

WHO WILL SUCCEED BURNETT.

DOWLING OR PRENTICE TO HEAD CITIES COMMITTEE.

Passage of Bingham Police Bill Delayed by Death of Chairman Burnett—Public Utilities Committee Will Meet Next Week After Gov. Hughes Has Revised It.

ALBANY, March 1.—The question of who will succeed the late Chairman Burnett as head of the Assembly Cities Committee is something that is requiring considerable study on the part of Speaker James Wadsworth, Jr. This is an important post and in many respects it is the most important.

The chairman of the committee acts as deputy majority leader and is supposed to have an insight into the political situation in every city, for nearly every bill that the Cities Committee has mixed up with politics in some way or other. This year the most important piece of city legislation affecting New York city is the Bingham police bill. The leader has deemed that this bill must be reported by the committee after the hearing next Tuesday.

Just now there are only two names being considered for the chairmanship, Assemblyman Prentice of New York city and Assemblyman Edward Dowling of Brooklyn. Timothy H. McGone, the Republican representative, Mr. Dowling is the senior member of the committee. Mr. Prentice was a member of the Cities Committee last year, but this year asked to be relieved from that assignment. It is the intention of Speaker Wadsworth to have a Bingham city man as the chairman of the committee and he admits that it will be either Dowling or Prentice.

The death of Assemblyman Burnett and the recommitting of the Bingham police bill to the Cities Committee for a hearing, seriously interested in the plan of the assembly Republican leader this week. It was expected that the Bingham bill would be in the possession of the Senate to-day, it having been the plan to pass it yesterday. After that is out of the way the Public Utility Commission's bill will engage the attention of the Assembly.

It appears to be the intention of the Senate that while it is dealing with the Keley matter the lower house should consider the subject through the Cities Committee. The Assembly Republican leaders are beginning to show some signs of resentment to have the Assembly take the initiative in trying to pass the Governor's reform measures, and the Assemblymen think the Senate should do something in this regard. They don't want to spend the time of the Assembly in passing bills that the Senate is going to sit upon. One thing in particular that the Assemblymen want the Senate to do is to pass the Keley account bill, as well as the ballot reform measures. Said one of the Republican Assemblymen:

"I don't think we should be in a hurry to pass the Keley account bill, as well as the ballot reform measures. We should wait until the Senate has had a chance to pass the bill on that side of the Capitol."

There will be some ballot reform legislation attempted by the Assembly at any rate. The direct primaries and the Massachusetts ballot law will not be granted the floor in the Assembly at any rate. There will be bills passed prohibiting a candidate's name to be placed in more than one column on the ballot. It is expected that the Assembly will pass bills in favor of the bill introduced by Assemblyman Schoenack, which would compel all parties, entitled to an official column on the ballot to have primaries the same as the Republicans and Democrats.

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DETECTIVES FACE CHARGES.

Five Brooklyn Policemen Answer to Indictments for Grafting.

In the Criminal Term of the County Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, five precinct detectives, Michael Hynes, Peter J. McGlotha, John J. Murphy, Charles E. Matthews and William B. Hotter, were arraigned to plead to indictments charging them with extortion in "taking unlawful fees" for the protection of saloon keepers who desired to keep their bars open during the prohibited hours. Hynes now is attached to the Hamilton avenue precinct, McGlotha and Murphy are at Coney Island, while Matthews and Hotter are attached to the Flatbush precinct.

Nathan Wasserberger, Morris Schneider and Jacob Shadoff were complaining witnesses. Hotter, Murphy and Matthews were arraigned on indictments which reached to the Brownsville precinct, it is charged, "asked and received a certain emolument, and agreed to receive a certain emolument, gratuity, reward and sum of money, to wit: the sum of \$200 or thereabouts in lawful currency of the United States" from Schindler and Shadoff and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor, the money being taken with the understanding that their places were not to be closed during the prohibited hours.

Hynes was indicted for accepting \$3 from Nathan Wasserberger in May, 1905, while he was attached to the Adams street station. McGlotha is jointly indicted with Hotter. The five men were represented by former Senator Thomas Whitlock, who pleaded not guilty for his clients and they were released in \$1,000 bonds on each indictment.

After the bondsmen had been approved by District Attorney Clarke and the bonds made out the five indicted men were taken to the headquarters, where First Deputy Police Commissioner Arthur J. O'Keefe suggested them from dictating the outcome of the trial.

District Attorney Clarke in speaking about the case said: "This investigation was conducted before the Grand Jury. During the week past forty-one witnesses have been examined. It is with respect to the case of the Grand Jury that I get the members of the Retail Liquor Dealers Association to testify. They will testify to the value of the bonds which were prepared and sent to me, but when it comes to acting as witnesses before the Grand Jury they will not testify. There is absolutely nothing to indicate that any money ever reached a police captain, no one higher than a sergeant has been involved in any way up to date."

In the present hands up to Judge Fawcett the Grand Jurors say: "We will publicly to express our appreciation of the hearty assistance given us by Deputy Police Commissioner O'Keefe and the members of the department. Commissioner O'Keefe's attitude toward the investigation in this case is a most commendable contrast to the attitude adopted by certain officials in respect to another important investigation."

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SHORTAGE IN TAX BUREAU.

CLERK ASKED TO RESIGN—MOUNT MAY BE FORFEITED.

Commissioners of Accounts Find a Discrepancy of \$2,930 and Elinor Edmonds That Mount Retire—Further Investigation Ordered to Be Made.

The Commissioners of Accounts reported yesterday to Corporation Counsel Elinor that they had found a discrepancy of \$2,930 in the accounts of the bureau for the collection of arrears of personal taxes. Mr. Elinor at once directed Assistant Corporation Counsel Keenan, who is in charge of the bureau, to ask for the resignation of L. Frederick Mount, the chief clerk of the bureau, and to remove him in case the request for the resignation was not complied with. The Corporation Counsel also made a demand yesterday on the company which went on Mount's bond to make good the shortage.

All Mr. Elinor would say about his action was: "The Commissioners of Accounts have made an examination of the books of the chief clerk's office and have found a shortage. As the chief clerk in the bureau, Mr. Mount is responsible for that shortage and for the system which permitted a shortage of that magnitude to exist. I wish to have the Commissioners of Accounts make an exhaustive examination of the affairs of the Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes and that examination I would like to have made at once." The Mayor will direct the Commissioners of Accounts to overhaul thoroughly the bureau.

Mount, who lives at 363 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, was suspended three weeks ago when Mr. Elinor had reason first to suspect that the accounts of the bureau were not being accurately kept. It was then that the Commissioners of Accounts began their examination of the books and the result of that examination was the report made yesterday to Mr. Elinor. Mount was appointed in 1901 in Mayor Low's term and got \$1,800 a year.

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ENGLAND FOR DISARMAMENT.

Premier Says Reduction of Army and Navy Estimates is a Proof of Good Faith.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 1.—Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman contributes to the Liberal weekly, the Nation, the successor of the defunct Speaker, for a few minutes on the Hague Conference, in which he rebuts the objections to raising the question of the limitation of armaments, contending that nothing has occurred since 1899 to render inopportune or mischievous the reduction of armaments which has been recognized as desirable. On the contrary, he says, the passage of years has only served to strengthen the impression of 1898 that the endless multiplication of engines of war is futile and self-defeating.

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ARTIST A SUICIDE HERE.

LEAVES THE DINNER TABLE AND 'ROOTS' HIMSELF.

James Crichton, Miniature Painter, Had Left His Home in Washington Recently to Visit His Sister in New York—He Had Been Ill With a Disease of the Heart.

James Crichton, a miniature painter, who was well known both here and at his home in Washington, was found dead at the table, eating his breakfast, for a few minutes ago, at 300 West 124th street, last night. He had shot himself in the head, and apparently had died instantly. The artist's body was found by his brother-in-law. He was lying on his bed, with a revolver containing one discharged cartridge near his head.

Mr. Crichton had invited Mrs. Van Laar who lives in the house to have dinner with them and Mr. Crichton last night. Crichton seemed light hearted enough all during the dinner, but when Mr. Clark passed around cigars, Crichton left the table, saying he would be back in a few minutes. A shot was heard shortly after.

Mr. Clark said that his brother-in-law had been troubled with an affection of the heart recently, and had been visiting many specialists in New York in the hope of finding one that would help him. Yesterday a specialist told him that his heart would never improve unless he went to some other climate.

Mrs. Clark was so shocked over her brother's suicide that she was taken to the apartments of Dr. Charles F. Hunt, in the house, where he treated her after he had convinced himself that Crichton was medical aid.

He came here about a month ago to attend the opera, as was his custom every winter, and went to live with his sister. WASHINGTON, March 1.—James Crichton is well known in Washington, where he has three brothers, a sister and many friends. He was a man of marked ability and a miniature portrait painter whose work attracted much attention.

He was born in Baltimore and was 27 years old. He displayed artistic talent while quite young and was early sent abroad, where he studied painting in Germany and Italy under well known artists. He was of a raving disposition and upon completing his education went to India, where he lived for several years. In recent years he made his home alternately in New York and Washington. He also had a country home at Bethesda Springs, W. Va.

He leaves three brothers and two sisters. Dr. Malcolm Crichton, a physician here, Malcolm Crichton and Mrs. Snowden Ashford, wife of the Building Inspector of the District of Columbia, Mrs. Crichton Clark of New York and William Crichton, the manager of a large electrical supply house in London.

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SHORTS READY FOR NEW WORK

HOPFUL THAT HE CAN IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

Has Opened His Office and Will Begin Work on Monday—His Spent Much of Time Lately Riding About Town—Third Tracks on the East Side Will Help.

Theodore P. Shonts, the new president of the Interborough-Metropolitan system, has opened an office on the twentieth floor of the Park Row Building and he will take up the work regularly on Monday. Shonts is a miniature portrait painter whose work attracted much attention.

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THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The last of the great general appropriation bills, the General Deficiency, was taken up in the House after a brief struggle as to the method of its consideration. Mr. Littauer of New York, in charge, asked unanimous consent that it be considered in the House as in committee of the whole, but several members objected on the ground that it would be possible to move the former question on its passage without completing the reading of the bill; so he had to gain his end by moving a suspension of the rules. This was voted—142 to 4.

On a point of order made by Mr. Mann of Illinois the appropriation of \$5,000 to pay costs of revenue cutters for personal losses sustained in the San Francisco earthquake and fire was cut out.

An item of \$30,000 was inserted, on motion by Mr. Mann, to build a fog and light signal at Huntington and Lloyd Harbor, N. Y.

An item of \$25,000 was inserted to provide accommodations for the occupants of national soldiers' homes, formerly paid for from the proceeds of sales at the cantons, which go out of existence to-morrow.

Mr. Grover of Ohio, in purporting, as he said, to be a member of the committee on Appropriations, in view of the recent increase of salary voted to members, went out.

On a point of order by several members from the Pacific Coast the proposed reduction of mileage of Congressmen from 20 cents to five cents was recommended by the Committee on Appropriations, in view of the recent increase of salary voted to members, went out.

The bill was then passed. The conference report on the Post Office Appropriation bill was called up by Mr. Overstreet and agreed to.

Senate amendments to the bill amending the denatured alcohol act were concurred in.

Senate bill was passed to establish the foundation for the promotion of industrial science on the basis of the National Free of \$40,000 awarded by the Swedish Parliament to President Roosevelt, with authority to increase the fund to be administered by the founder and their successors.

At 8:10 o'clock the House adjourned until to-morrow.

Proposed Memorial to Francis Scott Key WASHINGTON, March 1.—A plan to purchase and maintain the home of Francis Scott Key, the composer of "The Star Spangled Banner," was launched at a meeting of citizens held at the University Club last night. The Francis Scott Key Memorial Association was organized for that purpose. Among those present at the meeting were the cardinal George Deshayes, Admiral W. S. Schley, District Commissioner Henry MacFarland and F. S. Key Smith, a great-grandson of the composer.

The house with its modest residence almost as old as the city of Washington, is still standing in Georgetown and is for sale at a reasonable price.

Harriman on His Way to Virginia Hot Springs

WASHINGTON, March 1.—E. H. Harriman arrived in Washington this evening from New York. He seems to be in "the mood" where he retired at 9 o'clock, donning himself all visitors. Mr. Harriman is on his way to the Virginia Hot Springs, where he is to take rest.

TO TEST FORT MONROE'S GUNS. Army Officers to Witness Trial From the Transport Sumner.

NEWPORT NEWS, March 1.—The army transport, Sumner, will sail to-morrow or Sunday for Washington to take aboard the officers who will witness target practice with the big guns and mortar at Fort Monroe. It is said that Secretary Taft and Gen. Humphreys will be in the party.

The Sumner will return here after taking the party back to Washington in time to sail on March 7 for Havana.

The cargo of supplies taken off the Sumner is being shipped to New York and from there will go to Havana on Ward Line steamers.

Dutch Mail Steamer Grounds. FLESHING, Holland, March 1.—The Dutch mail steamship Konigin Wilhelmina went ashore to-day in a fog at the entrance of the harbor. She was not damaged, as she floated off in the evening at high tide. Her passengers and mails were landed earlier.

NASSAU GRAND JURY REPORTS. Features Justices of the Peace and Falls in Matter of Lost Record Book.

MINEOLA, L. I., March 1.—The Nassau county Grand Jury handed up five presentments to-day to Supreme Court Justice Scudder. One presentment concerned Justice Scudder and Sullivan, and the other four sentences on "vagrants." The Grand Jury said that the average sentence imposed by justices in the town of Oyster Bay, who committed eighty-two "vagrants" in the last five months, was less than twenty-two days. Another who committed forty-five less than thirty days and a third who committed eleven did not give more than fifty-eight days. The record showed that the names of some of the tramps were repeated from four to five times. They recommended that such offenders be sent to the penitentiary.

The Grand Jury found that the Board of Supervisors had done excellent work in looking after the road system. They recommended that the Board of Supervisors be continued by contract and that the county own its own oil sprinkling outfit for the roads.

The Grand Jury found the Jones Institute, the town almshouse, was clean and the inmates were well taken care of, but that the building was in bad shape and should either be torn down and a new one erected or a great many repairs made.

As to the loss or disappearance of the record book of the Town Board of Oyster Bay in May, 1905, the Grand Jury reported that they were unable to place the responsibility. The jury said he was sorry that they could not find the parties who were responsible for the disappearance of the minute book. He said it has never had a formed recently that a fund of \$2,000 had been offered by private citizens for the arrest of the culprit.

Coinage at the Mints in February. WASHINGTON, March 1.—The coinage accounted at the United States mints during February consisted of 12,728,000 pieces, valued at \$11,936,385. The greatest number of pieces was nickels, of which 9,237,000 were turned out, with 3,321,000 cents next in order. The only silver pieces coined were dimes, of which 170,000 were minted. In addition 6,000 gold coins were coined, five cents pieces were coined for the Mexican Government.

Ecuador's Minister Temporarily Re-called. WASHINGTON, March 1.—Señor Don Luis F. Carbo, the Minister of Ecuador to this country, has been recalled to take temporary charge of the Foreign Office at Quito. The Minister will leave Washington on March 15 and will return early next winter. He is warded by his Government as being to act as special adviser on American affairs.

SIR AUGUST MANNS DEAD. Was Founder of London's Famous Saturday Crystal Palace Concerts.

LONDON, March 1.—Sir August Manns, musical director of the Crystal Palace since 1855, died to-day.

Sir August Manns was born in Stolzenburg, Germany, March 12, 1827. He learned music as an apprentice to Musical Director Urban at Elbing between 1849 and 1854.

He went to the Crystal Palace in London in 1855 and remained its musical head until 1905, being the founder of the famous Saturday concerts. He was a doctor of music of Oxford University, was knighted in 1904 and received various Continental orders.

Legion of Honor for McCormick. PARIS, March 2.—Mr. McCormick, the retiring American Ambassador, will be awarded the Legion of Honor this afternoon at the Palace of the Elisee. M. Fallieres will then present to Mr. McCormick the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

To Join French Consulate. LIMA, Peru, March 1.—The Government has appointed R. Boile chanceller of the Peruvian consulate at New Orleans.

