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Livestock Shippers Have Escaped
Burden of State Inspection.

DENVER, Feb. 2.—Referring to President Roosevelt signing the Federal inspection bill, which abolishes all local inspectors of the interstate shipments of livestock, and which has been championed by the National Livestock Association in Congress, President John W. Springer, of the National Livestock Association, said: "The shippers of livestock of the United States can congratulate themselves that the strenuous efforts of the officers of the organization have placed on the Federal statutes a comprehensive law which eliminates all state inspection fees on livestock for interstate shipment. This great fight has been waged for two years by the National Livestock Association, and President Roosevelt yesterday promptly signed the bill, relieving shippers of livestock of an annual tax of nearly \$200,000. I wish, on behalf of the livestock industry of the United States, to return thanks to Secretary Wilson and to members of the 57th Congress and to President Roosevelt for the most important piece of Federal legislation passed in 100 years for our great industry."

HUNTER IS ACQUITTED.

Many Witnesses Swear There Was
Conspiracy to Kill Him.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 2.—In Guatemala City today, Godfrey Hunter, Jr., was acquitted of the charge of murder growing out of the killing of William Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids, Mich., by young Hunter. Dr. Godfrey Hunter, ex-United States Minister to Guatemala, called the news of his son's acquittal to William Hunter, another son, who resides in this city. The cablegram states that during the trial 25 witnesses swore to the fact that there was a conspiracy against the life of Godfrey Hunter, Jr.

William Hunter stated tonight that his father and brother would return to the United States at once.

Historic Oak Must Be Cut.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The "spy oak," said to be the largest tree in New York State, standing on the Pelham road, Westchester, has been condemned as unsafe, and will probably soon be cut down, it having become hollow and in danger of falling. It is said that many apples and quinces were hanged from its branches in Revolutionary times.

IN THE BALANCES

Fulton's Crisis Expected
Wednesday.

WILL HE RISE OR FALL?

Impartial Observer Simply
Doesn't Know.

KAY STILL STAYS WITH GEER

Declares If Marion County Ever
Makes a Move, He Will Be Found
With the Majority—Geer Men
Reach Some Agreement.

The Vote at Salem.	
Fulton	34
Geer	14
Mills	14
Scattering	6
Absent	8
Total	80

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Staff correspondence.)—Mr. Kay, of Marion, did not go to Mr. Fulton today, nor will he go tomorrow. Indeed it looks as if he may not go at all. The key to his course may possibly be found in the following colloquy at the Oregonian press table:

"If you fellows don't quit reporting me as being about to leave Mr. Geer, I shall have to do something to square myself—maybe I'll do it just to please you," said Mr. Kay.

"The Oregonian will be pleased to deny that you are going to leave Mr. Geer," was the reply.

"Well, I shall be found voting with the majority of my delegation," continued Mr. Kay.

"Is your delegation going to Mr. Fulton?"

"I didn't say that. I am going to be with my county. When it leaves Geer, if it ever does, I shall be with the majority."

It is no secret that Mr. Kay has not been satisfied with the progress of the Geer campaign. He is not a band-wagon acrobat, as was shown by the last ditch fight he made for Mr. Eddy in the Speakership, but apparently he had come to the conclusion that it was time for some more definite and aggressive policy to be adopted by the Geer forces, and in default of it he appeared to contemplate independent action. He is an important man, and his defection was seriously regarded.

It is undoubtedly the fact that his colleagues thought it probable that he would go to Mr. Fulton, and that he would go Monday. It would appear probable from his own statement that, as a consequence, the Geer men on the delegation got together and reached an agreement that whatever was done, they would do it together.

Mr. Kay is evidently satisfied with this arrangement, and so are the others, though they decline to discuss it. They deny that it was made, or that any new policy whatever will be pursued. It is not at all to be assumed that this supposed compact indicates the ultimate delivery of the Marion County delegation to Mr. Fulton or to any other candidate. Its proper interpretation is that the Marion County Geer men have deferred for the present determination of their future plans.

Crisis Growing Near.

The impression has been current that the Senatorial battle will reach a climax some day of the present week. A few days ago it was intimated by the Fulton managers that it would probably come Tuesday, but now it is said that Wednesday will be the great day. Mr. Fulton is said to be working rapidly and industriously to mature his plans, so that Wednesday will see the end of his struggle, and the realization of his ambition. But if he is not able to rout the opposition completely on that day, his friends say that there will be no reason to be discouraged. A Senatorial election may not be won in a day, and once or twice in Oregon it has not been won even in 40 days. Anyway, if he does not succeed Wednesday, his supporters claim he will have more than his present maximum of 34 votes, and he will be just so much nearer a victory.

The contrary view is that Mr. Fulton is nearer his maximum, and it will not be more than two or three more votes. Then it is declared he will be in the mournful position of the bull caught in the barbed-wire fence. He cannot kick one way or gore the other. It will not be difficult then, says the opposition, to pick off his men one at a time. If he ever begins to lose, it will go hard with him. All the candidates of the opposition are lying low, awaiting the first chance to take a whack at Fulton whenever he shows a vulnerable spot.

Week Means Much for Fulton.

To these opposing opinions may be added the definite statement to which both sides agree, that the events of the current week mean much for Mr. Fulton, and not less for the opposition. The fight is now in the balances, and they may swing one way or the other. Mr. Fulton thinks he is sure to be elected. The opposition thinks he will not be elected. The impartial observer doesn't know.

It is not thought tonight that there will be any change tomorrow. E. B. P.

MILLS GET TWELVE VOTES.

Many Multnomah County Men for the
Portland Banker.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Mr. Fulton had all his forces on hand today, in joint convention, except himself and

the ever-absent Representatives Hume and Adams. The members strolled in with that tired, after-Sunday nothing-can-and-nothing-ever-will-happen feeling that always marks the beginning of the week. President Brownell hurried through the preliminaries with a funeral air and breathed a great sigh of relief when they were all over.

A. L. Mills, the Portland banker, received 12 votes, all from Multnomah County, which goes to show that Multnomah County can get together when it tries. Banks handed a bouquet of a vote to Senator A. C. Smith, and the latter blushed very handsomely. Fisher, Gill and Nottingham stayed by W. D. Fenton. The vote resulted:

For C. W. Fulton—Booth, Both, Carnahan, Carter, Carnett, Dimmick, Eddy, Edwards, Emmitt, Farrar, Gault, Glen, Hahn, Hale, Hansbrough, Hawkins, Hermann, Hines, Hustley, Kuykendall, LaFollett, Marsters, Miles, Paulsen, Phelps, Purdy, Rand, Riddle, Shirley, Smith of Yamhill, Webster, Williamson, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President—34.

For T. Geer—Burgess, Croisan, Daly, Danneman, Davey, Hayden, Hobson, Howe, Johnson of Grant, Johnston of Wasco, Judd, Kay, Mulkey, Simmons, Steiwer, Wheelock—34.

For C. E. S. Wood—Blythe, Blakely, Burleigh, Cantrall, Galloway, Miller, Murphy, Olwell, Pierce, Robbins, Smith of Umatilla, Sweek, Test, Wehrung—14.

For A. L. Mills—Colman, Hodson, Hollan, Hudson, Hutchinson, Jones of Multnomah, Malarky, Mays, McGinn, Myers, Reed—12.

For W. D. Fenton—Fisher, Gill, Nottingham—3.

For A. C. Smith—Banks.

For M. C. George—A. C. Smith.

For George H. Williams—Orton.

Absent—Adams, Claypool, Fulton, Hume, Hunt, Jones of Lincoln, Kramer, Wade—5.

LONG IS IMPROVING.

Dar's Bulletin Show He Continues
to Gain Strength.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—The condition of ex-Secretary Long showed continued improvement early today, and was satisfactory to the physicians. The family physician, Dr. J. Winthrop Spooner, said Mr. Long had passed a very comfortable night and was more rational.

At 10:30 the following bulletin was issued: "Mr. Long holds the improvement of yesterday. He had a comfortable night after midnight."

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—The following bulletin was issued at 6 o'clock tonight:

Mr. Long has had a comfortable day and is making a slow but sure improvement.

The following bulletin was issued at 11:30 o'clock:

Mr. Long's condition is much the same as last night. His strength is good and pulse, temperature and respiration are satisfactory.

DEEP SNOW IN COLORADO

Two Feet on the Level and Sliding
in Mountains.

DENVER, Feb. 2.—Reports from all parts of the state show that a snow storm, reported in some parts the heaviest of the winter, is raging. In the mountain districts the snowfall during the past 24 hours ranges from one to two feet on the level. In the Eastern portion of the state, the fall is much lighter. So far only railroads in the more exposed places are suffering inconvenience. Many snowdrifts are reported, but so far as known there has been no loss of life and the property damage is not large.

No Result at Dover.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 2.—The 11th ballot for United States Senator today was without result.

SCOUR THE BAR

Jetties to Be Built at
Columbia's Mouth.

ONE MILLION IS PROVIDED

Money Ready as Soon as the
Board Makes Report.

OTHER COAST APPROPRIATIONS

Alaska to Have Lighthouses and
Surveys—Bertillon System to
Identify Chinese—Closer Watch
Over Forest Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Feb. 2.—The sundry civil bill, reported to the House today, carries a number of Pacific Coast items, most important among them being \$1,000,000 to be available after July 1 for the work on the jetties at the mouth of the Columbia River, in accordance with the authorization contained in the last river and harbor bill. There is a distinct advantage in having the lump appropriation, as it enables the Chief of Engineers to make more advantageous contracts at the outset. This money will be available in time for commencing work when the present available balance has been used and the special board report is made and approved.

Other Coast appropriations are: Enlargement and remodeling the Portland Postoffice and Court buildings, \$175,000; with \$25,000 additional for rent of temporary quarters for postoffice and courts while repairs are being made; eight Alaska lighthouses, \$300,000; continued improvement of Crater Lake National Park, \$300; reindeer for Alaska, \$25,000; improvement Tacoma harbor, \$100,000; purchase of site for military post, Skagway, Alaska, \$500; continuing mineral examinations in Alaska by geological survey, \$300,000.

The regular appropriations are made for the protection of the seal and salmon fisheries of Alaska, surveys of the Pacific, Alaskan and Hawaiian coast, Government fish stations in Oregon and Washington, food and clothing for natives on St. Paul and St. George Island, Alaska, etc.

A significant appropriation is \$500,000 for the exclusion of Chinese, \$300,000 more than was appropriated for the purpose last year. The increase is authorized because the committee provides for the adoption of the Bertillon system of identifying Chinese entering and leaving at all ports of entry, it being found this

the only sure method of identification. The appropriation for the protection of public lands against illegal and fraudulent entry is increased from \$150,000 to \$155,000, the committee directing that more special agents be employed next year.

There has also been an increase to \$25,000 for administering forest reserves, \$25,000 more than last year. The increase is made necessary by the increased area of reserves and the growing demand for forest reserve timber. The appropriation for examination of lands with a view to their inclusion in forest reserves is increased materially to \$130,000, indicating future activity in this line.

KILLS CHECKER-BOARD BILL.

Jones Makes Speech Which Scores
It Out of House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—To Representative Jones, of Washington, is due the credit for today killing the "checker-board" land bill, authorizing land-grant railroads or persons who have acquired their lands to relinquish a part of their holdings in the arid region, in exchange for contiguous Government lands with a view to consolidation. The bill was called up under suspension of the rules, and would have taken a two-thirds vote to pass it.

Twenty minutes' debate was allowed each side, Representatives Bates and Lacey defending the bill, and Jones, Shafroth and Kieberg opposing. Most of the time of the opposition was occupied by Jones, who made a very strong and ringing speech against the bill, following closely the line of its report, heretofore printed in these dispatches. When he had concluded, the friends of the bill, which had the approval of the Interior Department, concluded to not even ask an aye and no vote, but gave up the fight without a roll-call.

The House was apparently overwhelmingly opposed to allowing any more legislation along the lines of the lieu-land law, and would have voted down the bill by a strong majority, had a roll-call been had.

HITCHCOCK STILL INSISTS

That Timber, Desert and Commu-

tation Laws Be Repealed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator Hansbrough, chairman of the public lands committee, today laid before the Senate a letter from Secretary Hitchcock, strongly recommending the repeal of the timber and stone act and desert land law, and mildly suggesting the advisability of repealing the commutation clause of the homestead law. Under the two former laws, the Secretary says, private individuals and corporations are enabled in a perfectly lawful manner to acquire large tracts of public domain, contrary to the policy of Congress when these laws were framed. Such dealings cannot be stopped as long as these laws remain on the statute books, and, if they are not repealed, says the Secretary, the most valuable Government lands will soon be completely taken up.

Speaking of the timber and stone act, Secretary Hitchcock says that in the past 10 years 25 per cent of the entries under this act have been canceled for fraud. He recommends the repeal of this law on the proposition that the act as it stands, when legitimately observed, affords such facilities for the acquisition by individuals and corporations of vast bodies of the

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ALL SHARE ALIKE

Bowen Says Last Word
to the Allies.

WILL GIVE NO PREFERENCE

Offers to Refer Only Disputed
Point to The Hague.

SPEAKS PLAINLY IN HIS REPLY

Preference Over Peace Powers Would
Be Indorsement of War Against
Peaceful Methods and Perpetu-
ate Hostile Alliance.

Minister Bowen has sent an ultimatum to the allies, in which he refuses to give the allies any preference over the peace powers in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela. He asks them to stand by what they have already agreed on, and offers to submit the point in dispute to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

This note came in reply to one from the British Ambassador, that the 30 per cent of the customs of Venezuela be applied to the settlement of the claims be divided into two parts, two-thirds to go to the allies, and one-third to the peace powers.

Mr. Bowen rejects this proposition as offensive to modern civilization.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the negotiations at Washington for a settlement of the claims against that country, has sent through the British Ambassador here what amounts practically to an ultimatum to the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy regarding their insistence on preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela. This note, which the British Ambassador received shortly before 9 o'clock tonight, was cabled at once to London, copies of it being transmitted to the Italian and German Embassies for transmission to Rome, London and Berlin.

It is in reply to the proposition submitted at a joint conference of the negotiators this afternoon by the British Ambassador, urging that the allied powers be allowed two-thirds of 30 per cent of the customs receipts of the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, and that the United States and the other claimant nations, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Norway and Sweden, content themselves with the remaining one-third of this percentage—that is, 10 per cent of the receipts of these two ports.

In the note received by the British Ambassador from Mr. Bowen tonight the latter refuses point-blank the proposition for a 20 and 10 per cent division, on the ground that to recognize the principle it embodies would be absolutely offensive to modern civilization. In view of the fact that the

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