

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Assignment of the Various Committees in the Senate. MR. VAUGHAN'S MAIDEN SPEECH

He Introduces Ex-Congressman Amerman's Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty for First Degree Murder--Many Bills Presented for Consideration.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 10.—The assignment of committees in the senate places Senator Vaughan on the committees on accounts, congressional appointment, constitutional reform, education, finance, judiciary general, judiciary special, legislative apportionment and printing.

Senator Vaughan's debut. Senator Vaughan this morning made his first bow as a senator of Pennsylvania to his predecessor and preceptor, who occupied the presiding officer's chair.

Many bills were introduced in the house this morning, among them one by Representative A. J. Harter, appropriating \$81,600 to the Pennsylvania Oral School for the Deaf, which is located in Scranton.

In senate, Senator Grady's bill, reducing the bond of the Philadelphia city treasurer to the state from \$150,000 to \$50,000 was passed.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Becker—Providing for adoption of trade marks by labor unions.

By Mr. Flinn—Authorizing traction or motor power companies to enter into contracts with each other for the sale, lease and operation of their respective property and franchises.

In executive session on motion of Senator Gohn the following nominations were laid over: George B. Luper, to be insurance commissioner; Robert W. Wilson, to be secretary; members of the board of public charities and health and vital statistics; fish commissioners; managers of the Huntingdon Reformatory; members of the pharmaceutical examination board; inspectors of the Eastern penitentiary; commissioners for the promotion of uniformity in legislation; geological survey commissioner; forestry commissioner; medical examiners, representing the medical society and Homeopathic Medical Society; trustees of the asylums at Harrisburg, Danville, Wernersville, Warren, Norristown, Ashland, Blossburg; commissioners to build a home for feeble minded children of western Pennsylvania; quarantine physician of the port of Philadelphia; member of the state quarantine board for Philadelphia, and a number of vacancies public.

A long list of notaries and justices of the peace was confirmed. PITTSTON CITY POLITICS.

Burgess Thomas Maloney Named for Mayor by Seventeen Citizens. Pittston, Jan. 10.—A meeting of the Citizens' party was held this afternoon. Seventeen persons attended. Burgess Thomas Maloney was nominated for mayor under the new city charter; Benjamin Harding for city controller and Tax Receiver; E. J. McDonald for city treasurer. The last nomination was a surprise, as Burgess Thomas M. J. Langan had expected to receive the endorsement of the Citizens' movement.

The Democrats will name Maloney and Langan for mayor and city treasurer respectively; while for controller, the choice lies between George Hagedorn and David Shelley. The Republicans will name a straight ticket, headed in all probability by Colonel Cyrus K. Campbell, ex-postmaster and a prominent eloquent business man.

GUS THOMAS, OUTLAW, SHOT. The Southern Desperado Killed by a "Drummer." Memphis, Jan. 10.—Meager details have reached here of a double killing in Hardin county, Gus Thomas, the most famous and desperate of southern moonshiners, was shot to death by a commercial traveler named Steel, who in turn was shot to death by a party of Thomas' friends. The drummer was taken for a revenue spotter and the tragedy followed.

whose arrest was attempted by Marshal Browne and posse of this city, a couple of years ago, when that officer was seriously wounded and one of his deputies named Garner was slain. Hardin county is the ideal haunt of the reckless 'shiners that infest it.

FIRE IN A GIRLS' SCHOOL. Some Sick with Measles Rush Into the Cold Streets Half Clad. By the United Press. Chicago, Jan. 10.—Over 100 girls were driven from their beds at 6 a. m. today by fire, which damaged the upper story of the Chicago Industrial School for Girls, at Prairie avenue and Forty-ninth street.

None of the girls were injured, but several are likely to die from exposure. Measles had been epidemic in the school and about twenty-five of the pupils were ill. They, with the others, were compelled to rush to the street in scant attire. The fire was extinguished with slight damage to the building.

ALTGELD'S UTTERANCES. The Governor of Illinois Thinks American Is Becoming Russified--Queer Message to the Legislature. By the United Press. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—The message which Governor Altgeld sent to the legislature today is a long document, highly tinged with his Populist and Socialist leanings.

In connection with the Chicago strike he assails the constituted federal authority and particularly the administration of the federal courts.

The old doctrine of state's rights, says the governor, is in no way involved. Nobly for a moment questions the supremacy of the Union. The great civil war settled that. We should not have another. It remains to be settled whether the president can, at his pleasure, in the first instance, send troops into any city.

The second cause cited by the friends of silver is the complete revolution effected in South Carolina. This also is ascribed primarily to the unsatisfactory course of the national democracy on the money question.

The first rumblings of discontent are said to have been occasioned by the failure of Senators Hampton and Butler to take a decided and advanced stand for silver.

Mr. Butler tacked at last, and during the silver fight at the special session stood on the free coinage course. He was too late to save himself.

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Southern Democrats Are Inoculated with Silver Virus.

Old Leaders Are Dropping Out and Stalwart Silver Men Are Filling Their Places in the Southern States. New Party May Arise.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The prediction is made in silver circles that the action of Senator Blackburn in renewing his allegiance to free coinage in the face of the administration's latest attitude on the financial question will prove to be but the forerunner of similar action on the part of other southern Democrats of equal prominence.

In support of this assertion two instances are given. The situation in North Carolina is offered first, because that is believed to afford the most striking illustration of the truth of the statement.

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DESERTED VILLAGE.

Male Residents of Fredonia Left Early to Avoid the Deputy Sheriff.

By the United Press. Buffalo, Jan. 10.—The trolley line between the village of Fredonia and the city of Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, carried a majority of the male residents of the village away from their homes and places of business this morning, and when they returned home last night it was late and by stealth.

Nearly every man in Fredonia could give testimony against him, but none cared to do so. Taylor rounded up five of his witnesses and took them to Mayville. This trial is one of the events of the seventeenth year fight which the Prohibitionists and the license people of Fredonia have been fighting.

John Connell, an inmate of the Pittsburgh Poor House Who Has Been Dumb for Years, Suddenly Recovers His Speech. By the United Press. Pittsburgh, Jan. 10.—John Connell, an inmate of the city poor farm at Marthasville, since October, will be released tomorrow. When he went there Connell was insane and dumb.

Now, however, he has given his name as John Connell, and says he was born in Pittsburgh and seven years ago went west. Eventually he secured work at a mine owned by a California company.

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