

POSTPONE TRIP

President Roosevelt Will Not Leave West Until Some Time in May.

QUALITY OF AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Present Filibustering Proves Unprofitable. He Will See That the Senate Ratifies the Panama Treaty and the Cuban Reciprocity Bill.

DAY IN SENATE.

Session Considers the Panama Canal Treaty—Morgan Conspires.

HOUSE SESSION.

Bill on Insular Affairs Accepted. Substitute for the Philippine Currency Bill.

Admiral Schley.

Controversy Occurred in House Committee on Naval Affairs.

COURT MARTIAL ORDERED.

Warrant Was in Charge of the Gun Which Exploded on the Battleship Kearsarge.

STATE BUYS WATER RIGHT.

Pays \$20,000 for Perpetual Water Privileges for State Institutions. Salem, Ore., Feb. 20.—The Oregon state board, consisting of Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar and Treasurer Moore, has purchased of the Portland Flouring Mills Company the perpetual right to appropriate from the mill ditch of that company at the state penitentiary, a water supply for the various state institutions located in this city.

JAMES SIMONIS DEAD.

Eagle Valley Citizen Pays the Penalty of Lawlessness. Richland, Ore., Feb. 20.—Jim Simonis, the Eagle Creek rancher, who was shot Tuesday night by City Marshal Frank Robertson, while resisting arrest, died Thursday. The fatal bullet penetrated his right breast and came out between the shoulder blades.

SOCIALISM IN ENGLAND.

Municipal Productive Undertakings Have an Income of \$65,000,000 on Capital of \$1,055,000,000. New York, Feb. 20.—A parliamentary return just issued of the reproductive undertakings of municipal corporations, gives some remarkable figures, according to a Tribune dispatch from London.

Another Victim Drowned.

New York, Feb. 20.—The fifth victim of yesterday's explosion at Port Lafayette, died this morning in the hospital.

Fire in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 20.—Fire this morning in the business section, destroyed property valued at \$150,000.

NEGRO DEFIES THE POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO SMOKE HIM OUT. After Shooting at the Police, New Orleans Outlaw Was Finally Killed by the Officers.

From 2 Till Daylight.

The siege lasted from 2 o'clock until daylight. The scene was a negro boarding house, where he went a couple of days ago. When the landlord went to his room, which was occupied and where seven beds were located, the negro ordered him to stay out.

Wolves Belonging to a Theatrical Company Escaped Tuesday Night While Being Taken to the Station for Shipment at Brazil, Ind.

The battleships Kearsarge, Iowa, Illinois and Massachusetts and the ship Prairie arrived off Galveston last night, and will be joined by the new Maine and the Scorpion, tender to the North Atlantic squadron.

BALLOTING AT SALEM WILL BE CONTINUED AT 8 O'CLOCK

No Change Today in the Regular Noon Ballot—State Mining Bureau is Created.

Salem, Feb. 20.—The ballot for United States senator at noon today brought out no change of any moment. The balloting will be resumed at 8 o'clock and will probably continue up to midnight. The vote was as follows:

Fulton	33
Geer	27
Wood	17
Scattering	11
Absent	2
Total	90

State Mining Bureau. Salem, Feb. 20.—Senator Rand's bill, creating a state mining bureau and carrying an appropriation of \$20,000, passed the house this morning. The bill provides for the appointment of a commissioner of mines, with assistants. The appropriation is to be expended in salaries and expenses of the bureau and in collecting and publishing data and statistics of the Oregon mining industry.

Salem, Feb. 20.—The corporations won a decided and complete victory in the house yesterday in the indefinite postponement of the Davey bill No. 99, for the taxation of the intangible property of telegraph, telephone, express and oil companies.

ALASKA HOMESTEAD LAW IS REPORTED

Allows Settlers to Take 320 Acres and Does Away With Commutation Privileges.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Alaska homestead law, as reported and passed by the senate, is a very different and far more comprehensive measure than the bill as it passed the house, and, because of the changes, the house will either be obliged to accept the senate amendments or the differences will have to be adjusted in conference. The senate returns the provision of the house bill limiting homesteads in Alaska to 320 acres, but adds a number of important provisions and limitations. In its report, the senate committee says:

"The present law, which allows a homesteader to take 80 acres, is entirely inadequate for the conditions of the country and the efforts of those who go there for settlement. A large part of the land in Alaska is suitable for agricultural purposes, but is not suitable for such purposes in the limited area of 160 acres allowed by the general homestead law of the United States, and still less so in an area of 80 acres, as allowed by former legislation of congress.

"It is believed by the committee that in enlarging the amount of land which each settler may in good faith may take to 320 acres, a sufficient amount would be set apart to enable that settler to engage profitably in the occupation of agriculture in that district. The committee has seen fit to increase the limitations of the homestead act, as set forth—that is, that the commutation clauses of the homestead act, which is applicable to the states of the United States and the territories, shall not be allowed in Alaska. This is done for the purpose of preventing settlers upon these tracts from taking land for the purpose of speculation and paying \$1.25 per acre (as in other parts of the country subject to homestead entry) dispose of their rights and holdings for speculative purposes.

"It has been thought proper in cases where a person shall desire to make entry on 320 acres of land, as allowed in this bill, that he shall make it in a compact, rectangular form, not more than one mile in length. This precludes the possibility of monopolizing the streams and narrow valleys by any one homesteader. "All this land is, by the operation of this proposed bill, taken out of the operation of the law which allows the entry of land of like character in the United States and territories by

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coe Commission Company—D. C. Sullivan, Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	77 3/4	77 3/4
July	73 3/4	73 3/4
Corn—		
May	45 3/4	45 3/4
July	44	44
Minneapolis, Feb. 20.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	76 3/4	76 3/4
July	76 3/4	76 3/4
New York, Feb. 20.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	81 3/4	81 3/4
July	78 3/4	78 3/4

Wheat in Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 20.—Wheat—77 1/2¢ per bushel.

POPE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Silver Jubilee is Celebrated at Rome With Impressive Ceremonies. Rome, Feb. 20.—The pope's jubilee was celebrated in the vatican hall. Admission was by tickets and only 4,000 were present. The presentation of a triple crown and golden keys was made by Cardinal Rospeghli. The vatican was splendidly draped. The pope was borne to the throne on the shoulders of guards waving peacock fans. He maintained his strength wonderfully. After receiving the pilgrims, the pope retired to his private apartments suffering with little fatigue. He was in excellent spirits and said this was really the happiest day of his life.

Watch the Vote Tonight.

Voting on United States Senator will begin at 8 o'clock this evening. The East Oregonian will receive the detailed vote, as the contest progresses, and will post bulletins announcing the results of each ballot. The Pendleton Commercial Association will also receive the vote and will post bulletins following each ballot.

AMERICAN MINERS SLAIN.

Bloody Vengeance of Moros on Intruders in Their Country. Manila, Feb. 20.—John Prucha and E. Chase, miners, who were working on a placer claim 60 miles northeast of Zamboanga, Mindanao, were murdered by Moros in January. The natives surprised and beheaded the miners. Chase's decapitated head was found hanging to a tree. Prucha escaped, but died in the woods from wounds and exposure. Chase was formerly a miner in the Klondike region. Prucha's home was at Reading, Pa.

STOCK LOSSES EXAGGERATED

IDAHO SHEEPMEN NOT RUINED AS REPORTED. Isolated Cases of Loss Have Led to False Reports—Martin B. Gwinn, Secretary of Idaho Woolgrowers' Denies Alarming Statements. Boise, Feb. 20.—Somebody has been industriously circulating stories to the effect that great losses of stock have been occasioned in this state by the snow and cold weather. These stories are so greatly exaggerated that they are practically false. While there have been losses in places, there has been no general decimation of flocks. In fact, the great majority of sheepmen have lost no more sheep than was to be expected under any conditions, while no cattle have been lost anywhere, so far as known. The only sheepmen belonging in Idaho who have lost, so far, are two or three who make their headquarters in Fremont county. Other Idaho sheepmen have their flocks well supplied with feed and the animals are doing well. On the Snake river plain in the vicinity of Minadoka there are some bands that were driven in from Utah late in the fall. These bands have sustained losses. Reports from over the state, said Montie B. Gwinn, secretary of the Idaho Woolgrowers' Association showed that the losses so far this year with the exception of a few isolated cases, were only nominal. In practically all sections the owners of sheep and plenty of feed and their stock was not suffering to any great extent. Of course, there were a very few exceptions but, speaking generally, the conditions were quite satisfactory.

CUBA IS FAVORABLE.

Senate Takes Action in the Reciprocity Treaty With United States. Havana, Feb. 20.—The foreign committee of the senate made a favorable report on the reciprocity treaty with the United States this afternoon.

Ex-State Senator C. H. Smith, of Jackson, Mich., Has Accepted the Office of Prosecuting Attorney at Manila.

One of the largest and finest passenger stations ever projected is to be built at Buffalo, N. Y.

FIRE IN IOWA HOTEL

Four Fatally Injured Ten Are Missing and Twenty-five Seriously Hurt.

FILLED BEYOND CAPACITY

WITH Y. M. C. A. DELEGATES. Defective Electrical Appliances in the Basement Cause a Holocaust—Guests Cut Off From Escape, Jump From the Windows Panic-Stricken.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 20.—Four were fatally hurt, 25 seriously injured and 15 unaccounted for as a result of a fire in the Clifton hotel early this morning. The hotel was the third largest in the city and was filled beyond its capacity with delegates to the state convention of the Y. M. C. A. Cots had been placed in the halls. The fire broke out on the second story. Both the second and third were filled with smoke. Guests cut off from escape jumped from second and third story windows. Of 25 injured, it is possible that seven will die. How many dead are in the ruins cannot be known until the debris is cleared away. Many who could have been taken down in safety were panic-stricken. One woman jumped while a fireman was trying to seize her from the window sill. She was picked up dying.

Later—Four Will Die.

Later lists show the number as unaccounted for as unchanged, but it is believed that only four of the injured will die. It is now believed the fire originated from defective electrical appliances in the basement. There were 120 guests in the hotel. Owing to the wind and the inflammability of the material, it required less than an hour for the building to burn. The loss will amount to \$140,000.

Only Ten Missing.

At 10 o'clock all but 10 of the missing are accounted for. The hotel register was destroyed.

Three Bodies Recovered.

At noon three bodies have been recovered. Physicians now say that three others injured cannot recover.

Five Unidentified.

At 2 o'clock three more bodies were recovered, making six altogether. Four of the injured are now said to be dying. Five bodies were charred so that they can not be identified.

SALARIES AND MILEAGE.

House Committee Submits Reports on the Pay of Members—Ten Thousand for the House.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 20.—The house committee on salaries and mileage, Nottingham chairman has recommended that the members be allowed \$120 salary, excepting the speaker, and mileage as follows:

- Adams, \$15.00; Bailey, \$15.00; Banks, \$59.10; Bilyeu, \$8.40; Blakley, \$78.00; Both, \$50.40; Burgess, \$73.20; Burchell, \$128.10; Cantrell, \$87.30; Carnahan, \$136.20; Claypool, \$12.00; Cobb, \$15.00; Cornett, \$11.10; Dannebaum, \$119.70; Davey, \$54.00; Eddy, \$42.90; Edwards, \$17.70; Emmitt, \$145.20; Fisher, \$15.00; Galloway, \$7.50; Gault, \$21.90; Gill, \$36.60; Ginn, \$56.10; Hahn, \$9.30; Hale, \$73.80; Hansbrough, \$45.00; Hawkins, \$91.20; Hayden, \$29.10; Hermann, \$64.50; Hinea, \$23.40; Hodson, \$15.00; Hudson, \$31.20; Hume, \$142.20; Huntley, \$11.10; Hutchinson, \$15.00; Johnson, \$15.00; Jones of Lincoln, \$15.00; Jones of Multnomah, \$15.00; Judd, \$3.60; Kay, \$15.90; Kramer, \$59.40; LaFollett, \$3; Malarkey, \$15.00; Miles, \$10.20; Murphy, \$107.10; Nottingham, \$36.60; O'well, \$97.30; Orton, \$15.00; Paulsen, \$24.60; Phelps, \$75; Purdy, \$25.80; Reed, \$15.00; Riddle, \$67.50; Robbins, \$133.60; Shelley, \$21; Simmons, \$7.50; Test, \$148.80; Webster, \$12.60; Wheatdon, \$42; Speaker Harris, salary, \$200, mileage, \$21. Total salaries, \$7211.00; mileage, \$2839.90.

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