

ALL OREGON MEN TO BE CONFIRMED

Fulton Will Offer Objection to None.

GEARIN STANDS WITH HIM

Places Interest of Oregon Above Own Wishes.

ACCORD WITH PRESIDENT

Letter From President and Fulton's Own Statement Show There Is No Friction—Why Exception to Rule Was Made.

OREGON APPOINTEES TO BE CONFIRMED. C. J. REED, United States Marshal, May 15, 1905. W. C. WOLVERTON, United States District Judge, November 21, 1905. W. C. BRISTOL, United States District Attorney, December 1, 1905. J. M. LAWRENCE, Receiver of Roseburg Land Office, December 1, 1905.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 23.—News after Congress reconvenes in January, United States District Judge C. E. Wolverton, United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol, United States Marshal C. J. Reed and J. M. Lawrence, Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, will be confirmed.

No Friction With President. It was within the power of Mr. Fulton, had he so desired, to hold up any or all of these nominations, and for a time it was believed he would interpose objection to the confirmation of Mr. Reed and Mr. Lawrence. But the Senator has considered this matter at length and in all its phases, and has reached the conclusion that he will best serve the state by permitting these nominations to be confirmed.

Duty to State First. "In all probability I shall not oppose the confirmation of any of the nominations sent in by the President. Whatever might be my personal preferences or wishes, I feel that it is my duty to pursue that course which will best enable me to advance the interests of the people of Oregon. They are not concerned as to which particular applicant shall be appointed to a given office. To engage in a contest over confirmations is to interfere with my work in other directions. The state is without full representation, while its needs are many. Hence, even were I disposed to oppose the confirmation of any of the nominees, I would not do so in the name of the people of Oregon but in the name of any such controversy under existing conditions.

President Explains Attitude. "It is proper to say, however, that reports of friction and strained relations between the President and me are entirely incorrect. That charge will be sufficiently answered by quoting from a letter written me some days ago, in which the President refers to such reports and says: 'The reports as to friction between you and me are entirely incorrect. You are Senator from Oregon, and you shall, as a matter of course, have all consideration from me. This applies to the question of appointments as much as to other matters, save that, owing to the peculiar conditions obtaining in Oregon as regards offices under the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior, I have felt obliged to act on my own responsibility in reference thereto.'"

Gearin Stands With Fulton. Asked about his attitude towards Judge Wolverton and Messrs. Bristol, Reed and Lawrence, Mr. Gearin said: "I am sure for the President's appointments and will support them. They are good men and will be confirmed. I am very glad to know Senator Fulton will not oppose the confirmation of any of them. With our confirmed support they will all be confirmed."

WHY SENATOR DID NOT ACT

Fulton Explains Course in Regard to Mitchell's Death.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 23.—In regard to the inaction of the Senate on the death of Senator Mitchell, Senator Fulton said tonight: "As certain papers in Oregon have criticized me for not offering a resolution in respect to the death of Senator Mitchell, I feel justified in making the following statement: 'I am sure I deplore as deeply as any person the unfortunate death of Senator Mitchell. That I have not sympathetically throughout all his troubles I would not dispute. When his death occurred, my position was one of extreme difficulty. I was anxious that there should be paid to his memory by the Senate the usual marks of respect. I received the customary resolution and expected to offer it, but before the time arrived for doing so I was called on by a number of the leading Senators who advised me that any resolutions on the subject would meet strong opposition. I then conferred with practically all the members and was assured by several that they would openly oppose any such resolution, and by many that they would vote against it. It seemed to me, and I could not escape the conviction, that to insist on the resolutions under such conditions would only gratify a public curiosity, and do nothing to honor the memory of the deceased, and that they would justify themselves for having precipitated a public discussion of a subject so distressing. All that any of his friends in the Senate advised was that I should simply announce his death without offering a resolution or moving adjournment. To do that, it seems to me, would be to ignore the fact that his passing away was to be ignored by the Senate. I felt that I preferred, silence to a discussion of a subject so distressing. I would not have paid to his memory the slight tribute of simple adjournment. In a situation so difficult and delicate, I felt that I should be governed by his friends in the Senate, and Senator Fulton, for example, who, at first, favored offering a resolution, after canvassing the Senate, came to me and advised me to take no action whatever. Such was also the advice of Senators Spooner, Hale, Foraker, Lodge, Allison and numerous others."

HILL LAYS LARGE RAILROAD PLANS

Northwestern Traffic Map May Be Changed by New Conditions.

WILL WORK IRON LANDS

New Stock Transfers Will Enable Northern Pacific to Spend \$25,000,000 and Extend the Line 1000 Miles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The New York correspondent of the Evening Post, recognized as unusually well posted on big deals on Wall street, says: "Wall street is on the lookout for another rearrangement of the Northwestern railway map, and holiday 'melon cutting' by James J. Hill. Ever since the United States Supreme Court put Hill's railway trust compromise company—the Northern Securities—out of business, the great railway and industrial chief of the great Northwest has been devising plans to carry out some of his old ideas about progressive upbuilding of his territory and properties."

Brownlow Has Most Bills. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, holds the record so far for introducing bills at the present session of Congress. In 13 days he introduced 274 bills. The total number of bills introduced in the House was 1941, an average of 149 bills for each session of the last Congress.

MARRIED WRONG HOWARD

MARY LEAFGREEN WAS WIFE OF TUMWATER MAYOR.

Arch Glover Testifies Woman Was Not Wife of Man Whose Money She Wants.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Arch Glover, a stockbroker of Richmond, Mo., testified today in the case of Mrs. Mary A. Leafgreen against the estate of Laelode J. Howard, that he had known Charles Howard, Mayor of Tumwater, Wash., from childhood, that he had played with him and that he was the man who married Mrs. Leafgreen at Palmer, Ill., instead of Laelode J. Howard. The attorneys for the defense say they have six other witnesses who will testify that the Mayor of Tumwater is the man Mrs. Leafgreen married. Five witnesses have already testified that the picture of Laelode J. Howard is not that of the man who married Mrs. Leafgreen and they have been equally positive that the Mayor of Tumwater was the Charles Howard who was married to her. "The first witness was Mrs. Milza Kestell, formerly housekeeper for Laelode J. Howard. She said that at the time Mrs. Leafgreen claimed to have met Mr. Howard she was in St. Louis. She was positive that Mr. Howard went away in February and that he did not return until the latter part of March."

ALL OFF WITH THE ACTRESS

One Condition of Corey's Reconciliation With His Wife.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—(Special)—"One million dollars, no questions asked or answered." This proposition has been made to Mrs. Laura Cook Corey, wife of the president of the United States Steel Corporation. The proposition was, that if W. E. Corey would furnish to his wife undisputed evidence that he and Mabelle Gilman had ceased to be anything to each other, he would give his wife \$1,000,000, or more than enough to buy her independence for life, and make a will naming his son as his heir, instead of cutting him off with \$300,000, as she threatened some time ago. Mrs. Corey consented to this arrangement and went with her father-in-law to his home in North Braddock, W. E. Corey may be at his father's home for Christmas dinner and a reconciliation, but it is not necessary from a financial point of view that he be there, as it is understood that Fred A. Corey brought back to Pittsburgh a certified check for \$1,000,000 for Mrs. Corey, to show that business was meant.

FALLING ORE KILLS EIGHT

Newport Mine Disaster Snuffs Out Many Lives Underground.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed today by a fall of 1500 tons of ore from a slip on the 1200-foot level of the Newport mine in Ironwood. The dead are: Joe Harris, John Frank, Peter Decker, James R. Lynch, Alexander Parabomb, Nick Grogovitch, Joel Luckner and Frank Traa. "In account of the great danger from drifting ore and the fact that the men were not recovered before the bodies are recovered."

BOSTON GETS GOLD MEDAL

Portland Fair Favors Board of Health Exhibit.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The award of a gold medal to the Boston Board of Health by the Commissioners of the recent World's Fair at Portland, Ore., was announced in a letter to the board today. The exhibit which the board sent to the Exposition and which has been returned to Boston, is illustrative especially of the treatment of infectious diseases as developed and practiced by the health authorities of this city.

Italian Settlers for Mindanao.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—General Leonard Wood has requested the Philippine Commission to extend the land laws to the districts of Zamboanga and Mindanao. Archbishop Harty is negotiating with the Italian government for permission to include immigration from that country to settle in Mindanao. General Wood is also exerting every influence in an effort to secure settlers for the new provinces.

OD SMUGGLER A WRECK IN ALASKA

Steamer Portland Runs Ashore in Fog on Spire Island, Near Ketchikan.

PASSENGERS ARE SAVED

Picturesque Career of Vessel Built Twenty Years Ago on North Atlantic Coast Ends on Far Northwestern Seashore.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—The steamer Portland went on the rocks at Spire Island, about eight miles north of Ketchikan, Alaska, the night of December 21. A dispatch from Captain Lindquist, master of the vessel, states that the steamer is hard aground and is leaking badly. The passengers will be a total loss. The passengers are supposed to have been transferred to Ketchikan. The Portland is owned and operated by the Alaska Commercial Company, of San Francisco.

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The Weather. TODAY'S—Maximum temperature, 38; minimum, 20. Wind, light and variable; clouds, part snow or sleet; variable winds, mostly southerly.

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Portland has had a checked career. She was built at Bath, Me., in 1885, for Captain Compton, and christened the Haytian Republic. Her maiden trip on a regular schedule was between San Francisco and Seattle in 1889, and since that time she has furnished material for many startling tales of the sea.

When the big smuggling ring was finally exposed, the steamer was taken to Portland and sold by the Government to Sutton & Beebe for \$1000. She was subsequently repaired and renamed the Portland. She was again used for the coast trade. She was caught in the same storm that wrecked the Keweenaw and Monseratt to the bottom, but escaped by a miracle and put into Victoria for repairs.

Her dimensions are: Length, 191.5 feet; beam, 25.1 feet; depth, 20.2 feet. She registers 506 tons net.

NEW MERGER IS FORMED

New York Capitalist Will Join All City Traction Lines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Times tomorrow will say: "J. P. Morgan & Co., H. H. Rogers, of Standard Oil Company, and several other financiers not heretofore identified with the local traction situation, it was learned yesterday, have been associated with August Belmont & Co. and the capital interests in the merger of the Rapid Transit Company, in the merger of all the city's traction lines, elevated, surface and underground. Edward H. Harriman has been concerned in the negotiations, at least as a friendly adviser to Mr. Belmont. Whether he is to acquire an interest in the new concern could not be ascertained yesterday. The consolidation of the traction companies, it was further learned, has been brought about by a merger of the Ryan interests with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company rather than by the possession of the latter by the Morgan-Harriman-Belmont group. Payment to Ryan for his interest in the Metropolitan Securities Company and its control in the lines will probably be made in stock of a new holding company that is to be organized, rather than in cash."

Waller J. Ockman, president of the Hudson Companies and president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, will be a prominent factor in the consolidation. Through the Hudson Companies the Pennsylvania Railroad becomes indirectly interested in the traction merger.

ULTIMATUM OF EMPLOYERS

Boss Printers Say They Will Never Concede Closed Shop.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Any possibility of surrender of Typothetae printing shops to the Typographical Union, January 1, was removed when the following notice was posted in 26 of the strike-bound establishments: "To allay any apprehension or fears on the part of our composing-room employees as to our position on the open shop after January 1, 1906, the undersigned members of the Chicago Typothetae reiterate that our shops will be conducted as open shops after January 1, 1906, 24 hours constituting a week's work, and that under no circumstances will we entertain any propositions from Typographical Union No. 16 to the contrary. We assure these our employees are hereby assured of permanent positions as long as they continue to fulfill their duties satisfactorily."

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CAN NOT CHANGE RATES

ARCANUM COUNCIL HAS NO RIGHT, SAYS COURT.

Controversy Threatening Life of Order Is Ended by Decision of Supreme Justice Gaylor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Justice Gaylor in the Brooklyn Supreme Court handed down a decision today that will probably put an end to the controversies that have threatened the disorganization of the Royal Arcanum for many months. He held that the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum has no right to increase the assessments or change the rates under which its members are admitted to the benefits of the order. Through his decision is vastly important and affects hundreds of thousands of members of the Royal Arcanum, it is very brief. Justice Gaylor's decision reads: "The acts complained of, which increase the assessments, are void for the reason that they change the contract of the members with the organization. I have said nothing to which I have said in the case of Langum vs. the American Legion of Honor on the same head."

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 23.—When told of the decision of Justice Gaylor of Brooklyn, in the case of Mook vs. the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, Supreme Regent Howard C. Wiggins, of this city, said that an appeal would be taken as soon as possible.

HAMILTON SENDS ACCOUNT

Full Particulars of Lobbying Expenses of New York Life.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John C. McCall, secretary of the New York Life Insurance Company and son of President McCall, returned from Europe today with a detailed account of his lobbying in Paris to see Andrew Hamilton, to whom the New York Life Insurance Company advanced hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. McCall's account is being given to the committee. Mr. Hamilton sent a statement by Mr. McCall, his health being such that his physician ordered him not to return to present.

REFUSES VANDIVER'S REQUEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—It was announced today that the request of Superintendent of Police W. S. Vandiver, of Missouri, that the New York Life Insurance Company furnish him a list of the company's policy-holders residing in Missouri has been denied. The request was sent to President McCall of the New York Life, who made the denial. Superintendent Vandiver asked for the list as the request of a convention of policy-holders held in St. Louis. Mr. Vandiver said the names were to be used in carrying out the theory of a purely mutual organization.

CUPID PLAYS MORE PRANKS

Miss Critten and Kentucky Congressman Announce Engagement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Not alone in fixing the destinies of Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Nicholas Longworth did little Dan Cupid prove himself a really more important personage than Uncle Sam himself on the political junketing trip of Secretary Taft to the Philippines last summer. The god of love also singled the fate of two other hearts in the Taft party.

It was announced today that pretty Miss Mignon Critten, Miss Roosevelt's girl chum, has been betrothed to Congressman Joseph Swager Shroyer, of Kentucky, the warm friend of Mr. Longworth, and his roommate on the voyage which saw each made happy because of winning the girl of his choice.

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