

TO CONTROL THE JOBS

Combine of Western Congressmen

MEETING TO BE HELD VERY SOON

To Formulate a Plan for Dividing Up the Patronage of the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3.—A conference of influential Western Republican representatives is to be held in Washington for the purpose of formulating a plan for the distribution of the patronage of the next house, the formation of new committees and the enlargement of some of the old ones.

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The suggestion is being made that only the strongest men in the house should be assigned to the committee on insular affairs, to which is to be referred all matters pertaining to Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The states represented in the combine are: Illinois, by Mr. Cannon, who controls the fourteen Republican votes of the state in the house; Michigan, by Mr. Corliss, with 12 votes; Minnesota, by Mr. Hanson, with 7 votes; Ohio, by Grosvenor, with 15 votes; Wisconsin, by Babcock, with 10 votes; New York, by Sherman, with 22 votes, and Nebraska, by Mercer, with 2 votes.

Pennsylvania, with its 20 votes, is expected to participate, although it is not known who will represent the delegation. The combination will control 102 of the 154 Republican votes in the next house, more than a majority and sufficient to dictate the action of the caucus.

Any discussion or information concerning his plan should be accepted with the reservation that he has not spoken. His friends and intimates talk of some things that he proposes to do, and their relations with the Iowa man are such that their talk may be taken seriously, if not conclusively.

This unofficial information is to the effect that the new speaker will intrust to the committee on rules the power of regulating the business of the house. Under Reed the committee on rules performed this task, but Reed was the committee on rules.

He was chairman and with the remainder of the committee, composed of two Republicans and two Democrats, he was the final authority. As speaker he recognized such members as he saw fit, and for the purposes that suited him.

By the authority given him by the committee he decided what measures were to be considered in the house and the time to be given for debate. In brief, he was the absolute ruler. The report now is that Col. Henderson is disposed to favor a large committee on rules, and he is seriously thinking of not being a member himself.

If this plan should be followed the majority of the committee would be from the dominant party of the house and in effect would be a steering committee, which would map out legislation.

TO CREATE A MARKET.

At the meeting of the real estate board at the chamber of commerce room Saturday afternoon, it was decided to allow members to nominate in the open meeting such properties as they might have for sale. It is hoped that in this way a market will be created among the real estate men for the sale and exchange of properties, without costs of clients.

HAS THE BRAINS OF A COW

HARMAN, W. Va., July 3.—The most delicate surgical operation ever performed here, which has so far proved successful, was accomplished by Dr. Harman and other physicians Jay Lutz, mine boss in the Harman mines, was almost killed by falling state, his skull in the back of his head being badly crushed.

BEWITCHED HIS SON

Hence He Assailed the Woman.

STRANGE CASE OF SUPERSTITION

Involving a Mrs. Benkwitz, Who Nursed Mark Twain's Children.

STUCK BABY WITH A GASOLINE CAN

ST. LOUIS, July 3.—Mrs. Nellie Saunders was fined \$50 Saturday for disturbing the peace of her daughters, Mamie, 15, and Nellie, 6 months. The baby is now at an institution with one ear torn from its head, the result of being struck with a gasoline can by the mother.

HE RISKS HIS LIFE

Drinks Cyclops and Such Things.

HEALTH OFFICER'S DARING ACT

He Endeavors to Prove That Impure City Water is Safe to Drink.

NEWARK, N. J., July 3.—Health Officer Chandler has the courage of his convictions that the drinking water of this city is pure. To prove it he has determined to eat all the bacteria, bugs, germs and unknown things found in the water.

Today he began with the cyclops, swallowing a choice selection of those atomic freaks, and thus far without the slightest harm to himself. Tomorrow he will eat a few millions of choice bacteria, and the next day he will eat a myriad or two of unknown germs.

His desk is covered with an array of bugs and freaks, from microscopic bacteria to a slimy thing a foot long, with horns and a spiked tail, all brought in by persons who have made a fad of searching the reservoirs and pipes for something new to complain about.

"I don't think I can eat them all," said Mr. Chandler, reflectively, "but if I eat one of each kind I think they ought to be satisfied. Let them bring on their freaks now with a certificate characterizing that they were taken from the drinking water and I'll eat them."

KILLED BY A BRUTE HUSBAND

BRIDGEPORT, O., July 3.—Mrs. Robert Purvis, a woman about 50 years of age, died here last evening, and on her deathbed charged her husband with inflicting injuries that caused her death. She says he came home drunk and, after knocking her down, kicked her in the stomach a dozen times or more, bruising several internal organs.

KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION

PEORIA, Ill., July 3.—The boilers of the electric light plant at Fairview in Fulton county, blew up last night at 9 o'clock, injuring three persons, one of whom will die. The building was wrecked and tonight Fairview will be in darkness.

BAKER GOES EAST.

W. E. Baker is at last on his way to Boston, where he is wanted for embezzlement. His departure was rather unexpected, not only to his friends, but also to himself. He was practically kidnapped from the county jail last night.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were filed in the county auditor's office Saturday:

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R. E. Smythe et ux to Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, lot 1, John R. Kaufman's add., \$1.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The days of witchcraft came back on Memorial Day to the home of Hugo Roedler and his family, at 1638 Avenue A, and though they did not succeed in burning their "witch" at the stake, they gave her a drubbing from which she has not yet recovered.

The victim is Mrs. Bertha Marie Benkwitz. She is a pleasant-faced woman, finely educated, who was for three years governess to Mark Twain's three children.

"I cannot understand what got into them," she said this morning. "The only wonder is they did not kill me. They would have done so, I believe, had I not been too quick for them."

"With a party of friends we visited them on Memorial Day. When I came away I thoughtlessly left my hat behind. I went back to get it, in company with Mrs. Hedwig Decker."

"Scarcely had I entered the house when Roedler slammed the door and locked it. 'You are a witch,' he cried. 'You have cast a spell over my child. Confess it, or I will kill you.'

"The next I knew I was looking into the muzzle of a revolver. 'Instinctively I picked up his 3-year-old child and held it up as a shield, while I yelled for help. I knew that the family was desperately superstitious, and believed in witches, hobgoblins, and the like. Roedler dropped the pistol and tore his child out of my arms. The husband and his wife and their grown daughter fell on me with sticks and beat me about the head. They kept calling on me to confess that I was a witch.

"No help arriving, I thrust my bare hands through the glass panel of the door, still trying for help. Mrs. Decker heard my screams at last and called a policeman, who broke his way in and rescued me, and arrested the frenzied family. They must answer in the courts for the uncalled-for assault."

Roedler still asserts that Mrs. Benkwitz bewitched his little son. "What an intelligent looking dog that is of yours Appleby's?" "Yes, it's funny young Appleby doesn't see the contrast."

RICH SPECIMENS.

A shipment of some very fine specimens of chalcocite and bornite ore has been received in this city from Trout Creek in the Sunset mining district. It is on exhibition in the office of John E. McManus & Son.

MARRIED

MARRIED—June 27, at the residence of the bride's parents, corner Olive street and Tenth avenue, Thomas A. Garland and Ida Florence Samples, both of Seattle, Rev. J. N. Smith officiating.

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