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LOOTS PASSENGERS DOWN IS SPEAKER

One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

THE PORTER WAS SHOT

Masked Bandits Signal Train and... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

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Both the engineer and fireman... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

Women screamed and became hysterical... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

Shortly after midnight Conductor... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

Seed cotton, 5.50... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

Start the New Year Right... One of the Finest Passenger Trains Robbed

COAT SUITS... We will sell them regardless of their former cost. Now is your chance to get BIG VALUE at a SMALL PRICE. See East Show Window James E. Clark Co. THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

CITY ALDERMEN

Met in Regular Monthly Session Monday Night

ANOTHER MEETING JAN. 9-11

The Military Company Donated \$150... Other Matters

The Board of City Aldermen met in regular monthly session at the city hall last Monday night with His Honor, Mayor C. H. Sterling, presiding.

On motion the mayor appointed J. G. Channon and George J. Studdert as a committee of two to go before the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the proposed road tax of 10 cents on the \$100.

On motion the Hook and Ladder Company was allowed the use of the extra horse in case of fire, city to furnish a pair of shafts.

HALCYON CLUB GIVES GERMAN

The regular New Year germias of the Halcyon Club was given at the Elks Home last night. The german was led by Col. H. C. Bragaw, dancing with Mrs. Richard Bragaw.

The following couples participated: Col. H. C. Bragaw with Mrs. Richard Bragaw. William Knight with Miss Mary Bell Small.

J. K. HOYT, Washington's Greatest Store... SLEEPING GOWNS... Make Sleeping Comfortable 49c, 79c, 98c and \$1.25 All Sizes

DIX IS GOVERNOR

First Democratic Executive in Eighteen Years

FIRST OFFICIAL UTTERANCE

Business and Economy the Keynote of the Inaugural Address—Many High Officials Were Present—Other Governors Inducted Into Office

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—With impressive ceremonial John A. Dix, second of that name to be clothed with the dignity and responsibilities of the governorship of the Empire state, was formally inducted into office today, the first Democratic governor in 18 years.

His first official utterance, outlining the keynote of his inaugurated policy, was received with close attention by an audience comprising all the higher state officials and as many others as could crowd into the assembly chamber, where the function occurred.

"I am a firm believer in the government for the people and by the people, and I solemnly declare that I assume the responsibilities of this great office without the fetter of a single promise except my oath to obey the constitution of the state and to protect the rights and interests of all the people of the state."

Proceeding inauguration ceremony there was a parade of state military organizations and Democratic clubs. Governor Dix and his predecessor in office and their secretaries, riding in automobiles, headed the procession.

The New Governors Washington Jan. 2.—Six new governors, four of them representing different political parties than their predecessors, were inaugurated in the United States yesterday. In three of the states the changes representing gains to the democratic ranks, the fourth Nevada, by inaugurating Tucker L. Odde now has its first Republican chief executive for nearly a score of years.

The following are the states in which new chief executives took their offices: New York, John A. Dix, (Dem); Horace White, (Rep); Wisconsin, F. E. McGovern, (Rep); James Davidson (Rep); Michigan, Chase S. Osborn (Rep); Fred M. Warner (Rep); Wyoming, Joseph M. Carey (Dem); B. H. Brooks, (Rep); Idaho, James H. Hawley (Dem); J. H. Brady (Rep); Nevada, Tasker L. Odde (Rep); D. C. Dickerson (Dem).

THE BOLL WEEVIL

Indications Pest Will Cover Cotton Belt

SD STATES MR. W. D. HUNTER

Last Year Nearly 30 per cent of the Cotton Acreage Was Infested by the Boll Weevil—Important Progress in Use of Arsenate of Lead as Poison

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—"Nothing has transpired up to the present time to indicate that the boll weevil will not eventually reach the northern and easternmost portions of the cotton belt," says W. D. Hunter, in charge of Southern field and crop insect investigations in a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture.

The boll weevil last year infested nearly 30 per cent of the cotton acreage of the United States. It was found in 100 per cent of the cotton in Louisiana, 30 per cent in Texas, 30 per cent in Arkansas, 25 per cent in Mississippi and 25 per cent in Oklahoma.

The progress of the insect pest to the east will be more rapid than to the north, because of the climatic conditions, but the experience thus far acquired seems to indicate, according to the agricultural department, that the weevil will eventually overcome any climatic barriers. The only exception to this is in the high open plains of northern Texas. Important progress has been made in the use of arsenate of lead as a poison.

THIEVES MET WITH SHOT

Would-be thieves received more than they bargained for last night in paying a late visit to the beef and meat market of Mr. W. J. Hardison on North Market street between ten and eleven o'clock.

Mr. Hardison suspected something wrong going on at his place of business yesterday and so concluded to watch his stall last night to see whether or not his suspicions were well grounded. He secreted himself about sixty yards from his back door provided with a gun loaded with No. 6 shot.

A short while after ten o'clock two men were seen to approach the door and commence an effort to force an entrance. While in the act Mr. Hardison let them have a load of shot, but on account of the distance and size of the shot the robbers made good their escape without being hurt. The shot went to the mark and the door this morning looks as if pepper had been sprinkled over it.

On account of the darkness, Mr. Hardison is unable to state whether they were white or black.

January 1 each year to tide them over until money is available. A large number of the counties in North Carolina do not have to settle with the state until June.

GLEE SINGERS MONDAY NIGHT

The third number in our Lyceum course, the National Glee Singers of Wales, will appear at the Public School Auditorium Monday, January 9, at 8:30 p. m.

In addition to Alf Thomas, the singing humorist, there are the party of three first tenors, two second tenors, two first basses, three second basses, and one accompanist.

"Heralded with success from their nine weeks' tour of America, the Cambrian Glee Singers from the South of Wales, came to Manchester last evening and gave one of the finest musical concerts ever given in the city."—The Union, Manchester, Mass.

"The twelve Welsh singers who presented a most delightful program last evening, proved the significant fact that the Welsh people are distinctively a race of singers. All their history and folklore has been set forth in songs and the folk songs rendered, descriptive of every phase of life, were delightful and beautifully interpreted."—Daily News, of Fremont, Ohio.

"It was the finest vocal musical organization that has ever visited Fargo."—Daily News, Fargo, N. D.

"All who heard the concert were loud in their praises of its excellence and the enjoyment afforded by it."—Daily Tribune, Providence, R. I.

The Superiority of Electric Toast... to the charred, or brittle, or soggy kind made in the tedious old-fashioned way, is relatively the same as the superiority of grilled steak to fried steak. For one-seventh of a cent, a slice the Electric Radiant Toaster makes Perfect Toast faster than you can eat it. It is Perfect Toast because the radiant heat forces the necessary chemical change in the bread. This insures delicious golden Toast that fairly melts in your mouth. You can operate the Electric Radiant Toaster on the finest damask table cloth. Its near porcelain base and cheerful glowing coils add grace and charm to any table. Washington Electric Plant.

THE GEM THEATRE... LOOKING FOR AMUSEMENT? The best place to spend the odd hour in the evening is at this... UP-TO-DATE MOVIE PICTURE SHOW... Absolutely the best moving pictures shown—every facility here for your convenience and comfort to enjoy yourself. A TALE OF A RAT (Vitagraph) THE SILENT MESSAGE (Essanay) HER ADOPTED PARENTS (Vitagraph) A prize every week call for your coupons.