

PERCE'S VICTORY

Minority Report Making Trained Attendants Mandatory is Adopted.

CHANGE IN THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Estimated That the Appropriations by the State Legislature Exclusive of the \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Fair Will Reach \$2,000,000.

Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special Correspondence.)—The total of the appropriations made by the 21st session of the legislative assembly (1901) was \$1,719,978.74. It is estimated that the amount this year will reach \$2,000,000 exclusive of the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair.

The statesman in the senate glibly met these vast contemplated expenditures with a paraphrase of a famous congressional argument, viz: "Oregon has become a two million dollar state."

He met these unprecedented calls on the state's exchequer some new measures are being devised. Secretary of State Dunbar, in his biennial report, recommends a law requiring corporations organized in this state to pay a tax graduated according to the amount of the capital stock. He recommends an annual license tax on both domestic and foreign corporations.

These taxes are now imposed in many states. The report further states that 866 corporations were organized under the laws of this state between January 1, 1901, and December 1, 1902, and estimates that there are about 4000 domestic and foreign corporations doing business in the state.

Tax Measure.

House bill No. 2, introduced by W. W. Tillamook and Yamhill, which follows the lines of the above recommendations. This bill has been under consideration of the committee on assessment and taxation of both the house and senate meeting in joint session. Eastern Oregon has a strong representation on these very important committees. On the house committee are G. W. Phelps, chairman, and J. H. Robbins, and on the senate committee W. M. Pierce.

Inheritance Tax Bill.

Another bill favorably reported by the same committee is the inheritance tax bill, H. B. 41, introduced by Malarkie, of Multnomah. This bill will impose a tax of from 2 to 6 per cent upon inheritances, devises, bequests or legacies. No estate valued less than \$10,000 shall be subject to such tax. This tax is also estimated to raise \$150,000.

The secretary of state also calls attention to the fact that companies doing and operating dining and buffets and steamboats sell liquor without obtaining a county or state license and respectfully intimates that such companies are proper subjects for state taxation. There is some talk of imposing a state tax of \$100 annually on saloons.

Pierce's Victory.

Senator Pierce achieved a signal victory in the senate today. Senate bill 48, relative to the commitment and transportation of insane persons to the insane asylum was introduced by Smith, of Umatilla, and referred to the committee on judiciary. The majority of the committee, consisting of Rand, chairman; McGinn, Fulton and Mays, some of the strongest members in the senate, reported the bill as amended so as to make the employment of trained attendants from the county in conveying such persons optional with the county. Senator Pierce brought in a minority report making the employment of such attendants mandatory. Consideration of the minority report was made a special order for today at 11 o'clock.

The report was the subject of a heated debate lasting until noon when the senate adjourned to the hall of representatives to ballot on United States senator. The debate, which was the warmest and most extended in the present session, was participated in by Pierce, Kuykendall, Smith and Mulkey in favor of the minority report, and by McGinn, in opposition. Pierce, Smith, Kuykendall and Fulton spoke the longest time at considerable length. The senate was called to order at 1 o'clock, the debate was continued for about 30 minutes and on a vote on the previous question, the

minority report was adopted by a vote of 23 to 7.

The judiciary is one of the most important committees of the senate, and its recommendations are usually considered conclusive.

Fellow Servant Bill.

An important meeting of the committees of railways and transportation of the house and senate was held last night to hear arguments on the fellow servant bill. W. W. Cotton, W. D. Fenton and Wallace McCamant appeared for the railroads, and Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, spoke in behalf of the employes and in favor of the bill. The committee has not yet reported.

SAY THEY ARE TAXED ENOUGH.

Representatives of Corporations Appear Before Taxation Committee.

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—The joint committee on assessment and taxation listened to arguments last night for and against the passage of Harris' house bill 196, for the assessment of the intangible property of telephone, telegraph, express, oil, railroad and Pullman car and refrigerator car companies. No decision was reached, but an adjournment was taken until this evening, when the committee will decide what report to make to the legislature.

The bill under consideration proposes the creation of a state board of appraisal to which companies of the classes mentioned must make annual reports. These reports must show the total capital stock of the company, the amount of line out of the state the gross receipts out of the state and in the state, and other information which will enable the state board of appraisers to form an estimate of the value of the property of such company in the state, aside from the tangible property already taxed. The valuation thus ascertained is to be apportioned among the counties according to the proportion of the property in each county. The tax levy is to be made upon this property in the usual manner.

VOTE IS UNCHANGED.

Hume, Who Had Been Claimed by Fulton, Voted for Speaker Harris.

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—Despite desperate efforts by Fulton, the senatorial vote is unchanged. Hume, of Curry county, who has been absent and was claimed by Fulton, voted for Speaker Harris as a blind.

SAN CARLOS SHELLING A FARGE

GERMAN DESCRIBES SHELLING AT FORT SAN CARLOS.

When Panther Retired the Natives Thought They Had Won—Cruiser Then Returned and Destroyed Fort to Give Them a Lesson.

New York, Feb. 4.—Her G. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, German charge d'affaires in Caracas when the present Venezuelan embargo began, who reached this port yesterday, said in the course of an interview that Venezuela should easily be able to pay the allies 30 and France 13 per cent of the customs receipts, besides providing for her own administration expenses and other obligations. A moderate estimate of her yearly income he placed at about \$10,000,000.

He declared that Germany had not been the aggressor and that the trouble at Fort San Carlos was almost a comic opera episode. The Panther, he said, is a small vessel, and while blockading off Maracibo, she found the water inside the bar so rough that she went closer ashore to get out of the choppy seas, when she was fired upon by the fort. She replied with about 18 shots and, going closer for better range, found herself in dangerous shoal water and withdrew. This was claimed to be a victory by the Venezuelans. They set off fireworks and had great rejoicing in Caracas. The fort was then destroyed as a lesson to Venezuela.

"What Venezuela most needs," continued the diplomat, "is an antitoxin for the revolutionary bacillus. Castro, whatever his shortcomings, is energetic and a fighter. Matos is merely a moneyed man. He was at Willemstad during the month I spent there, but I avoided meeting him. He is waiting for the psychological moment. Matos is not a soldier and does not attract popular support."

TO DRIVE THE UNION OUT.

Clash Occurs Between Sailors' Union and Crimps, at Portland.

Portland, Feb. 4.—A clash occurred today between the newly established Sailors' Union and Crimps over two sailors that Crimps claimed owed him money. The union was forced to send the men back. Trouble is expected. Crimps is resolved to drive the union out of Portland.

Date for Epworth Convention.

Detroit, Feb. 4.—The date for the International Epworth League convention to be held in Detroit next summer was finally fixed Monday. The sessions will begin July 16 and continue through Sunday, July 19.

AT THE GATES OF THE CITY

Defensive Measures at Caracas Being Pushed and Citizens Are Being Drafted.

GOVERNMENT BULLETINS NOT TRUSTWORTHY.

Revolutionary Forces Said to Be Almost at the Gates of the City and Trenches Are Being Dug—Animals Seized for Government Service.

Caracas, Feb. 4.—The army of the revolutionists is almost at the gates of the city. Trenches are being dug and citizens drafted. Many animals have been seized for government service. Bulletins telling of the defeat of the revolutionists are not considered trustworthy as defensive measures are being pushed.

TO COLONIZE VENEZUELA.

Over 1000 Men Join Company, Including Many Veterans.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 4.—"The Venezuela Company," which organized here several days ago to enlist men for colonization in Venezuela, has, it was stated today, received over 1000 men, all with military training and some of whom are stated to have held commissions in the United States army and navy. Applications for membership are pouring in from all parts of the United States and Canada. The company expects to secure large land grants from the Venezuelan government.

COAL FAMINE AT AN END.

Indications That Prices Will Continue to Drop, Especially if Mild Weather Continues.

New York, Feb. 4.—It is the general opinion among local dealers that the great inconvenience caused by scarcity of coal is at an end and from now on the price will continue to drop, especially if the present mild weather continues.

In some places yesterday hard coal could be bought for \$7.50 a ton and one dealer put his price at \$7, with 1000 tons on hand. The price for soft coal was as low as \$2.50 a ton, while independent dealers were retailing hard coal at \$8 and \$6.50 a ton.

ACTOR STABBED.

Two Japanese Assault Lander Stevens, Belasco's Leading Man.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Lauders Stevens, a well known actor in San Francisco and Oakland, and now Belasco's leading man at the Central theater, was badly stabbed and beaten in a lodging house this morning by two Japanese, who were arrested. The cause of the affair is a mystery, though it is believed that the Japs resented Stevens' conduct.

ALL WERE LOST.

Unknown Vessel Met on January 30, Burning Distress Signals—Suddenly Disappeared.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The steamer Alameda arriving today, reports meeting on January 30th with a large square rigger burning distress signals in heavy seas. The Alameda made for her but the light suddenly disappeared. It is believed all were lost. The identity of the vessel is unknown.

SUIT FOR THREE MILLIONS.

Wife of Senator Tabor Brings Action Against Ransome Company for Selling Her Mine.

Denver, Feb. 4.—Elizabeth Tabor has filed suit for \$3,000,000 damages against the Ransome Leasing Company, who sold the Matchless mine for \$13,000 to satisfy a judgment against Senator Tabor, in 1899. The mine is said to be of great value.

RANGE TROUBLES.

Nebraska Sheepmen Have Organized to Receive Attack of Cattlemen.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—A hundred sheepmen have organized and armed themselves and are waiting an attack of the cattlemen from the southern part of Big Horn county. Minnick, the sheepman shot last night, will die.

Fire in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 4.—The Lion merchandise store was destroyed by fire this morning at a loss of \$250,000. The insurance covered one-third of the amount.

Militia Still on Duty.

Waterbury, Feb. 4.—Cars were run as usual this morning. The militia is still on duty.

WORST STORM OF THE SEASON

Bitter Cold in the Middle West—New England and Eastern States Frozen Up.

FIERCE BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA AND KANSAS.

Streets Flooded at Chattanooga—Telegraph Wires in All Directions Are Down—Great Suffering Among Poor at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The worst storm of wind and snow of the season is raging here. Telegraph wires in all directions are prostrated. The suffering in the city is intense among the poor. No trains have come in or gone out today. In the Middle West it is bitterly cold and the Eastern and New England states are frozen up. A foot of snow has fallen in this city and street car traffic is at a standstill. Two repair men of electric wires were killed today.

Train Tied Up in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 4.—All trains are tied up here on account of the storm.

Fiercest Blizard in Years.

St. Paul, Feb. 4.—Business is practically at a standstill here. The fiercest blizzard in years is sweeping over this section.

Chattanooga Streets Flooded.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Rain and wind with cyclonic velocity prevails here. The streets are flooded and many trees have been uprooted. The Tennessee River is rising rapidly.

PREPARE FOR SEA.

Rush Orders Received at Mare Island to Supply Coal and Stores to Ships Now in Harbor.

Villajo, Cal., Feb. 4.—Rush orders have been received at Mare Island to expedite commissioning the ships in process of repairs. A night force will be put on. The orders call for an immediate shipment of stores and coal to the ships now in the harbor to prepare them for sea.

COLE YOUNGER PARDONED.

On Condition That He Never Place Himself on Exhibition.

St. Paul, Feb. 4.—Cole Younger, the survivor of the three Younger brothers, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1876, was today granted full pardon on condition that he never place himself on exhibition and will leave the state of Minnesota never to return.

Parr and Jenkins to Wrestle.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 4.—Before a local athletic organization tonight Tom Jenkins, the former middleweight champion, and Jim Parr are to meet in a finish wrestling bout. Both men appear to be in excellent condition and as there is considerable rivalry between them an interesting contest is expected to be the outcome.

Paper Money for Hayti.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Feb. 4.—The finance minister has drawn up a bill for the issue of \$2,000,000 of paper money. This issue will be guaranteed by 10 per cent of all duties paid in gold, by doubling the import tax on coffee. The minister of the interior has resigned.

Danish Commission Arrives.

St. Thomas, D. W., Feb. 4.—The Danish royal commission, which is to investigate the conditions prevailing in the Danish West Indies and to report on the measures to be adopted for their improvement, arrived here today and was received officially by the governor.

Cuba Will Act on Treaty.

Havana, Feb. 4.—The members of the senate committee on foreign relations has assured President Palma that the committee will report on the reciprocity treaty next Wednesday. They predict a brief debate on the ratification.

No Eruptions in Honduras.

Mexico City, Feb. 4.—The government of Honduras has called its Charge d'Affaires here that there is no truth in the report of grave volcanic disturbances in Central America. Honduras is reported tranquil and prosperous.

Yellow Fever at Guayaquil.

Guayaquil, Feb. 4.—There are about 50 cases of yellow fever here. During the month of January 99 persons died of the disease. The rainy season is expected to make a favorable change in the fever situation.

WINTER WHEAT FARES WELL.

Government Gives Good Report on Conditions in January.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The weather bureau's monthly summary of crop conditions says:

"On the whole the winter wheat crop fared well in January, 1903, the central and northern portions of the winter wheat belt being well protected by snow covering until the closing days of the month, when much snow melted, leaving only the extreme northern districts with a covering on January 31. The rainfall throughout the winter wheat belt was lighter than usual, but Kansas is the only state reporting need for moisture.

"In Washington and Oregon the general yield of wheat is satisfactory, although portions of these states have suffered from alternate freezing and thawing. In California the first half of the month in the northern sections was cold and foggy, while hot, dry winds prevailed in the southern part of the state, but no serious damage resulted. More favorable temperature conditions with beneficial rains prevailed during the latter part of the month."

WHEAT FOR SYDNEY.

Because of Coast Shortage, Manitoba Wheat is Being Shipped.

Tacoma, Feb. 4.—Manitoba wheat and Minneapolis flour are being shipped to Australia by McNear & Co., because of the coast grain shortage. A cargo of each leaves this week for Sydney. The Canadian wheat was shipped through in bond.

TO SURVEY ALASKA.

Surveyor General Calling for Bids in the Copper River Section.

Tacoma, Feb. 4.—The demands that the land surveys be extended to Alaska, permitting homestead entries are being granted. Surveyor-General Distin is calling for bids at Sitka for surveying Alaska on a base line 200 miles long in the Copper River section.

INHALED FUMES.

Three Milwaukee Firemen Dead and Four Others Dying.

Milwaukee, Feb. 4.—James Foley, Andrew White and Edward Holgan of the fire department are dead, and four others are dying as a result of inhaling the fumes in a fire at the Schwab Steel Company, early this morning.

CRISIS IN NORTHWEST CHINA

"THERE WILL NOT BE A FOREIGN DEVIL LEFT."

A Large Army Being Organized to Proceed Against the Foreigners—Arms and Ammunition Being Supplied.

Victoria, Feb. 4.—A crisis is being reached in Northwest China. A large army is being organized to proceed against the foreigners. C. J. Anderson, a China inland missionary, says that Kansu is full of rebels and troops and all want to fight, saying: "There will not be one foreign devil left." Caravans of camels are bringing arms, ammunition and grain to the rebel headquarters.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

Large Supplies of Munitions of War Going into the Interior.

Honolulu, Feb. 4.—The Pacific mail steamship China has arrived here from Hong Kong and Yokohama on her way to San Francisco. She brings the news that large importations of arms and ammunition are being made by China, in violation of the agreement of the powers. Vessels disguised as trading boats are going into the interior laden with war materials. It is thought that these unusual importations are being made by the reform element, which is plotting to overthrow the Manchurian dynasty.

There are many members of the reform party in Hawaii, and they have contributed liberal sums for the support of the agitators in China.

Easy Money for Ryan.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 4.—Tommy Ryan, middleweight champion of the world, will defend his title against "Cyclone" Kelly of San Francisco at the Whittington Park Club tonight. Kelly, though he has made a good showing against several fighters of more or less prominence, is not regarded as anything like the equal of Ryan. For the champion the contest will serve as good practice work for his coming fight with "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien.

Inquiry Into Fighter's Death.

Scituate, R. I., Feb. 4.—The case of Hugh Murphy, a New York pugilist, who is charged with manslaughter as a result of the death of Eugene McCarthy, his opponent in a bout here two weeks ago, came up for hearing in court today. While it is generally believed that Murphy will be exonerated, the fatal ending of the bout is certain to put a quietus on prize-fighting in Rhode Island for some time to come.

BOWMAN BUILDING

Excavation Began Today for a Fine New Business House in Pendleton.

WILL BE MODERN AND UP-TO-DATE.

The Lower Story Will Be Used for Business Houses and the Upper Story for a Lodging House—Fifty Feet Frontage.

Excavating began this morning for the erection of a business house that will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Walter Welis has the contract for the excavating, which is progressing rapidly. The building, which will be erected by Furl Bowman, the wealthy farmer, will be erected on substantially the same plans as the East Oregonian announced three weeks ago would be followed. It will front Railroad street and extend the entire distance from Main to Garden streets.

The Railroad street frontage will be 200 feet long, and the depth of the building will be 50 feet from north to south. The lower story will be for rent for business houses, and the present purpose is to model the upper story for a stylish up-to-date lodging house, and perhaps for a hotel. The structure will be of brick, with a full basement 50x200 feet beneath, and two full stories in height above the basement.

The purpose is to have this building modern throughout in all its appliances and equipment, and architecturally as well, it is expected to be as fine a looking building as the city affords.

FOR A 20-ROUND GO.

Monroe and Sharkey Expect to Fight Some Time After Four Months—Corbett Signs Articles to Meet Jeffries June 30.

New York Feb. 4.—Jack Monroe and Tom Sharkey signed articles Tuesday for a 20-round contest to take place some time after four months. Bids for the fight will be opened March 3. It is provided that the club securing the fight must be satisfactory to both men. The men agree to split the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. The referee is to be agreed on one month before the fight and the Marquis of Queensbury rules are to govern the contest.

CRISIS IN STATEHOOD CASE.

Senator Quay, Fearing Opposition, Will Accept Extra Session of Congress.

Phoenix, Feb. 4.—The legislature assembly this morning received a dispatch from Marcus Smith, the congressional delegate, who asserts that a crisis has been reached in the statehood struggle. Quay, fearing opposition, will accept an extra session rather than attempt to pass the omnibus bill.

He advises the acceptance of the plan admitting Arizona and New Mexico as a single state. Smith is opposed to this plan and the Arizona legislature is sustaining him.

TROUBLE WITH SAILORS' UNION.

Schooner Benicia Not Allowed to Leave Aberdeen With Lumber.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 4.—The schooner Benicia has been prevented from leaving Aberdeen with a cargo of lumber by the Sailors' Union, because her owners in San Francisco failed to reach an agreement with the officers of the union there.

Handler vs. O'Rourke.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 4.—The National Athletic Club expects to draw a good crowd for its boxing show tonight. The attraction arranged to draw the fight followers is a 20-round bout between Jimmy Handler of Brooklyn, and Charley O'Rourke of Boston. The two are considered evenly matched and a lively contest is expected to be the outcome.

Diamond Match Prosperous.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The stockholders of the Diamond Match Company held their annual meeting in this city today and listened to reports which show the company's affairs to be in a flourishing condition. The net earnings of the company for 1902 approximated \$2,675,900, as compared with \$2,011,900 in 1901.

On the Pugilistic Calendar.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—Mike Ward and Jimmie Duggan are to furnish the windup at tonight's boxing show of the Detroit Athletic Club. The men met once before and Duggan gained the decision. Since then Ward is said to have greatly improved and his followers appear confident of his ability to reverse the decision.