

## OREGON IS LUCKY

### Congress Passes Nearly All of Its Bills.

### ONLY TWO WILL GO OVER

### These Provide for Ratification of Indian Treaties.

### WASHINGTON HAS ELEVEN

### Appropriation for Improvement of Crater Lake, National Park, is Finally Reduced to \$3000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 27.—"Never before since I have been in Congress has the Oregon delegation so thoroughly cleared its docket of local legislation as it has during the session about to close," said Senator Mitchell tonight. "Every local bill which stood has been passed, and several others are in a position to be taken up and disposed of during the short session next winter."

This statement is borne out by an examination of the calendar. On that of the Senate, Oregon has but one bill, that ratifying the treaty with the Klamath and Modoc Indians. Past experience has shown that this bill cannot pass in an extra session, owing to strong opposition, but it is hoped by the delegation that they may in the short session. The only Oregon bill on the House calendar is that ratifying the Grand Ronde Indian treaty.

### Washington Has Eleven Bills.

Washington has 11 bills still on the calendar. Those in the Senate provide for the opening of the Colville Indian Reservation to settlement; improving Mount Rainier National Park; dividing the State of Washington into two judicial districts; erecting a lighthouse at Battery Point, and permitting appeals in Alaskan cases to be heard before the Washington courts. On the House calendar there are the Colville Reservation and judicial-district bills, and the bills creating the Elk National Park; building a lighthouse at Bellingsham; building a lighthouse at Cape Flattery; and one for the construction of two revenue cutters for Puget Sound.

### There are no Idaho bills on either calendar.

There are several Alaska bills heretofore passed by the Senate on the House calendar, with slight prospect of final passage. The Alaska delegate bill is dead.

The sundry civil bill as finally adopted by both Houses today appropriates only \$3000 for improving Crater Lake National Park. Fulton's \$2000 amendment was disagreed to. The Battery Point, Wash., lighthouse appropriation was stricken out, although \$500 for a new lighthouse at Dungeness was retained. The Senate amendment appropriating \$75,000 for a lighthouse tender for Alaska, together with \$30,000 for education of the Indians and Eskimos of Alaska, were stricken from the bill.

Senator Fulton and Congressman Hermann go to St. Louis tomorrow with the Congressional committee to attend the opening of the Exposition. Mr. Fulton expects to return to Washington before going home. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Williamson will remain several days to clear up local matters.

Representatives Cushman and Humphrey left for home today to view the political situation in Washington. Representative Jones and the two Senators will remain several days after adjournment.

### Navy-Yard Contract Let.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 27.—A contract was awarded today to the St. Paul Foundry Company for the erection of a steel storage shed at Puget Sound navy-yard to cost \$30,728.

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## SOLONS WARM UP

### Stirring Political Debate in the House.

### LITTLEFIELD OPENS IT

### Minority Asked if It Is With Cockran for Free Trade.

### TAUNTED FOR HIS SPEECH

### Baker Arises When Leaders Will Not, and Is Told Fools Rush In Where Angels Fear to Tread.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—In the presence of crowded galleries and of almost a full membership, Littlefield (Me.) and Williams (Miss.) in the House today made speeches intended for the coming presidential campaign. The two speakers were widely applauded by their respective sides, but there was an absence of personalities such as characterized the clash between Dalsell (Pa.) and Cockran (Dem., N. Y.), indeed the best of humor prevailed.

Littlefield continually taunted the Democrats with the utterances of Cockran, and by name called on several of the prominent members of that party in the House to answer "yes" or "no" as to whether they approved Cockran's tariff views, and whether they intended going before the people on the issue of free trade. He defended the protective tariff system from every point of view.

### NATION MUST FIX POLICY.

Judge Groscup Gives His Idea of the Way to Handle Corporations.

DES MOINES, April 27.—Before an audience composed of the representative men of the State, Judge Groscup, Chief Justice of the United States Circuit Court, delivered an address tonight at the Grand Club on "Liberty and Corporations." The occasion was the celebration of Grant's birthday anniversary. Judge Groscup said:

"We hear on all sides of danger to the people from the great corporations. The paramount danger of the corporate policy prevailing in America lies not so much in what specific thing a corporation may do, as in the fact that in its practical operation that policy excludes participation in this already wide and increasing field of American property the ordinary American citizen as an owner. Under the corporate ownership, like the ownership of real estate, is open alike to all. But I know also, as does every observer of events, that in the face of existing conditions, this vast portion of our country—probably already more than one-fourth in value and probably one-half in its influence upon the citizenship of the country—is, as an opportunity to proprietorship, a field closed to those not educated in the intricacies of corporate organization and management."

"The paramount aim in any solution of this great problem must be to fit this new form of American ownership to the industrial life of a republic."

"The first step to this end, and the great step is to nationalize the corporation. Fifty or forty masters now ordain its policies; it should be governed by one master and one policy. The corporation is no longer the sole concern of the state where its books happen to be kept or its directors meet. It has become the concern of the whole country over which its enterprises reach. The day of the New Jersey policy has gone; the day of the New York policy has gone; the day of the Iowa policy has gone. The day has come for an American corporate policy."

### Prices Rise on Russian Bourse.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—The closing of the Yalu River by the Japanese forces did not impress the Russians, in view of the ensuing Japanese reverses. These reports caused an all-around rise in prices on the bourse, but no far there has been no confirmation of them officially.

### Goals Williams for Reply.

He directed a specific question to Williams (Miss.) if he approved of Cockran's policy. Williams remained silent. He sought a reply from Clark (Dem., Mo.) Clark set the Democrats frantic by saying that when the House should give him an hour he would make a reply which will knock some of the gents silly. No one, he said, could reply "yes" or "no" to one hour of cheap demagoguery. Screams of approval came from the Democrats at this utterance.

"The gentleman from Missouri wants one hour to indulge in vilification and vituperation," retorted Littlefield. Clark, he said, could say "yes" or "no" now, and he would give him until the end of the campaign to answer.

A suggestion from Clark that he and Littlefield should hire a hall and debate the proposition was the signal for a tumultuous outbreak of applause from the Democrats, but Littlefield pressed for categorical answer from any man on the Democratic side.

Baker (Dem., N. Y.) arose. "Will the gentleman yield?" he excitedly asked.

### Fools Rush In, Etc.

"No sir," said Littlefield, "fools rush in where angels dare not tread. Gesticulating wildly and showing great excitement, Baker shouted, 'I will give you an answer if you want one; I will give you one.' Littlefield paid no attention to Republican cries of 'let him go on; let him go on!' but said there was only one man left on the Democratic side, Baker, who had the physical courage to say he was ready to give an answer."

He contended that Baker could have said "yes" and after some remarks in which Littlefield refused to accept Baker as entitled to speak for the Democracy, Littlefield was drawn into a lively colloquy by De Armond (Dem., Mo.), which was much enjoyed by the crowded galleries.

Littlefield called on De Armond to say

## ARMY IS BEATEN

### Japanese Attack on Fort Is Repulsed.

### LOSSES ARE NOT KNOWN

### Russian Fire Also Proves Too Heavy for Gunboat.

### ENGAGEMENT ON THE YALU

### Paris Has the Report That a Submarine-Boat Has Sunk Transport and That 600 of Mikado's Men Went Down.

LIAO YANG, April 27.—The Japanese troops, which crossed the Yalu north of Duijiou (Tchangdjiou) charged during the night of April 25-27 the Russian position near Lisavena, a village on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu. They were repulsed, but their loss is not known.

Two gunboats steamed up the river to the support of the Japanese, when a Russian field battery opened fire upon them, resulting in a battle which lasted for 20 minutes. The Russian fire was too hot, and the gunboats were forced to steam out of range.

### JAPANESE TRANSPORT SUNK.

### Russian Submarine Vessel Also Causes Loss of 600 Men.

PARIS, April 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal reports that a Japanese transport which was conveying 600 men to Corea, and that all the troops were lost.

### REVIEWS CAMPAIGN ON YALU.

### Member of Russian Staff Says Enemy Will Only Be Harassed.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 28, 3:50 A. M.—Disappointments prevail in St. Petersburg that no official dispatches giving details of the operations on the Yalu

## SHOWS ITS IRE

### Denver ex-District Attorney Nearly Mobbed.

### IS DEFENDER OF OFFICIALS

### People Are Satisfied Election Board Is Corrupt.

### LIGHTS ARE TURNED OUT

### Great Confusion Reigns and a Free-for-All Fight Is Imminent—Resolutions Passed to 'Make' Commission Do Its Duty.

DENVER, Colo., April 27.—A riot was narrowly averted at Coliseum Hall tonight, at mass meetings of citizens called to protest against the so-called crises against the ballot. The particular object of attack of the speakers was the elections commission. When ex-District Attorney George Allen Smith attempted to defend the commission, he was nearly mobbed. While he was trying to speak the lights were turned out and the hall cleared.

Rev. Robert P. Coyle, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of this city, intimated that the example of other cities in the formation of a vigilance committee to drive out fraud and corruption in municipal government could well be followed in Denver. Cheers of approval greeted the statement.

Resolutions calling upon the citizens' committee to "make" the elections committee perform its duties according to law were adopted.

### OWEN WISTER IS VERY ILL.

### Author of 'The Virginian' Suffers From Operation for Appendicitis.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Owen Wister, the novelist, is in a hospital here in a serious condition, after an operation for appendicitis.

### Congressman Seriously Ill.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Representative Morgan C. Fitzpatrick, of Tennessee, was taken ill tonight in the House and later conveyed to the emergency hospital in a serious condition, following two attacks of epilepsy in quick succession.

### Russians Harass Chinese Villages.

LONDON, April 28.—The Times correspondent of the Standard sends a report that 60,000 Russians are harassing the Chinese villages west of the Shuang Tai Su River, midway between Chin Chau and Yinkow.

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