

STRUGGLE OF ANTHRACITE OPERATORS

The Hearing at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Yesterday.

SCRANTON MEN TESTIFY

New York State Railroad Commissioners Listen to Evidence to Sustain the Claims of the Operators That the Projected Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway is a Necessity.

New York, Jan. 31.—The state railroad commissioners continued today their hearing in the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston railway company for a permit to construct a road from Lackawanna to Kingston.

James H. Torrey, a lawyer of Scranton, was then called to define the Pennsylvania law as to the rights of the Erie and Wyoming railroad company to extend its tracks from Hawley to Lackawanna.

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WARM DEBATE IN THE SENATE

AN UNDIGNIFIED OUTBURST OF ELOQUENCE.

Debate Grows Out of a Phase of the Philippine Question—Senator Pettigrew Stirs Up the Rumpus by One of His Characteristic Speeches.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Debate in the senate, ordinarily calm and dignified, burst today into passionate utterance and bitter recrimination.

BLOW AT CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Women's Christian Association Believes That Men Should Be Substituted for Young Girl Teachers.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—At the annual meeting today of the Women's Christian Association of Philadelphia, a letter was drafted and forwarded to John H. Converse, president of the Christian League, protesting against the practice of permitting young women to teach Chinese in the Sunday schools.

DOES HIS OWN TALKING.

But Mr. Bryan Cannot Define His Political Position.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 31.—William J. Bryan was questioned today with reference to the telegram which Milton Park, editor of the Southern Mercury and chairman of the national committee of the Middle of the Road Populists, had recently sent to him.

ROME DOCTORS ACCUSED.

The Medical Society to Investigate Charges of Intemperance.

Rome, Jan. 31.—The movement started by the Rome medical society some weeks ago to oust Dr. S. B. Kingsley from the office of chief physician of the city, is being carried out.

PENNSYLVANIA EARNINGS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company's comparison of earnings and expenses for the month of December, 1899, and for the same month of 1898, is as follows:

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FIFTH AMONG STATES.

Report of Agricultural Interests of Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Jan. 31.—Prof. John Hamilton, secretary of agriculture, today issued an advance sheet of his annual report for 1899.

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HOT TIME IN KENTUCKY

Governor Taylor Prevents Meeting of Democrats.

The Members Are Met by Fixed Bayonets When They Endeavor to Enter the Capitol in Defiance of Governor Taylor's Proclamation.

Meeting of Democrats. Adjourning Body—Assemblymen and Soldiers Race Through the Streets—The Body Ordered to Meet in London—Goebel Takes the Oath of Office.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—The condition of Governor Goebel at 11:30 tonight was better than at any time during the day.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—William Goebel was shortly before 9 o'clock tonight sworn in as governor of Kentucky and sworn in as governor of Kentucky.

The oath was administered to both Goebel and Beckham by the justice of the peace.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR AND COOL.

1 General-Goebel Sworn in as Governor. Hearing in the Application of the New Railroad to Tidewater.

2 Local—Barquet of the Knights of Columbus. Court Proceedings.

3 Local—Action of the Lackawanna Bar on Judge Gustor's Death. Special Meeting of the Presbytery.

4 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County.

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THE PLANS OF GEN. BULLER

Another Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith Will Be Made.

BESIEGED MEN CHEERFUL

The Garrison Healthy and Confident. Disease is Disappearing—The Town Able to Hold Out for Some Time—Buller's Forces Are Holding the Drifts on the Tugela—News of the British Failure to Penetrate Boer Lines Received with Fortitude.

Cape Town, Tuesday, Jan. 30.—General Buller still holds the Tugela drifts and will possibly renew his attempt to force his way through the Boer defenses before long.

Ladysmith, Sunday, Jan. 28 (holograph to Swartz Kop, north of the Tugela River).—The news of the prolongation of the siege, resulting from General Buller's failure, is received with fortitude.

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GIGANTIC STRIKE NOW THREATENED

The Joint Scale Committee at Indianapolis Fails to Agree—Trouble Within Forty-eight Hours.

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—It is probable that the coal industry in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania, known as the competitive field, will be shut down and the 7000 miners in the district called out on a general strike within the next forty-eight hours.

This condition is brought about by inability to reach an agreement in the joint scale committee. That body closed its deliberations tonight without an agreement and a strike of gigantic proportions is the probable result.

Accompanied by Ex-Governor Altgeld and Congressman Lentz.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 31.—The reception of W. J. Bryan at this city tonight was rather quiet. There were few people at the station and not even a cheer was raised for the Democratic leader.

The speaker was continually interrupted by the men in the audience who demanded some statement on the Philippine question.

Mr. Bryan followed. Taking up the subject of imperialism.

After the meeting the party returned to the hotel for dinner and an o'clock took a train for Portland, under escort of M. P. Frank, representing the Maine Democratic state committee.

Missouri Robbers Captured. George Riley Confesses to Robbery, Theft and Incendiarism.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31.—A man believed to be Charles Jones, alias Charles Johnson, who shot John Jackson, the store at Kingsville, Mo., in a robbery near Ottawa, Kan., the identity of the would-be train robber arrested at Holden has been established.

Found Dead in Bed. Wilmington, Del., Jan. 31.—An unknown man, between 20 and 25 years of age, was found dead in bed at a hotel here this morning.

Hope for Jere Rex. Huntington, Pa., Jan. 31.—The greatly improved condition today of Jere R. Rex, chief clerk of the Pennsylvania house of representatives, who has been hovering between life and death for the past two weeks, as the result of a paralytic stroke, affords substantial hope for his recovery.

Charters Granted. Harrisburg, Jan. 31.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: The Winola Manufacturing company, Tunkhannock, capital \$20,000; the Winola Manufacturing company, Spring Garden, capital \$20,000; Spangler Coke and Coal Mining company, Spangler, capital \$10,000; Northern Susquehanna Railroad company, to build a line from the mouth of Bailey Run, Potter county, to Sinnemahoning, Cameron county, capital \$100,000.

Associate Judge Appointed. Harrisburg, Jan. 31.—William Scott Harris, of Leek Haven, was today appointed by Governor Stone associate judge of Clinton county, vice William L. Hamilton, deceased.

Marquis of Queensbury Dead. London, Feb. 1.—The Marquis of Queensbury, who was born July 20, 1844, and succeeded to the title in 1888, is dead.

British Casualties. London, Jan. 31.—The war office has issued an additional casualty list of the battle of Spion Kop January 21 and of the engagements at Venters Spruit, January 17 and January 20. The additional list number 129 men killed, 20 wounded and 45 missing, a total of 194. With 174 additional casualties given for the fighting at Venters Spruit, the total loss since the beginning of the war is placed at 9,558 men.

Pension Clerk Guilty of Murder. Washington, Jan. 31.—Benjamin H. Snellwhite, a married man, 42 years of age, and a clerk in the pension office, at the time of the deed, today was found guilty of the murder in August last of a girl named Lizzie Weisenberg, 13 years of age. The evidence showed he had been guilty of improper relations with his victim.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Jan. 31.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair and continued cold Thursday; Friday fair and not so cold; for the night and northwesterly winds.