

EMERGENCY SENATE UNDER SUSPICION

But Not All Its Members Are Deserving of the Attacks Made.

HONEST MEN HOLD SEATS

Small Minority Re-Elected Term After Term on Account of Their Incorruptibility—Others Are Corporation Tools.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 25.—There is an opinion among those who are in sympathy with the Senate that there is some ground for the belief that the United States Senate is being attacked by the press and the public in a way that is entirely unjustified. The Senate does not enjoy the very best of reputations before the American people; it has come to be looked upon with suspicion, and some of its members are openly accused of being the tools of special interests.

It is not charged that the entire Senate is corrupt—far from it, but it is alleged over and over again that the action of the Senate in its recent session was the result of the influence of outside interference, and the facts seem to justify such conclusions.

Never before in the history of the country has the United States Senate been so generally criticized as it is today. A vast majority of the leading papers have assailed it, whenever an important matter is believed to be under consideration; many of the leading magazines have fallen in line and published elaborate articles attacking the Senate as a body of men who are not worthy of the high position which they occupy.

Senate Must Deal Fairly. Just now there is a general fear that the Senate will yield to the influence of the great railroad corporations, and so amend and mutilate the rate bill as to make it ineffectual. Not only do the Senate leaders, or many of them, will exercise their power to thwart the President in the fight he is making for rate regulation, but the public has justly expected that the Senate will exercise its power to pass a bill that will actually remedy the existing railroad evils.

Not all the Senators, nor even a majority of them, are believed to be subservient to the will of the railroads, but some of the most powerful members of the Senate are under suspicion, whether the public be justified or not. Not only are these men accused in the press, but they are accused on the floor of the Senate. Senator Tillman, who has charge of the rate bill, has time and again alluded to the influence which the railroads wield in the Senate, and other Senators have made similar intimations, though the rules of the Senate forbid one Senator personally assailing another.

For instance, since the committee on interstate commerce voted to entrust the rate bill to the care of Senator Tillman, a Democrat, Senators Aldrich, Foraker, Elkins, Keen and Crane have held up before the entire country the "railroad bill" as a measure which is generally believed to be under railroad influence. They may not be all of them may not be, but they are suspected, and their actions have justified the suspicion.

Aldrich and the Corporations. The name of Senator Aldrich has always been associated with corporations; he has the reputation of being the best and the strongest friend of corporate interests in the Senate. No one has ever accused him of being a corporation Senator, but his reputation as such extends from Maine to California, and there must be some foundation for the suspicion.

Likewise the reputation of Senator Keen of New Jersey always brings to mind the Standard Oil Company and other corporations. Mr. Keen may be anxious to arouse suspicion, and once a cloud and the public has its doubts, a Chauncey Depew was never an influential Senator, but whenever he got into a discussion he began to speak for the motive, and they came to class him among the corporation Senators.

At the present time, and heretofore, Senator Elkins has been listed as a "railroad Senator," and yet Elkins asserts that his interests in railroads amounts to only one-tenth of his interests in other lines of business. In other words, he claims that where he has invested in railroads, he has \$10 invested in business that classifies him as a shipper. He points to this fact as discrediting the report that he is a railroad Senator. Elkins may be unjustly accused; some of the others may be unjustly accused, but he, like they, has voted on numerous occasions in a manner to arouse suspicion, and once a Senator is branded it takes a long time to live down a bad reputation.

Foraker Denies the Charge. One of the ablest men in the Senate, and a Presidential aspirant, Senator Foraker, of Ohio, now stands at the top of the list of "railroad Senators." It is because he takes a more radical stand on the rate question than any other man in Congress. Foraker is suspected of being under railroad influence, many times he has been accused of representing the railroads on the floor of the Senate, yet he himself disclaims this, and says he is acting solely according to his individual judgment. Nevertheless, he has earned the reputation.

Take Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania; not a great Senator in any sense, but successor of Quay through the death of the latter. The name of Penrose is synonymous for "Pennsylvania Railroad," according to the rumor of the day. He is looked upon as a representative of that corporation on the floor of the Senate. Maybe he deserves the reputation—maybe not, but in any event, the Pennsylvania Railroad might have done better, and probably would, if those of the name of Penrose were not in the Senate.

Then there is Senator Knox, who was held up before the country as another corporation Senator and friend of the Pennsylvania road. But Knox disclaimed on the floor of the Senate in the capacity of attorney, and disclaimed all obligation to that corporation. Senator Knox is not generally regarded as a corporation Senator, and is credited with acting from the best motives and strictly according to his personal judgment. And yet he was suspected sufficiently to induce Senator Tillman to hold him up as an object of attack before the Senate.

One of Jim Hill's Senators. Other Senators are credited with being the representatives of special interests, more or less important. Out in the West the Great Northern Railroad is said to control Senator Mansbrough. Maybe it does, maybe it does not, but such is Mansbrough's reputation that he is sus-

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New Grays—In plain, mixtures, checks, invisible plaid and stripe effects, etc.—a great special showing of surpassing beauty; prices, the yard, from 50c to \$4

Panamas—In all the newest shades and colorings; prices, the yard, from \$1 to \$2

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French Poplins—In chiffon weight; also in the heavier weight for street wear; one of the most popular fabrics shown; here in all shades; priced at, the yard, from \$1.25 to \$2.50

WHITE WOOL FABRICS

White Panamas, Mohairs, New Creations in Granite Cloths and the always favorite Serge—A superb showing of these goods in chiffon weight and priced at, the yard, from \$1.00 to \$3.00

English Mohairs, Serges—We are prepared to show to our patrons the most complete line of English Mohairs ever displayed by any store in Portland; prices, the yard, 50c to \$2.00

Serges—In crisp finish as well as in the softer kinds; shown in complete color line; prices, the yard, from 50c to \$2.50

"The Book of Quality" FREE!

The Olds, Wortman & King Spring Catalogue is being mailed to out-of-town patrons. This handsome catalogue, known as the "Book of Quality," contains 134 beautifully illustrated pages—2300 illustrations—and describes over 10,000 articles of new Spring merchandise sold through our mail-order department. Mailed FREE upon request. Write for it. Do it now.

Frame for "That Picture" Special Today!

Jewelry Aisle, First Floor, Sixth-street Annex. 35c Picture Frames, 19c—An assortment of gold Picture Frames in oval and square shapes; our 35c value, special at, each, 19c

A Mighty Congress of Surpassing Specialty Shops. A Unique Group of Style and Quality Expositions. The Olds, Wortman & King. Store Opens 8 A. M. "The Different Store" 5th, 6th, Wash. Sts. Store Closes 6 P. M.

THE standing of this house throughout the commercial world insures to each of its representatives instant recognition as an important factor in the introduction of fashion and the distribution of merchandise. Our organization of experts, each having entree to the inner circles of production, is not excelled by that of any other store in America. Such is the alert activity of these men and women in using these privileges, that we are now able to say—this is the Portland store that gets the new things first. Our presentation of this Spring's gathering is fittingly described as "La Mode's Fete de Printemps"—Fashion's Festival of Springtime. Here are Portland's foremost silk shops, and here is seen every new fabric, every new shade, every new design produced by the textile artists of this and other lands for the season's correct costuming of women. Here are the loveliest of laces, embroideries, trimmings, ribbons, neckwear. Here are the new gloves and shoes and hosiery and belts and bags and parasols—all the accessories of dress. The exhibitions on the second floor are also continued.

Extra! Tomorrow, a Red-Letter Event! Extra!

An Astounding Innovation in Conduct of Monster Special Sales! For Three Morning Hours the Entire Main Floor Will Be Given Over to a Mastodontic Sale of Beautiful

EMBROIDERIES!

Values to \$1.75 the yard, divided in two lots, yard 15c, 25c

A stupendous offering of thousands upon thousands of pieces of new and perfect embroideries, all 1906 patterns, bought from a famous Swiss manufacturer in St. Gall, who decided to close his entire line of "machine lengths"—strips ranging from four and one-half yards to six and one-half yards each—at tremendous sacrifice preparatory to starting on his Fall "run." This store dared to take this gigantic purchase, knowing its outlet. And it proposes to turn the embroideries over to Portland women at one grand, sweeping sale by making a price upon them so ridiculously low as to be beyond precedent in Western America. No dawdling here, no drip-drops or half a dozen half-hearted sales, but one short, sharp and decisive, but tremendous bargain fest, then a resumption of business in regular lines in a regular way. The sale opens at 8 A. M. tomorrow, occupying every counter bordering the main-floor aisles, encroaching upon all other lines sold in first-floor shops of main building. All 11 o'clock a grand "all change," and remaining embroideries go to the two north aisles nearest Washington-street entrance where sale continues until all lots are closed. Hundreds of extra saleswomen from other departments and outside will assist in serving patrons, thus avoiding crush and congestion in any one aisle. No pieces will be cut, full lengths must be taken—four and one-half to six and one-half yard strips. Today the embroideries may be seen in a grand window exhibit, including five of our spacious show-windows on Fifth and Washington streets. Tonight the embroideries will be moved inside to counters ready for tomorrow's sale. Embroideries consist of edges and bands of wide and medium cambrics, nanooks, Swisses, flouncings and insertions, beautiful goods that will withstand wear and launderings to the limit of endurance. Values up to \$1.75. Starting at 8 A. M. tomorrow at a choice for. See the embroidery display in the windows today. NO MAIL ORDERS CAN BE FILLED—NO PHONE ORDERS TAKEN.



ROAST FOR ELKINS

Cummins Brands Senator as Railroad Attorney.

ACCUSES HIM OF BIAS

Recalls Scene in Committee-Room Where West Virginian Showed His Hostile Attitude to Railroad Rate Bill.

WORK OF TRACT SOCIETY

Immense Amount of Literature Published During the Year.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The annual meeting of the American Tract Society was held tonight in the Luther Place Memorial Church, Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, honorary vice-president presided. General O. O. Howard, president of the society, delivered the address and Rev. Judson Swift, field secretary at New York, made a report.

General Howard dwelt on the "Great and Good Work" accomplished by the Tract Society. He referred to "those who a present are clamoring for the United States to give up the Philippines," and said: "We cannot do such a thing until we have accomplished for those islands what we have accomplished for us to do, namely, Christianize them."

Secretary Swift stated that the annual report showed 96 publications added to the society's list during the year, including many of different language, and the total number of languages and dialects in which the society had published was now 182. He said the periodical circulation for the year was 2,539,000 copies, making the grand total of volumes, periodicals and tracts since the organization of the society, 24,864,946.

The secretary's report declared that the question of the hour was the immigrant problem, upwards of 1,100,000 immigrants having arrived in the United States during the year 1905.

Foreign publications at foreign mission stations has reached a total of 523, and the total grants of cash and electrolyte amount to \$115,847.

No less than \$1,000,000 is required to furnish the literature needed. The society's work is wholly dependent on donations and legacies. The donations should be greatly increased to enable the society to perform the work waiting for accomplishment. An earnest appeal is made to both the evangelical churches and individuals for larger offerings.

DEWEY PASSES GIBRALTAR

All Are Reported Well Aboard the Big Drydock.

OUR TRADE WITH CANADA

Growth Has Been Enormous Despite Attempted Reduction.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Trade of the United States with Canada in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated \$262,948,213, against \$20,629,966 in 1895, according to a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor. It shows that in the two years from 1895 to 1896 our trade with Canada increased \$7,000,000, and from 1896 to 1905 it increased \$114,000,000.

The larger portion of this growth has been on the export side. The imports increased from \$7,847,815 in 1895 to \$2,493,723 in 1905, and exports advanced from \$18,782,151 to \$114,000,000 in 1905.

"This rapid growth in trade relations with Canada," says the bulletin, "is especially interesting in view of the various conditions which have been placed upon Canada from that country grew from \$2,743,712 in 1897 to \$39,000,000 in 1904, while exports from the United States to Canada grew from \$64,828,525 in 1897 to \$106,528,525 in 1905."

The percentage of imports to Canada from the United States in 1905 was 69.5

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Author of "The Old Sleuth."

BAINBRIDGE, Ga., March 25.—Colonel H. Shackelford, better known as Hal Standish, author of the detective story "The Old Sleuth" and other well-known detective stories, died here this morning, aged 53 years.

Colonel Shackelford was for 35 years a writer of detective stories. Besides being a public writer, he was at various times a Baptist minister, Democratic campaign speaker and lecturer.

Dr. Albert Prescott Marble.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Dr. Albert Prescott Marble, assistant superintendent of public schools of this city, ex-superintendent of schools of Omaha, and president of the National Educational Association, died here today.

Indian Skeleton Dug Up.

THE DALLES, Or., March 25.—(Special.) In excavating and leveling an empty lot belonging to A. M. Anderson, of this city, in the bluff addition, within the past two days, workmen have unearthed in all ten human skeletons, together with the bones of horses, the remains of firearms and quantities of beads, buttons, elk teeth and other trinkets. Near to the Indian heart. The skeletons were found within a few feet of each other, all buried face down and showing evidence of having been buried in some sort of coffin.

HAS SAME BATTLE

Kansas City Also Fighting Gas Monopoly.

MAIN ISSUE IN ELECTION

Public Opinion Crystallizes in Two Weeks to Produce More Radical Democratic Plank Than Republicans Adopted.

KANSAS CITY, March 25.—(Special.)—The platform in which Robert L. Gregory, a wholesale grocer, is running for Mayor of Kansas City at the head of the Democratic ticket, is even more radical than the Republican platform on the subjects of cheaper gas and compensation for utility franchisees, although the Republican platform is strong and clear on these subjects. Consequently, no matter which party prevails in the election on April 3, the principle will have been asserted that the people own the streets and the public service corporations must serve the people or the people will take over their business.

Choice Between Issues. There was a controversy in the Democratic convention over the principal plank of the platform—whether it should be the demand for better, cheaper gas, or a declaration against extension of the franchise of the street railway company, the latter company having tried recently to smuggle through the City Council an ordinance giving a franchise extension in Kansas City, which Tom L. Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland, androlley road expert, says would be worth \$100,000.

The gas plank advocates urged that gas reform was the thing nearest at hand, and the franchise reformers said that railway franchise extension was the bigger question. The differences were adjusted by this declaration, with which the platform begins: "We declare that all public utilities should be owned by the municipality and operated in the interests of all the people."

The platform opposes extension of the street railway franchise "for any consideration or upon any pretext whatever."

A TROUBLE MAKER.

Coffee Poison Breeds Variety of Ills.

A California woman who didn't know for 20 years what kept her ill, writes to tell how she won back health by quitting coffee. "I am 54 years old," she says, "have used coffee all my life and for 20 years suffered from indigestion and insomnia. Life was a burden and a drag to me all the time, and about once a year my ailments got such hold upon me that I was regularly 'sick in bed' for several weeks each time.

"I was reluctant to conclude that coffee was the cause of my trouble, but I am thankful that I found out the truth."

"Then I determined to use Postum Food Coffee exclusively—for a week at first, for I doubted my ability to do without the old kind of coffee for any length of time. I made the Postum carefully, as directed, and before the week expired had my mind clear and a perceptible increase in strength and spirits.

"Seeing the good that my short experience had accomplished, I resolved to continue the use of Postum Food coffee, cutting out the old kind of coffee entirely. This I did for nine months, finding daily increased cause for gratification at my steadily improving health. My indigestion gradually left me, my sleep returned, I gained 26 pounds in weight, my color changed from sallow to a fresh, rosy hue and life became a blessing.

"Then I thought I would try the old kind of coffee again, and did so for a few weeks. The punishment for deserting my good friend, Postum, was a return of my old troubles.

"That taught me wisdom, and I am now and shall be all my life hereafter using Postum Food Coffee, exclusively—and enjoying the benefits it brings me." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in packages.

Special Sale of Lingerie Waistings at 17c Yard

Wash Goods Aisle—First Floor. Lingerie Waistings, white, soft, finely woven, highly merized, for making dainty lingerie shirtwaists; special at, the yard, 17c

"Miscellanea"

A Big Collection of Miscellaneous Small Wares of Various Sorts at Monday Bargain Prices—First Floor Shops.

- Cube of White, Black or Color-headed Toilet Pins—Special at, the cube, 5c
White Pearl Buttons—Two or four holes; all sizes one dozen on card; special at, the card, 5c
Plain Garter Elastic—Extra heavy, one inch wide; assorted colors; our 15c value, special at, the yard, 9c
25c Linen Mesh Absorbent, Odorless Dress Shields—Size 3; special at, the pair, 19c
20c Shell or Amber Horn Hairpins—Plain or crimped; 1 dozen on card; special at, the card, 12c
25c Whisk Brooms—Large size, extra quality, three sewn; special at, each, 15c
18c Jars of Petroleum Jelly—Put up in glass jars; special at, the jar, 12c
Theoretical Cold Cream—A pure white cream for chapped hands, face, etc. Large size, 8-ounce jars; our 30c value; special at, the jar, 25c
10c Bars of Clear, Transparent, Glycerin Toilet Soap—Special at, the bar, 6c
60c Rosewood and Ebony Nail-Polishing Buffers—7 inch size; chamois covered; special at, each, 45c
25c Box Writing Papers—In assorted colors; plain blue, lavender, pink, etc; special at, the box, 12c
25c Irish Linen Writing Tablets—Letter size; special at, each, 15c
5c Shelf Paper—With fancy lace edge; all colors; 10 yard pieces; special at, the piece, 3c
Small Framed Pictures—In a large variety of assorted subjects; values to 45c; special at, each, 25c

Special Today in Children's Und'rdress

- Children's Flannellette Petticoats, 24c—Children's short flannellette Petticoats in blue or pink and white stripes or checks; muslin waist attached; special at, each, 24c
Children's \$1.00 Cambric Skirts, 73c—Children's cambric Skirts, made with double lawn flounce with clusters of tucks and linen lace edging at neck, armholes and bottom; sizes 1, 2 and 3 years; our \$1.00 value, special at, each, 73c