

# BENSON IS VERY SICK

## Possible Death of Oregon Secretary of State Causes Complications.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Secretary of State Frank Benson, now in San Francisco, is to have an operation performed for cancer of the stomach as a last resort to save his life. His condition is so serious that grave fears are entertained as to his recovery.

According to the statutes of Oregon, the Secretary of State is the successor of the Governor when the latter dies, resigns or leaves the office. This is of especial importance when it is remembered that George E. Chamberlain, the governor, has received the popular vote for United States Senator and a majority of the members of the Legislature are pledged to elect Chamberlain to the senate. If the legislature elects Governor Chamberlain to the senate to succeed Charles W. Fulton, the Secretary of state will become acting governor until the following general election giving the secretary of state the powers of governor and secretary and the salaries of both offices. The election of Chamberlain would make Benson the acting governor and give him two of the three votes in the state board meeting, which means almost absolute control of the political patronage of the state institutions and various and sundry appointments.

In the event of the decease of Benson before the convening of the Legislature, Governor Chamberlain would have the appointing of a new secretary of state to fill the unexpired term. If the governor appointed a Democrat and was then himself elected to the senate, he would still leave Oregon with a Democratic governor.

# OLD "PEG-LEG" CLIMBS A TREE

## Rescued a Distressed Cat and Got \$20 to Buy Glass Eye.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—John Cassidy, an old sailor, with a wooden leg and minus one eye, who has been traveling through north Jersey, singing songs, in an effort to raise money with which to buy a glass eye to replace one he lost recently, saw a crowd of men, women and children standing around a tree in West Caldwell, N. J., looking at some object near the top.

The tree was tall, and for about fifty feet bare as the mast of a ship. The old man, scenting a chance for a good collection, hobbled to the spot. When he learned that a pet kitten belonging to a little girl in the neighborhood had been at the top of the tree for over twenty-four hours and no one had been able to coax it down or climb up to it the old sailor dropped his bundle and stick, threw his cap on top of them, and began to climb the tree.

Men and women stood in amazement. He was up to the first branches in a jiffy, and in not much more time was descending with the kitten stuffed in the bosom of his shirt. On kitting in the arms of its little misreaching the ground he placed the tress, with a God bless you, then sang his song, after telling the people for what he was trying to get money.

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