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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1905. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

If you are building a house to sell don't wait until it is finished before advertising it. You might as well have the first cash payment in hand by the time painters and decorators are through.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

Startling Arrests And Confession At Ogden Today.

INFORMATION

AGAINST DAVIES.

Criminal Proceedings Will be Commenced for His Part in Bounty Steal.

JONES IN THE POLICE COURT.

Escorted From the County Jail Before Judge Diehl, He Took Time in Which to Plead.

OTHERS ARE UNDER SUSPICION.

Further Arrests May be Made as Official Drag Net is Spread Out for Additional Offenders.

The bounty frauds continue to be the sensation of the hour. Up to this afternoon Sheriff Emery had made no further arrests though it is understood he had additional warrants to serve—at least one.

Young Bryon Davies is still in the county jail. While he has not yet been criminally charged it was stated by the sheriff that it is the intention to file an information against him. It is believed that when this is done he will make disclosures that he might not otherwise make. Friends continue to hold to the idea that he has not committed a public wrong but he has admitted enough to convince the officers that he is implicated in a degree. For instance, his admission that he has taken \$5 and \$10 gold pieces from some of the hide and pelt men, but that he cannot remember who they are, is accepted with the usual application of salt. The officers believe it entirely possible that he is endeavoring to screen official or other friends, and that a prosecution of the case will be necessary to clear the matter up. This charge by ex-County Clerk James that he has been going a pretty rapid pace of late and living beyond his means has been pretty well established and altogether the young man finds himself in a most difficult position. Meanwhile he remains in the county jail.

JONES FACES DIEHL.

Charles Jones whose arrest occurred at Ogden on Saturday and who was brought to Salt Lake and remanded to the county jail, was taken before Judge Diehl of the city court at noon today. Jones was ill at ease and not in a mood to plead. His attorney, Mr. Christensen held to the same view and called for the statutory time which was granted. Accordingly he will have until tomorrow morning to think matters over. At 10 o'clock he will again be taken before Diehl and unless there are further unforeseen delays he will make answer to the charge of obtaining money fraudulently from the state. Being unable to give bonds, he went back to the custody of the sheriff and is again lodged safely in the county jail.

DAVIES TO JAMES.

Former Confessed to the Latter That He Had Accepted Money.

Concerning the bounty frauds and Young Davies' connection therewith, Ex-County Clerk James said today that while he was free to confess that the deputy had been very indiscreet, he could not believe he was guilty of any criminal intent. "The young man told me," said Mr. James, "that he had accepted occasional tips from the men who brought in the pelts, these being in sums of \$5 and \$10 at a time. Which of the men gave him he could not say, though he believed he would be able to identify them if brought before him."

Mr. James further stated that Davies had been quite reckless in the law having dissipated a good deal, and this, perhaps, was the cause of his trouble at the present time. Continuing he said:

"It can hardly be possible the \$12,000 or anywhere near such a sum was paid for bounties in Salt Lake county during the past four months. I do not think the bounties for the four years I was in office amounted to more than \$17,000, and my memory is that the bounties since October 1, did not amount to more than \$4,000."

"I cannot believe that Mr. Davies was in any way implicated in these frauds. All there is against him is that he accepted a tip on one occasion. It was a connected and made the proper affidavit with no discretion. The law simply provided that the certificate should be issued. My attention was called to the great increase in the number of wild animals killed and I asked

some of the people about it. They told me that the snows brought the animals down out of the hills."

THE BANKS AND BOUNTY.

Former Bought Many of Them But Have State's Promise To Pay.

The banks of Utah, especially of Salt Lake, are greatly concerned over the bounty frauds, as they are holding certificates and warrants, sometimes for large amounts, against the state. Some of these warrants are undoubtedly from the proceeds of the fraudulent hunters, but they have been regularly issued by the state authorities, and contain the state's guarantee to make good.

One prominent banker said this morning: "I think I have met one of these men engaged in fraudulent hunting. He looked the part, and when he came into the bank, he showed me a bounty warrant. I questioned their genuineness and refused to accept them. It resulted in his becoming hostile and leaving the bank in a rage. At other times he has done business with the bank, through its clerks. To satisfy myself that his claims were genuine I had inquiries made of the state auditor and the secretary of state, and found that they were regular warrants, properly made out, and genuine. I was also assured by both of these state officers that the warrants so issued in lieu of bonds, would be paid by the state, which expressed its obligation in its warrant, and therefore this bank has continued to accept bounty warrants when offered. I think all the other banks in the city have pursued the same policy and I have not heard a supply of the warrants for various amounts."

GREAT HUNTERS THEY.

Crack Sportsmen Thrown in the Shade by the Energetic Bounty Getters.

The hunters of Utah who have imagined that they are good shots, and have tramped and hunted and shot for pleasure has been down in the matter of bounty hunters. The new hunters are being foisted upon them by the bounty hunters. How T. McEwan, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Utah, who with Olando Hebe has hunted over about every inch of Utah's hunting grounds, said today: "These fellows are the greatest hunters in the world. They have Daniel Boone's spirit, and I do not mention the others of the world's famous hunters. Here we fellows have tramped down one canyon and up another, and have kept out to watch for stray game, and the west we have located after sometimes weeks of watching has been a stray chipmunk or a squirrel—or possibly, when look was good, a bag of coyotes. The state of Utah simply could not yield the kill reported by these claims."

THE FAKE HIDE BUSINESS.

Cheap Skins Palmed Off as Those Of High Bountied Animals.

Just how the fraudulent bounty warrants were secured was a subject widely discussed today in all business circles. News varied over a great range of possible ways to fake in the matter of hides and pelts. Chief Deputy Clerk David A. Smith, of the Salt Lake county clerk's office, expressed the opinion that a great deal of faking has been done in the matter of hides. Often it has been impossible to distinguish the hides of different kinds of animals, and disputes have occurred over the value of the hides. He claimed to be from wolves, and young cat hides they claimed as from animals paying higher bounties.

BOTKIN REMINISCENT.

Judge Theodosius Botkin, reading clerk of the senate, smiled many times yesterday as the same names began recurring in the list of big claimants submitted by Governor Cutler in his special message. After adjournment of the law makers, the senate chamber became a collection of little knots of senators, each expressing an opinion on the big fraud case, while the committee on appropriations and claims sat apart at a table, debating earnestly on a possible plan to put an immediate stop to the issuance of bounty warrants, and to plan for the law repeal or amendment of the law, Judge Botkin smiled some more as one knowing the ways of money tamperers, and told a story of cyclone justice in Kansas.

"It was in the town of Olathe, in Grant county, Kansas, in 1890," he explained, "in a single afternoon the four county commissioners, the county clerk and his deputy, and two ticket scalpers managed to get \$16,000 out of the state on fake bounty claims. And the next morning the whole package of just missed being taken out on the prairie—we don't have any trees big enough to hang them on—and shot."

WORKED IT CLEVERLY.

"I guess the reason they missed it was that it was in my judicial district, and I didn't want to have the history of that judicial district marred by any such case. They worked the scheme pretty cleverly, too. The law then provided that the clerk should burn the pelts delivered to him. Well, on this afternoon one of the ticket brokers showed up with a package of pelts. After he has secured his bounty warrant, the clerk threw the bunch of pelts into a vault where his clerk was hiding. The clerk caught them, and threw them out a back window, and in a few moments the ticket broker would be in again with a fresh package of pelts. In another room sat the county commissioners passing favorably upon the warrants and ordering their payment. The thing looked out in the evening, and the game stopped working with \$16,000 drawn out in bounty money."

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

"Next morning when I got up I saw men coming from all directions, driving into town at an unusually early hour. I knew what it meant, and I did not want a mob rule while I sat on the bench in Grant county. So I sent for the sheriff and asked him if he could not keep law and order. He said he

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Weber County Defrauded Out of \$14,000

Sheriff's Office There Arrests Arthur H. Conlisk, Who Has Turned State's Evidence, And Deputy County Clerk Swan—Story of How the Bold Swindle Has Been Conducted Throughout.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Jan. 17.—There were some startling arrests and disclosures in this city today in the big bounty fraud cases. Also a complete confession on the part of one of the principals. Other surprising arrests will follow, and there is promise of men in high places being taken into custody.

This morning the sheriff's office here arrested deputy-county clerk William H. Swan and Arthur H. Conlisk, son of the former chief of police of this city and until today employed as assistant ticket seller at the Union depot.

Swan has simply been a professional go-between for the hide and pelt men and county officials, who, together have defrauded the county out of more than \$14,000.

The discovery was made by the new county clerk, David Matson, who found in going over the books that Conlisk had for many months past been receiving large amounts of money paid out

as bounty on wild animal skins. The case was put into the hands of Sheriff Hailey and Deputies Pender and Seebing, who worked it up until the arrests were made.

Conlisk has drawn, personally, \$1,826.50 since April 2, 1904. He got his last warrant for \$267 on Saturday last. Conlisk has made a full confession in the presence of his father and brother, the district attorney and other officials, and the same has been reduced to writing. It is understood that other men of prominence are implicated and that there will be some very sensational disclosures within the next day or two. Former Chief of Police Conlisk stood at his son's side and urged him to make a clean breast of it and to spare no man, no matter who he was, and that he would be ready to make a full confession of his part in the fraud.

The men arrested are charged with perjury, obtaining money under false pretenses and conspiracy. The com-

plaining witness in each case is David Matson, the present county clerk.

State Senator Hollingsworth came down to Salt Lake on the noon train today and when seen in the senate chambers by a "News" representative this afternoon he said in relation to Clerk Swan:

"I had implicit confidence in him, and I cannot now bring myself to believe he is implicated. He has been an assistant in the office for five years, and was retained by the present clerk, Mr. Matson. He was always attentive to his duty, and was a sober and capable man. He was in charge of punching and counting the hides that came in. It was his practice to go to the basement where there was a hardwood block and a sawy punch, and in this manner he handled probably 85 per cent of all the pelts that came into that office. Until the startling disclosure of his arrest this morning, I felt positive that Weber county would not be implicated in these frauds. I learned today that fraudulent claims went through as late as last Saturday, and that he handled them."

IS RUSSIA TRYING TO INVOLVE FRANCE?

Various Incidents Have Created That Impression in Official Circles of Japan.

SITUATION RATHER SERIOUS.

Stay of Second Pacific Squadron at Madagascar May Call for an Explanation.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—The note of the Russian government to the powers calling attention to the alleged violation by China of her declared neutrality, which, Russia charges, has been at the instance of Japan; the raid of Lieut.-Gen. Mischenko's cavalry southwest of Liao Yang, resulting, as the Japanese claim, in the deliberate invasion of neutral territory, and the alleged violation of French neutrality by vessels of the Russian Second Pacific squadron in making a prolonged stay at ports of the island of Madagascar, have created the impression in official circles here that the Russians are trying to involve France, China and other powers in the far east so that Russia may be enabled to take her defeat with greater grace.

A prominent Japanese official said to the correspondent of the Associated Press today:

"France recently denied that vessels of the Russian Second Pacific squadron were stopping at Madagascar, but since then it has not uttered a word, and the situation is one calling for explanation."

FAIRBANKS' SUCCESSOR.

Indiana Legislature Chooses Representative James A. Hemenway.

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—The two branches of the Indiana legislature today voted separately for United States senator. Senator Albert J. Beveridge succeeded himself and Representative James A. Hemenway of Evansville, to succeed Vice President-elect Charles W. Fairbanks received the unanimous vote of the Republican members, who are in a large majority. The minority cast their votes for John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, and Benjamin F. Shively, of South Bend.

Mr. Hemenway is representative in Congress of the first Indiana district and is chairman of the appropriation committee. Both he and Senator Beveridge arrived today from Washington. Tomorrow at a joint session the vote will be canvassed and Senator Beveridge and Senator Hemenway will be formally declared elected and each will address the legislature.

Nebraska Chooses Burkett.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—Without a party caucus or other formality gave the pledge of the Nebraska district conventions, the Republicans in the Nebraska legislature today voted for Elmer J. Burkett for United States senator. There are only nine Fusionists in the two houses and Mr. Burkett received a majority vote in each. Tomorrow the legislature will meet in joint session and the vote will be announced. Mr. Burkett has represented the First Nebraska district in Congress for three terms.

The nine Fusion votes in the house were given to Richard L. Metcalf of Omaha. On joint ballot the vote stood: Burkett, 18; Metcalf, 9. Alfred Sorenson of Omaha, 1; J. A. Douglas of Rock county, 1.

Stoessel Starts for Odessa.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The state department has received the following cablegram from Consul General Harris at Nagasaki, dated today:

"Gen. Stoessel, 51, Alfred Sorenson, were destroyed by fire today. M. J. Farr, steward of the club, is missing. Fire Chief O'Connor was dangerously injured. Total loss, \$100,000."

CAUSES DEATH OF FIFTY-NINE PERSONS

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—Fifty-nine persons perished as the result of an avalanche of rocks at Naedal, north of Bergen, Sunday. A mass of rock was suddenly precipitated into Loenvald lake from the neighboring hills, causing an immense wave 20 feet high, which swept the neighboring shores. Houses, people and cattle were swept away by the rush of water, and it is known that 59 persons perished. Thus far only four bodies have been recovered. A great storm today stopped the relief work, as the surrounding district is unable to send help.

THOMAS J. NIEDRINGHAUS WILL BE U. S. SENATOR.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Thomas K. Niedringhaus of St. Louis the Republican caucus nominee, today received a majority of the votes cast in both houses, in separate session, for United States senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell. The vote stood as follows:

Senate—Cockrell, 22; Niedringhaus, 11. House—Niedringhaus, 79; Cockrell, 18, Kerns, 1. Bittling, 1. Elliot of Jasper voted for Kerns; Roach of Jasper voted for Bittling; Bohley of St. Louis, Lee of Mississippi and Johnson of Puaski were absent. Bohley is a Republican, the other two Democrats.

At noon Speaker Hill announced that voting for United States senator a special order in regard to the precedence over the voting on the adoption or rejection of the majority and minority reports of the investigating committee.

Representative Whitaker immediately arose and denied in emphatic language a published report that he had attended a caucus at the residence of R. C. Kerns in St. Louis Saturday night, at which several men were alleged to have pledged themselves to secure the defeat of Niedringhaus.

Representative W. R. Self placed Niedringhaus in nomination. He was cheered when he said that the man he would name would receive the entire vote of the Republican membership.

Representative Grace of St. Louis, who had presented the resolution calling for the investigation of Niedringhaus, then arose and said:

"I dare do all that becomes a man. In behalf of Col. R. C. Kerns and his associates, I take pleasure in endorsing the nomination of Thomas K. Niedringhaus."

Shrieks of delight from the Niedringhaus followers greeted this announcement.

Cockrell did not receive the full Democratic vote of 23 in the senate because one of the Democratic senators had been called home suddenly.

PEABODY-ADAMS CASE.

Gov. Adams Asks More Time to Prepare Answer.

Denver, Jan. 17.—The general assembly met in joint session this afternoon to take action regarding the contest of former Gov. James H. Peabody for the office of governor. Gov. Alva Adams asked for three days additional time in which to complete his answer. Should this request be refused, the answer which the governor's attorneys have prepared in the limited time allowed, will be read by the speaker. The committee from the two branches of the legislature, to investigate the case, is not yet ready to report.

THE SHIPPING BILL.

House Merchant Marine Committee Authorizes Report.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today authorized a favorable report on the shipping bill reported to Congress by the merchant marine commission.

Big Fire in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—The Athenaeum, the handsome club house, and the hall of the Young Men's Hebrew association in St. Charles avenue, the Cleo street, Evangelical church, and adjoining property, were destroyed by fire today. M. J. Farr, steward of the club, is missing. Fire Chief O'Connor was dangerously injured. Total loss, \$100,000.

NIEDRINGHAUS IS EXONERATED.

Committee Appointed by Missouri Legislature to Investigate Case Makes Its Report.

HONEST AND ABOVE CRITICISM.

Such is Judgement of the Majority Regarding His Campaign Contributions.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Representative Tubbs, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the campaign contributions of T. K. Niedringhaus, chairman of the Republican state committee, and caucus nominee for United States senator, submitted the report of his committee to the house today.

The sustaining of the demurrer is equivalent to a dismissal of Mr. Stevens' bill.

MURDERED IN MEXICO.

Ira A. Sanger Slain by Half-Breed Bandits.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Ira A. Sanger, a relative of Mrs. George M. Pullman of Chicago, has been slain by Mexican half-breed bandits in the mountainous region of Sonora. Sanger was on his way to Mexico City to lobby for the purpose of the murder.

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Elder Hokanson left his mission on a mission to the Southern States, Feb. 17, 1904, being set apart for the same the day before. He was the son of Ola and Jugar Hokanson and was born at St. Charles, Mo., Feb. 22, 1877, being, therefore, 28 years of age. The body has been embalmed and will be shipped to Montpelier, Idaho, whence it will be taken home for burial.

DAIRYMEN TO MEET.

Will Hold Annual Session in Salt Lake Early in February.

The railroads have granted reduced rates for the annual meeting of the Dairymen's association, which will be held at room 201 of the city and county building in this city, on Feb. 2 and 3.

A liberal amount of money has been secured to be distributed as prizes in butter and cheese, and in the program, which is said to be an interesting one, representatives of the United States department of agriculture are expected to take part.

Timber Cruiser Murdered.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 17.—Jack Rogers, a timber cruiser, was found dead here today.

today in a blacksmith shop, with a bullet hole in the left breast over the heart. While Rogers may have committed suicide the fact that his revolver was found in his hip pocket leads to the belief that he was put out of the way in order to prevent his revealing something he knew in connection with obtaining public lands from the government illegally.

PREMIER COMBES' RESIGNATION READY.

Paris, Jan. 17.—At a meeting of the council of the ministers today held under the presidency of Premier Combes, in the absence of President Loubet, who was attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, M. Combes communicated to the council the text of a letter announcing the resignation of himself and his colleagues. It was arranged that the ministers should meet together in the Elysee palace upon the return of M. Loubet for the submission of the letter to the president. It was also arranged that the cabinet request the chamber of deputies temporarily to suspend its sessions as the ministers had no desire to participate in the work of the house pending consideration of their resignations. The letter lengthily set forth the reasons for the resignation of cabinet, maintaining that as the ministry had not been placed in the minority in the chamber of deputies should prevail in the new ministry.

U. S. STEEL CO.

Demurrer to Suit to Compel Payment of Dividends Sustained.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 17.—Vice-Chancellor Stevenson today filed an opinion sustaining the demurrer of the United States Steel corporation in the suit brought against that company by Alfred P. Stevens to compel the payment of stock and there is no prospect of a bill to enforce the payment of dividends on the common stock out of alleged accumulation of profits amounting in January, 1904, to \$66,000,000. Stevens claims that the company was obliged, under the statutes to use this money for the paying of dividends on the common stock.

In sustaining the demurrer Vice-Chancellor Stevenson says that while \$66,000,000 is a large amount in itself, it is only 1 per cent of the company's capital stock and there is no proof to show that the company had this money in actual cash. It might have been invested, he says, in material and there is nothing to indicate a policy of the part of the corporation to favor the interest of its preferred stockholders to the detriment of the common stockholders. More than this, he says, that Mr. Stevens' bill does not allege a single fact which shows the retention of these accumulated profits was not justified by the requirements of the business operations of the company.

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MAJ. R. W. YOUNG GIVES EVIDENCE.

Testified That the Sentiment of The "Mormons" is Decidedly Hostile to Polygamy.

"WHISPERINGS" IN POLITICS.

Knew of No Instance Where They Had Been Traced to "Mormon" Authorities.

ABOUT OFFICIOUS UNDERLINGS.

Some May Have Sought to Create the Impression Church Wanted Some Particular Candidate Elected.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Perhaps the best witness for Senator Smoot's side of the case involving his seat who has appeared was Richard W. Young, who testified this morning. To all questions he gave straightforward replies without any qualifications whatever. He spoke from personal knowledge and was positive in his statements that polygamy is certainly not on the increase; that polygamous cohabitation is dying out, and that the sentiment among all classes of "Mormons," young, middle aged and old, is opposed to polygamy. Mr. Young made an excellent impression on those who heard him, but unfortunately only three senators were present—Messrs. Burrows, McCann and Overman.

All the afternoon session Senator Burrows again conducted the hearing alone for a while. Members of the committee have grown thoroughly tired of the long drawn out hearing, which is regarded as having gone far as far as necessary. Senator Burrows believes still that the last witness will have been heard before Saturday night and that next week the committee will make the most extraordinary case ever heard before a committee of the senate.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 17.—When the Smoot investigation opened today Judge W. M. McCarthy of the supreme court of Utah, who was on the stand yesterday, was recalled by Chairman Burrows and examined concerning the division of offices between "Mormons" and Gentiles. He said there was no agreement but that it is understood that the candidates on the tickets shall be about evenly divided. He repeated the statement made yesterday that there is an understanding that one United States senator shall be a Gentle and the other a "Mormon."

MAJ. R. W. YOUNG.

Richard W. Young of Salt Lake, a graduate of the University of California, was sworn. While serving in the Philippines he was president of the criminal branch of the supreme court of the islands. He said there was no agreement but that it is understood that the candidates on the tickets shall be about evenly divided. He repeated the statement made yesterday that there is an understanding that one United States senator shall be a Gentle and the other a "Mormon."

On cross-examination Mr. Young said he believed that the manifesto was inspired and that while there are people in the Church who have not accepted the doctrine of revelations, the overwhelming majority believed that the revelation in relation to celestial marriage was inspired.

In view of the persistent rumors that an Apostle of the Church has taken two plural wives since the manifesto, do you not think the authorities of the Church should procure the attendance of that man as a witness in this hearing?"

"I don't know that they could procure his attendance," replied Mr. Young.

Mr. Taylor called attention to a dispatch from Eureka, Utah, to the effect that at a meeting Sunday night Bishop Daniel Connolly announced those who had betrayed endowment