



# CONGRESS ONCE MORE IN SESSION

## Nearly All Members of Both Houses Answer Roll Call at the Formal Opening

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—When congress met at noon today, there was but one feature more notable than on any other opening in some time; 90 senators were present, a larger number than have attended the formal observances in three years.

In the house the attendance was large, too.

A great bunch of flowers graced Speaker Cannon's desk when the venerable presiding officer took his seat. In the senate flowers were more prevalent than usual, and Vice-President Fairbanks got more than his share.

After the formal opening, word was sent to the president that congress was in session and was ready to hear from him; the reply was returned that "the president would communicate in writing."

Many resolutions were handed to the clerk of the house and were filed away. Each house passed resolutions of respect to the memory of the members who had died since last session, and congress adjourned until tomorrow, when it will receive the president's message.

Among the interested observers of procedure in the senate was Jonathan Bourne Jr., new senator from Oregon.

**Standpaters in Control.**  
It is not likely that this session will develop any startling legislation. The standpaters, of course, are in the saddle. It is accepted as part of the political history of the nation that President Roosevelt, in securing Speaker Cannon's promise that he would press to passage the rate regulation bill, was compelled to give in return the pledge that tariff reform would not be urged prior to the next presidential campaign. Speaker Cannon took the rate bill through the house, and now the standpaters are busying themselves to pay the obligation he incurred in the matter of the tariff.

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# MINISTER INSISTS ON RIGHT TO BE HANGED BY NECK

## Rev. J. G. Rawlings, Convicted With Sons of Murdering Boys, Demands Privilege of Legal Execution, Without Hindrance—Prayer Granted.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 3.—The Rev. J. G. Rawlings, convicted with his two sons of the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter last June, will be accorded the right which he has been demanding for six months, "to be hanged by the neck until dead."

"I am entitled by sentence of court," Rawlings has insisted, "to be hanged, and I demand, to be hanged by the neck until dead, and in simple justice I demand my legal right. I insist upon no interference with my execution."

Rawlings, aged 19 and 17, will be hanged with their father. They were jointly convicted with him, and all three will mount the scaffold at the same time, though the ex-minister insists they are not guilty and ought to be saved.

Rawlings' position as an ex-minister and his eagerness to pay the penalty for his crime are only two of the extraordinary features of this celebrated case. W. L. Carter, the father of the two children who met death at the hands of the Rawlings, is also an ex-Minister, and the two men were labored side by side at revival meetings in this state for many years. Later they settled down on adjoining farms and lived as close friends. A son of Carter and a daughter of the other were sweethearts and were close to marriage when a feud sprang up between the two families which has led three of the Rawlings family, to the gallows and sent a fourth man, Leonard, aged 16, with Alf Moore, a negro retainer, to the chain gang for life.

The feud did not result in any deaths until the night of June 12, when the two Rawlings boys accompanied by Moore, the negro, went by moonlight to the Carter homestead to exterminate the whole Carter family.

# PRESIDENT WILL AID SEATTLE EXPOSITION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Piles and Representative Jones of Washington called at the White House this morning to urge the president to extend aid to the Yukon Alaska Pacific exposition. The president will mention it in his message, perhaps, to help the coast statesmen get through an appropriation.



Jonathan Bourne, Jr., who was received by the President Today.

# FORAKER BEGINS HIS CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENCY

## Aids Senator Penrose in His Effort to Embarrass the Administration by Asking for Documents in the Case of the Discharged Negro Soldiers.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Foraker formally began his campaign for the presidency today when he aided Senator Penrose in the latter's fight on the administration. It was announced that Foraker has long looked higher than the United States senate as a place in which to display his ability, and the proceedings in the senate today confirm the statement.

The expected perfunctory session of the senate was given a dash of ginger by Mr. Penrose, who introduced a resolution calling upon the president for information concerning the order discharging the three negro companies from the army.

The chair called his attention to the custom that said no business should be transacted until the senate officially heard from the president, but Vice-President Fairbanks could not prevent the discussion. Senator Foraker was on his feet instantly to call for the records in the case from the secretary of war.

Senator Warren objected to the Penrose-Foraker resolutions, and they were allowed to go over.

Senator Foraker announces that he will get every record in the case of the negro soldiers, discharged by order of the president for the riots at Brownsville, Texas, properly before the country, and Senator Penrose says "Me, too."

# PRESIDENT NAMES MEN FOR HIGH OFFICE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—The president nominating to the senate the name of W. H. Moody, to be justice of the supreme court; W. C. Bristol, to be United States district attorney for Oregon; Arthur Liddell, for United States marshal of Montana; Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor; Victor H. Metcalf, secretary of the navy; George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury; Garfield, secretary of the interior; George von L. Meyer, postmaster-general, and Bonaparte, attorney-general.

# MAKES 4,800 CONVERTS IN TWELVE MONTHS

## Rev. Charles R. Scoville Believed to Hold Record as a Saver of Sinners.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Richmond, Ind., Dec. 3.—Rev. Charles Reign Scoville of Chicago, an evangelist who for some months has been laboring in Indiana, has made a remarkable record during the last year, having brought 4,800 persons into the church. At Anderson there were 1,361 and at Indianapolis about 1,400 converts, and while others have been divided among Connersville, Indiana, New York City, Long Beach and San Bernardino, California, Atchison, Kansas, Monroe, Wisconsin, and Sullivan, Illinois. Mr. Scoville is leading a great revival at Indianapolis. He is intent on securing the erection of an institutional church at Indianapolis, and has already raised several thousand dollars toward it.

# SEELEY AGAIN HAS ATTENTION OF POLICE

(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, Dec. 3.—Herbert Barnum Seeley, who for some months has been laboring in the "Little Egypt" where "Little Egypt" was said to have danced, is again in trouble with the police. He was arrested on a charge of running a skating rink to which were admitted girls and boys under the age of 16 years.

Leo Terhune, cashier of the rink, was also arrested. Immediately after their release on bail Seeley and Terhune went back to the rink and opened it and resumed business. Seeley was careful, though, not to let in any boys and girls. Seeley is a grandson of the late P. T. Barnum.

# SUPPOSED CORPSE IS NOT DEAD

## Tom Johnson Thought to Have Died Twenty Years Ago, Is Living in Poor House

Though declared dead 20 years ago, Thomas Johnson, 92 years old, is still alive at the county poor house, where he has lived since his alleged death. For 20 years Johnson maintained a sphinx-like silence on the subject of his going to the county home for the poor, but told his story to the grand jury when it investigated the county institutions recently.

"I was sick at the Good Samaritan hospital more than 28 years ago," said Johnson. "I went into a kind of a trance and the doctors said I was dead. I was conscious of what was going on around me, but couldn't move or speak. They put me into a coffin, loaded the coffin onto a truck and started me out to the poor farm to be buried. I knew I was going to be buried, but was helpless. I tried all the way out to the poor house to move, but couldn't."

"As the truck was being driven through the gate at the poor farm one of the wheels struck against a gas post and the shock woke me up. The lid of the coffin was only tacked on and I pushed it off easily. The driver got down to close the gate."

**Saves the Driver.**  
"When he climbed up over the wheel to his seat I pushed the lid of the coffin off and sat up. The driver saw me, let out a whoop and started to run. Nobody ever saw that driver again, but several years later they captured a maniac in the mountains over in Tillamook county. People said that maniac was the driver who took me to the poor house in a coffin."

"When the driver ran away I got up on the seat and drove the team on up to the poorhouse, and I have been out here ever since."

Johnson says he is a veteran of the civil war; that he was formerly in business in Portland; that he was at one time a justice of the peace, but that he has no relatives in the city as far as is known.

# SLOT MACHINES ARE ATTACKED BY DR. WILSON

## Not Desire for Cigars and Tobacco, but Gratification of Gambling Fever Responsible for Present Craze, Declares the Minister.

The evils of the slot machine were dealt with at length by Dr. Clarence True Wilson in a sermon before the union preachers' meeting at Y. M. C. A. hall this morning.

"One of the most conspicuous characteristics of our city noticed by all who pass through our streets is the number of flourishing cigar stores. We have seen within two years more than a dozen legitimate and useful business establishments move from prominent corners on Washington and Morrison streets to make room for cigar stores that could pay larger rents. I can count four grocery stores, three drug stores, three dry goods stores and other business places that I have seen seeking cheaper quarters, driven before the exorbitant rents, raised because a cigar store had offered a large increase. Why is it that these cigar stores can compete and win over any other business except the saloon business? Any business man will explain it to you. It is because of the machine which collects a nickel in its slot."

**What the Attraction Is.**  
"But that does not seem to explain the vast expenditures for tobacco. No, the law of supply and demand for tobacco is not the attraction."

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# PHENOMENAL INCREASE IN POSTAL RECEIPTS

Postal receipts for Portland for November show an increase of 16 per cent over the receipts for November, 1905. The sales amounted to \$45,614.27, a gain over November, 1905, of \$7,794.48. While the sales were not so large as October, when they totaled \$47,054.56, the percentage gain is greater. The increase of October, 1906, over October, 1905, was 14.7 per cent.

The increase is regarded as remarkable by Postmaster Minto, as November is usually a poor month for stamp sales. Why this is true no one seems to know and the only way the officials account for it is because people are saving up for the holidays.



Jonathan Bourne, Jr., who was received by the President Today.

# BOURNE LOOKS ON AND WORKS WHILE LOOKING

## Oregon's Senator Prospective Introduced to the President and Honored by Future Colleagues—Remains to Take Notes and Do Work for State.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 3.—Prospective Senator Bourne, of Oregon, was introduced this morning by Senator Fulton to President Roosevelt, who received both cordially, recalling instantly that Mr. Bourne had attended Harvard several years before his own graduation. Later, through the courtesy of Senator Spooner, of the committee on rules, Mr. Bourne was given the privilege of the senate floor and attended the opening session, where he met a large number of senators through introduction by Senators Fulton and Geary, the latter reaching Washington today. Bourne will assist the Oregon delegation in efforts to obtain adequate appropriations for Oregon interests and will attend the rivers and harbors convention next week.

"Solidarity" is the watchword from the two states of the north Pacific coast. Not only is the promise of harmony high, as to the Oregon delegation in congress, but the representatives of Washington offer close co-operation for achieving results for the two states without discrimination, on the theory that, they being one piece by another, they help one another.

Jonathan Bourne, senator prospective, though he will not for a long time be senator in fact, will remain here through the winter months to familiarize himself with conditions, form acquaintances and establish relations. He will naturally be in position to exercise great influence in legislation affecting his own state and his unofficial advocacy will be insisted in all proper ways it may be exercised.

Senators Fulton and Geary are taking pains to, in a manner, install Mr. Bourne into his new place by introduction. The call at the white house today was the first of a long series of introductions. The utmost harmony prevails among this senatorial trio, their theme being "For Oregon and the northwest."

Representative Jones, of Washington, arrived yesterday and will at once enter the business of the rivers and harbors committee.

# MODERN CHRISTMAS DISCUSSED BY PREACHERS OF PORTLAND

Chicago has again come to the front this time in the Chicago university that speaks. Rev. Melbourne B. Boynton of the Lexington Avenue Baptist church in his sermon yesterday denounced the present-day Christmas as a reversion to paganism. "Christ's first work should be to return to earth, to abolish the holiday Christmas," Dr. Boynton said, "for it has become merely a burden, entailing weary hours of extra work for the business world in supplying the increased demands of the season, and causing constraint in many people who cannot discharge their obligations of previous years. The day is no longer a religious festival; the gifts have no real meaning or significance of the occasion; the season is merely one of commercialism and cannot be compared to Thanksgiving day as a religious day."

Protests against the present methods of Christmas celebration are not entirely a new thing and the ministers of the city have touched upon the subject in public and thought over it in private. As a rule they agree with Dr. Boynton that it is what Dr. Boynton meant. But they think there should be a reform of feeling though not an abolishment of the day.

Rev. A. E. Bernays, chaplain of the Seaman's Institute, said that the matter really calls for comment these days because of the absence of the original Christmas idea.

"I do not uphold abolishing Christmas altogether," he said, "and I don't think that is what Dr. Boynton meant. But he wants a return to the original idea of Christ. This folly about Santa Claus should be done away with. In reality, Saint Nicholas' day comes several days before Christmas, about December 12, I think, but Santa Claus is now the prominent figure of the Christmas season and is used merely to exploit the toys and other Christmas wares."

# SHORTAGE OF CARS CAUSES FUEL ANNE

## Eastern Oregon Is Suffering—Wants T. C. Taylor Put on Railroad Commission

Eastern Oregon is in the toils of a fuel famine owing to a car or motive-power shortage on the O. R. & N., and people are experiencing severe privations in many instances in Pendleton as a result of the failure of the railroad to deliver coal from the eastern mines or to haul wood from the mountains to supply the demand in the city.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, who is here to attend the meeting of the irrigation committee at the hotel of trade tomorrow night, discusses the fuel situation in his home city and tells of the effect it will have on railroad legislation at the coming session. Incidentally he says that the Umatilla county delegation is heartily in favor of the railroad commission bill proposed by the Portland chamber of commerce; that the county will vote for the creation of a railroad commission and ask for railroad regulation at the hands of the commission once it is created and appointed by the governor. So confident are the people of that county that the proposed bill, or one practically similar, will pass that they have all picked upon T. C. Taylor, ex-senator from Umatilla and one of the leading hardware merchants of the county, as the eastern Oregon member of the commission, feeling especially in eastern Oregon that that district should be entitled to one member of the commission, the other two being conceded to the western part of the state.

# W. C. BRISTOL AGAIN NAMED BY PRESIDENT

## Portland Lawyer Nominated by Mr. Roosevelt for United States District Attorney for Oregon, but Will Be Opposed by Senator Fulton.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt today sent the name of William C. Bristol to the senate as his appointee for the office of United States attorney for the district of Oregon.

District Attorney Bristol had received no word at noon today of his name having gone before the United States senate for confirmation upon the president's recommendation. When he was informed by the Journal that his name had been sent in, however, he greeted it as "good news," but had no other statement to make.

When asked if he wished to say anything in regard to the promised hostility of Senator Fulton, he answered that at this time he did not wish to discuss the matter for publication, but he would confirm an appointment made against the wishes of a senator from the state where the appointee is to hold office.

It is thought, therefore, if Senator Fulton should stand by the statement he made before leaving for Washington that he would never allow the nomination of Mr. Bristol to go unprotected, that the senate will refuse to confirm and that Mr. Bristol will remain in the same condition as he is at present. If the nomination is protested and no confirmation is had, Mr. Bristol will continue to hold office until the end of the session. When that time comes President Roosevelt will, it is expected, appoint him as a recess appointee and he will hold office until the next congress can have a hand in the matter.

# RUEF AND SCHMITZ SAY NOT GUILTY

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Abe Ruef and Mayor Schmitz were called to answer to indictments in the French restaurant case in Judge Dunne's court this morning. S. M. Shortridge and Henry Ach appeared as counsel for the indicted boss and the mayor.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges of extortion as specified in the indictments. At the office of the district attorney it is stated that everything is in readiness to begin the trials on all the indictments found by the grand jury to date.

# FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 2

The following is the advertising record of the three daily papers of Portland for the week ending with Sunday, December 2:

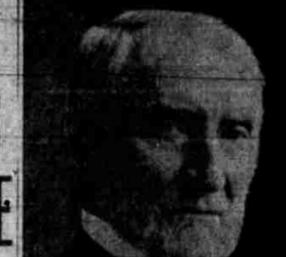
	Journal,	Oregonian,	Telegram,
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Local Display	4,327	3,448	5,809
Foreign	853	1,079	718
Classified	1,380	1,521	1,109
Display Real Estate	337	161	553
Readers	44	96	45
<b>SUNDAY.</b>			
Local Display	1,958	1,769	
Foreign	126	590	
Classified	373	613	
Display Real Estate	482	481	
Readers	20	30	
Total for week	9,900	9,688	8,214

The Journal leads the newspaper procession in Portland and Oregon; the advertisers as well as the people of the Oregon country show their preference for it both as a medium of business publicity and a purveyor of the news.

For the week closing Sunday, December 2, the Journal carried 21 1/2 inches of advertising more than the Oregonian, and 1,484 inches more than its evening edition.

The increased facilities that will be given the Journal by the new \$40,000 Hoe press, now in course of construction, and the addition to its present news resources of the day "tensed wire" direct from New York via Washington and Chicago, guarantee a still greater growth of this news paper than even that it has already enjoyed, and point the way to still greater adherence to the cause of the people, while increasing the Journal's strength and determination to serve the public interest and uphold a great state.

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Speaker Cannon, who called the House to order.

# LONE PETE LETTER NO FOOL JOKE

## Police Have Evidence That Burglar Did Really Write to Inspector Bruin

Absolute, incontrovertible evidence, which establishes beyond a doubt that the letter signed "Lone Pete," received by Captain of Detectives Bruin a few days subsequent to the burglary of the handsome Seelye residence, 714 Davis street, on the night of October 12, was not a hoax, but was written by the housebreaker responsible for the crime, was furnished to the police this morning by Roy Seelye.

From the information supplied by Mr. Seelye as to the articles stolen from his home during the absence of himself and family in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, it was an utter impossibility for any one except the burglar to have known what valuables had been carried away. This, coupled with the fact that the handwriting of the letter and the signature "Lone Pete" on the back of a receipt bill found fastened in the top drawer of a silver chest in the Seelye home, are identical, effectually dispels any doubt that may have been entertained by the police as to the authenticity of the missive to Captain Bruin.

**Story of the Crime.**  
Some time during the day on October 22, during the absence of the family on a pleasure trip in the east, a thief effected an entrance to the home of Roy Seelye at 714 Davis street by cutting out a panel of the kitchen door and turning the key in the lock. The crook then made a systematic search of the premises and in a hunt for booty turned everything in the house topsy-turvy. The crime was discovered the following morning and Detectives Jones and Tichenor detailed on the case.

The detective repaired to the house to make an investigation, but upon ex-

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# LYTLE TELLS ABOUT PAPER ROAD'S MOVES

## Explains Negotiations That Have Resulted in Charges of Criminal Conspiracy Against Harriman, Pittcock and Others Connected With the Deal.

A communication from H. Melville Walker of New York, agent for London financiers backing the original Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook railroad project, charging H. L. Pittcock, E. H. Harriman and others with criminal conspiracy, was printed in the Journal of last Saturday. This has called forth a letter from E. L. Lytle, president of the Pacific Railway & Navigation company. The point at issue as to whether and in what manner H. L. Pittcock and his associates in the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook railway directory sold out the road to E. H. Harriman is not discussed with directness by Mr. Lytle, who confines himself to a statement of the grand jury to date.

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