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THE OREGON LEGISLATURE

Convenes and Proceeds to Ballot for President of Senate and Speaker of House.

CAUCUS IN SENATE

RESULTS IN DEADLOCK.

It is feared That the Organization of the Houses Will Not Be Effected Today—May Result in Deferring Election of Senator.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 12.—The legislature convened this morning. The senate was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop, J. L. Dancy, of Corvallis, was elected temporary chairman.

The presidency caucus occurred at 11 o'clock. There were 22 in the caucus, Fulton presiding. A hot fight developed over organization, and it may not be settled today.

The state caucus had eight ballots on present, which resulted in a deadlock. G. C. Brownell, of Yamhill, each received 11 votes. The caucus met again this afternoon to renew balloting.

In the house caucus Davey was unexpectedly strong, the first ballot giving Frank Davey, of Marion, 17; L. T. Harris, of Lane, 15; B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, 15. In the seventh ballot Davey had 15, Harris, 16, Eddy, 15.

It is feared that the organization of both houses will not be effected today, which would result in deferring the election of a senator another week, as the law provides that it shall take place the second Tuesday after organization. Delay would seriously unsettle the existing combinations, especially as the vacancy caused by Congressman Tongue's death is sure to play an important part in the senatorial fight.

Still Unbroken.

The deadlock in the speakership fight is unbroken after 19 ballots in caucus. On the last ballot the vote was: Harris, 19; Davey, 16; Eddy, 15.

A strong pressure is being brought to bear to force a caucus today, so as to not delay the election of a senator. The fight seems to be between Harris and Davey. The caucus will resume balloting at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At 1:30 the senate again convened and proceeded with work and a president. George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, was elected.

L. T. Harris, of Eugene, won in the assembly.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Washington Lodge to Hold Convention at Watsburg.

Watsburg, Wash., Jan. 12.—Next Thursday the district convention of the Knights of Pythias for the district comprised in Washington, Franklin, Columbia and Garfield counties will be held here. The meeting will be held in Odd Fellows hall. An excellent program is being arranged, and a banquet will be tendered the guests by the ladies of the city, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church.

The convention will give an explanation of the floor work and have special contests will be arranged. For these R. C. McCroskey, of Garfield; Judge S. J. Chadwick, of Colfax, and John Cornett, of North Yakima, will act as judges and award prizes. The lodge has appointed a number of committees and everything is being done to secure a pleasant meeting. A number of addresses will be given during the evening, followed by the floor work and banquet.

NEW CHARTER FOR LA GRANDE.

Some Important Changes to Be Presented to the Legislature.

La Grande, Jan. 12.—The new charter as adopted by the charter committee is now in the hands of the secretary to be written for presentation to the legislature. There are several objectionable features that have already called forth much comment. One is giving the city power to sell the water works without giving the citizens a chance to vote, whether or not they wish to dispose of them.

Another is the election of the city marshal by the council.

Another is in regard to filling the vacancies of the city.

Another is the provision of the charter preventing the state jurisdiction in the matter of prosecuting violations of the gambling laws.

Another is the extension of the city limits. On the latter proposition, it is reported those people who are now just outside have secured an attorney who will be sent to Salem to work against any extension whatever.

General Von Vegesack.

Stockholm, Jan. 12.—General Von Vegesack died here today at the age of 82. He fought in many battles and gained much fame during the American civil war. He rose from the ranks to be a general in the Northern army.

Funeral of Vice-Consul.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The funeral of McLean, the American vice-consul at Paris, was conducted in the American church this morning. The entire consular staff and a large number of prominent Americans were present.

Youtsey Testifies.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 12.—When the grand jury convened this morning Youtsey was again taken from prison to testify. Sensational developments are expected.

The irrigation company interests which now dominate the Portland Board of Trade, have resumed their war against Moore and now declare that the accounts of the secretary are short.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE TAKES UP VEXED QUESTION.

Hill, of Connecticut, Offers a Bill to Place Coal on the Free List—Mitchell Reports Concerning Hawaii.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The house committee on ways and means will take up the coal question tomorrow. At the meeting the various resolutions placing coal on the free list and applying similar remedies will be discussed. The bill to be first considered is one by Hill, republican, of Connecticut, which would place on the free list for six months and placing it virtually on the free list for this period. In this form it will be reported to the house.

In the senate this morning John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, chairman of the committee on the Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, announced that the committee was unanimous upon all subjects except the admission of Chinese into the islands. Foraker, of Ohio, gave notice that on Wednesday he would speak upon the statehood bill. The vast antislavery resolution was then taken up.

Handmade of Protection.

Vest called attention to the action of Rhode Island legislature, which urged Aldrich to have coal placed on the free list. The Dingley tariff was again discussed. Secretary of the committee on the Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, announced that the committee was unanimous upon all subjects except the admission of Chinese into the islands. Foraker, of Ohio, gave notice that on Wednesday he would speak upon the statehood bill. The vast antislavery resolution was then taken up.

SECRETARY MOODY SLIGHTLY INJURED AT ANNAPOLIS.

A System of DeForest Wireless Telegraph Used Between the Academy and the Navy.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The following telegram was received at the navy yard this afternoon from Annapolis, by the DeForest system of wireless telegraph: "Secretary Moody's horse ran through the side of the house, breaking a window. Moody's injuries were slight. His face was badly cut and he is now in the superintendent's house. Senator Hale was in the carriage with him, but not hurt."

Wireless telegraphy has been used between the navy yard and the academy for several months, but this is the first news telegram ever sent.

No Hope for Hewitt.

New York, Jan. 12.—Physicians this morning give no hope of Hewitt's recovery. At 10 o'clock they say his condition is unchanged.

MAKE A BIG BLUFF AWARDED TO CRAMP

DECLARE COAL MINING EXTRA HEALTHY WORK.

Accuse the United Mine Workers' Organization of Creating Discontent.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—The non-unionists have closed their side of the case before the anthracite commission. The coal companies opened their side this morning and Attorney Torrey, of the Delaware & Hudson, made the opening address.

He said that the evidence shows that mining was not arduous and that it was more than ordinarily healthful. According to him, no complaints have ever been made to the company directors regarding the working system, and he accused the miners' unions of creating dissatisfaction and that it is not the company's fault that so few miners were working. The miners themselves are responsible, he said, and he would prove that the organization had no control over the men or if so, President Mitchell declined to use it.

Superintendent on the Rack.

Superintendent John Mitchell, in cross-examination the witnesses, gave Superintendent Rose, of the Delaware & Hudson a bad half hour.

He made him admit that there were a number of complaints made by the operators which demoralized the men.

DURBAN ON TRUSTS.

Suggestions of Governor of Indiana to the Legislature.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 9.—The sixty-third regular session of the general assembly of Indiana convened yesterday. Governor Durbin, in his message, laid the following to say concerning trusts:

"I most earnestly recommend that without prejudice and the exercise of conservative judgment such legislation as may be necessary shall be enacted that will guard the welfare of the people of Indiana against any contingency of wrong associated with the methods of competition and combination in forwarding the expanding volume of business that is increasing with the growth of this prosperous republic."

A WEALTHY THIEF.

Young Man Steals Several Thousand Dollars From Western Union.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Clarence Rehn, the son of a wealthy parents in New Orleans, has been arrested here for embezzling large sums from the Western Union. An accomplice, Andrew Houser, is in jail in New Orleans.

They were members of the telegraph company and raised money orders, pocketing the excess. They are said to have stolen \$20,000.

WILL SELL HIS BIRTHRIGHT.

Duke Ferdinand of Saxony Offered \$600,000 to Renounce His Rights.

Salsburg, Austria, Jan. 10.—The papers here today report that the family of Duke Ferdinand, who accompanied his sister, the crown princess of Saxony, in her flight, have offered him \$600,000 on condition that he renounce his inheritance and rights.

Damages Allowed.

New York, Jan. 9.—The circuit court this morning gave a verdict of \$36,000 damages for James Duke against the Morning Journal for the publication of a defamatory article.

DENIES THE REPORT.

President Roosevelt Will Not Interfere With Utah Politics Even if He Does Think it a Mistake to Elect a Mormon Senator.

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Roosevelt told several friends today that he was considerably surprised when he read the reports of his interference in Utah politics. He assured them he would not interfere, directly or indirectly in the selection of a senator, as he believes it beyond the province of a president to take a hand in state elections. Although personally in private conversation he said he believed the election of an apostle of the Mormon church as senator would be a piece of doubtful policy, if not a mistake. He never for a moment intended the conversation to ever be made public or used to convey the impression that he would use his influence to affect the defeat of any candidate selected by the people of Utah.

RIOT IN SPAIN.

Striking Carmen at Barcelona in Serious Clash With Police.

Barcelona, Jan. 9.—The carmen's strike for higher wages is resulting in serious collisions with the police. Revolvers were used in the streets Wednesday. Strikers threw petrol on the premises of the Northern railroad with the intention of setting fire to them, and hidden bombs were discovered near the city, leading to the belief that dynamiting was intended.

The police have been largely reinforced and special orders have been issued for the civil guard to be in readiness.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

Will Be Established Between the United States and England January 18.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Direct wireless communication between Great Britain and the United States will be established January 18. President Roosevelt this morning promised a Marconi representative that he would send the first message which will be addressed to the king of England.

MRS. HORTON PARDONED.

Was Sent to the Penitentiary for Adultery—Said to Be Innocent.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Elta Horton, of Burns, the first woman ever pardoned of adultery in Oregon, has been pardoned from the penitentiary by Governor Geer, after serving most of her term. She maintains her innocence.

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY APPROVE RECOMMENDATION.

Tennessee to Be Finished in 36 Months—Washington in 39—Each to Cost \$4,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The naval board of construction this morning recommended to the secretary of the navy that the contract for the building of the armed cruisers Tennessee and Washington be awarded to Cramp and Sons, of Philadelphia, and the other in 39 months. Each will cost \$4,000,000. The secretary of the navy will undoubtedly approve the recommendation.

Anti-Trust Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The senate judiciary committee met this morning to discuss anti-trust legislation, particularly the Hoar bill and the attorney-general's letter making recommendations to the president for presentation to the senate will be mapped out.

SHIPS COLLIDE.

Pomona Badly Damaged in San Francisco Bay—Unusually Heavy Fog.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Pomona, bound for the west with the United States gunboat Marbled, ran into the wharf and was badly damaged. The fog on the bay is the heaviest in years.

Arrest Unemployed.

Vienna, Jan. 10.—Twenty arrests have been made as a result of the riots yesterday by the unemployed at the municipal labor exchange.

THE RIGBY-CLOVE FACTORY.

Owing to the Failure of the Citizens to Subscribe \$20,000 Stock, Will Not Be Built.

Those interested in the Rigby-Clove Combined Harvester Manufacturing company are yet undecided what will be done about manufacturing their harvester. The promoters feel that sufficient effort has been made to demonstrate that the citizens of Umatilla county will not put up the \$20,000 preferred stock asked by the company to build a manufacturing plant in Pendleton, therefore the task of raising this money has been given up. The people were backward in taking stock and the company claimed they could not build a plant here without this amount of cash. Consequently other arrangements will be made.

J. Clove, one of the inventors of the new harvester, has been in San Francisco for the past several months, getting plans and estimates prepared for having a few of the machines built for the coming harvest. Whether he will have the work done in San Francisco complete or whether part of it will be done there and the machines put together and finished here, has not yet been decided.

There is no doubt but the harvester will prove a success, but people do not seem to appreciate the importance of the establishment of the factory in this city. The incorporators are somewhat disappointed at their inability to get their machines built in time for the coming harvest, and the delay in getting started may be the means of causing the machines not to be put on the market as extensively next year as was anticipated.

TONGUE IS DEAD A GIGANTIC SCHEME

Oregon Congressman Stricken Suddenly in Washington on His Way From Church.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD AT HILLSBORO SATURDAY.

Body Now Enroute to Oregon, Accompanied by Congressional Delegation—Resolutions of Respect Offered by Congressman Moody.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Hon. Thomas H. Tongue, congressman from the western district of Oregon, dropped dead of heart disease on the streets at noon here yesterday. He was returning from attending services at church.

His friends with him hurriedly called assistance and he was conveyed to a nearby residence where a physician was hastily summoned but life was extinct and Mr. Tongue was dead.

Succeeded Hermann.

Thomas H. Tongue was elected to the lower house of congress six years ago to succeed Blinger Hermann, who resigned to accept the position of land commissioner. Since that time he has been returned each succeeding election with good majorities. He left his home at Hillsboro for Washington about the middle of last November.

Biographical Sketch.

Thomas H. Tongue was born in England, on June 23, 1844, and was the only child of Anthony and Rebecca Tongue. He received his early education and training in England, but when he was 15 years of age, his parents emigrated directly from England to Washington county, Oregon, where they located on a farm and the young man took up the struggle of wrestling a livelihood from the soil. His education was gained in the common schools of the county.

Mr. Tongue was a Past Master Mason, and in 1888 delivered a highly finished and eloquent address before the Grand Lodge, which was published in several Masonic journals throughout the United States. He was also an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch.

He was also a member of the Grange at Hillsboro.

A Special Election.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 12.—Governor-elect Chamberlain will call a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Tongue.

House Task Action.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The body of Representative Tongue will leave this city this evening on a special car, and will be taken to his home at Hillsboro, Ore. A delegation from the house will accompany the remains.

The house and senate adopted resolutions of respect today, as did the River and Harbor committee, which was published in several Masonic journals throughout the United States. He was also an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch.

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Before adjournment, Moody, of Oregon, addressed the house on the death of Tongue.

He offered resolutions of sympathy, which were adopted by the house. Speaker Cannon then appointed a committee to represent the house at the funeral ceremonies.

In Memory of Tongue.

Washington, Jan. 12.—At 12:15 the house adjourned as a mark of respect in memory of Representative Tongue, of Oregon, who died yesterday.

MILLIONAIRE ANARCHISTS POSE AS PHILANTHROPISTS

Coal Laid Down at a Cost of \$1.50 Sold to the Poor of Chicago for \$10 a Ton.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—The alleged coal conspirators faced the grand jury this morning. Forty owners and operators of mines, wholesale dealers and agents of Pennsylvania companies were subpoenaed during the night.

Most of the witnesses are millionaires who are prominent in business, social and church life. Many prominent philanthropists are assisting in the investigation.

The former is said to have positive evidence that the bituminous coal now filling the yards of the city cost less than \$1.50 a ton, while the anthracite cost \$3 per ton.

The charges made the public are \$10 and \$20 per ton respectively. A dozen millionaires and mine owners fled during the night.

Two deaths from freezing, due to the rapacity of the coal barons is reported this morning. One was a 70-year-old woman, the other an infant. Police patrol wagons and ash wag-

ons are delivering small lots of coal to the destitute today.

May Lose Charters.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—An entirely new method of receiving coal by the combine has been discovered, which may result in the dissolution of the charters of the Wabash, Burlington and Northwestern roads for coal mining or conducting coal business. They can mine coal for their own use only. The attorney-general's office today is holding an investigation.

Scores Knox.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—A special committee appointed by Detroit to get the coal convention met here today and developed two sensational speculations.

One was by Senator Mason, who said Attorney-General Knox was to blame for not enforcing the anti-trust laws and needs waking up. The other speech was by Detroit City Attorney Tarnsey, which scored Roosevelt, Root and Knox for what he calls "their inaction."

He says Knox is a trust attorney and Roosevelt has depended on him because he knows nothing of the law.

R. J. ROGERS DEAD.

Passing Away of Well Known Pioneer Citizen.

La Grande, Jan. 9.—R. J. Rogers, ex-sheriff of Union county and a prominent pioneer of this city died yesterday evening at his home one mile north of this place.

Death was caused from a complication of ailments with which the deceased was a sufferer for several months, and his demise was not unexpected.

Rogers, as he was familiarly known, was one of the conspicuous figures in the development and building of this valley. He was among the earliest of the pioneers, arriving here in 1852. Throughout a long period he was among the leaders in all movements for the advancement of the county. Although of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he enjoyed great personal popularity and was esteemed as a man of generous nature and sterling worth. He served two terms as sheriff of Union county, from 1880 to 1884, after which he became engaged in various business pursuits.

He was united in marriage in 1869 to Miss Hannah Williamson, who has been a faithful watcher at his bedside during the many weeks of his illness.

The deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and the funeral will be in charge of that order.

The passing away of this well known pioneer is a source of deep regret to a very large portion of Union county's population, all of whom knew him as "one who loved his fellow man."

BOWEN TO ARBITRATE.

Reported That the Allies Will Leave the Settlement of Venezuela Matter With the United States Minister.

Rome, Jan. 10.—In official circles today it is said that probably the three allies will end the Venezuelan troubles by practically entrusting the entire settlement with Minister Bowen in whose fairness all have complete confidence.

Orphanage Burned.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 10.—The Belle Whelan orphanage was destroyed by fire this morning. Thirty little children were rescued with difficulty. The loss is \$50,000.

New English Contract.

London, Jan. 10.—Miss Ada Crossley, an English contract, sailed today for a winter tour in America. She will be heard in all the principal cities east of the Missouri river.

THE ILL-FATED SHIP

BATTLESHIP OREGON MEETS SECOND MISFORTUNE.

Encounters a Typhoon in Mid Ocean—Terrible Storm Makes Havoc With the Rigging—Damaged \$100,000 by the Gale.

Last month's dispatches told briefly of the terrible time that the battleship Oregon had in a typhoon on her passage from Honolulu to Yokohama. Mr. Blackburn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland has received word from his son, J. H. Blackburn, describing the experience which was made it necessary for the Oregon to be laid up for several months to be repaired at an expense of \$100,000. Passed Midshipman Blackburn's letter gives the following vivid picture of the manner in which they weathered the storm:

"On the morning of November 29 the barometer dropped rapidly, and we made all preparation to secure for the storm. Great steel battens or plates were bolted down over the hatches, ventilators removed and secured. By noon the wind had increased to a gale, and at 1 o'clock the captain deemed it best to heave to. So we lay there, our screws and helm working just enough to keep the ship from drifting.

"At 5 o'clock the starboard lifeboat was watered to pieces and cut apart. We ate our dinner seated on transoms or holding firmly to a chain. It consisted of sandwiches and coffee. At 8 that night I was called to the bridge. It was a difficult trip. To loose hold of something permanent was death, for no boat could live in that sea.

"The waves were about 65 feet high though they looked double that. To have been caught broadside would have swamped the ship. At 11 the double bottoms were closed and locked, and the doors to the watertight compartments made ready to shut at a moment's warning. I went to the bridge to report to the captain and navigator.

"Just as I reached them the steering gear became disabled. The storm was a hurricane to name a Kansas cyclone. In the 40 seconds required to connect the reserve steering gear the ship turned a bit in her course, and the sea struck her abeam. She trembled like a victim of 'bug' again.

"Glancing to my left I saw a great wave of green sea coming into the charthouse. I yelled 'hold fast' to the captain and navigator, and was washed against the side of the house. Jumping to my feet I carried a message to the deck officer to run before the wind, and in this case a successful one.

"I had hardly reached the bridge when the boatswain's mate of the charthouse called: 'Sir, something has given way, the gun deck is flooded to the beam.' I rushed as fast as the wind would let me down to the superstructure deck, there to meet waist-deep water and to dodge chests and ventilators floating about. The tarpaulins over two hatches had been torn like paper, flooding the main deck, where I found the water to my chest.

"Men were swimming from their hammocks. The galley fires were out. Spars, chests and the heavy linoleum were floating to the peril of life. When the ship came out of the wave the lee door to the veranda was opened and that in part drained the superstructure. All floating objects were thrown overboard and we formed a

bucket line to bail that part of the ship.

"After midnight I went down to the berth deck and found everybody bailing, bailing. All my clothing in the lower drawers were soaking in oily brine. The electric lights were out. All we had was candles. Others fared no better. By 3 o'clock most of the water was out and I turned in on the transom. Next morning the wind had gone down, but there was no heavy that we still lay to. We had carried 120 miles out of our course. Both life boats were lost; two cutters and the captain's gig were in kindling wood.

"One steam launch had its back broken. Two of the three dynamos were ruined, and only the lighting presence of mind and skill of an electrician on watch saved the other one. For a while the electricians worked in a temperature of 147 degrees. They could only work five minutes at a time. The loss to the ship will not be less than \$100,000.

The Oregon reached Yokohama December 13, from which place the cable was written. She will probably be laid up for repairs for several months.

DISPERSING THE FLEET.

Dewey's Ships Have Finished Work And Are Coming Home.

New York, Jan. 9.—According to the Herald's correspondent at Cebu, Admiral Dewey, having decided that the purpose of the war has been accomplished, has issued orders that the squadrons disperse to their former stations. Admiral Dewey and his staff, on the Mayflower and the Duplin, sailed Thursday for Washington. The cruiser Albany had sailed for Boston, where she will be refitted, and the cruisers San Francisco and Nashville have left for Norfolk to undergo repairs. Rear Admiral Sampson has transferred his flag to the cruiser Newark and will return to the South Atlantic station. The torpedo boat has sailed north and will start on today with patients who became ill during the maneuvers.

RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

But His Money Cannot Keep Him From Being Stricken With Apoplexy.

London, Jan. 9.—A message this afternoon says that Beit has been stricken down with apoplexy. He is reputed by afternoon papers to be the richest individual in the world, and is valued at more than a billion. Personally he controls all the gold and diamond mines of South Africa in addition to other holdings the world over. He is 47 years old.

Famous Horse Dead.

London, Jan. 10.—The world's famous race horse, Ben D., or derby winner, dropped dead this morning.

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OPPOSED TO A MORMON

Roosevelt Requests That No Apostle Be Sent to the Senate From Utah.

WOULD WORK HARM TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator Kerns Sends a Special Message to Salt Lake and Quotes the President as Much Opposed to the Election of a Mormon Senator.

Salt Lake, Jan. 9.—A Washington special quotes Senator Kerns as follows:

"President Roosevelt requests me to state that he hoped so Mormon would be elected to the senate to succeed Hawley. Such an election would work great harm to the state and to the republic. It would lead to bitterness and strife."

"I desire to place myself on record as kindly but firmly advising against the election of any apostle to the United States senate."

Oil Wells on Fire.

Vienna, Jan. 9.—The 20 petroleum wells of Galicia are on fire this morning and the conflagration has spread to the surrounding town. Several houses are reported. The damage will amount to \$500,000.

Metal Plant Destroyed.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—The plant of the Federal Sheet Metal Manufacturing company, of 28, is a furnace was destroyed by fire this forenoon. The loss will amount to \$100,000.