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WASHINGTON IS AN OPTION STATE

AMENDED BILL ADOPTED BY OLYMPIA SENATE TODAY.

Long Fight in Olympia Over Local Option Bill Comes to Close Today—Only Four Vote Against It—Over Six Hundred Thousand Appropriated for Construction and Maintenance of Good Roads in Washington—Other Improvements.

Olympia, March 6.—The long drawn out fight on the local option question came to a close this morning when the senate concurred in the amendment of the house to the option bill. As soon as the document is put in shape it will be ready for the signature of the governor. The vote was 34 to 4. Those voting against the bill being Anderson, Brown, Bryan, Cotterill Cox and Stevenson.

The senate passed two appropriation bills for improvements, one of \$50,000 for the benefit of Pierce and King counties and for the construction of a drift barrier near the point where White river departs from its old channel. Fifty thousand were also appropriated for the improvement of the Columbia river between Bridgeport and Kettle Falls. The senate passed an appropriation of \$620,000 for the construction and maintenance of state roads.

Official Proclamation Issued.
Washington, March 6.—President Taft this afternoon issued a proclamation calling the 61st congress to hold a session beginning March 15, for consideration of the tariff.

Cabinet Members Sworn In.
Washington, March 6.—With scarcely any ceremony beyond a formal repetition of the oath to support the constitution, the six new members of Taft's cabinet were sworn in today by Chief Justice Fuller. The cabinet room was the scene of the ceremony.

ALASKA RICH IN FILTHY LUCRE YET

PREDICTED TANANA WILL LEAD THE CONTINENT.

Seventy-Five Millions in Gold is the Probable Sum of Gold From Alaska Mines That Will Be Shipped Out This Summer—Tanana Even Richer Than Nevada.

Seattle, March 6.—Predicting that the Tanana district alone will produce more gold than Nevada, and will exceed the output of last year, and that Alaska will lead all gold-producing districts on the American continent the coming summer, W. H. Parsons has returned from New York today. "I do not hesitate to say," he said, "that it will not be long until Alaska will be sending through this city \$75,000,000 yearly in gold."

ITALIAN RELIEF WORK AT FAULT

STARTLING DISCLOSURES MADE BY AMERICAN PRIEST.

Not an Uncommon Thing for Soldiers to Exact Remuneration From Those Pinned Under Debris Before Rescue Was Effected—Graft Said to Have Existed in Distribution of Relief Money—Formal Charges Laid With Government Officials.

New York, March 6.—Charging graft in relief work following the Italian earthquake, Rev. Angelicus Idone, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Cleveland, O., who lost his father and mother in the disaster, is here today preparing to make formal complaint to the state department. He is an American. He said: "The cowardice of Italian soldiers and the police cost the life of my father. Suffering untold agonies, he lay three days pinned under debris. The relief corps was afraid to aid him because its members feared the falling walls. They talked to him three days, but made no effort to effect his rescue. I saw Italian soldiers, under the eyes of officers, commit acts of cruelty which no newspaper dare print. No help was given the poor without remuneration."

No man can pass into eternity, for he is already in it.—Farrar.

LUMBERMEN IN CRAFT COMBINE

EXTENSIVE COMBINE IS LOBBYING IN VICTORIA.

Americans Head Colossal Pact to Exhaust Canadian Lumber and Then Shoot American-Grown Product to Great Height—Prime Mover in Removal of Tariff on Rough Lumber is at the Head of Alleged Combine—Has Large Sum.

Vancouver, B. C., March 6.—That a combine of American lumbermen has organized and has set aside a quarter million dollars to control British Columbia timber, using a part of this fund in the lobby of the provincial legislature at Victoria, to get leases made perpetual, is shown by a report reaching the hands of local lumbermen today.

The organization is declared to have planned to enter provincial politics at the next election and that the conservatives and liberals are falling over each other to get their support. The head of the firm is a well known Minneapolis corporation which has been at the front in the fight for the removal of tariff on rough lumber. A part of the scheme is said to be to swamp the Pacific coast with British Columbia products, and deplete the Canadian limits, thus making doubly valuable the holdings which the same ring of lumbermen have in the American northwest.

Miss Kelley Weds.

New York, March 6.—Miss Jacqueline, Kelley, daughter of Commander and Mrs. J. D. Jerold Kelley, today became the bride of Joseph B. Russell, Jr., of Boston. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride in East 83d street. After a trip to the south Mr. and Mrs. Russell will live in Cambridge, Mass. The groom is a nephew of the late Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts.

Every one is eagle-eyed to see another's faults and deformity.—Dryden.

NEAL ACQUITTED BY BOISE JURY

MORPHINE HABIT LET HIM OUT OF TROUBLE.

Working on Remarkable Plea That Defaulting Cashier of Boise Bank Was Addicted to Morphine Habit, Defense Attorneys Secure Acquittal on One Count.

Boise, March 6.—H. E. Neal, a former cashier of the Capital State bank of this city, which failed in January, 1908, was acquitted on the charge of forgery after a trial of five weeks. Indictments of five other cases of a similar nature, remain against him.

For a period of five hours before the jury retired, the defense counsel argued the case of his client, interspersing at frequent intervals, vehement denunciations of the board of directors that was in control when Neal made the alleged defalcations. Bank Expert Trimmer was roundly denounced by the attorney.

Artful Defense.
The primary grounds for asking for acquittal was that Neal was a morphine eater and was not liable for what he did.

DOGS LOCATE FIEND.

Seattle, March 6.—Tracked to his home by bloodhounds, George Elliott is in jail here today after an all-night search by officers for the assailant of Mrs. Otto Roseburg, who was last night criminally assaulted near the town of Duwamish and left lying near the car tracks. Elliott was captured at the home of his father, a rancher, and a neighbor of the woman, at 3 this morning. He is now awaiting identification.

Elliott surrendered without resistance and lodged in jail.

Mrs. Roseburg, the wife of an employe of the Georgetown car barns, was attacked, gagged, assaulted by a man she met near the railway tracks near her home. Her condition is critical.

BALTIMORE IN GRIP OF STORM

MANAGING EDITOR OF BALTIMORE MORE SUN AMONG THE DEAD.

United Wireless From Baltimore to Washington Affirms Worst Storm in Years Now Raging in Baltimore—Damage in the Vicinity of Baltimore is Two Million Dollars—Death List Will Grow When Wire Service Spreads News, is Belief.

By United Press wireless, via Washington, from Baltimore, March 6.—Two persons are dead, one of them Oakley Haines, Managing Editor of the Baltimore Sun, the leading daily of that city, as the result of one of the fiercest storms experienced in years here. Owing to the strength of the gale the death list has increased, with prospects of more deaths to be reported when wire communication is restored.

The damage is conservatively estimated at \$2,000,000 in the vicinity of Baltimore.

Champ Clark is 59.

Washington, March 6.—Champ Clark of Pike county, Missouri, democratic leader in the house of representatives, and one of the two men who are making the history of the times in America, will tomorrow receive the congratulations of his congressional colleagues and Missouri friends upon attaining his 59th birthday. The Missouri statesman, who is now, next to "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the leading figure in the house, was born in Anderson county, Kentucky, on March 7, 1850, and was originally christened James Beauchamp Clark. The "James" he lost early in life, and the "Beauchamp" was shortened to "Champ" by his Pike county associates. The future Solon accepted this trifling with his name in a spirit of pious resignation, and ever since he has signed all official papers as plain "Champ Clark."

NEW BARBER SHOP.

Christiansen Brothers Will Open Tonsorial Parlors.

Christiansen Bros. are arranging to open a three-chair barber shop in the room being vacated by Jeweler H. W. Hewitt, on Adams avenue. L. Christiansen is well known here, having worked in several of the shops here for the past two years.

Wrong conduct is far more powerful to produce erroneous thinking, than erroneous thinking to produce wrong conduct.—J. S. Kieffer.

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TIN SOLDIERS IN HILARIOUS RIOT

CAPITAL VISITORS FIGHT POLICE AND CITIZENS.

Incensed at Alleged Mark of Disrespect Militiamen Attack and Beat Proprietors of Restaurants and Grocery Store—Soldiers Unable to Cope With Them.

Washington, March 6.—After a hilarious charge upon lunch rooms and a grocery store in the vicinity of North Capitol street last night, untold damage was done and many storekeepers were beaten by members of Co. K, Fifth Pennsylvania volunteers, who escaped the police while en route to their homes. The militiamen were waiting for a train when the fight started, because the lunch room failed to serve them quickly. A riot followed, and spread to adjoining shops. The proprietors of the respective shops were helpless.

After attacking the shopmen, the soldiers stole goods. The police were called, but the soldiers met them at the train. Several policemen who mounted the steps of the train to make arrests were thrown off and injured. The militiamen compelled the trainmen to pull out to escape the officers. The amount of damage has not as yet been estimated.

TRIAL SOON OVER.

Defense and State Alike Are Through in Cooper Hearing.

Nashville, March 6.—After an examination of two witnesses to rebuttal evidence, the defense and state have closed their case today against Col. Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of Senator Carmack. The closing arguments will begin Monday.

H. C. Rinehart came up from Summerville today en route to Portland to appear before the federal grand jury in the Scriber case Monday.

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