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## ATTACK AGED MAN

Retired Portland Capitalist Puts Four Robbers to Flight.

THEY THEN CALL ON NEIGHBOR

Daring Quartet of Thieves Attempt First One Holdup and Then Another—Neighborhood Is Terrorized by the Affair.

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—Though he lacks only two years of being an octogenarian, H. D. Winters, a retired capitalist, broke away from the clutches of four desperate men who attacked him in his house with the probable motive of robbery Sunday night, and, securing his revolver, put the quartet to flight.

A short time afterward the ruffians called B. J. McGovern, an employe of a clothes-cleaning firm, living next door to Winters, out of his dwelling and made a vicious assault on him. He, too, succeeded in procuring his revolver and shot three times at the thugs as they ran. One of the bullets pierced the wall of a house across the street and passed through a bedroom, imbedding itself in a partition.

The police were immediately informed of the occurrences and plain clothes men were detailed to make an investigation. Beyond securing descriptions of the would-be robbers they have accomplished nothing. Residents of the vicinity are much perturbed over the attacks made on Winters and McGovern and the heads of families lock and bolt doors and windows and place firearms where they can be reached handily every night on retiring.

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## FOUR YEARS SPEAKER

New Plan Suggested By Frank Davey to Eliminate Politics.

WOULD HAVE VOTERS ELECT

Proposed Change Would Free Speaker From Embarrassment of Pledges Given During Fight for Position—Same in Senate.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—Owing to the fight for organization and speakership at every session of the legislature the committees are so farmed out and bartered for votes without any special consideration for the fitness and qualifications of members to serve on the committees to which they are assigned. It frequently occurs that men are selected to serve on committees which handle bills on subjects of which they know absolutely nothing. Physicians generally land on the medicine committee and lawyers on the judiciary committee and revision of laws, but there are many equally important standing committees which are filled with incompetents.

For the purpose of obtaining the best results and having only men of experience discuss and act on measures with which they are conversant, Speaker Frank Davey is considering the advisability of introducing a bill providing for the election of a Speaker to serve two consecutive sessions. Aside from the advantage of having measures acted on by members well informed on the topic, such a plan would also eliminate politics to considerable extent.

Under existing conditions, a man who makes a fight for speaker has to make all sorts of promises to tie up votes for his support. In making these promises it is strictly a game of politics. To may have to promise a baker the chairmanship of the irrigation committee, or a butcher a place on the banking or railroad committee. The only consolation the candidate has to salve his conscience is that his opponent is making similar promises. When the time comes to make good these pledges, the successful nominee would avoid them if possible, but he generally cannot and when he fills them it goes against the grain, for he knows the incongruity of his appointments.

Speaker Davey's plan is summed up as follows:

Elect a speaker the same as a representative, but make the term four years instead of two. This would make him free and independent of promises or partisanship and unsheltered in any respect.

After the June election the speaker would write to each representative-elect, asking his age, business, education and line of thought.

Having all this information concerning the body over which he is to preside the speaker could select and publicly announce his committees at least three months before the legislature convenes. This knowledge of the members would enable the speaker to appoint on committees the men best qualified and each committee would have centered upon it the best material in the House to act on such proposed legislation as shall come before it.

When the committees are announced the speaker would call for copies of all bills which members and others desire introduced. These he would refer to their proper committees and the members of the committees would have a month or two in which to analyze the measures. By this system, when the legislature meets all important legislation would have been digested, there would be no delay in organization, many of the bills would be printed and the committees could soon report and get action.

The same plan could be applied to the president of the Senate, although Mr. Davey does not say that he would include the president in his measure.

## GHASTLY MURDER.

Washington Clerk Kills Wife and Infant Children.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—At 2 o'clock this morning the police arrested M. E. Copeley, a clerk in the census office, on suspicion of murdering his wife and his two children, aged two and three years respectively. The Copeleys quarreled before retiring. At midnight Copeley called a physician, saying his wife had committed suicide. The physician notified the police who

found the two children killed and hidden under the bed covers.

## ENFORCE BLUE LAWS.

Eugene Cigar Dealer Keeps Open Late And Is Fined.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 29.—Charles Kurno, who was arrested early Sunday morning for violating the new law compelling all cigar stores and similar places to close their doors and cease business at 12 o'clock each night, his being the first arrest under the new "blue law," pleaded guilty in the Police Court yesterday afternoon and was given the minimum penalty, a fine of \$5 and costs.

## WILL DISSOLVE CORTES.

MADRID, Jan. 29.—Prime Minister Maura, the Conservative leader who assumed office a few days ago, has decided to dissolve the cortes, and hold a general election. The prospect, so far as the new government is concerned, is not bright unless they adopt the reforms regarding the aristocracy, the association's law and military service. All of these subjects are causes of popular discontent and must be dealt with.

## ENGAGE ENGLISH DOCTOR.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Birmingham Post says that an English doctor and two English nurses have been engaged to attend the queen of Spain during her sojourn at the end of April. The doctor engaged has frequently attended members of the English royal family. Dispatches from Madrid say that the Queen's health is all that could be desired.

## FEARS ASSASSINS.

PEODOSLA, Russia, Jan. 29.—Governor Davidoff, in fear of assassination, has issued orders that all who meet him shall turn their back and throw up their hands.

## HIGGINS IS WORSE.

OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 29.—It is believed that former Governor Higgins has taken a turn for the worse. The doctor was suddenly called at 2 o'clock this morning.

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