

MAMMALS THREATEN BUSINESS BLOCK

MC CRAY AND MC CLURE MEET BEFORE G. O. P. COMMITTEE SESSION

Conference of Governor-Elect and Anderson Representative Believed to Do With House Speakership.

WEIGHTY TOPICS BEFORE STATE BODY

Reports that the speakership contest of the House of Representatives was being settled today followed a long conference at the Claypool Hotel between Governor-elect Warren T. McCray and Representative John F. McClure of Anderson, reported to be the McCray candidate for the gavel.

The conference preceded the meeting of the Republican State committee at the Hotel Severn where legislative affairs, among other things, were discussed. It was considered significant, also, that Edward C. Toner of Anderson, former candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor and one of Mr. McClure's most active backers, also was in the city.

It is understood that the "declaration of reports that Governor-elect McCray has decided, or is about to decide, that Mr. McClure shall be the Speaker of the House, has caused considerable embarrassment to both. It is probable that any activities of the incoming Governor in the future will be so arranged as not to appear significant so far as the speakership race is concerned.

LAWRENCE LYONS BOOSTING MCCLURE

Mr. Lyons is being boosted by Lawrence Lyons who is Mr. McClure's campaign manager. He also is said to have the good will of various public utilities which are looking on him favorably because of his record as a member of the railroad commission and of the public service commission.

Mr. Lyons expected to meet the legislative visiting committee either this afternoon or tomorrow and to go over the requests of various State departments and institutions and to see the proposed appropriations bills.

Plans for a proposed permanent registration bill were discussed at the meeting of the State committee which opened shortly before noon. The present registration law, which requires voters to appear before the election, has caused a great deal of inconvenience and expense to political committees and to officials entrusted with the administration of the law.

The committee met Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p. m., as the time for the meetings of precinct committees and the organization of city committees preparatory to the campaigns for the election of mayors.

The finances of the State organization are said to be running low and the question of raising more money is being discussed.

CULVER BANK ROBBED; 2 MEN SHOT BY YEGGS

Three Reputed Bandits Taken Near Scene and Two Others Arrested at Knox.

SOME MONEY RECOVERED

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.
CULVER, Ind., Dec. 29.—Five bandits held up the State Exchange Bank here today and shot two leading business men. Three other alleged members of the gang were taken into custody by police here. The money recovered from the bank was \$10,000.

The five bandits entered the bank shortly after opening. Two customers and five officials, including Frank Schilling, president, were in the bank. Four men entered the bank, leaving the fifth guarding an automobile outside. Each of the men carried two revolvers and they fired at intervals as they entered the bank. The sound of the firing was heard by the police. They herded the men in the bank into the back room, swept the piles of coins and bills into sacks and prepared to make their getaway. The sound of the shooting attracted a crowd which gathered outside.

50-YEAR PRISON TERM IMPOSED

Assault on Girls Hit Hard by Judge of San Francisco Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—While Edmund (Spud) Murphy waited in his cell in the county jail today to be taken to San Quentin Prison to begin the fifty-year term imposed last night by Judge Ward for his part in the assault on two girls, James Carey, third member of the Howard street gang to be tried, took the stand in his own behalf.

Murphy's sentence came after Judge Ward had closed the last avenue of defense. Murphy's attorneys claimed all witnesses failed to materialize and sentence was pronounced after a trial and a stay of execution had been refused. Murphy took the pronouncement stoically.

The sentence is actually from one to fifty years. But it was not the sentence of Judge Ward that the prisoner serve the maximum sentence.

Carey's trial is expected to be complete by tonight.

Dec 30: Cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight with temperature about freezing.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.	
8 a. m.	29
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	29
11 a. m.	29
12 m.	29
1 p. m.	30
2 p. m.	31
3 p. m.	32

four years ago on a charge of assault and battery growing out of election cases. The defendant is a farm on the Indiana State Farm, has been ordered to appear in Criminal Court at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Bush took an appeal to the Supreme Court which recently affirmed the judgment of the lower court. The sixty days limit for filing a motion for a rehearing expired Dec. 13, and since that time Bush has been enjoying his usual liberty.