Jacob S. Dillinger, of Allentown, for journal clerk, of Elk county, message clerk; and John Hill, of Lehigh, postmaster.

Scranton's Alleged Gubernatorial Bid.

The legislature will probably adjourn after the organization until one week from Wednesday. This will enable Speaker Walton to complete his committee assignments and arrange other preliminaries. Governor Pattison's message will be sent to the legislature tomorrow. It is a long document and is said to contain some surprises. The reading governor will take advantage of his opportunity to send in a valedictory full of partisan "ginger."

One of today's bits of current political gossip was a story to the effect that Congressman J. A. Scranton's presence in this city yesterday and today was in deference to a gubernatorial bid which it was said had begun to buzz in his head and which looks ahead to 1898. Inasmuch as there has been no open authority for such a story, and since leading Lackawanna Republicans deny having been consulted with reference to that kind of a programme, this story is probably a canard, sprung by office-seekers. It was, however, given a color of consistency by Mr. Scranton's activity in supporting Fred W. Fleitz's candidacy for a house clerkship. It is remarked here that had Fleitz won a place in the house organization, he would have been in a good position to look after Scranton's interests. If Fleitz's candidacy had any such ulterior significance, his defeat would seem to indicate that the state organization is not warm in the Lackawanna congressman.

New Faces in the Senate.

The new faces in the senate, which will attract special attention because of the prominence of the rising ones, whose place they fill, include those of James C. Vaughan, of Lackawanna, who replaces M. E. McDougall; the Bucks county Republican, Henry G. Meyer, who succeeds the late George Ross, leader of the Democratic side of the chamber in former sessions; the Montgomery county Republican, Henry D. Saylor, who succeeds Dr. Arthur D. Mackley; Harvey W. Haines, a York Democrat, who will occupy the seat of the veteran granger, Gerard C. Brown; Alfred W. Milliken, the Mechanicburg Republican, who displaces the Jackson Democrat, William Penn Lloyd; and M. L. McQuinn, a Clearfield county Republican, who takes the desk of P. Gray Meek, now surveyor of the port of Philadelphia. Another senator, who,

like Mr. Saylor, of Montgomery, was elected upon a platform of opposition to the re-election of Duker Cameron to the United States senate, is Chris C. Kauffman, of the Lancaster district, heretofore represented by Winfield S. Smith. No voice was oftener heard in the senate than that of the Lehigh pedagogue and lawyer, Milton C. Henninger, who is succeeded by Harry G. Stiles, of Allentown. Grant Herring's mantle falls upon J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport. Ex-State Chairman William H. Andrews displaces the Crawford county Democratic senator, S. J. Logan. John J. Coyle, a Republican representative in the last session is the successor of Democratic Senator Monaghan, of Schuylkill. The ratio of thirty-three Republicans to seventeen Democrats is changed to forty-three Republicans and seven Democrats, in the senate. The familiar figures who again appear include all the old Philadelphiaans, and, among others, Jesse M. Baker, of Delaware; Henry D. Green, Berks; John H. Landis, Lancaster; S. J. McCarroll, Dauphin; General Gobin, Lebanon; W. H. Hackenberg, the Northumberland champion of an excise commission; L. R. Keefe, Schuylkill; ex-Auditor General Leonard Biber, Messrs. Plinn and Upperman, Allegheny; and James S. Fruit, Mercer.

Old Timers in the House.

Of three conspicuous old-timers, John Cessna, B. L. Hewitt and George V. Lawrence, all ex-speakers, who were leaders in the last house the first two are dead. The late Lawrence will be back to introduce and battle for a congressional apportionment bill giving to Philadelphia and Allegheny counties each an additional congressman. The best known of the other missing statesmen of the house, as enumerated by a special committee, is the stalwart legislator, Captain John W. Nesbit, the towering hickory of the Youghiogheny; David H. Branson, the Chester county expert on blue blood sheep; Schoolmaster Edward Tewksbury, the champion of anti-discrimination, anti-freedom and enforcement of the constitution; Samuel M. Wherry, the constitutional expounder and leader of the Democratic side of the house, whose county, Cumberland, puts Republicans in both its seats; and George E. Heyburn, of Delaware, learned in agriculture, but unsophisticated in the devious ways of the "hill."

Big, eloquent Captain Skinner of Fulton, is succeeded by a Republican, the humorous Henry Butterfield, of Erie, and the Yankee make-up and address of J. Russell Thornton, of Fayette, will be missed, as will also the stalwart laborer exponent, M. T. Burke, of Lackawanna; the Public Buildings commissioners' catcher, M. N. Bernhardt, of Lehigh; the sprightly young leader and convincing talker, Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming; McKeon county's former legislator, William W. E. Burdick; "Farmer" Taggart, of Montgomery, who is dead; S. A. Losh, of Schuylkill, who was never uninteresting; C. C. Thompson, of Warren, speaker of the last house, and H. M. Bortner, the pastoral bard of York.

Other Interesting Notables.

With the majority of the most widely known of the Philadelphiaans will return to the house appropriation committee Chairman Marshall, of Allegheny; John Kearns, who is just as lonely a Democrat from Allegheny as John H. Fow will be from Philadelphia; the red-headed hopeful Armstrong strategist, S. B. Cochran, the Bradford county son of Plymouth Rock, F. L. Kinmer; Prohibitionist D. B. Doucett, of Butler; Chester county's champion manipulator of sliding boards for Democrats with contested seats, D. Smith Talbot; George Kunkel, Dauphin's timber for the speakership; the straggled editor, Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware; the Huntingdon "man who looks like Quay," P. M. Lytle; the gigantic local optimist, Noah Seaton, of Indiana; the persistent advocate of compulsory education, John R. Farr, of Lackawanna; the suave anti-Pennsylvanian pleader, H. L. North, of McKean; the constant absentee of the last session, F. A. Comly, of Montgomery, and his colleague, the Beau Brummel of the house, Editor B. Witman Dambly; the shrill-voiced objector and protester, John A. Kipp, of Pike, the leader of the rural tax agitators, Jerome B. Miles, of Toga; the flowery Union editor, B. K. Pocht, and the oil region's mouthpiece, H. H. James, of Venango.

All the Philadelphia papers today contained notices of the fight against Fleitz. The Press had the most accurate account. It said the Lackawanna delegation was evenly divided over the reading clerkship, part of it being for Fleitz and part for James E. Watkins, whom Representative Farr urged. Mr. Watkins had originally been a candidate for a clerkship in the state department. Both General Reeder and Lieutenant Governor Watres opposed Fleitz, because of his Lyon in the Robinson-Lyon fight of last spring.

Compulsory Education Again.

It is as good as settled that John R. Farr will have his old chairmanship of the committee on education. Mr. Farr will again introduce the compulsory education bill that Pattison vetoed, and it will be unchanged in any important detail. Many of the important bills relative to the public school system will be presented to the legislature for its consideration. A bill to prevent teachers from appearing in the schools supported by the state in their religious garb has been prepared by Representative Talbot, of Chester, at the instance of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and other patriotic orders, and will be offered by Mr. Talbot. Bills will also be introduced for the establishment of township high schools, providing for a census by the assessors of children of school age to ascertain how many are without the benefits of education and amending the law governing the annual examinations at the state normal schools so as to increase the number of superintendents of schools to conduct the examinations from two to six and providing that the superintendent may be taken from any locality in the state. The last three named measures have been prepared by Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer and he will put forth every effort to secure their passage.

Mr. Farr will not have the compulsory education bill all to himself. Representative Saylor, of Lancaster, who takes great interest in school matters, has prepared a bill to promote public school attendance and to restrain truancy. While the bill does not contain the words "compulsory" and "attend," the first section of it requires parents and guardians of children between the ages of 8 and 15 years to send them to a public or private school for at least sixteen consecutive weeks in each year, provided they are not being instructed for a like period in the common English branches of their mental or physical condition renders attendance inexpedient or impracticable, or they live more than two miles from any school by the nearest traveled road. Absences not exceeding five days during the prescribed term are permitted, but the loss of time is required to be made good by extra instruction. A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable for the first offense by a fine not exceeding \$5 and for each subsequent offense by a fine not exceeding \$25, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both, at the option of the court. The second section requires school directors or controllers to provide sufficient accommodations in their districts for all the children of school age and to appoint necessary truant officers to apprehend all children of the proper age who habitually frequent or loiter about public or other places and have them sent to school. These officers shall receive such compensation as the directors or controllers shall provide, the money to be paid out of the school fund of the proper district.

A New Office Provided For.

Section three makes provision for schools for the accommodation of habitual truants in separate rooms in public school buildings. In these schools all the common English branches and industrial training shall be taught. Section four provides for the payment of fines for violation of the act into the proper school treasuries. Section five authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to appoint a competent person, at a salary of \$1,800 a year, whose duty it shall be to ascertain to what extent the law is complied with in the cities and school districts of the state. The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to withhold one-half of all public school moneys from any city or district which, in his judgment, willfully omits and refuses to enforce the provisions of the act, to be paid over to the city or district which complies with the act. The act is to go into effect July 1, 1895.

DUEL WITH REVOLVERS.

Desperate Fight Between Dr. Riegel and William Biber.

By the United Press. Easton, Pa., Dec. 31.--Yesterday morning the quiet little town of Bloomsbury, N. J., nine miles from Easton, was startled by the report of a duel which had been fought between Dr. E. Riegel, of that place, and William Biber, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Riegel said he made a professional call at the home of Albert Beers, who lives near him. While there he met Biber, who, the doctor alleges, stole his wife's affections and broke up his household.

Riegel and Biber began to quarrel in Dr. Beers' house and were ordered to leave. According to the doctor's story Biber opened fire on him with a revolver. The doctor received a bullet through his coat collar, which showed up the back of his head. He emptied his seven shooter at Biber, who was struck by one of his bullets over the heart. The bullet did not enter his pocket on account of a picture and a book which he carried in his vest pocket.

Biber is employed as a plumber at Philadelphia and is a cousin of the wife of Dr. Riegel.

CUT HER HEAD OFF.

McMullen Kills His Wife and Then Commits Suicide.

By the United Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.--After quarrelling together for hours William McMullen, a laborer, early this morning attacked his wife with a hatchet and cut her head off and then cut his throat, dying in a few minutes.

Mrs. McMullen survived her husband but a short time.

Insurance Companies Insolvent.

By the United Press. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 31.--At the suggestion of Attorney General Hensel, Judge Livingston today issued a decree dissolving the charters of the Lancaster County Mutual Life Stock company and the Pennsylvania Mutual Fire Insurance company, both companies being insolvent.

Killed in a Runaway.

By the United Press. Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 31.--While returning from church last night the horse attached to a sleigh in which were seated Mrs. Anderson and her son, ran away. Mrs. Anderson was instantly killed by being thrown from the sleigh, her neck being broken.

Better Fare For Hobos.

By the United Press. Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 31.--The sheriff's allowance for boarding tramps at the jail has been ordered by Judge Sadler to be increased from four to nine cents per day. The order covers the past three years.

Balance in Treasury.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 31.--The general treasury balance at the close of the calendar year 1894 is stated at \$155,022,822.11, of which \$86,170,145 is in gold.

STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Ornithological society of western Pennsylvania wants to found a museum in Pittsburg.

Plans for a \$180,000 department of public safety building for Pittsburg have been almost completed.

Steps are being taken to secure the erection of armories for all National guard organizations located in Pittsburg.

The state gets \$1,500 from the estate of John Becker, of Reading, who died a year ago without heirs or known kindred. San Francisco letter carriers will be reprimanded for issuing a New Year's address.

Falling to inflict a mortal wound with a shotgun, Bernard Flood, a farmer of near Oil City, gashed his arm with a butcher knife and may die from loss of blood.

Frank Wingerfelt, Joseph Wingerfelt, Harry Miller and Joseph Anderson, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, were placed under \$300 bail each in Pottsville on the charge of picking a farmer's pocket of \$5.

THE DELEVAN A FIRE TRAP

Fourteen Persons Said to Have Perished in the Flames.

VICTIMS NEARLY ALL WOMEN

Upon Being Warned of Their Danger They Became Panic Stricken and Could Not Be Directed to the Exits--List of the Missing.

By the United Press. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.--The Delevan House fire was the absorbing topic of conversation about the city today.

Interest in it was increased when it was learned that a number of the house employees, nearly all of them women, had been hurried to death. They had rooms on the fifth story of the building and their deaths could not have been the result of anything but fright. One of the porters who went up to warn them said today that it was impossible to lead them to a safe exit. They simply went wild when they learned of the fire. The proprietors of the hotel estimated that about fourteen people were missing. It was thought that the night clerk, Charles Roskrans, had perished but he turned up this afternoon all right.

Early this morning Mrs. Henry H. Fooks, who jumped from the fourth story window, died at the Albany hospital. The others injured, who were taken to the hospital, will recover. They are: Henry H. Fooks, Benjamin Heilman, Mrs. Benjamin Heilman, Edward Walsh, porter; James Honnessy, fireman; D. F. Brockway, E. W. Arnold.

The list of the dead who perished in the flames includes: Mrs. F. H. Hill, housekeeper; Mary Sullivan, chambermaid; Mrs. Ray Young, of Jamestown, linen woman; Agnes Wilson, of Atwood, Canada, linen woman; Bridget Fitzgibbons, pantry girl; Kate Crowley, chambermaid; Fernando Belletti, cook; Riccardo Telesforo, cook; Metta Staurin, chambermaid; Emiglia Tomagnin, chambermaid; Simon Meyers, employee; Thomas Cannon, employee; Annie Daly, chambermaid; Ellen Dillon, chambermaid.

Missing: Mary Cary, chambermaid. So far as could be learned from the hotel authorities the above list included those who were unsuccessful in their efforts to escape.

Search For Bodies to Be Made. Streams were kept playing on the ruins all day. No attempt will be made until tomorrow to search for the bodies. The brick fire wall which divided the main building from the addition was all that kept the flames from sweeping the entire block. The guests and employees did not have time to save anything, not even wearing apparel.

The loss on the building is estimated at \$100,000; insurance \$160,000; and on the furniture, loss \$65,000, insurance \$50,000. The rentals were insured for \$28,000.

A commercial traveller who had a trunk full of jewelry in his room, which he said was valued at \$50,000, offered a reward of half the contents to any one who would get his belongings. Three men entered the building and succeeded in getting the trunk out and they were handsomely rewarded.

TO LEAVE HOMESTEAD.

Many Dissatisfied Steel Workers Will Engage in Farming.

By the United Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.--The Carnegie mills at Braddock, Homestead, Lawrenceville, Duquesne, and Beaver Falls will resume work Wednesday morning. The new rates were generally accepted by the employes and 12,000 men will return to work Wednesday at the different mills. The average reduction in wages amounts to probably 15 or 20 per cent. from last year's scale.

Many of the Homestead steel workers who are dissatisfied with the cut made by the new scale will remove to Ash-tahula county, Ohio. They will exchange their Homestead property for farms there. This has been done by about twenty Homestead families in the past two months.

WITNESSES WANTED.

Authorities Looking For Evidence in the Case Against Boudouat.

By the United Press. Doylestown, Pa., Dec. 31.--Sheriff Nicholas reached here tonight from Trenton, N. J., having in custody John Boudouat, the Hungarian boarding house keeper who is charged with the murder of Frank Condo, at Morrisville.

The authorities are looking for several Italians who are now in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania and who are said to have been witnesses of the crime.

HOMESTEAD MURDERERS.

An Effort Is Being Made to Secure Pardon of Three Convicts.

By the United Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 31.--Andrew Tolt, George Rusnak and Michael Sabal, serving life sentences in the western penitentiary, convicted of complicity in the murder of Michael Quinn during



PORT ARTHUR MASSACRE

Stories of the Slaughter of Chinese Are Confirmed.

JAPANESE WERE ONLY HUMAN

When They Learned That Their Countrymen Had Been Roasted Alive the Soldiers Followed the Example of the English in India.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 31.--Little additional information concerning the reported massacre at Port Arthur after the Japanese troops entered that stronghold, is contained in the unofficial mail from Tokio, delivered at the Japanese legation here today. One account of the battle says that in an engagement at Suchiatun, just before Port Arthur fell, "The Chinese behaved with their usual brutality, heaving the bodies of the Japanese, cutting off their hands, ripping open their stomachs and tearing out their livers. The mutilated bodies presented a revolting spectacle. The fury of the Japanese troops at the sight was deep, and both officers and men swore to take vengeance for their unhappy comrades."

A telegram from Shanghai, published in a Japanese newspaper, says that the Japanese to avenge the inhuman treatment extended by the Chinese to their prisoners, gave no quarter to the troops that marched from Fu Chow to recapture Chin Chow, but cut down the great part of them. Four hundred Chinese encountered and virtually annihilated at Ma-Kwo-Ling are said to have been fugitives from Port Arthur. The fugitives encountered a battalion of Japanese in a narrow pass. The Chinese fancied that their only chance of escape lay in fighting, and the result was heavy slaughter.

The Stories Credited. The Japan Mail, an English newspaper published in Yokohama credits the stories of massacre in this paragraph: "From Shanghai telegrams are being circulated broadcast to the effect that the Japanese troops exhibited a merciless disposition at Port Arthur, and that the killing of Chinese took place on an unnecessary scale. We think it very probable. Soldiers are human beings after all. When they learn that two of their countrymen have had their bones crushed and been roasted alive by the Chinese; when they see the awful mutilated remains of their comrades killed or wounded in battle, small wonder if they set their teeth when next they meet the foe and kill as long as muscle and the sword hold out. We know what our own troops did in India.

"The Japanese, indeed, are so keenly watched and criticised that they must be denied, as far as possible, the luxury of revenge. But Mulvaney's story of the men that had seen their dead, applies to Japanese as well as to the British soldiers. Which of us could hold his hand under the circumstances?"

KILLED THE BABY.

Sad Illustration of the Folly of Teasing Children.

By the United Press. York, Pa., Dec. 31.--The 3-year-old son of John Glatfelter, of Snyderstown, killed his 2-months-old brother yesterday.

A neighbor's girl was teasing the boy about taking the baby home with her when the boy became angered and threw a pair of scissors at her. They struck the baby in the head, killing it instantly.

SENATOR FAIR'S WILL.

The Document Is Unsatisfactory to His Children.

By the United Press. San Francisco, Dec. 31.--Much speculation is rife over the will of the late ex-Senator Fair. It was learned this evening through reliable sources that at least one of the children will contest the will and this contest will be sanctioned by the other two.

The will is wholly unsatisfactory to the son and daughters and will be vigorously assailed.

BRECKINRIDGE'S CASE.

Court Decides That He Must Pay For Depositions Taken.

By the United Press. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31.--W. C. P. Breckinridge, who sued Gustavus A. Meyer to recover the receipts levied upon at his lecture Thursday night, lost his case today.

The court sustained Meyer's claim for services in taking depositions in the Pollard case a year ago.

Big Fire at Look Haven.

By the United Press. Look Haven, Pa., Dec. 31.--The picture frame manufactory of Brown Bros., together with three dwellings, a barn and a number of outbuildings were destroyed by fire here early this morning. The loss is \$15,000, insurance \$7,000.

Lord Churchill Gains Strength.

By the United Press. London, Dec. 31.--Lord Randolph Churchill was reported at midnight as gaining strength.

MINOOKA CITIZENS MEET.

They Obtain Data That Will Be Presented to Select Council--It Touches on the Matter of Annexation.

Last night a meeting of the executive committee of the citizens of Minooka was held at Martin McDonough's store, and besides the members a large number of prominent citizens attended. The object was to hear a report from the committee regarding the progress made toward annexing the district to the city.

The City Engineer Edward F. Biewitt was present. It was he who prepared the report that was sent to councils showing the territory to be annexed. He said that in the district that it is proposed to annex there are seventy-eight blocks, and each block consists of from twelve to twenty-four building lots. No lot has a narrower frontage than forty feet and many of them are seventy-five feet wide. There is a uniformity of depth to almost all of the lots; they are 150 feet deep. Altogether there are 1,000 building lots in the district that can be assessed for taxes.

These facts were jotted down by the committee and a number of members of select council in order to prove that Minooka will not be a burden on the city if admitted. The committee was continued and instructed to lay the matter in a business-like way before the members of select council.

LAUGHED AT HIS SENTENCE.

Murderer Garrett Takes 'the News of His Doom Very Coolly.

By the United Press. Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 31.--Judge Melly today overruled the motions made by murderer Garrett's counsel in arrest of judgment and for a new trial. At 10:30 this morning he sentenced Garrett to be hanged for the murder of his wife. His voice trembled as he pronounced sentence.

Garrett took it coolly and laughed with his attorney after hearing it. Before it was pronounced when asked if he had anything to say the murderer said: "I have no more to say than that I have not had a fair trial. There are many more in this town worse than I."

CAPTAIN HOWGATE'S PLEA.

The Ex-Government Official Says Not Guilty.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 31.--Judge McComas today over-ruled the demurrers filed by the attorneys of Captain Howgate to three indictments returned by the grand jury.

Captain Howgate was then arraigned and pleaded not guilty, but appended a further plea that the indictment was not found within three years after the alleged offence therein charged was committed.

The question as to whether the indictments were barred by the statute of limitations was thereupon argued.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES.

On charges of swindling St. Louis hotels, Dr. Martin Brandt, an ex-convict of Pennsylvania, was arrested.

Notice at Tiffin, O., that the natural gas would be turned off sent wood up from \$25 to \$8 a cord in one day.

Missing ex-Congressman W. H. Butler, of Iowa, who was thought dead, was found at work in Indianapolis.

Jumping into his ice-box which he had connected with a gas jet, Paul Schatt, an Omaha snoon man, ended his life.

After six months' secrecy, the marriage of Marie Burress, the actress, and Guy W. Currier, of North Andover, Mass., is made public.

By mistaking the name, citizens of Calender, Ia., elected Mrs. L. E. Castle, justice of the peace, instead of her husband, and she took the place.

Trying to join his wife after two years, hiding, C. F. Hix, a Chicago emblesier, has been arrested in Hamburg, Germany.

The closing up of the lottery concern of E. Fox & Co., Kansas City, Mo., ends the unlawful business in that state.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; variable winds.

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