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EDWARD VII ASSUMES TITLE

England's New Monarch Takes the Oath of Office in Presence of the Privy Councillors.

CEREMONIES HELD AT LONDON

The King Adopts the Title in Accordance with the Wishes of His Mother—Programme at St. James' Palace—Crowds in the Streets to Welcome the King as He Drove Through—New Ruler Apparently Tired and Sad—Queen's Body to Be Taken to Windsor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Jan. 24.—An extraordinary issue of the Gazette this morning, which appears with black borders, announces the death of Queen Victoria, adding:

"The event has caused one universal feeling of regret and sorrow to her late majesty's faithful subjects, to whom she was endeared by the deep interest in their welfare which she invariably manifested, as well as by many signal virtues which marked and adorned her character."

Then follows the proclamation of King Edward VII, the acknowledgment of allegiance by the privy council, and the king's speech at his accession. The following is the full text of his majesty's accession speech:

Your Royal Highness, my Lords and Gentlemen: This is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you. My first and melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of my beloved mother, the queen, and I know how deeply you and the whole nation sympathize with me in the irreparable loss we have all sustained.

I have hardly said that my constant endeavor will be always to walk in her footsteps. In undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon me I am fully determined to be a constitutional sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and so long as there is breath in my body, to work for the good and amelioration of my people.

I have resolved to be known by the name of Edward, which has been borne by six of my ancestors. In doing so I do not undervalue the name of Albert which I inherit from my ever-lamented, great and wise father, who by his devotedness to me and the whole nation, has by his name and his example, shown to the world that a man should stand alone.

In conclusion, I trust to inheritance and the nation to support me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon me by inheritance and to which I am determined to devote my whole strength during the remainder of my life.

After giving a list of those attending the council, the Gazette announces that the king subscribed the oath relating to the security of the church of Scotland.

It concludes with the king's formal proclamation ordering all officers and persons in authority throughout his dominions to continue to exercise their offices during the royal pleasure and exerting his royal authority as assistant chief officers in the performance and execution of their duties.

The morning papers publish a long tribute from the poet laureate, Mr. Alfred Austin, to the dead queen.

Orders have been issued for 6,500 troops to line the streets of London the day of the proclamation ceremonies.

Lord Roberts has ordered the army to adopt mourning until March 5. Memorial services will be held in St. Paul's cathedral morning and evening daily until the interment. At the first of these, held after the regular service yesterday, some 5,000 persons were present. Bishop Barry read the burial service and the "Dead March" in "Saul" and other funeral music was rendered.

The King Arrives in London.

London, Jan. 23.—The new monarch arrived here at 12:55 p. m. from Cowes, and at 2 p. m. he attended the meeting of the privy council in St. James' Palace, and took the oath of office, assuming the title of Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India.

Mingling with the royal dukes and great personages of the kingdom were a few men in plain clothes, to represent the fact that the general public have a nominal right to be present.

The king wore a field marshal's uniform and the ribbon of the Order of the Garter. When he began his speech his voice was plainly broken with emotion, but he recovered as he went on.

King Edward in his speech to the privy council said he had decided to assume the title of King Edward VII. In accordance with the wish of his beloved mother, who his majesty added, united the virtues of a supreme domestic guide with the affection and patriotism of a wide, peace-loving monarch. He had a respectful desire to leave the memory of his father's name, Albert, the exclusive treasure of his beloved mother. Notwithstanding his personal desire he could not hope to do justice to the renown and virtues associated with Prince Albert's name, but he would do his utmost to be worthy of his great position.

Crowds Lined the Route.

Dense crowds, beginning at St. James street lined the route to Victoria Station from an early hour. The Mall and the front of Buckingham Palace were especially thronged. Along the former, from the palace to Marlborough House, carriages filled

with women stood as if for a drawing room, excepting that the coachmen, footmen and occupants were all dressed in mourning.

The police precautions were unusual. Foot and mounted men guarded almost every yard of the way.

The crowds waited patiently for hours to greet their king. Finally preceded by half a dozen mounted policemen, a plain brougham, which was driven very rapidly, the coachman and footman wearing their usual gray liveries, with mourning bands on their arms, came into view. It contained the king and an eunuch. The new monarch was dressed in the deepest and most simple mourning. He appeared to be tired and sad. He raised his hat and bowed continually to the right and left in acknowledgment of the silent bearing of heads, which was most impressive than the most enthusiastic cheers.

Following the king in another carriage came the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and others. Both the king and the Duke of York looked pathetically at Buckingham Palace as they passed and acknowledged the salute of the guard of honor drawn up inside the palace grounds. The troops there and elsewhere showed no signs of mourning, except that the bands of the silent bearing of heads, which was most impressive than the most enthusiastic cheers.

Start for St. James's.

The king drove to St. James's palace from Marlborough House to reside at the first privy council by way of Marlborough house yard, the Mall and the garden entrance of the palace. He was attended by Lord Suffolk (who has been lord of the bedchamber to the Prince of Wales since 1873), and was escorted by a captain's escort of the Horse Guards. The procedure was exactly as on leave days.

By the time the king arrived a great gathering of privy councillors, in levee dress, with crapes on their left arms, had taken up position in the throne room. Royalties, cabinet ministers, commoners, bishops, judges, the lord mayor, etc., including the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and lesser members of the royal family: Lord Salisbury, Lord Rosebery, A. J. Balfour, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Strathcona at Mount Royal, and a host of the most prominent personages in the land, were there to receive the king's formal oath, binding him to govern the kingdom according to its laws and customs and to hear him as supreme judge in the last resort.

The lord chancellor (Lord Halsbury) administered the oath to the king and afterward to the various members of the council, beginning with the lords in order of precedence, and then the respective oaths of allegiance they passed in turn before his majesty, as at a levee, except that each paused and kissed his hand before passing out of the chamber. That brought the ceremony to a close.

Populace Begins to Cheer.

By 2:50 p. m. when his majesty returned to Marlborough house, the crowd in the neighborhood was of immense proportions. At the king's departure this morning there was silence, but as he returned he was cheered lustily. Immediately opposite Marlborough house gates a tall man, in front of the crowd, waved his hat and shouted: "Long live the king!" whereupon the crowd cheered with redoubled vigor.

The crowds along the line of route from St. James' palace also cheered as the king was driven back from the privy council meeting.

The king at the accession ceremony wore a military uniform. His brief speech was delivered with great earnestness and was extemporaneous. It is expected that it will be published later, in official form.

At the last moment the king decided not to attend the house of lords today. The proclamation of the accession of his majesty was signed by the princes present, the Duke of York first, then the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the lord chancellor, the lord mayor and the other representatives of the city of London. It is to be heralded at St. James' palace and the other customary centres tomorrow and will forthwith be published in the Gazette.

At 4:30 p. m. the artillery began firing salutes in St. James' park to signalize King Edward's accession to the throne.

Civic Procession.

Among the incidents of the day was an imposing civic procession. The lord mayor and aldermen, accompanied by the city marshal, mace bearer and other members of the corporation, escorted by a strong body of police, proceeded from the Mansion house by way of the Thames embankment and Trafalgar square to St. James' palace, in gilded equipages, with liveried outriders. The twenty semi-state carriages made a notable picture, which was witnessed by thousands of silent persons who filled the sidewalks along the route.

The king, who remains in London over night, was driven to Buckingham palace after taking the oath before the privy council and dined there with the Duchess of Albany. Subsequently he went to Marlborough House to sleep.

It is understood that he will return to Osborne tomorrow to direct the funeral arrangements.

These were discussed at a meeting of the authorities of the royal household at Buckingham Palace this evening. At the college of arms it was said that the date for the funeral could not be settled until it was known when the European royalties or their representatives could arrive, but that the date for the funeral would be at the earliest possible date, for the convenience of Emperor William, whose stay in England might be unavoidably limited.

Buckingham is being made ready for the royal persons who are arriving in London. Representatives of all the royal families in Europe will probably be present at the funeral, including the kings of Italy, Belgium and Greece, the crown princes of Germany and Sweden, and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, of Austria.

All the European courts will probably go into mourning for various periods.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

Shipping Bill Considered in Senate. Rawlins Precipitates a Debate. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Consideration of the shipping bill was resumed by the senate this afternoon. At the instance of Mr. Frye, of Maine, who relinquished the chair temporarily to take charge of the measure on the floor, it was made the unfinished business of the senate, thus restoring it to its privileged position. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, took the floor immediately in a characteristically brilliant, forceful and interesting speech in opposition to the measure, lasting nearly three hours. He advocated free ships and vigorously attacked the navigation laws of the United States, holding that they were responsible for the decadence of the merchant marine of America. He was accorded close attention by his colleagues on both sides of the chamber.

Early in the session, Mr. Rawlins (Dem., Utah) precipitated a lively colloquy by charging that a deal had been entered into between the Republican members of the Utah legislature and certain railroad interests and the officials of the Mormon church to secure the election of Thomas L. Kearns to the United States senate from that state. He aroused Mr. Hale, of Maine, and Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, who contended that the statements of Mr. Rawlins ought not to be made in the senate at this stage of the proceedings in Utah, as the senate could not consider the question in any phase in advance of action.

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Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—In the senate tonight Senator Flinn, of Allegheny, succeeded in having the bill providing for a new charter for second class cities, commonly known as the "ripper" bill, re-committed. When it was introduced last Monday by Senator Muehlbronner, of Allegheny, it was referred to the special committee of nine, which is considering all bills sent to it pending the appointment of the standing committees, and immediately referred back favorably as committed.

The bill came up tonight for second reading, and Senator Flinn interposed a motion to refer it to the committee on municipal affairs when appointed. He said the measure was not satisfactory to the people of Pittsburgh and he understood the citizens of Scranton were also dissatisfied with it.

He was not opposed to a change in the charter under which the city of Pittsburgh was now being governed, but he thought the provisions of the bill before the senate were unfair. The senator said he was willing to meet the framers of the bill half way if they would eliminate from it all "ripper" legislation. He would agree, also, to enlarge the powers of the mayors of the second class cities under fair restrictions. The present bill, he said, would legislate out of office the mayor of Pittsburgh, notwithstanding the fact that he had been elected by over 14,000 majority.

Senator Muehlbronner said he would second the motion of his colleague to recommit the bill, as he did not want the measure passed without full and fair discussion. The bill was then re-committed by a voice vote.

Among the bills introduced in the senate tonight were the following: By Senator Emery, Mercer—Appropriating \$2,500 for the state hospital for injured persons at Mercer.

By Senator Fox, Dauphin—Providing for the construction and completion of the state capitol building. Appropriating \$47,000 for the Harrisburg hospital.

By Senator Snyder, Chester—Regulating the sale of oleomargarine. Two bills were passed finally as follows: Prohibiting foreign corporations from doing any business in Pennsylvania without having at least one known place of business and one authorized agent.

Regulating, establishing and making uniform the fees of notaries public. The latter bill was introduced by Senator Emery, and is designed to take the place of an antiquated general law passed in 1814. It equalizes the fees of notaries, and also authorizes them to accept reasonable and necessary expenses for services when away from their regular places of business.

After a number of bills had been advanced to second reading the senate, at 9 o'clock, adjourned until 11 a. m. tomorrow.

HOUSE ORGANIZATION.

Ratification of Officers Reported by Republican State Committee.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—The organization of the house of representatives was completed at tonight's session by the ratification of the list of officers and employees reported from the Republican state committee by Mr. Keyser, of Philadelphia.

Speaker Marshall will announce the standing committees tomorrow, and then the real work of the legislature will begin. The Democrats reported a slate, which named C. Percy Brown, of Meadville, for chief clerk, and A. H. Hill, of Williamsport, for resident clerk. The slate was rejected by a viva voce vote, and that reported by the Republicans, which follows, was confirmed:

Chief clerk, Thomas S. Garvin, Delaware; resident clerk, Charles Johnson, Montgomery; reading clerk, J. R. W. Baker, Mercer; messenger, George W. Marshall, Jr., Lackawanna; bill book clerk, William Patrick, Philadelphia; transcription clerk, Salvador De Piero, Luzerne; W. D. McClure, Warren; John Tracy, Westmoreland; postmaster, Wick W. Wood, Lawrence; assistant postmaster, Theo. Don McAllister, Adams; bookkeeper, T. Lane Snyder, Chesterfield; assistant bookkeeper, Joseph Reynolds, Lackawanna; Justice Squire, Philadelphia; Nicholas Connelly, Philadelphia; D. H. Conine, Armstrong; John H. Marshall, Chester; doorkeeper of records, George J. Love, Erie; messenger, Joseph Weaver, Philadelphia; assistant messengers, Joseph Weaver, Philadelphia; R. E. Smith, Bedford; Andrew W. Conrad, Susquehanna; superintendent of folding room, William S. Flinn, Franklin; printer and folder, John Gendle, Lancaster; Robert Gormley, Carbon; H. G. Garbarino, Chester; L. L. Lichtenfeld, Erie; James Muller, Luzerne; M. J. Root, Lancaster; W. H. Bishop, Juniata; Irwin Graybill, Snyder; E. D. Leonard, Somerset; Thomas Bowen, Tioga.

Chief Clerk Garvin announced the following appointments: Journal clerk, M. C. Strano, Butler; Bill clerk, Gilbert Stachow, Philadelphia; chief clerk, George E. Cooper, Dauphin; speaker's page, Joseph Brown, Dauphin; page, Harry P. Kautzer, Mercer; Harry B. Herman, Blaine; John Kaul, Fayette; James McAlle, Lawrence; George Miller, Philadelphia; Elias Jones and Edwin Schwartz, Lackawanna; D. C. Battis, James Kessack, Frank Leedy, Edgar Battis, Dauphin.

Mr. Bailey a Senator.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 23.—Congressman J. W. Bailey was elected today senator today by the legislature in joint session to succeed House Clinton, whose term expires March 4th next.

The Star Overruled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 23.—The supreme court today overruled a motion for a rehearing in the case of the St. Louis Star against the Associated Press, in which a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the latter to furnish its report to the Star had been denied.

FLINN OBJECTS TO RIPPER BILL

He Succeeds in Having Senator Muehlbronner's Measure Re-committed.

THE SCHEME UNPOPULAR

Senator Flinn Believes the Measure is Obnoxious to Both Pittsburgh and Scranton—Senator Muehlbronner Also Desires Fair Discussion of the Matter—Organization of the House of Representatives—Distribution of Appointments.

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CHINA'S AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED

Anxiety of Foreign Envoys Is Much Relieved—Soldiers Anxious to Leave.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Peking, Wednesday, Jan. 16.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The agreement was delivered by the Chinese plenipotentiaries this afternoon, thus relieving the anxiety of the foreign envoys, who had begun to fear that in spite of the promises made, something might occur to cause delay.

There is a general feeling of satisfaction among the foreigners and soldiers. Most of the latter look anxiously forward to leaving China this year.

Prince Ching has visited the Russian minister, M. DeGiers, remaining with him two hours.

Judging from various opinions, there is little likelihood that the foreign envoys will reach an agreement at the meeting to be held Monday (Jan. 21) as to sending a favorable reply to the questions of the Chinese plenipotentiaries. A majority are in favor of carrying out to the strict letter the terms of the agreement.

Friends of Emperor Kwang Su have informed M. DeGiers that the emperor desires to return as speedily as possible to the capital and will do so as soon as he is assured that foreign troops will leave. His majesty would like to start for Peking immediately after Feb. 22, when the Chinese new year begins. The journey will probably take six weeks.

OLEOMARGARINE BILL.

Introduced in Senate by Mr. Snyder. Heavy Penalty for Violation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—Senator Snyder, of Chester county, tonight introduced in the senate an oleomargarine bill which was drawn up under the direction of the state administration. The bill imposes a fine of five hundred dollars and a sixty days imprisonment, also permits a permanent injunction against any defendant in any case while an appeal is pending to the higher courts, thus preventing delay, and making it undesirable for oleo law violators to resort to unnecessary and obstructive litigation. It requires wholesalers and retailers to keep open books, accessible by the department of agriculture at all time, showing all purchases and sales of oleo.

Provision is made for the punishment of clerks, agents and employees who in any way aid in the violation of the law, thus preventing violators from concealing themselves behind figureheads, whom the law heretofore has not been able to reach.

AN INDIAN TERROR ARRESTED.

John Coffey, of the Creek Tribe, Is in the Tolls at Muskegee.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Muskegee, I. T., Jan. 23.—John Coffey, one of the Creek band which has been terrorizing peaceable Indians, was arrested today by Marshal Pennett and will be tried before Commissioner Sanson. It is feared his friends will attempt to rescue him, and the feeling of insecurity has been intensified. News was brought in today of the killing of Dick King, a full-blood Creek, because of his refusal to join the marauders.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

RAIN OR SNOW.

1 General—King Edward VII Takes the Oath of Office. Senator Flinn Objects to the "Ripper" Bill. Disastrous Fire in Montreal.

2 General—Carbonade Department. Local—Frank Janzen Still in Custody. One Day's Court Record.

3 Editorial. Note and Comment.

4 Local—Traction Company Not Likely to Accede to Trolleyman's Demands. Mayor Mohr Does Not Like Proposed City Charter.

5 Local—West Scranton and Sulzbach. Hazing Inquiry Resumed.

6 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

7 Local—Scranton Is a Choppily Governed City. Live Seas of the Industrial World.

8 passage by congress of the ship subsidy bill was concurred in by a vote of 137 to 37. The Democrats voted in the negative and the Republicans in the affirmative, with the exception of Messrs. Coray, of Luzerne and Foster, of Montour, in the affirmative.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Beaver, of Juniata, which was adopted, favoring the election of United States senators by the people.

Speaker Marshall announced the following appointments: Speaker's clerk, Henry Hahn, Philadelphia; fire man on the floor, R. Bruce Koons, Huntington; Room and Board, Robert Sterling, Schuylkill; janitor of east room, David D. Frye, Cambria; janitor of committee rooms, W. T. Cox, Jefferson; Frank Hendricks, Potter; Herman E. Brown, Schuylkill; Edward Heavland, Philadelphia; Howard F. Davis, Dauphin; members of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie, Messrs. Morrison, of Mercer, and Rohler, of Philadelphia; members of the soldiers' orphans' committee, Messrs. Smith, of Snyder; Bricket, of Beaver, and Cooper, of Delaware.

Mr. Harris, of Clearfield, offered a concurrent resolution, which was referred to the rules committee when appointed, as follows, amending rule 8 to read: No bill, resolution or order to which the signature of the governor may be required, shall be passed by either house on the day of final adjournment and all such bills, resolutions and orders shall be presented to the governor by his signature by the proper committee before 8 o'clock on the morning of the day of final adjournment.

That rule 9 be amended to read: No bill, resolution or order shall be sent to the governor for his approval unless the same shall be printed on lead paper in exact reproduction of the bill, resolution or order as passed by the house.

The house adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE CAPITOL BILL.

Measure Introduced in the Senate by Mr. Fox—A Building Commission Provided For.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—The bill introduced in the senate tonight by Senator Fox, of Dauphin, providing for the completion of the state capitol building, authorizes the governor to appoint four persons who, with himself, as long as he shall be governor and his successors, as long as they respectively continue in office, shall constitute a commission, so long as necessary may require, which is authorized and empowered to construct and complete the building.

The commission shall receive no compensation for its services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred in connection with their duties and any vacancies occurring in the commission shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

Immediately upon the appointment of the commission it shall as speedily as possible have necessary drawings and specifications prepared, and let contracts for the execution of the work. The commission may make such modifications in the construction of the building already erected as it may deem advisable, but the building must provide ample accommodations for the executive and departmental branches of the state, as well as the general assembly.

The contracts shall include the removal of the two buildings now occupied by the secretary of internal affairs and the secretary of agriculture, and shall provide temporary quarters for these departments. Contracts shall go to the lowest responsible bidder, and all contractors shall be required to give bonds equal to one-half the amount of the contract.

The building shall be completed in all parts ready for occupation on or before November 1, 1905. The total aggregate cost for the construction of the building including the dome and the departmental wings, also including all fees, commissions, salaries and expenses of all kinds for the commission, engineers, experts, architects, superintendents, clerks and other employees shall not exceed six million dollars.

The sum of \$1,200,000 is to be appropriated for each of the fiscal years ending June 1, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. Payments in excess of the amount appropriated for each year can be made.

Damages for the Harveys.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 23.—In the case of Hon. W. J. Harvey and H. H. Harvey against the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, the jury returned a verdict today of \$14,500 damages for the Harveys. They owned some houses near one of the company's breakers, and the coal west from the breaker damaged the houses.

Sewell's Election Confirmed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 23.—The New Jersey legislature, in joint session, today confirmed the reelection of United States Senator William J. Sewell, by the house and senate in separate session yesterday.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—A charter was issued today to the Thompson Cuesary company, Thompson; capital, \$6,000.

MONTREAL IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Big Conflagration Destroys Buildings in the Business Portion of the City.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Montreal, Jan. 24, 1 a. m.—One of the most disastrous fires which this city has ever suffered began at 5 o'clock last night, and notwithstanding the efforts of the entire fire department, the progress of the flames was not checked until 1 o'clock this morning. By that time it had destroyed property valued at between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 and was still burning, though the appearance was that the firemen have at last got it under control.

Included in the property burned is a splendid board of trade building, which cost over half a million dollars, with over a hundred tenants and half a dozen large firms and two scores of smaller concerns. The weather was cold and the firemen were greatly hampered in this respect.

Estimate of Losses. Outside of the board of trade building, there was not a modern structure among those burned.

The narrow streets, antiquated buildings and the inflammable nature of the stocks they contained made a combination which the department was powerless to overcome.

The fire practically burned until it came to open space, which gave the firemen an opportunity for effective work. For a time it looked as if the flames would spread along Commissioners street to the grand office building in the course of erection there.

Numerous crowds of people jammed the narrow streets, and the police could not control them. Women fainted and their clothes were torn, and a few were slightly injured in the rushes for safety.

The following are estimates of the principal losses: Board of Trade, \$600,000; insurance, \$400,000; tenants, \$100,000; M. Saxe & Co., wholesale clothing, \$75,000; H. A. Nelson & Sons company, fancy goods, \$100,000; Beardmore & Co., tanners, \$150,000; Silverman Boulter & Co., hats, caps, etc., \$125,000; Corliss & Co., furs, \$300,000; C. Seybold Sons & Co., hats and furs, \$50,000; H. Levi, woollens, etc., \$60,000; C. A. Choullau & Co., commission merchants, \$50,000; Laporte, Martin & Co., \$50,000; J. Cohen & Co., wholesale clothing, \$40,000.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected at Meeting at Harrisburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—The annual business meeting of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association was held in this city today, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, A. B. Burk, of Philadelphia; first vice-president, Cyrus T. Fox, of Reading; second vice-president, Frank Vogel, of Greensburg; third vice-president, Detrick Lamade, of Williamsport; secretary and treasurer, Colonel R. H. Thomas, Mechanicsburg; assistant secretary and treasurer, R. H. Thomas, Jr., Mechanicsburg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. Stoffer, Elizabethtown; executive committee, H. A. Thompson, R. B. McKee, E. A. Stephenson, R. T. Wiley and M. L. McQuinn.