

OUR SENATOR HOME AGAIN

And He's Ticked to Death to Be Back Among His Fellow-Townsmen.

HARBOR OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Balance Will Run Things Until Next Session of Congress Makes Appropriation for the Bar.

United States Senator Fulton's smiling face will be seen today on the streets of his home city. Senator Fulton arrived home last night looking just as happy as a boy who has been away from his folks for six or eight months. When the senator left Astoria for Washington he wore rather a troubled look, due to the rush of closing up his business affairs. Then, again, he had

whom, he discussed matters of local interest.

Glad to Be Home Again. "Am I glad to be home? Well, I should say I am! Ours is a great country; there are many attractive places in it, but to me there's no place like home. The very air here fills me with enthusiasm, and the presence of my lifelong friends arouses my sentiment as nothing else can. Really, I was never so homesick in all my life as during my stay at Washington, and many a time I longed for a glance over the broad bosom of the Columbia and a good deep breath of the pure ocean breeze. This thing of remaining away from home is not all that has been claimed for it. It's nice to make trips and all that sort of thing, but a fellow longs for home, just the same, whether he happens to be a United States senator or just a newspaper man."

The Harbor Improvement. "What is the outlook for the harbor, senator?" was asked.

"Well, sir, I am very much pleased with the prospect. When I called upon the chief of engineers at Washington in March there was an available balance of something like \$900,000 for the mouth of the Columbia river. This sum is available for extension of the

MYSTERY AT NORTH SHORE

Evidence of Murder Disclosed at Chinook by Finding of Badly Decomposed Body.

SKULL HAD BEEN CRUSHED

Throat Had Appearance of Strangulation and Body Had Been Weighted and Thrown Into the River.

Evidence of foul murder came to light yesterday at Chinook, according to reports brought over yesterday by steambot men. The badly decomposed body of a man, with the skull crushed, marks indicating strangulation on the throat and a rope with a sack attached around the waist, was found in the "lead" of the fish trap of B. Sutherland. All the circumstances point to murder, but there is little likelihood of the mystery ever being cleared up.

The body was almost naked, being covered only with an undershirt. It was taken ashore and Justice Dalton empaneled a jury to make an investigation. It was found that the skull had been crushed in, as if with a heavy club or stone and that marks indicating strangulation were on the neck. Around the waist a rope had been tied and to it was attached a sack. Presumably the man had been choked into unconsciousness, then killed with some heavy weapon and the body weighted and thrown into the river through an effort on the part of the murderer to hide evidence of his foul crime. It was stated by a gentleman who had been at Chinook yesterday that the justice's jury was satisfied the case was one of murder, but there is absolutely nothing that might tend to throw any light on the mystery.

The body had been in the water for fully two weeks, and the face had been rendered unrecognizable by the nibbling of fishes. Members of the justice's jury were of the opinion the corpse was that of a Chinaman, but when the Chinese learned of this they caused the body to be exhumed and made further examination. They pronounced the body that of a soldier from one of the neighboring posts.

Every circumstance in connection with the finding of the body indicates that murder was done, but, because of the condition of the corpse, there is not the slightest chance that the mystery of the man's death will ever be cleared up.

the largest majority which any presidential candidate has received for years, and that the party has only to go through the formality of nominating him.

REBEKAHS ELECT OFFICERS

Choose Full Set at Yesterday's Session and Adjourn Until 8:45 This Morning to Finish Work.

The Rebekah assembly of Oregon yesterday elected officers for the coming year, transacted routine business, heard the reports of the various committees, and at 5 o'clock adjourned until 8:45 this morning. The ladies were busy yesterday from the time the session was begun, at 9 o'clock, until the hour of adjournment.

The entire forenoon session was devoted to committee reports and legislation. By the noon hour the legislation enacted was sent to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, and, with a single exception, all matters legislated upon by the Rebekahs were ratified.

Upon the reassembling of the convention in the afternoon the action of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows upon the work of the assembly was first presented to the Rebekahs. Then followed the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

- President—Mrs. Nora Barnett of Mignonette No. 86, Athena.
- Vice President—Mrs. Ella Frazier of Eugene No. 59, Eugene.
- Warden—Mrs. Clementine Bullock of Acme No. 32, Portland.
- Secretary—Mrs. Ora Cosper of Almirra No. 26, Dallas.
- Treasurer—Mrs. Sophie Severence of Morning Star No. 52, Tillamook.
- Trustee of Odd Fellows' home—Mrs. Mary Tomlinson of Utopia No. 62, Portland.

Assembly trustees—Mrs. Iella M. Sears of Beulah No. 35, Albany; Mrs. Bertha Henderson of Pauline No. 13, Pendleton; Mrs. Mary Vanderpool of Star No. 33, Dufur.

The re-election of Mrs. Cosper to the secretaryship was a well deserved tribute to the popularity and energy of that woman. Yesterday Mrs. Cosper was re-elected secretary for the eighth consecutive time. The election of officers developed little contest. The new president of the Rebekahs, Mrs. Barnett, was formerly vice president, and Mrs. Frazier, this year's vice president, was last year warden.

This morning the Rebekahs, upon assembling at 8:45, will proceed with the installation ceremonies. It is probable the work of the assembly will be concluded by the noon hour, and that adjournment sine die will then be taken. It is expected the Rebekah delegates will leave the city on tonight's train and boats. Superintendent McGuire of the A. & C. is anxious to accommodate the Rebekahs and has promised to hold the night train for half an hour if necessary.

The convention has been a most harmonious and successful one and the delegates are greatly pleased with the treatment which has been accorded them. During the recesses they have been shown about the city, visiting the canneries and docks, and have evinced much interest in the shipping of the port. It has been a pleasant outing for the interior delegates, who seldom find it convenient to visit the coast.

Captured Smugglers.

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landed a cargo of contraband aliens from British Columbia. On the vessel were two Japanese, who were unable to tell a straight story. In them the officers believe they have dangerous smugglers. The capture was made just as the boat was leaving Port Blakely, where it is supposed that the smuggled Chinese or Japanese were landed.

STILL A DEADLOCK.

Illinois Party Leaders Preparing for Secret Ballot. Springfield, May 18.—The republican state convention commenced another day in fruitless balloting and although the leaders have been in conference since daylight there is not the least indication of a break anywhere along the line. Sherman's followers today continued to vote with Deneen, but Cook county developed no additional strength. The Yates followers remained firm. Homer Tice, Sherman's manager, has suggested that a secret ballot be taken and this plan is under consideration tonight.

Nine ballots were taken today, and the result on the last one stood: Yates, 482; Lowden, 403 1/2; Deneen, 432 1/2; Hamlin, 11; Warner, 38; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 33. The convention will meet again at 10 o'clock in the morning.

POOLROOMS REJOICE.

Action of Western Union Meets With Great Favor. New York, May 18.—Poolrooms here profess themselves as well pleased with today's action of the Western Union Telegraph Company in supplementing the order of yesterday by discontinuing the collection and distribution of horse

riding reports at Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco, as well as at New York. While the poolroom proprietors in New York have made money on the Morris park races, they are said to have lost almost without exception on western races.

BALFOUR WINS OUT.

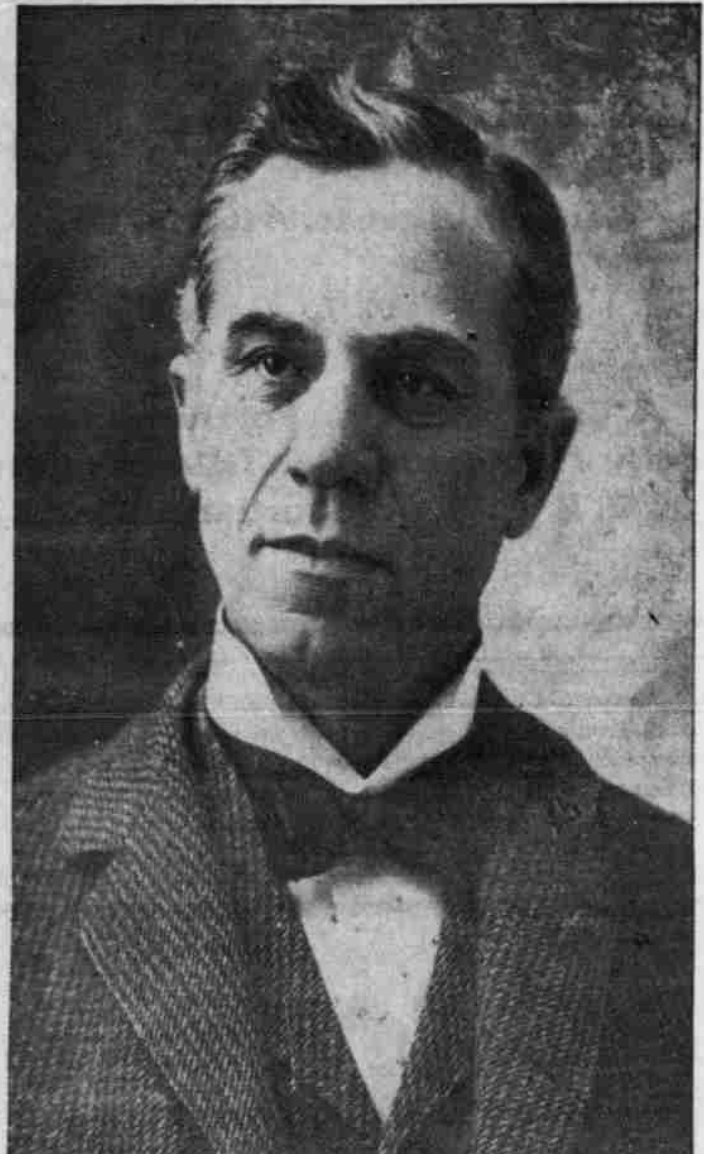
Defeated Attempt to Upset Government on Fiscal Question. London, May 18.—By a majority of 55, Premier Balfour tonight successfully defeated the attempt to upset the government upon the fiscal question, an interesting debate, characterized by some heated exchanges, took place, resulting in the premier's reiterated determination to shelve the question of fiscal reform until the next parliament. In this decision Joseph Chamberlain publicly concurred.

HEARST LOSES AGAN.

Not One Delegate From South Carolina Can Be Claimed. Columbia, May 18.—The South Carolina state democratic convention today elected delegates at large to the St. Louis convention. The delegates were not instructed, but the unit rule was adopted. The delegates all expressed preference for Judge Parker, though declaring their decision might be changed. Of the 18 delegates certainly not one is a Hearst delegate.

Tibet Worries Britain.

London, May 18.—The Central News agency learns that in consequence of important war news from Tibet the cabinet has been hastily summoned to meet tomorrow. In the highest political circles it is believed that the government will be compelled to undertake an extensive Tibetan campaign.



U. S. SENATOR C. W. FULTON.

just emerged from a pretty warm political campaign, which was not calculated to allow him to gain flesh. But the senator's legislative career at the national capital did not interfere with his health, and he comes back looking just as bright as a new dollar and with the same hearty laugh and pleasant smile that endears him to Astorians and arouses their pride in their distinguished fellow-townsmen. Senator Fulton went to his home last night as soon as his train reached the city. A delegation of Astorians had met him at Portland and a crowd came down with him last night. Mrs. Fulton had arrived the previous evening, as had Charles W. Halderman, the senator's secretary. At Portland Senator Fulton was kept pretty busily engaged, and he hastened home last night to secure some much needed rest. However, he found time to talk with an Astorian representative, with

jetty and operation of the dredge Chinook. I had a long talk with the chief and was assured the sum would enable the local engineers to do much good work. Of course, it's not as much as we would like to have, but, everything considered, we are in fairly good shape. "I tried all the tricks known to legislative Washington to get an appropriation at the late session, but was unsuccessful. As I explained in The Astorian some months ago, there was an aversion to any general rivers and harbors bill—it being the aim always to minimize appropriations in presidential years—and a sort of emergency measure was passed. This bill could not carry anything for the Columbia. There was a general understanding, however, that we would receive an appropriation at the next session, and that money will be available in February or March next. In the meantime we will get along as best we can with the \$900,000 balance, and if the expectations of the

engineers are realized we will do very well. You know the rivers and harbors are always looked out for every second session when they are neglected at one session. We will, therefore, get our money at the next gathering of congress. I did not make any statement as to the amount we would require, as that is a matter for future consideration.

Survey of Astoria Harbor.

"I tried my level best to secure an appropriation for a survey and estimate for Astoria harbor, but the general tendency to cut down appropriations prevented me from getting it. My resolution passed the senate, but was held up by the house committee. It provided for placing Astoria in a separate improvement district and set aside a sum for the survey, likewise directing an estimate of the cost of the work. When the emergency bill, to which I have referred, was sent to the senate, I tacked my resolution onto it in the form of an amendment. The senate accepted it, but when it went to the conference committee there was a roar from those representatives who had measures of the kind which they wanted to get through. They insisted that mine would not be permitted unless theirs were favorably acted upon. It will be observed that I was trying to sneak in the Astoria harbor appropriation amendment, but the other fellows wouldn't permit it.

"At the next session I expect to get through the measure without opposition. This was a bad year for appropriations, as you well know, and I think we did very well to get as much for the state as was appropriated. But we will do better next session, never fear."

The Political Outlook.

Senator Fulton says the political outlook is all that could be desired by the republicans. In the eastern states Roosevelt is the great and only choice, and his nomination is, the senator believes, assured without a struggle. Senator Fairbanks is the senator's choice for vice president, although he admits that his colleague does not want the place. Mr. Fulton added that President Roosevelt would be re-elected by

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