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## INSURANCE TRUST RECEIVES BODY BLOW AT SALEM YESTERDAY

### Senate Passes Bean Insurance Bill

### BECOME LAW AT ONCE

### Governor Will Appoint Insurance Commissioner, Head Newly Created Department

### ASTORIAN MAY BE APPOINTED

### Best Piece of Legislation Done in Many Years—Oregon to be a Free State Hereafter and Open to Competition in Insurance Matters.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 19.—Only three votes were recorded against the bill creating an insurance department when it reached the Senate this morning. This is the only measure producing revenue that the House has submitted to the Senate this session, all other revenue-making measures having been defeated before they could leave the lower branch of the Legislature.

So strong was the sentiment in favor of the insurance bill that when 22 Senate voters were pledged last week the opposition flattened out, and most of such Senators as did not like it either voted yes or became conveniently absent when the vote was taken.

Senators Miller of Linn and Lane and Hart were the two who spoke for the bill. Miller explained that the Governor and Secretary of State have advocated it. The speaker read statistics showing the result of the present system of handling insurance and stated that with the passage of this proposed law the State would receive between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year above the running expenses of the office.

The measure permits new companies to come into the field, and creates an insurance center at Portland. It was in the interest of economy, and brought in money to the State, and for these reasons Hart advocated it.

One of the effects of the bill will be to prevent the San Francisco insurance combine from dictating the way business shall be conducted throughout Oregon.

An emergency clause is attached, and as the Governor favors the bill, he will probably approve it within a few hours and make his appointment before he departs for Washington to be seated as United States Senator, next week.

## FEATHER WEIGHT FIGHTERS BATTLE

### Meet in Ten Round Bout in Which Driscoll Has a Shade the Best of it

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Jem Driscoll, the English featherweight champion and Abe Attell, the world's champion in that class, met in a 10-round bout tonight at the National Athletic Club and Driscoll had the shade better of the contest. No decision was given by Referee White as the laws of the State do not permit a decision being rendered in New York. Championship articles were not involved in the articles governing the match.

One of the important features of the bill is that every insurance company must publish a condensed statement once a year in every county in the State in which they accept business. Sam Koser, now chief deputy in the Secretary of State's office, is prominently mentioned for the office of Commissioner.

### HAS BUSY DAY.

Washington Legislature Would Make Public Protect the Railroads.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 19.—The House today passed a bill changing the character of the state medical board by placing two osteopaths on it. The Senate substitute for the House local option bill reached the House today and was referred to the public morals committee, which is believed to have a majority opposed to the bill. The Senate defeated the bill prohibiting members of city councils appearing for hire in criminal or other cases in municipal courts or city departments; adopted the bill giving railway commission power to say whether railroads hereafter to be constructed may cross at grade, public highways or other railroad lines; passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for stealing rides on railway trains. This bill gives trainmen power to make arrests and call on bystanders to assist.

## IRON AND STEEL MARKET TO BE OPENED

### PRICES WILL BE MODIFIED BY THE BIG STEEL CORPORATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Open market in iron and steel industry that manufacturers believe will lead to the stimulation of the industry was created late today when Former Judge Gary, chairman of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation, made an official announcement that the "Leading manufacturers of iron and steel have determined to protect their customers and for the present will sell at such modified prices as may be necessary with respect to different commodities in order to retain their fair share of business." Prices to be determined on will be given by manufacturers to their customers.

### \$6000 APPROPRIATED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The rivers and harbors bill which was reported to the House today appropriates \$600,000 for investigations, surveys, contingencies and incidental repairs for rivers and harbors for which there is no special appropriation. Included are preliminary surveys of the Columbia, Yakima and lower Willamette rivers in Oregon and Washington and Tacoma harbor.

MADE KNOCKER ON SIGHT. CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Judge Taft was tonight made a "Knocker" at sight. The initiation furnished amusement for a hundred prominent business and professional men at a "Knocker" annual dinner. The Knockers' Association is an auxiliary of business men's clubs and its principal business is to knock everything that hinders the advancement of the city or its welfare.

LAWYERS HAVE HOT TIME. Charged That Attorney Ach Knew of Assault on Heney. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Reviewing the memories of the attempted assassination of F. J. Heney today it was charged that Henry Ach, Ruef's attorney, knew of Hass's intention to shoot the prosecutor. The accusation was ungratifying to the defense during one of the most heated exchanges that has occurred during the Calhoun trial, and before the court had resumed calmness Judge Lawyer had threatened L. F. Blyington of counsel for Calhoun and Heney himself with imprisonment in the county jail. One seat still remains vacant in the jury box. Ten talesmen were examined and discharged during the day.

CONSERVE RESOURCES. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—So thoroughly impressed is President Roosevelt with the necessity of conservation of the natural resources of the world that he today directed Secretary of State Bacon at suggestion of the North American Conservation conference in session here to send a formal invitation to foreign powers to participate in the conference to deal with this important problem to be held at The Hague next September.

ROBBERS ROB BANK. EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 19.—Robbers blew open the vault of the State Bank at Kilgore today and escaped with \$3400. Bloodhounds were put on their track.

INSPECTOR POND APPOINTED TO CAPTAIN. POPULAR NAVAL OFFICER GOES UP ANOTHER ROUND IN LADDER OF SUCCESS. PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—Bearing the signature of President Theodore Roosevelt, Charles F. Pond, inspector of the lighthouse district comprising the Oregon, Washington and Alaska coasts, received yesterday from Washington, D. C., a commission making him a captain in the United States Navy. One more step and he will become a Rear-Admiral, making the highest round on the naval ladder. Dewey holds the position of Admiral, but the title in this country will die when he passes away.

Captain Pond had just returned from an official trip to San Francisco when he found his promotion papers awaiting him. In six or seven years, under ordinary conditions, he will reach the pinnacle to which everyone in the service looks forward for years before attaining. While the recent promotion does not necessarily mean that he must report for early sea duty, such is generally the case. Already the greater part of the captain's life has been spent aboard a man-of-war.

Starting in service as a cadet midshipman in June, 1872, he remained in that position for six years. He was appointed an Ensign in 1878; a Lieutenant, junior grade, in 1885; a Lieutenant in 1891; Lieutenant-Commander in 1899; Commander in 1905. The commission arriving yesterday makes the second he has secured signed by President Roosevelt.

## BULLETS FLY IN NEVADA TOWN

### Providence Took a Hand and Saved Many Lives

### 2 PERSON WOUNDED

### Twenty-two Shots Fired at Close Range Into a Crowd of Merry-makers

### TWO AUSTRIANS DID SHOOTING

### Would-be Murderers Arrested and Now in Jail Under Strong Guard as People Have Sworn Vengeance and May Attempt to Lynch Them.

ELY, Nev., Feb. 19.—What is termed the intervention of Providence alone saved more than 20 men, women and children from being slaughtered in this city Wednesday night, when Mike Rakisch and Nick Evansvich, Austrians, stood in the doorway and opened fire upon a crowd of merry-makers in the house of John Krompotak. After the shooting 22 bullet holes were counted in the walls of the house, yet with all this shooting but two persons were wounded.

The shooting Austrians were among 30 others who had been invited to a social gathering. They are said to have become angered when some one in the party accused them of being members of the Greek Catholic Church. The two men, after threatening all the men with death for the alleged insult, left the house and secured revolvers. Returning they stood in the doorway of the room where the men and women were dancing and the children playing and opened fire upon the crowd. Louis Bican, formerly of Sacramento, and the guest of honor, and John Tranz fell wounded. The women grasped their children in their arms and threw themselves face downward on the floor. Meantime officers were attracted by the shooting and placed the two men under arrest. They are now in jail under a strong guard, since the Austrians of the city have sworn vengeance and it is feared that they may attempt to lynch the wound-be murderers.

The escapes from death were miraculous. Tranz, one of the victims, was wounded by a bullet that passed through his coat, trousers, undergarments and imbedded itself in the flesh near the base of his spinal column, whence it was removed by the victim himself. Bican, the other victim, who was shot in the leg, comes from Sacramento. His 3-year-old child, sleeping on a bench, narrowly missed death when a bullet lodged in the wall back of it, missing the child's head by about an inch. Pandemonium reigned, the women and children kept up their terrified screams until the officers had the shooters safely under arrest.

TAFT FAVORS WATERWAYS. CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Judge Taft, speaking to the Chamber of Commerce today discussed the waterways plans and said they should receive his heartiest support. He cautioned patience because very properly, congress moves slowly and because at present a deficit of \$100,000,000 confronts those responsible for the government.

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### HEAD OF DARTMOUTH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—An announcement made by F. S. Streeter, a trustee of Dartmouth College, revived the report current some days ago that Representative McCall of Massachusetts, has been offered and is considering the acceptance of the presidency of that institution. President W. J. Tucker, who has been the head of the school since 1893 is at present continuing to hold the position, but as he has passed his seventieth year he is desirous of retiring and is only waiting the selection of his successor. Mr. Streeter is of the opinion that Congressman McCall will accept, but as yet he has not announced his decision in the matter.

### VETERAN DIES.

HOLLISTON, Cal., Feb. 18.—Dr. Samuel J. Call, a retired physician of the Revenue Cutter service, is dead here from an attack of Bright's disease which he contracted as the result of the exposure that he suffered on the memorable reindeer relief expedition sent to Point Barrow, Alaska, in 1898, by the government to relieve some whalers imprisoned in the ice. For his services at that time Congress voted him a special gold medal. Just before his retirement from the service of the government, Dr. Call was attached to the revenue cutter Thetis.

### SETS ASIDE VERDICT.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 19.—The State Supreme Court today set aside the verdict of the Dewitt county court in the famous Snell will case and left no grounds on which a contest may hang another case. The court held that a man has relations with woman which may be deemed improper, it did not affect his ability to make a will.

### PUBLIC PRINTING EXPENSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Constant and uninterrupted growth of the cost of public printing has increased this item of public expense from \$200,000 in 1840 to more than \$7,000,000 in 1905 according to the report of the printing investigation commission created four years ago which submitted today to Congress a report covering its extensive inquiry. The commission consists of the two committees on printing of the two houses of Congress, and Senator Platt is its chairman.

Savings of more than \$500,000 a year are being effected, according to the report, as the result of legislation recommended from time to time, giving the joint committee on printing certain powers of supervision. It states that under recent legislation 279,598,837 printed pages, including such expensive publications as the congressional record, the publications of Geographical survey and the year book of the Department of Agriculture were eliminated from the surplus printing which had formerly been piling up in warehouses to finally be condemned and sold as waste.

The saving on the three classes of publication was about \$100,000. These publications had been piling up until there were more than 9500 tons in storage, enough to fill an ordinary railroad train more than three miles long. Rent for that portion of these publications stored outside of government buildings was more than \$13,000 a year.

Many department reports have been reduced in volume and others have been recommended for discontinuance as a result of the discovery by the commission that the various executive departments and bureaus were submitting their reports to Congress and having them put in type at Congressional expense, after which the department used the plates for its own publication. The growth of expenditures, it is shown have been driven backward until the expenditures for the last three years, compared with 1905, show an average annual reduction of 10 per cent.

The commission holds that revision of the printing now which is the growth of seventy years is necessary. The report says that the commission's policy has been to build a printing law by distinct parts which

## STATE WILL BUILD RAILROADS IF LEGISLATURE HAS ITS WAY

### Senate Takes Fall Out of Harriman

### FISHING BILL PASSES

### Measure Regulating Fishing for Salmon on the Columbia Passes Both Houses

### AGREED UPON BY BOTH STATES

### McCue Makes a Hard Fight to Keep the Bill From Passing But the Legislature Stood by Joint Conference Report Adopted at Seattle.

### LEGISLATURE CAN'T CREATE OFFICE OF WHICH TENURE IS OVER FOUR YEARS.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 19.—The discovery was made this morning by Campbell and Dimick of Clackamas, that the clause in section 1 of S. B. 35, by Smith, Umatilla, giving the Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General and Chief of Militia of the National Guard of Oregon life tenure of office, is in defiance of the State Constitution and as such is void. Section 2 of Article 15 of the Constitution reads as follows: "Whenever the duration of any office is not provided for by this constitution, it may be declared by law; if not declared, such office shall be held during the pleasure of the authority making the appointment. But the Legislative Assembly shall not create any office the tenure of which shall be longer than four years."

Whether this will invalidate the whole law or only the clause in question remains to be decided. The opponents of the clause are in doubt as to whether they shall try to get it eliminated before adjournment or let the courts pass on it afterwards.

DOG GUARDS MASTER. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A large dog, the companion of John Hillie, a hermit, stood guard and held at bay three policemen yesterday when they attempted to separate him from the lifeless and frozen form of his master. A watchman was attracted to the shanty by the whining of the animal. He saw the outstretched form of a man on the floor and notified the police. The door was broken down, but the dog jumped at the policeman, forcing them to retreat. After a half hour of coaxing, the dog permitted them to take the body.

FISHING BILL PASSES HOUSE. McCue Made Fight Against the Bill—Odds Were Against Him. STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 19.—The House today passed Senate (Continued on page 6)

## CONGRESS PASSES APPROPRIATIONS

### Three Great Measures Enacted Carrying Many Thousands and 45 Other Measures Pass

### WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—

Never during the present session of Congress has such a large amount of executive business been done as was today. The army bill carrying appropriations amounting \$102,626,000 and pension bill aggregating \$160,869,000 were passed. Forty-five other bills were passed. Three of the great supply measures of the government passed through the various stages of enactment into laws today in the House. The fortifications bill was completed and went to the Senate; the sundry civil bill was reported and postoffice appropriation bill was sent to conference. The report of the special committee on pulp and print paper investigations was read; the river and harbor bill was reported and the report of the special printing investigation committee was submitted.