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The Most Important Session Held in Many Years.

SIDNEY E. MUDD TO BE SPEAKER

Republicans of the House Decided to Elect the Ex-Congressman as Presiding Officer—Democrats Support John Walter Smith for President.

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 Eastern Shore people claim a victory in the senatorship fight against Congressman George L. Wellington. The Democratic members of the senate nominated John Walter Smith, of Worcester, for president. Mr. Smith was president of the last senate. Senator W. Cabell Bruce, of Baltimore, who was elected as a Democrat, declined to enter the caucus. This leaves practically a deadlock if Bruce fails to vote for Senator Smith when the Senate attempts to organize.

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. Another is that it will elect a United States senator to succeed Charles H. Gibson, and as the Republicans have a safe majority on joint ballot, there seems no reasonable room for doubt that Senator Gorman will, for the first time since he became a senator, have a Republican colleague.

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. That there will be many fights over these measures is certain, because the Democrats still retain control of the senate by a slender margin, and as most of the proposed legislation will be aimed at alleged abuses that it is claimed have grown up under Democratic rule, stubborn resistance to their passage seems certain.

The organization of the house and senate will have no special bearing on the future of those bodies. No business of great moment will be undertaken until after the inauguration of Governor-elect Lowndes on Jan. 8.

A serious split exists in the Republican ranks over what is known as the "eastern shore law," which provides that one of Maryland's senators shall come from that portion of the state which lies east of the Chesapeake bay. This law has stood upon the statute books since 1788, and has never been ignored, but now it is proposed to set it aside and to choose a man from the western portion of the state to sit in the United States senate with Senator Gorman, who also hails from that section.

A majority of the Republican members are also from that section, and it is proposed to override the minority. Without the minority votes the Republicans cannot elect a United States senator. Upon the other hand, the members from the western shore claim that the law is unconstitutional and unjust, because of the great disparity in the population of the two sections, and are equally determined not to vote for a man from the eastern shore until it is clear that one from the west cannot be elected.

A New Year's Gift for Miners.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—W. P. De Armit, of the New York and 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. The increase was voluntary, and indicates that a uniform rate of sixty-four cents for the ensuing year will be arranged by the joint scale committee of operators and miners, which meets here on Thursday. Mr. De Armit states, however, that if he finds a lower rate is being paid by any operator he will reduce his rate to forty-nine cents. If a uniform rate is established here the miners claim it will mean better wages in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Abe Buzzard Totally Blind.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 1.—Abe 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.

Train Wrecked by a Boulder.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 1.—The locomotive and fifteen box cars of a Northern Central freight train were tumbled into the Susquehanna river, two miles below Georgetown, last night. Twenty other freight cars were thrown across the track and completely blocked travel. An immense boulder, weighing several tons, had been loosened from the mountain side by Monday night's storm, and fell upon the track in front of the train. Six men went into the river with the wreck and sustained severe injuries. The engine was totally wrecked.

A few more presents in silver novelties left at Maley's, the jeweler.

New Year Sociable.

A grand sociable will be held at Robbins' opera house on New Year's (Wednesday) night. Music will be furnished by the Riley orchestra.

Gold toothpicks at Maley's, the jeweler.

Injured at Kohinor Colliery. Michael Casper, a miner employed at Kohinor colliery, was injured yesterday morning by the premature explosion of a blast. His injuries are not serious.

Ladies' and gents' gold watches at Maley's, 16 North Main street.

TERRIBLE BOILER EXPLOSION.

It Results in the Death of Four Men, While Another Narrowly Escaped.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 1.—Three men were killed by a boiler explosion at the Law colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company, at Avoca, yesterday. The dead are: Thomas McDonald, machinist, aged 52 years; Alexander Young, pump runner, aged 38 years; John Rolis, carpenter, aged 50 years. Fireman John Blaso was slightly injured.

The explosion occurred in one of the huge boilers in the big boiler house of the company, and was of such terrific force that it completely demolished the building and tore McDonald and Young literally to pieces, scattering their remains in every direction. Ponderous pieces of iron were hurled many yards, and the air pressure broke windows at a distance of 200 feet. Every house in the village was shaken, and the terrified inhabitants rushed out of their homes in wild confusion.

The cause of the disaster was the scarcity of water in the boilers. That which exploded had been condemned some time ago by an inspector. The boilers were set in solid brick work. A few minutes before the accident Fireman Blaso entered the boiler room and his attention was immediately attracted by a peculiar movement among the bricks over the top of the boilers. Without delay he fled from the place and sought safety in a coal shed. Hardly had he gained this shelter when the explosion came.

The boilers flew in every direction. One went like a rocket through a lead house, eighty feet away, killing McDonald instantly. Then it passed on seventy feet, landing on a trestle and crushing its way through, finally falling on the ground, where Rolis was at work preparing timbers for use in the mine. He was crushed to death. Young was in the engine house when the explosion came. Only a small portion of his mangled body has been recovered.

At Green's Rialto Cafe.

Do not miss our excellent New Year's lunch to-night. Plenty for all and something to please everybody.

Free hot lunch every morning.

Meal served at all hours.

Perseverance Rewarded.

Thomas Shields, of West Oak street, to-day entered upon his duties as railway mail agent on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad between Pottsville and Williamsport. His many friends will be pleased to hear of the advancement he has made and wish him still greater achievement. Mr. Shields is 35 years of age. He is one of the men of the coal region who have advanced by perseverance and personal merit. He worked in the mines from early boyhood until appointed to the position he entered upon to-day and carried his qualifications for it by hard study after returning from work in the mines at night.

Buy your New Year's presents at Maley's.

The Rescue Ball.

The twentieth annual ball of the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company, in Robbins' opera house last night, was a great success. It was one of the leading events of the season and the attendance was very large. The company sustained its reputation for royal entertainment of guests and everybody who patronized the event went home well satisfied with the evening. The floor managers were Messrs. M. G. Wurm, George Broome and William Gale and the dancing music was furnished by the Riley orchestra. The ball was preceded by a street parade in which the Columbia, Phoenix and Rescue companies participated, headed by the Lithuanian band.

F. O. S. of A. Election.

An election of officers held by Washington Camp No. 112, F. O. S. of A., last night resulted as follows: Past President, George W. Davis; President, W. H. Kerslake; Vice President, Benjamin Mansell; Master of Furns, John Gale; Treasurer, George H. Kriek; Secretary, J. S. Williams; Conductor, Arthur Triggembo; Inspector, John Major; Outer Guard, Henry Argood; Trustee, B. F. Parrott; Charter Trustee, Joseph Lehmler; Chaplain, John A. Bitter.

Schultz House.

Boston Baked Beans to-night. Egg Nog. Tom and Jerry.

Engine Broke Down.

One of the engines at the incandescent electric light station broke down last evening. Some consumers on West Centre street were temporarily deprived of light, but an extra engine was put in operation and no serious delay was caused. The damaged engine was repaired during the night and put in service again.

We still lead in the line of fashionable neckwear.

At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

Buried With Army Honors.

John Haseg, one of Delano's old residents, passed away at 11 o'clock on Sunday night. He had been a machinist and lived on the mountain top for a score of years or more. He had not worked recently, however, and lived with a son. The funeral took place to-day and was attended by the Grand Army, of which the deceased was a member.

Special New Year Lunch.

Everybody is invited to come and partake of an excellent dish of chicken soup, free, at the Kendrick House. Steaming hot and delicious.

Making Returns.

The tax collectors of the county are now making their returns to the County Commissioners of assessed lands and also lands on which no taxes can be collected. These returns must be made on or before the first day of January, and as a consequence the Commissioners' office was open to-day.

Extends Its Greeting.

The Columbia Brewing Company wishes everybody a happy New Year and returns its thanks to its many friends who have patronized them so liberally during the past year and promise to try to merit a continuance of the same.

Servant Girl Wanted.

Good wages will be paid to a good servant girl. Apply at Nos. 9 and 11 South Main street, Shenandoah.

AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY!

All Appointments Will be Definitely Announced Next Monday.

THE CONTROLLER'S ARRANGEMENTS

Frank C. Reese Will be His Deputy and Chairman Burd Payne Chief Clerk—The Commissioners Will Re-appoint Present Subordinates.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 1.—Contrary to the expectations of many people the fiscal year of county affairs does not begin until next Monday and many of the appointments for the year will not be made until that time. This will be the case with respect to formal announcements of appointments by the Directors of the Poor, and the District Attorney's office.

In connection with the County Controller's and County Commissioners' offices the same rule will apply, but appointments are settled, having been semi-officially announced to-day. This morning County Controller Severn stated that next Monday he will begin business under his re-election last November and that Frank C. Reese, of Shenandoah, will be his deputy, while County Chairman Burd S. Payne, of Ashland, will be the chief clerk. The Controller is unmistakably confident that he will be able to fill the full term of the office. Mr. Reese will be free to enter the Controller's office next Monday and give all his time to it, his service in the office of the Shenandoah Citizens' Water & Gas Company having ended yesterday.

The County Commissioners have their list of appointments ready and the old corps will remain on duty after next Monday, with the possible exception of Prison Physician, Dr. George Moore, of Heckscherville, may succeed the present incumbent, Dr. G. W. Cooper, of Friedensburg.

The appointments will be as follows:

Chief Clerk, Philip J. Connell, of Girardville, \$1,500.

Tax Clerk, Horace T. Reber, of Pinegrove, \$900.

Warrant Clerk, Carl Coogan, Shenandoah, \$900.

Docket Clerk, Richard T. Lewis, Mahanoy City, \$900.

Typewriter and Stenographer, Irwin W. Moser, Pottsville, \$900.

County Solicitor, John O. Ulrich, Tanawana, \$900.

Janitor, George Owens, Pottsville, \$720, including house rent and coal.

Assistant Janitor, Isaac Jones, of Pottsville, \$900.

Fireman, George Oels, Pottsville, \$900.

Night Watchman, John Bowes, Pottsville, \$900.

Clock Winder, B. F. Gaisel, Pottsville, \$75.

Prison Warden, Calvin W. Brower, Tremont, \$1,500.

Matron, Mrs. Calvin W. Brower, \$100.

Underkeeper, W. J. Carter, St. Clair, \$900, including house rent and coal.

Bolt Weaver, Michael Schoeneman, Pottsville, \$900.

Clerk, Isaac Sotzin, Washington township, \$900.

Night Watchman, John Holmes, Coal Dale, \$540.

Night Watchman, Robert Leonard, Pottsville, \$540.

Seamstress, Miss Annie McHale, Girardville, \$180.

The latest styles of stiff hats for 1896, just received which we offer to the trade now at \$1.50. At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

THE SPIANS IN TROUBLE.

An Actor Gets Into Trouble Over Salary Due.

Charles Schmick, who is an ariel performer and was one of the All-Star Company that stranded here yesterday, was arranged before Justice Williams last night, charged by Fred B. Collins, who was manager of the company, with the larceny of a bear skin overcoat valued at \$40. Collins said that he loaned the coat to Thomas Waters, another member of the company, from whom Schmick took the garment. Collins demanded it and when he attempted to take it by force Schmick drew a knife with a long blade and threatened to spill blood.

Schmick acknowledged the charge as made, but in mitigation, alleged that he held the coat as security for wages due himself and wife for performances under Collins' management and that a justice of town had advised him to hold the coat until his wages were forthcoming. Justice Williams took a different view of the matter and Schmick settled the case by returning the coat to Collins and giving security for payment of the costs.

Go To The Fair.

There will be a grand New Year's time at the Phoenix Fair to-night. A pleasing entertainment will be one of the features and many of the valuable prizes will be cleaned off. The people should not fail to attend to-night, as it will repay them and at the same time assist the worthy firemen. The door prize will be a bag of flour and a basket of groceries.

They Didn't Fight.

The fight which was fixed to take place in the school house near New Boston last night between "Diukey" Hughes, of Mahanoy Plains, and Harry Huntzinger, of Mahanoy City, fell through, Thomas Jones, superintendent of the mines at New Boston, refusing to allow the school house to be used for the purpose and the principals, with about one hundred sports, walked back to Mahanoy City disgusted.

Birthday Party.

A birthday party was held last evening in honor of Miss Laura Robinson, at her residence on East Coal street. A large number of friends attended. After indulgence in games of various kinds a supper was served.

Coming Events.

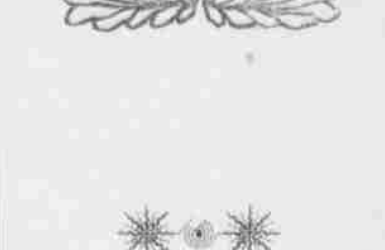
Jan. 2.—Entertainment by the Ministering Children's League of the All Saints' P. E. church, in Robbins' hall.

Jan. 18.—Grand Welcome Meeting to Brigadier Down and Ensign Gilbert, at Evangelical church.

Feb. 29.—Supper and entertainment under the auspices of Council No. 84, Daughters of Liberty, in Robbins' hall.

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