TREATY IS SAFE

Some Democrats Will Vote for Canal.

CONSTITUENTS DEMAND IT

Prominent Southern Papers Come Out Boldly.

GORMAN MAY HAVE TO HEDGE

Chief Grievance Is That Assistant Secretary Loomis Gave the Country Information Not Sent to the Senate.

DEMOCRATS FOR CANAL.

Mallory, Florida.
Tallaferro, Florida.
Bacon, Georgia.
Clay, Georgia.
McEnery, Louisiana.
Foster, Louisiana.
Cockrell, Missouri.
Carmack, Tennessee.
McCreary, of Kentucky.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—Since the atmosphere has cleared, by reason of the holiday adjournment of Congress, it has become apparent that Hoar's outbreak in the Senate, followed by that of Gorman, Daniel and Pettus, has changed the situation as regards the Panama canal, although it was supposed at the time that it might cause the Administration some embarrassment. It was to be expected that those Democrats would oppose the Administration, but the attitude of Hoar was something of a surprise. Yet it might have been looked for. He has been anti-everything for many years past, following in the footsteps of a number of other men who stand up so straight that they tip over backward.

It has already become apparent that the Democrats cannot be brought into solid support of Gorman in opposing the canal treaty. This is notably true of a number of Southern Senators, whose constituents are so anxious for the canal that they will not indorse them in opposing the only method that now seems practicable in obtaining the waterway.

Democratic Papers for Treaty.

The Georgia Senators have to contend with broadside editorials in the Atlanta Constitution, which insists that the Administration is right, and the treaty should be ratified. Other papers of nearly equal importance in the South are taking the same position and Southern Senators are very much disturbed. They would like to make a party issue of the canal question, but this is rendered impossible by the attitude of their constituents, who want a canal.

It is believed that the Georgia, Florida and Louisiana Senators are bound to support a treaty, and these, with Cockrell, of Missouri, and probably McCreary, of Kentucky, and Carmack, of Tennessee, will give the Republicans much more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Gorman may find it necessary to hedge on account of the lack of support which he is receiving, and will have to content himself with criticism of the manner in which the revolution was brought about, as he recognizes that to make a party issue against the treaty would be somewhat disastrous. It is expected that the outbreak of last week will be continued when Congress re-convenes, but Republican Senators have shown a disposition to meet all attacks, and in a manner which will convince the country that the way to get a canal is by the methods now pursued by the Administration.

It has become known that Gorman's chief grievance is that Assistant Secretary Loomis gave to the country information which he, as a Senator, did not possess, and he has been trying to make a point of the fact that the Senate was not fairly treated.

Cattle Allowed on Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock today authorized the grazing of 97,000 sheep and 4250 cattle and horses on the northern division of the Cascade forest reserve from June 10 to October next; also 20,000 sheep in the eastern division of the Washington forest reserve.

Needs Money for '04 Exhibit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock has prepared an emergency estimate of $25,000, needed to complete the Alaskan exhibit for the St. Louis Exposition. This recommendation will go to Congress January 4.

Consul Returns to Alexandretta.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Navy Department is informed of the arrival at Alexandretta yesterday of the cruiser San Francisco, carrying as a passenger Consul Davis, who recently left Alexandretta for Beirut because of trouble with the police at the first-named city.

Cruiser Awaits Return of Skinner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The gunboat Machias, which recently left Jibutil, French Somaliland, on a cruise in the Red Sea, has left Perce on her return to Jibutil to await the arrival at that port of the Skinner expedition to Adis Abeba, the capital of Abyssinia.

Taft Leaves Manila Tomorrow.

MANILA, Dec. 21.—Governor W. H. Taft will leave this city on Wednesday next, the 23d inst., for the United States. He will visit Tokio en route, to meet the Mikado, at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu.

Many Children Write Santa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Letters addressed by children to Santa Claus are reaching the Postoffice here in larger numbers this year than ever before. They come from all parts of the country, even Alaska. The childish petitions are carefully set aside, and will be forwarded to the dead letter office at Washington. The collection will weigh at least a ton and is double the quantity received in any previous year.

SEVEN GREAT BOILERS EXPLODE

Three Men Meet Death and Six Are Injured, Two Fatally.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—A battery of seven boilers in the power-house of the St. Louis Transit Company, at Jefferson and Geyser avenues exploded tonight, killing three employes, injuring six and wrecking the building.

Without premonition the boilers exploded, the brick walls fell outward and the heavy truss roof dropped, covering the debris in which almost 20 employes were imprisoned. Instantly all the electric lights went out and the darkness prevented prompt work in rescuing the injured, whose cries could be plainly heard. The dead:

W. WILSON, steamfitter.
LOUIS BARBER, colored.
FRANK STEELE, colored.

Fatally injured: William Gantt; Simon Mixon, colored.

All but Wilson were stokers and boiler-cleaners.

At 1:30 o'clock a gang of 150 men had found the body of an unidentified negro. Seven more injured men had been rescued, making 13 injured and four dead.

It was generally believed that more bodies would be found before daylight. Robert Fulton, the engineer, is missing and is believed to be dead.

Harrowing Experience of Miners.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 21.—After a harrowing experience, in which 13 men nearly lost their lives, the bodies of the two Petersons and of Gregor Ivelich, who were suffocated in the Isle Royal mine fire, were brought to the surface today. The 13 rescuers, led by Captain Moyle, went down 700 feet through old shafts and winzes. As they moved about in the old workings they stirred up the gas and it began to asphyxiate them. One man returned to the surface and fell over the moment he reached fresh air. Thirteen volunteers at once went to the rescue. Two of the injured rescuers were found crawling toward the surface while the other 10 were found unconscious. The asphyxiated men were brought to the surface and restored.

NEW BOARD TO BE NAMED.

Directors to Be Appointed for Crittenton Home.

Who will constitute the new board of directors of the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home? That is the question. A committee appointed by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett has nominated a board to supervise the work of the home in the future, but as a number of the newly appointed board have not yet accepted their appointments the personnel of the new body has not been made public.

When Mrs. Barrett arrived in the city she first reviewed the situation and then appointed a committee of 12, six of whom were clergymen and six laymen, to nominate a board of directors. The board has been named and now all that is necessary to plan the work of the coming year is the acceptance of the new directors.

"I cannot give you the names of the board tonight," said Mrs. Barrett last night, "because a number of the new directors have not accepted their appointments. In fact, some of them have not yet been notified, and if I named the new board tonight and some of them refused later on to serve the persons appointed to fill the vacancies would think they were taken as a second choice. However, I will say that all the different religious bodies in the city will be represented on the new board."

When asked if Mrs. Anna R. Riggs would be retained at the Home Mrs. Barrett stated that while she recognized Mrs. Riggs' competency for the work, she would not be retained at the home.

Who the new matron is to be is, of course, not known, as this will depend upon the action of the new board of directors. Mrs. Barrett said last evening that Mrs. Mullen, who came here about six weeks ago from the East to accept a position at the Home, had been mentioned as the probable matron, but that it was doubtful if Mrs. Mullen would accept the position if it was offered to her.

"I want to say," said Mrs. Barrett, "that I never saw a more generous feeling among women than I have witnessed here since we started to straighten this matter up. There have been no attempts on the part of either side to crow over the other at any little issues that have been decided one way or another. For the commissioners I must say that they have been courteous and dignified and have done everything in their power to settle the matter.

"Governor Chamberlain called upon me and I had a long talk with him. He is very sympathetic and appreciates the importance to the state of an institution of this kind.

"Yes, we will surely have a new building early in the Spring. The present building is in very poor condition and the facilities for carrying on the work are anything but complete and what they should be. The old building will be remodeled and renovated from top to bottom, and an addition will be built that will cost about $6000."

On Wednesday Mrs. Barrett will give a public reception at the Home and the building will be open for the inspection of the public. The reception will take place from 10 in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and Christmas donations will be received from the guests. The Sealey-Mason Company will receive donations for the inmates also.

Rewards of Independent Spirit.

Eugene Journal.

As a general rule the most successful political bosses are extremely narrow-minded, small-souled (if they have any), malicious and vindictive. To eat dirt and howl for the party, right or wrong, is the highest duty and greatest merit in any human being, and the only road to success. This has been the universal rule and practice, but now comes an exception. The Roseburg Plaindealer, Republican organ, has been for weeks, perhaps months, filled with editorials charging the Republicans in charge of the Roseburg Land Office, the Congressional delegation, The Oregonian newspaper, and the party bosses, from top to bottom, with being thieves or "standing in with crime or criminal methods." Notwithstanding these terrible attacks on the party managers it is full of party patronage, such as Sheriff sales, numerous Land Office advertisements and legal advertisements of all kinds. Other papers that have always treated them fairly have been deprived of all such business, as far as possible. Perhaps the Plaindealer man has discovered that the best way to reach such selfishness and bigotry is to get in and skin them and hang their hides up to dry.

Venezuelan Priest Meets Pope.

ROME, Dec. 21.—The Pope today received in private audience Mgr. Casto, Vicar-General of Caracas. The pontiff took special interest in recent events in Venezuela, particularly in the action of the United States in favor of arbitration claims against Venezuela.

Bride Chosen for King of Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, the Princess Maria Del Pilar, of Bavaria. She is 13 years of age.

Fever That Seldom Dies Out.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Do you know there is such a thing as "newspaper fever" and that it just worms and burns its way into a fellow's sytem and remains there as long as life lasts? It is a fact. Men who work around newspaper offices know it to be true. They know it is true not only to the men who work in the business, but many others who never happen to get into the business at all. There is an old legend to the effect that if a man once takes the Mississippi river water he will keep coming back to the same old river, no matter where he goes. It is the same way in the newspaper business. Taste it once and you have got it in your system for good.

FRIENDS OF THE 1905 FAIR.

The Dakotas Take an Active Interest in the Exposition.

Milbank, S. D., Review.

And now Oregon has a scheme for a Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905, and its promoters will soon ask, no doubt, for a few millions from the Federal Treasury to help it along. In many respects the exposition would be a worthy one, but these National shows are coming rather thick. Speaker Cannon believes in economy, and we shall expect to see him give a few knock-out drops to this proposal.—Sioux Falls (S. D.) Argus-Leader.

The Argus-Leader is a Middle West newspaper, and as such has decried the efforts of the Atlantic Coast press to belittle the National enterprises of the great Mississippi Valley and the country to the west of that section. The Middle West has always felt that it was not generously treated by the East when it came to recognizing the claims of this part of the great public domain, and has justly complained of the injustice it has met at the hands of the avaricious East. From time to time the Congress has recognized the claims put forth in behalf of the great National expositions, and Philadelphia, Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo and St. Louis have been accorded a proper recognition when they wanted to hold a great National exposition. The people have said amen to the appropriations made. For the first time in the history of the great Pacific Coast country the same generous recognition is now asked for the proposed Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, and the Review notes with regret that a representative newspaper of the great Middle Northwest should speak so disparagingly of the request made for National recognition. Portland has asked for an appropriation and in all fairness to that section of the country which has never had any such assistance it should be promptly and generously given. In all the history of the development of the frontier of this great and glorious Union the pathway blazed through the Rocky and Cascade Mountains in 1804-05 by those intrepid explorers, Lewis and Clark, no greater or grander achievement has been recorded in our National history. Upon the Pacific Coast is being builded an empire the coming greatness of which is but faintly comprehended by the people of the East or of the Middle West, and the pathfinders and pioneers of that rich and glorious section of the Union are fairly entitled to recognition at the hands of the Congress in their effort to hold a National exposition at Portland in 1905.

Score One for Chauncey.

New York Times.

"In order to refute the growing impression that Senator Depew has but little originality and relies more upon rechauffes for his witticisms than spontaneity," said one of his admirers, "I desire to recount an incident. Crossing Fifth avenue one day in company with the Senator, he paused in the rear of a carriage standing by the curb and peered cautiously around the corner and up the street before advancing. In answer to my inquiring expression he remarked:

"'In these days of automobiles one's life is in constant danger and it is well enough to peek into the possibilities. The habit is not new. I have had it from birth. I was born in Peeks-kill, you know.'"

Iron Company Cuts Wages.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 21.—Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's works this afternoon that when the works resume, which will probably be within a few days, it will be at a reduction of 10 per cent in wages of the main body of skilled workmen. This is understood to be a result of similar action taken by Eastern companies.

Hanna Declines Denver Invitation.

DENVER, Dec. 21.—Senator Mark Hanna has declined an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Denver Chamber of Commerce next month.

Vatican Divided on Issue.

ROME, Dec. 21.—The idea of a Catholic Federation in the United States has again been ventilated, especially after the Most Rev. Sebastian Mesmer was appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee, when attempts were made to see how the movement would be received at the Vatican and by the propaganda. Opinions here are much divided. The supporters of the movement think they have Cardinal Martinelli, former papal delegate in the United States, on their side.

MacArthur Sails for Home.

HONOLULU, Dec. 21. — Major-General MacArthur, who has been studying the defenses of the Hawaiian Islands, sailed tonight on his return to the United States on the Pacific Mail steamship Siberia, which is due to arrive at San Francisco December 28.

Washington Is Informed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Official confirmation has reached Washington of the landing of the Colombian troops on the Island of Los Pinos, which lies close to the coast of Panama. These troops number 80, and they have taken up a position on this high island with the intention of making paths through the jungles.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk, but truth. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose. Try them.

Children like Piso's Cure. It is pleasant to take and cures their coughs. Ot druggists, 25c.

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Instant Clearance of DOLLS

Grand Special Sale of Christmas Dolls Starts This Morning

In the Millinery Salon on 2d floor—Yes, the dolls are worth just the same as yesterday when the prices were higher, but there's one day less to sell 'em in.

Christmas only 3 days away and here comes trooping in another bevy of beautiful dolls, sent by our New York buyer, a delayed importation, and he bought 'em "'cause they were wonderfully low priced." Well, the importer had to sell quick and take what he could get for the dolls, Xmas was almost breathing in his face, and here they are. We've combined them with others that cost us more earlier in the season, and made **4 Grand Lots of Them—Beautiful Dolls.**

The greatest aggregation of Handsome Dollies that Portland folks ever saw, and the Lowest in Price.

Here's a Doll Sale without a precedent, and we know you'll say so when you see the values we've included. Flaxen haired beauties and stately brunette belles; dolls that sleep and wake up, roll their eyes and open 'em wide, then close 'em again at the will of the doll mammas—"Sleepers" we call 'em, tho' they're awake most of the time and their pretty blue or brown eyes gaze at you full of wondrous expression.

Dressed Dolls, richly and handsomely gowned, full kid jointed and with bisque heads, go all together today in this phenomenal **Doll Sale.**

$1.00 Dolls, that were yesterday, today at.....**69¢**
75c Dolls, that were yesterday, today at.....**49¢**
50c Dolls, that were yesterday, today at.....**39¢**

UNDRESSED DOLLS—The sale at special value yesterday of **$1.75 Dolls for $1.19,** continues today. New dolls reinforce those left from yesterday's sale. Fully jointed, sleeping dollies, "Little Rosebuds," with bisque heads—the best $1.75 undressed doll in Portland today—for **$1.19.** Follow the doll line from elevator, 2d floor, to the doll village.

Special Sale of Dolls' jewelry and toilet sets, today and tomorrow only; special at, each .....17¢

Remember the Dolls are on 2d floor. Toys on 4th.

SANTA AND HIS AERIEMOBILE

Are attracting lots of attention nowadays. Even the paid writers of other stores have the Olds, Wortman and King—Kris Kringle Aeriemobile Co., limited,—in their little minds and eye. Things are going with a rush here these days, and now comes the left-to-the-last-minute things to buy. Prices, as you will note, have in some instances been made less—the result of lucky chance and fleeting time. We're bound to clean up the Christmas stocks now, and prudent gift-buyers will do well to select here at

PORTLAND'S BEST CHRISTMAS SHOP

both for the matter of assortments in choosing, comfort in shopping and noticeable savings to the Christmas purse.

Christmas Sale of Rings

All new, this season's patterns. No other Portland house carries these celebrated Rings in full assortment. We show the only new 1903-4 lines in the city.

RINGS FOR 25c

50c, $1.00, $1.50, that resemble almost priceless gems, absolutely warranted for five years' wear. The celebrated and genuine "W. L. Co.'s" rings, in the newest designs. Beautiful holiday presents. Splendid for Chr'stmas Gifts.

Over 12,000 magnificent Rings for Men's, Women's and Children's Wear. Rich solitaires that rival the real gems for beauty and undetectable except by experts from rings costing hundreds. SPECIAL XMAS SALE NOW ON IN FULL SWING—First Floor. Fifth-street entrance. $1.50, $1.00, 50c and 25c.

Waist Pattern Special

$3.00 Waist Lengths for $2.08

Domestic Aisle—First Floor.

A grand value and exceptional opportunity to buy a handsome new waist length at a splend'd bargain price. This week we offer a handsome, fancy, silk-finish white brocaded Oxford Waisting, in regular Waist lengths, that are remarkably good $3.00 values in a regular way, at.....$2.08

Fine, Famous CHRISTMAS FURS

Women's Salon of Holiday Attire, 2d floor—The pride of owning fine furs is so great in Russia that they are prized and cared for as are precious gems. The finest Russian sable skins, the average length of which is rarely over nine inches each, go to the Czar; and no skin under 14 inches is allowed to leave Russia, but goes into what is known as the Crown Collection. Next to these come the Hudson's Bay sables, skins of little animals that live up North, in Canada; next to Russian sables, the most valuable furs in all the world, and furs never lose their value. Then follows the seal, Persian lamb, ermine, otter, mink, Isabella fox, Alaska fox and sable fox; the Siberian squirrel, marten, beaver, astrachan and electric seal furs. We show all the leading furs in **Coats, Stoles Pelerines, Muffs, Scarfs, Boas and Collarettes** in immense varieties, choosings of expert furriers. If you buy your furs at this store you are safe—fur safe and price safe.

COATS of Seal, Persian Lamb, Astrachan and Electric Seal, in prices ranging by furs and qualities, from .....**$35 to $250.00**
Scarfs, from ..**$3.00 to $100.00**
Muffs, from ...**$5.00 to $ 45.00**

A full line of Misses' and Children's furs, scarfs, muffs and sets.
Children's Fur Collars, 75c to $12.50
Children's Fur Sets, at, $2.50 to $12.50

Furs are always worth what they cost and they never go out of style. Such furs as this great store sells for Christmas are indeed gifts worth getting and giving. See display in Washington-street window. Come up to 2d floor and inspect them closely. They'll stand scrutiny.

Books, Writings of Popular Authors

ANNEX—FIRST FLOOR—CHRISTMAS BOOK SHOP.

Books by eminent authors, in library style, large type, fine cloth binding and gilt tops, publisher's price, 60c, special at 23c. Children's 50c Classics, 31c—Latest ed'tion, handsomely bound, printed on heavy glazed book paper and profusely illustrated—"The Man Without a Country," "Editha's Burglar," "The Gold Bug," "The Rose and the Ring," and others—all 50c books—special this week for 31c.

TOYS AND GAMES

THAT GREAT 4TH FLOOR WONDERLAND OF TOYS

Is attracting attention from far and near. Our "little apprentice" and neighbor is helping us to make it famous. You see, our toy-buyers go East twice a year. This is a fact—not fiction. They do not go "while we are eating our New Year's dinner"—neither do other shops send their's then—unless they reserve their New Year's dinners until the first week in February. That's a bit of a silly store writer's fiction—that's all. Our works of fiction will be found in the new Christmas Book shop, 1st floor annex. Only truths come into the daily store news. Our toy buyer returned in November from his second trip of the year; stayed later and got newer toys than any other Portland shop shows. Our buyers start East again next month—after they have eaten their New Year's dinners at home with their families—for their first trip of the new year. Then they go again in relays—trips lasting from July until October—that's when the Toyman makes his last trip, to bring home the novelties—That's why our toys are newer and better than elsewhere shown. But people who travel in stage coaches must make early starts, and then they take chances of being held up by the Indians in crossing the plains. Perhaps one of the "delivery wagons" might be pressed into service—eh?

This isn't a stage coach store, but a down-to-date Christmas shop just now. Our buyers go East in fast express trains next month—after New Year's dinners are well digested. These are **BUSY DAYS IN TOYLAND.**

Never knew the Toy Store to be so busy. Toys and charms of play-land that some little folks haven't yet heard about. Going out of the store by the hundred and that's not exaggeration or boast. It's a sight to delight little folks' and big folks' eyes. But hurry. Santa Claus is turning his aeriemobile toward Portland's roofs and chimneys. You'll find newer, different toys here than elsewhere. Germany, France, England, America—in short, the entire Toy World—has been scoured to bring here to Portland homes her best and newest products. Every sort of a mechanical top that's made. Iron toys, fire engines, hose wagons, chiefs' wagons, hook and ladder trucks, express wagons, automobiles, coasters, doll carts and carriages, wheelbarrows, blackboards, tool chests, doll furniture, typewriters, steamboats, railroad trains, every known game that's played.

Boys' Drums, 35c, 40c, 50c up to $1 and $5. Top Pianos, 25c, 50c and $1.00 up to $10. Glockenspiels, 25c, 50c and $1.25. Metalchords, Tubiphones, Violins, Banjos, Tambourines, Bells and Bell Toys. Mechanical Trains, 90c up to $6.00, with extra tracks, semaphores, switches, stations, bridges, etc.

GAMES—Crokinole and Archerina Boards, 65c to $3.85. **All Metal Go-carts and Buggies, special at half price.** Doll Furniture in handsome white enamel and gilt. Boys' Wagons, steel gear, $1.00, $1.10, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25. Hardwood box and wheels at $1.35, $2.00, $2.75, $3.50, $5.50, $7.50.