

# HOUSE REPEALS INIQUITOUS ACT

## New Mexico Legislature Declared to Be Tool of Railroads.

### PARTIES OF ONE OPINION

#### Territorial Law Depriving Victims of Railroad Accidents of Right to Recover Damages Annulled by Act of Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Although on several occasions it had difficulty in maintaining a quorum, the House transacted considerable business today. An number of measures were passed, including a child-labor law for the District of Columbia intended as a substitute for the Senate bill, permitting appeals in naturalization cases from the District to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and repealing the act of the Legislature of New Mexico of 1903 regarding civil procedure in personal injury cases.

The proceedings were enlivened by a condemnation of the Government by Larrigan, the Porto Rican Commissioner, for its treatment of those people, which he said, had led to a spirit of discontent; and by a spirited passage at arms between the floor leaders, Payne and Williams, each charging the other's party with dishonesty in elections.

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow, when eulogies will be delivered upon the life and character of the late Representative Adolph Meyer, of Louisiana. In case of the circumstance of the adjournment, Williams did not insist upon the usual rollcall.

#### Iniquitous Territorial Act.

Under suspension of the rules the House, on a ye a and nay vote, passed unanimously the Senate resolution repealing the act of the Legislature of New Mexico, which passed over the Governor's veto, March 11, 1903. The act deals with civil procedure in personal injury cases. The resolution now goes to the President for his signature, having passed the Senate in March.

Birdsall of Iowa, having the bill in charge, declared that the law was the most remarkable piece of legislation ever enacted. Instead of being "an act to regulate the law and procedure in certain cases," he said, it should be entitled "an act to prevent the recovery of damages for injuries received in accidents or otherwise, upon railways within the territory of New Mexico." It was, he asserted, an iniquitous act of the Legislature and demonstrated the wisdom of the law giving to Congress the absolute control over the legislation of territories.

The passage of the resolution was urged by Henry, Texas, who characterized the act of the Legislature as infamous.

#### Dictated by Railroads.

In the opinion of Clayton of Alabama, no lawyer could read the law without being horrified at its outrages. That law, he charged, was passed at the instance of railroads, which he said, tyrannized the people of New Mexico and deprived them of justice.

The Senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill were disagreed to and conferees were appointed.

#### MAKE WAR ON RATS AND MICE

##### Precautions Taken Against Plague in Canal Zone.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A ban has been placed on rats and mice on the Panama Canal Zone in efforts to prevent bubonic plague from gaining a foothold there. It has been demonstrated that the plague is communicated by means of fleas. The fleas get it from the rats and mice and communicate it to human beings.

With the extermination of rats and mice it is stated that there will be no danger from the bite of a flea so far as plague is concerned. Canal employees have been instructed to kill rats and mice.

#### Will Let Dry Farm Bills Pass.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—Speaker Cannon has given reasonable assurance that he will grant time during the coming week for consideration in the House of the 320-acre dry-farm homestead bill and the bill by Representative French granting Idaho an additional 2,000,000 acres under the Carey act. It is believed both will pass if they come to a vote.

#### One Bid for Eugene Building.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—The Treasury Department received but one bid for the erection of a public building at Eugene, that from George C. Moore, there for \$45,000. No decision has yet been reached.

#### CAKE SPEAKS AT ROSEBURG

##### Presents His Claims to a Good Audience.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—"What influence could a man who is neither Republican nor Democrat, but non-partisan, have in the United States Senate?" asked H. M. Cake, Republican nominee for United States Senator, who spoke here tonight.

"None, and we won't give him a chance to see," said some one in the audience. Seated beside the speaker were various Republican nominees from this county and a number of distinguished citizens from this and other parts of the state. Mr. Cake refrained from personalities, but evidently could not resist the temptation to mention the claims of his Democratic opponent. "We are told that it is not party," he said, "but the man that should be considered. This is only a sophistry."

At the conclusion of Mr. Cake's remarks other speakers delivered brief addresses. Mr. Cake goes from here to Drain and speaks at Cottage Grove Monday afternoon.

#### GOLDBENDALE LOSS \$26,000

##### Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys Three Buildings.

GOLDBENDALE, Wash., May 9.—Fire this morning resulted in the loss of three frame buildings and damaged two adjoining brick buildings. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have started at the rear of Cecil Smith's jewelry store. The blaze had gained such headway before discovered that for about two hours it was beyond control. The building and contents of W. A. McKinzie & Sons' store, together with

his household effects, were a total loss, valued at \$10,000, partly covered by insurance. A vacant building belonging to Gillett Bros., valued at \$100 also a total loss, partly covered by insurance. W. Lord's building occupied by Cecil Smith, jewelry store, was a total loss, valued \$1500, partly covered by insurance. The jewelry stock, valued at \$2000 was also a total loss, partly covered by insurance; making a total loss of \$28,000.

The merchandise store of John E. Chappell was damaged by water and smoke to the extent of \$10,000, fully covered by insurance. The drugstore of D. F. Everett suffered \$1000 damage, which is covered by insurance.

#### Coast Record Broken.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—The Coast five-mile record was broken yesterday at the special meet at the State Fairgrounds under the auspices of the A. A. U. The best time was made by Davolt of the State Agricultural College, his time being 23:29 1-5. The former record was held by Fred Vermer, of Chicago, and was made August 4, 1905, at the Portland Exposition.

#### WOOLEN MILLS SHUT DOWN

##### Threats of Strike in Salem Met at Once With Shut-Down.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Owing to a strike of the spinners the Salem Woolen Mills closed down today for the first time in many years. Only nine persons, mostly boys, are directly involved in the strike, but as the mill cannot run without spinners the whole force of 120 employees has been laid off. Manager T. B. Gay expects to get a new force of spinners before the end of next week and resume operations.

The spinners struck early this morning. It seems that on January 1 their rate of compensation was reduced 10 per cent. At 7 o'clock this morning the nine spinners went to the office and demanded renewal of the former rate of pay or they would strike. Manager Kay replied that he could not negotiate with men who came to him in that spirit, so the men quit. In speaking of the matter tonight, Mr. Kay said:

"When the financial stringency occurred last October and buyers of woolen goods were canceling all their orders, our mill did not cut wages till January 1, and we have run full force every day. The reduction in wages was 10 per cent. All the 120 employees except these nine spinners seem to be satisfied."

The closing down of the mill is of considerable importance to Salem for it not only throws 120 persons out of employment, but affects local business interests generally.

#### PREPARES CURRENCY BILL

##### Financial Legislation of Interest at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Republican conference committee appointed to draft an emergency currency bill at the adjourned caucus of the Republican members to the held next Monday night, was in session practically all day and until before the evening recess. The following statement was made by Chairman Vreeland:

"The bill will be perfected and unanimously agreed on by the committee in time to present to the conference Monday night. I do not care to go into the particulars of the bill further than to say that the measure will be based on the principle of the last emergency bill introduced by myself recently."

Chairman Fowler, of the banking and currency committee, today reintroduced his credit currency bill with the Federal guaranty and trust features eliminated.

#### OVERDUE VESSEL ARRIVES

##### Schooner Minnie Caine Reaches Port With Coal.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The American schooner Minnie Caine, Captain Olson, 118 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., posted on the overdue list at 15 per cent, arrived in port today after a tedious voyage, caused by a continuous lack of favorable winds. It had only one day of favorable winds, and that was during the last 24 hours of the voyage. February 15 it ran into a southeast squall in which the jib-boom and foremast were carried away.

The schooner had on board 1330 tons of coal consigned to this port.

#### MAYOR AFTER POKER GAME

##### Raids Cigar-Store and Packs Proprietor Off to Jail.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Mayor George F. Rodgers raided all the card-rooms in the city tonight in quest of gambling games, and found one gambling game in operation. This was a poker game in the cigar store of Charles Pilet, on State street. This is the same place Mayor Rodgers raided two months ago, at which time Pilet was let off on his promise to close up. Mayor Rodgers put him under arrest and ordered him to appear in Police Court Monday.

#### Shingle Mills May Shut Down.

SEATTLE, May 9.—Commencing June 1 and continuing for at least six weeks, the shingle mills in this state will be shut down, if the plans now under way are worked out. Circular letters to all shingle manufacturers in the state are being sent out, advising a shut-down at that time. Meetings have been held this week at various points, at which a shut-down on June 1 has been strongly urged. Very low prices and generally unsatisfactory conditions of the shingle market are given as the cause.

#### Socialists Meet Today.

CHICAGO, May 9.—The Socialist Party convention for at least six weeks, candidates for President and Vice-President and to adopt a National platform, will meet here tomorrow. The men most frequently mentioned for the nomination for President are Eugene V. Debs and William D. Haywood.

#### Third Floor Wins.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—In the first of the annual ball games between the second and third floors of the varsity dormitory, the third floorites won, 19 to 5. These games are productive of intense enthusiasm.

#### Would Expel Anarchists.

MADRID, May 9.—The Senate passed a law providing for the creation of private tribunals that shall have the power to expel from the kingdom persons suspected of aiding the anarchist propaganda.

#### Cashier Shoots Himself.

NEW ORLEANS, May 9.—Charles Perillat, cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, shot and killed himself late today. The finance committee learned today that he was \$100 short in his accounts.

#### Rudyard Kipling said to Robert Barr

one in covering the subject of an exchange of ideas. "Why, all I ever knew somebody told me."

# STAND BY PINCHOT

## Senators Defend Forest Policy from Attacks.

### ASSAIL TIMBER THIEVES

#### Smoot Says They Are Source of Opposition—Lodge Asserts Nation's Rights—Fulton Objects to Pinchot's Methods.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The debate on the main features of the agricultural appropriation bill was practically concluded by the Senate today. Smoot, of Utah, spoke at length in advocacy of the Forest Reserve Service. Lodge and Newlands supported the policy of the Service.

Clark, of Wyoming, reviewed at length, what he said he regarded as the weakness of the Forestry Service. He declared that its opponents were not in different to the preservation of the timber lands, but objected to the methods practiced by the Bureau of Forestry under its present administration.

In addition to the attention given the agricultural bill, the Senate voted to send to the committee on judiciary the resolution introduced by Burdett of Nebraska declaring tomorrow to be "Mothers' day" and suggesting that Senators and employees of the Senate wear a white flower in honor of that day. Keane of New Jersey proposed as a substitute a resolution embodying the fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

#### Timber Thieves Turn on Pinchot.

Smoot declared that the "timber thieves" had been stirred up over the course of the Forestry Service and, looking about for some one to attack, they had turned upon the United States Forester.

Fulton said that the laws under which fraudulent practices grew up were still on the statute books in spite of efforts to repeal them. Indorsing this statement of the Senator from California, Newlands, of Nevada, declared that the explanation of the failure to repeal these laws was found in the "interests strongly entrenched in every political organization of the West."

#### No Right to Destroy Forests.

Saying that he wished to speak in defense of the forest reserve "policy," Lodge apologized for the word "policy" which the Senator from Idaho commented on the other day, but as no other word occurred to him he would use it. He declared that the Eastern states could appreciate what had been done by the pioneers in the Western country, but they believed that the forests should be preserved for the whole people and not regarded as belonging to the states in which they are located.

"What has been called in this debate a God-given right to use and destroy without interference has been pretty fully exercised in this country," said Lodge.

#### Fulton Objects to Methods.

He continued to refer to destruction of forests, game and songbirds and fisheries of the East, when Fulton interrupted to say that the objections urged against the Forestry Service was not directed against the policy of preserving the forests but against the administration of the service and the inclusion of agricultural land in the reserves.

Protesting against the tendency of the Senator's defense of the forestry policy of the Administration to place those opposed to it in the position of being declared the enemies of the forest, Clark of Wyoming was against the methods of the Forestry Service.

"Against the reckless," he said, "almost criminal recklessness, with which the Senate of the United States is voting money to an unknown purpose." He said Congress was now asked to appropriate \$1,500,000 more for the Forestry Service than was received by the service from the sales of timber.

Newlands spoke in favor of the forest reserve policy.

Upon motion of Warren the Senate adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday and to vote on the agricultural bill before adjournment.

#### MINNESOTA FOR JOHNSON

##### County Conventions of State Honor Favorite Son.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 9.—The supporters of Governor Johnson, for the Democratic Presidential nomination, had their own way in most of the county conventions held throughout Minnesota today. Returns received up to 11 o'clock give the Johnson men 48 delegates in the state convention and the Bryanites 78. There will be 95 delegates in the convention. The Bryan men say they will contest 400 delegates and hold a rival state convention.

Two Democratic convention were held in St. Paul, Ramsey County, today. In the official, or Johnson convention, the

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#### FRED WILHELM RELEASED

##### Was Suspected of Having Blown Up Gallagher's Home.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 9.—Fred Wilhelm, the former St. Louis policeman and private detective, who has been kept in detinue at the City Jail for more than two weeks, suspected of being implicated in the blowing up of ex-Superior Gallagher's home, has been released from custody upon the order of Captain of Detectives Peterson.

The latter said he had no explanations to make, and "neither has Wilhelm," he added.

#### Arrivals and Departures.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Arrived—Steamer City of Puebla, from Victoria; steamer Homer, from Portland; steamer Mayfair, from Willapa; steamer Yellowstone, from Astoria; schooner Minnie A. Caine, from Newcastle, Australia, sailed—Steamer State of California, for Portland; steamer Buckman, for Seattle; steamer St. Helens, for Portland.

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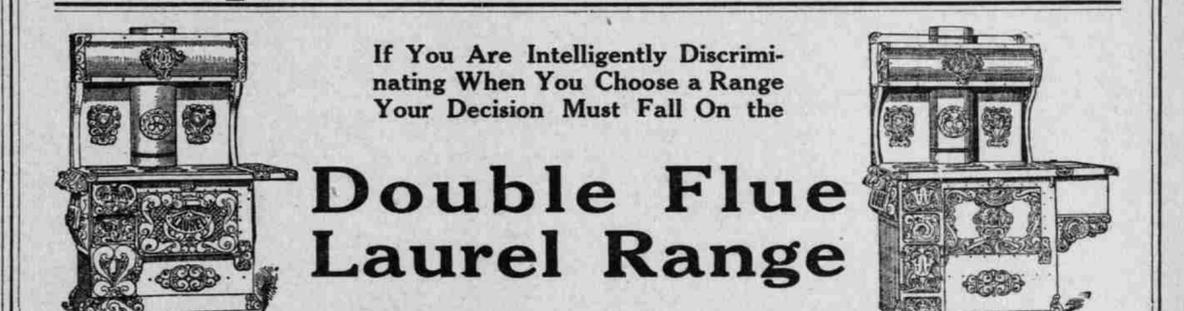
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#### Will Stop Off Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Secretary Lyon, of the Chamber of Commerce, today received a telegram from Senator Bourne stating that the Atlantic battleship fleet had been ordered to stop off Coos Bay on the way to Seattle if the weather permits. When the date is known, a holiday will be proclaimed and one of the steamers will be chartered to take the Coos Bay people to see the fleet.

Noahles, Ariz.—The Yaquis under Chief Luis Bule have submitted to the Mexican government and are surrendering their arms.

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