



## TAFT NOT ANXIOUS FOR ADJOURNMENT

### Legislative Plans Give Great Concern.

## CONGRESS BEHIND IN WORK

### House and Senate May Not Agree on Bank Bill.

## STATEHOOD IS IN DANGER

### Conservation Chances Dwindle. Members Would Like to Return Home, but Fear to Leave With Work Undone.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 1.—

The National lawmakers are growing anxious for adjournment and this regardless of party, for the campaign is approaching and political fences are in rather bad shape. The President, on the other hand, is not so anxious to get Congress off his hands, for up to the present time little general legislation has been finally enacted, and the Chief Executive does not want to see Congress adjourn until it has made a creditable showing and carried out some material portion of the pledge made in the Chicago platform.

It is safe to say that every member of the House is anxious to get home. Most of the sitting members are candidates for re-election, and few among them feel absolutely safe, except the Southern Democrats. The scattering members who intend voluntarily to retire at the close of this Congress are equally anxious for adjournment, for they have tired of public life and want as much time as possible to themselves.

### Senators Expect to Help.

Among the Senators there is not such general anxiety to mingle with the folks at home, for only one-third of that body is to be re-elected next Winter. Nevertheless a great many Senators who have no campaigns of their own will be called upon to assist in the Congressional and state campaigns in the Fall, and they all want a rest before they go upon the stump.

The legislative situation at the present moment is not entirely satisfactory to the Administration, for some of the measures in which the President is most concerned are seemingly in grave danger. To have Congress adjourn leaving these measures unacted upon would, in the judgment of many, be unwise politically, for it would subject the Republicans to the charge of bad faith and unkept promises. This is the view of the President, and it is why he is not anxious for an early adjournment—that is, unless a programme can be shaped up and rushed through in a hurry. In that event, providing he got what he wanted, he would be as willing as any to have Congress bring its session to a close.

## Commerce Law Will Be Compromise.

It is conceded by everyone that an interstate commerce law will be enacted before adjournment, but in what form that law will be eventually passed and approved no one can yet predict. The House and Senate bills differ materially, and it will probably require weeks of deliberation in conference to compromise these differences and perfect a bill which will be acceptable to both branches. Nevertheless, it is conceded that such a compromise can be reached, and it is now believed that the bill eventually enacted will receive Presidential approval.

The postal savings bank bill, however, is in more precarious condition. Although it has passed the Senate, it has been emasculated by the House committee and two distinct measures are now before that body. The House itself is divided; there are those who favor the Senate bill; those favoring each of the two committee bills, and those who are opposed to any kind of postal savings bank legislation. Just what the House will eventually do with this important legislation—and legislation to which the President is thoroughly committed, and in which he is intensely interested—is more than the wisest man in Congress can now predict.

## Postal Bank Bill in Danger.

The House certainly will not pass the bill as it passed the Senate, and it may pass no bill at all, but if any sort of postal bank bill goes through, it must, like the commerce bill, go to a committee on conference for final adjustment, and the compromise measure may be such that it cannot get a majority vote in the House and thus the whole subject be sidetracked.

Statehood legislation is in quite a precarious condition as the postal savings bank bill. A majority of both Senate and House are in favor of admitting New Mexico and Arizona should be admitted to the Union as separate states. The House has so voted, but Senator Beveridge, chairman of the territories committee of the Senate, has never at heart favored separate statehood, and has so loaded the statehood bill that its friends will have difficulty in working it through to final passage. If the Senate passes the bill as Beveridge reported it—and of this there is serious doubt—it will never be accepted by the House. It then will go

## 2 SCORE ATHLETES TO MARK FRONTIER

### "TALLEST" SURVEY PARTY SAILS FOR ALASKA.

### Canadian Party Will Begin Work at Same Time to Decide Where Line Shall Be.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 1.—Forty-two men, members of the United States survey party that is marking the Alaskan-Canadian frontier, sailed for Alaska today.

Thomas Riggs commands the party, all the men of which are athletes, 20 of them being over six feet tall. The tallest is H. O. Clark, 6 feet 6 1/2 inches tall. The most famous is Johnson, once a star football player at Princeton, and afterward a captain in a Honduran insurgent army.

The survey of the southern part of the Yukon has been completed, and work to the northward will be begun this Spring. The party will go to Whitehorse, take a stage to the Yukon Crossing, where the steamboat Cascade, which has been chartered for their use, will be waiting.

The Canadian party will begin work at the same time as the American party and a joint party will decide upon where the line shall be. One party will go up the Porcupine River in the first steamboat that was ever in the stream.

The party will be in the north until October. Next year they will remain through the Winter.

## HEARST SUES FOR \$700,000

### Editor Brings Action Against Two Newspaper and Press Association.

NEW YORK, May 1.—(Special.)—William R. Hearst has begun a libel suit against the New York Times because this newspaper reported the speech of Mayor Gaynor at the Associated Press dinner on Thursday night in which the Mayor declared that "two of the greatest failures in the history of the city were the Mayor and the Mayor's committee of the State Grange. They are aimed at the present system of taxation, their prime object being to impose an additional tax upon franchisees and other intangible properties."

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Under this plan, Multnomah, Marion, Umatilla, Lane, Linn and other thickly populated counties having more than one Senator or Representative will be divided into Senatorial and Representative districts. This proposed plan will do away with proportional representation and it is therefore considered certain that it will be bitterly opposed by Mr. U'Ren and his followers.

In addition to these proposed Constitutional amendments, the Legislature submitted two bills—the McKinley bill, providing for the location of a branch innamen ashum in Baker, Union or Umatilla County, and the Buchanan bill authorizing a Constitutional convention for the purpose of making a general revision of the Constitution of the state. Referendum petitions were filed against the McKinley bill, increasing the number of Circuit Judges in Multnomah County, and the Hart bill, increasing the salary of the Circuit Judge in Baker County to \$4000 a year. The former measure will not be voted upon, for the reason that the Secretary of State refused to accept and file the referendum petition upon the Hart bill.

## TOWN GOES TO RAILROAD

### Lostine Syndicate Plats Site and Residents Will Move.

WALLOWA, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The town of Lostine will be removed a mile and a half to the O. R. & N. station of that name, according to present plans of its citizens and a syndicate, which has just obtained options on land required for the purpose.

When the railroad was built through the valley two years ago it missed the town, but established a station at the nearest point. There was opposition at first to a change of location, but this has been overcome. Couch & McDonald a few days ago obtained an option on 40 acres at the station grounds and this tract, together with 20 acres owned by J. F. Haun, has been platted. The townsite will be placed on the market as soon as the survey has been made and approved by the County Court.

## HEAVY LOG FELS MAN

### Seaside Resident Pinned Beneath Rolling Tree; Back Crushed.

SEASIDE, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—While fellow-workmen labored in feverish haste to free him from the weight of a giant sawlog, James Renound, an employe of the Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Company, lay for 20 minutes in an unconscious condition before he could be released and revived.

Renound, in performing his customary duties, was knocked to the ground by a rolling log and pinned beneath its crushing weight. Fortunately for Renound the log struck an obstruction as it passed over his ankles and stopped in time to save him from being crushed to death. Both ankles were severely sprained and a painful wrench to the back sustained, which rendered him helpless and partially paralyzed for a few hours. It was necessary for the rescuers to cut the log away before the release could be effected.

## FIVE FALL FAR, UNHURT

### Auto Party Walks to Car After Drop of 200 Feet.

PASADENA, Cal., May 1.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wolfarth, their two children and R. Tobey, of Covina, were hurled down a 200-foot precipice today, and though they fell on a pile of rocks not one of the party was hurt.

The skidding of the automobile in which they were riding up Scoville Hill caused the accident. Wolfarth, who was driving, tried to round a sharp curve in the trail skirting the crest of the hill and the car went over the edge of an almost perpendicular precipice. Everyone in the machine fell out as it rolled over and over and all landed on a heap of rocks. They were dazed, but uninjured except for a few scratches, and walked a mile and a half to an electric car.

The automobile was demolished.

## BALLOT MAY CARRY 30 PROPOSED LAWS

### Voters to Be Kept Busy Tinkering Statutes.

## LEGISLATURE SUBMITS SIX

### Many Amendments to Constitution Being Sought.

## INITIATIVE CROP LARGE

### Suffrage Petitions Already on File and Seven Additional Counties Sought—Liquor and Taxation Made Prominent.

## SALEM, Or., May 1.—

(Special.)—Unless all signs fall the voters of Oregon will have their hands full of law-making and Constitution-tinkering at the general election on November 8. Besides being called upon to elect full state, district and county tickets, the electors of the state will be asked to pass upon from 25 to 30 measures submitted under the initiative and referendum.

To begin with, there are six measures submitted by the legislature. Two of these are proposed Constitutional amendments relative to taxation and another provides for state-aided railroads. They were passed by the Legislature largely because of pressure brought to bear by the lobbying committee of the State Grange. They are aimed at the present system of taxation, their prime object being to impose an additional tax upon franchisees and other intangible properties.

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## PERIL IN KISSING? NO, SAYS SCIENTIST

### HARVARD TEACHER GIVES HIS O. K. TO PRACTICE.

### Educator Shatters Theory That the Spread of Microbes Makes Osculation Dangerous.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 1.—(Special.)—Harvard has officially put its O. K. on kissing.

"Kissing harmful? Certainly not. No, sir. There is no possible reason in the world or proof in the world why when two self-respecting, wholesome persons meet lip to lip, they can't break away without upsetting the bacterial balance."

Perhaps the only serious danger springing from such a union would affect the heart only.

Dr. Worthington also ably defend our friends, the microbes, referring to them in other circumstances. He asserted that if bacteria were driven out of the land, the world would become a desert scattered with the world's dead. Germs are humble in their needs, but stupendous in their life work.

## BOAT TIPS; TWO DROWN

### Husband Struggles Bravely to Save Young Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Losing their strength after a half-hour struggle to support themselves on the bottom of an overturned fishing smack that had capsized, with them in the bay off Fort Point, Mrs. Louise Schaad, 22 years old, and John Gabb, aged 43, sank and were drowned.

Russel M. Schaad, husband of the young woman, made every effort to save his wife's life and it was only through the prompt arrival of the life-saving crew that he was taken from the water just as he was about to share the fate of the others. The accident occurred in the strong current on a flood tide. In trying to right the craft, the men brought it about suddenly and a large wave turned it turtle. Schaad's attempt to place his wife upon the bottom of the boat turned it over and in righting the skiff the energy of the men was exhausted.

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## TIME GRANTED TO CHECK UP CENSUS

### Volunteer Count Will Be Gone Over.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS LIMIT

### Beach Will Take Care to See That Result Is Honest.

## TARDY CAN STILL HELP

### Blanks May Be Filled In and Mailed to Headquarters, but Not Taken in Person, Nor Can Telephone Be Employed.

## CITY READY FOR PAVING

### Summer's Work Mapped Out in Grants Pass Streets.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—The company awarded the contracts to pave Sixth, P and G streets, has signed its obligation and given bonds, and is now assembling tools, implements, laborers, men and teams to begin work Monday morning. Several men have been prospecting for a suitable quarry to supply the needs. Two traction engines and trucks will work day and night hauling stone for the streets, and the work will be located along railroad right-of-way near cold storage. The sewer down Sixth street will be laid in advance, and the sidewalks will be made 12 feet wide from the property line.

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## GOLDEN RULE "COP" IS NEARLY KILLED

### NEW POLICE METHOD PROVES FAILURE IN CHICAGO.

### Pat Colman Speaks Softly to Ruffians, but the Crass Villains Fall Upon Him.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 1.—(Special.)—Patrolman Cottrill, who had been reading about the "Golden Rule" in handling disorderly persons, attempted to put the theory into practice early this morning. His helmet was knocked off and a heavy kick through it, he was knocked down and beaten almost to death with his own mace and a riot was precipitated. Hereafter, if he recovers, this particular patrolman will go after hoodlums with a club and cut out the "Golden Rule" business.

He had been seen to disperse a gang of young ruffians who made a practice of loitering upon a particular corner, "rushing the can" and insulting all women who passed, assaulting those who objected to their villainy.

Patrolman Cottrill approached them and mildly requested them to go home. Using his mace as a weapon, accompanied by an ingratiating smile, instead, they fell upon him and would have mauled him to a pulp if a riot call had not been turned in.

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## TWO GRAND JURIES TO PROBE BRIBERY

### Confession Will Be Repeated in Chicago.

## SPRINGFIELD TO TAKE HAND

### Senator Lorimer Says Letters Show White Is Unbalanced.

## PLOT TO RUIN BANK SEEN

### If Acceptance of \$1000 for Vote Is Admitted Again, Says State's Attorney, Promise of Immunity, Will Be Disregarded.

## CHICAGO, May 1.—

(Special.)—State's Attorney Wayman will take Representative Charles A. White, of O'Fallon, before the special grand jury tomorrow to repeat his confession of alleging that he received a bribe of \$1000 for voting for William Lorimer for United States Senator and later \$900 as his share in a "jackpot" or general legislative corruption fund.

The public prosecutor intimates also that in the near future the down-state Legislators mentioned by White in his charges will appear before the special inquisitorial body, the list including Henry A. Shepard of Jerseyville, Joseph S. Clark of Vandalia, Michael Link of Mitchell, and Lee O'Neill Brown of Ottawa.

## Double Inquiry Promised.

The legislative bribery scandal will have the right of way and when the special grand jury gets through with its work White's astounding story will have been investigated to the bottom.

The inquiry will not be confined to Cook County alone, for in Sangamon County the regular grand jury convenes tomorrow at Springfield and State's Attorney Edmund Burke declares that it will make an exhaustive inquiry into the corrupt deals alleged by White to have been transacted at the Capital.

After White is through at the Criminal Court building in Chicago, the Sangamon County authorities will seek to bring him before the grand jury at Springfield. If he repeats the confession he made to State's Attorney Wayman before the Sangamon County jurors, State's Attorney Burke declares that he will be indicted and prosecuted forthwith, no matter what assurance of immunity he may have from the prosecution in Cook County.

## Unbalanced, Says Lorimer.

Attorney-General Stead is at Springfield preparing to lend a hand in the investigation.

Senator Lorimer says he has a letter at Washington from White, which he believes proves that the writer is mentally unbalanced, and reiterates his declaration that the attack is a move to ruin the new La Salle-Street National Bank.

Senator Janine, who handled the anti-local option bill, denies the charges that bribes were offered to put the bill through.

Leo O'Neill Brown, announces that he will remain in Chicago to watch developments and will save his correspondence with White as ammunition to be used later on.

One advantage in having the special grand jury take up the investigation is that it has no definite length of life. Probably no State's Attorney's office in the state is so well prepared to handle a big bribery scandal as that of Cook County. The experience of State's Attorney Wayman and his assistants in the indictment and conviction of Edward McCann, the police inspector, served to acquaint the prosecutor intimately with the law on bribery, as well as with what facts are necessary to prove that crime.

## TEACHERS SEEK PENSIONS

### California Educators Trying for New Education Law.

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—With the indorsement of the convention of school superintendents, which closed yesterday in Riverside, Edward Hyatt, State Superintendent of Education, today for Sacramento to work out plans for providing state funds for the pensioning of superannuated teachers and for free transportation of children who live more than two miles from a school.

Both projects were submitted to the Tentative plans contemplate the employment of the collateral inheritance tax to meet the demands of the pension and transportation fund. The amounts to between \$1,000,000 and \$1,200,000 a year. The proposal of free transportation for children was the result of reports that numerous families who lacked traveling facilities refused to send their children to school and the compulsory law could not reach them.

## COMET SEEN IN SEATTLE

### Sky Unusually Clear and Several Observe Visitor at 3 A. M.

SEATTLE, May 1.—Halley's comet was observed by several persons in Seattle this morning.

The sky was unusually clear along the eastern horizon and the comet became visible to the naked eye shortly after 3 o'clock.

