

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Washington and Oregon, rainy, warmer gales on coast.

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SENATE COMMITTEES.

Mitchell, of Oregon, Moves for a Re-organization.

MOTION CARRIED BY PARTY VOTE

Republicans Given Control of the Committees—Populists Realized They Held Balance of Power.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In the senate this afternoon Mitchell, of Oregon, presented a resolution for the reorganization of the senate committees. Gorman, of Maryland, in a brief speech, developed the tactics of the Democrats, evidently to show that if the senate was re-organized, it could be done only by the alliance of the Republicans and Populists. He said it was well known when the senate met that neither of the great parties had a majority.

"We know on this side," he continued, "that we did not have a majority, and we are not yet certain that the other has; that can only be determined by vote. If they have, they are entitled to control and responsible for legislation in this chamber."

Gorman therefore demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken. The Populists—Allen, of Nebraska; Butler, of North Carolina; Irby, of South Carolina; Peffer, of Kansas, and Stewart, of Nevada, declined to vote. Tillman was paired against the resolution, and the Republicans control of the committees, was adopted by a strict party vote of the members of the old parties, 29 to 28.

As soon as the vote was announced Allen felt it incumbent on himself to make some explanation of the attitude of his party men. He wanted the senators to understand that the Republicans, though small in number, they constituted the nucleus of a thoroughly organized party, completely independent in principle. The Populists had, said Allen, decided to take no part in the question as to who should control the organization. Personally he was glad the responsibility for legislation had been passed into the hands of the Republicans at both ends of the Capitol.

Harris, Democrat, of Tennessee, wanted to know if the Populists, with full knowledge that they held the balance of power, had not deliberately determined by their silence to allow the Republicans, who had more voters than the Democrats, to take control, and if their silence did not, therefore, make them as much responsible as their votes. Allen said that the Populists realized that they held the balance of power.

"We have got it," he said, turning to Harris, "and we propose to utilize it." Mitchell demanded that the Populists be held responsible. They had not been in the majority, and were not now in the majority. Whether they would be before the session closed, remained to be seen.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. Father and Son Break through the Ice While Skating.

Medical Lake, Wn., Dec. 30.—Chas. Glasgow, ten years of age, was drowned in Silver Lake today. James Glasgow, his father, was rescued after a long immersion in the ice water, and may die from exposure.

DOUBLE MURDER. Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—The Commercial Gazette's special from Frankfort, Ky., says that Gov. Bradley feels that the law has been greatly outraged, and the state disgraced, by the brutal murder of Wm. Devers and Mrs. T. J. West at the hands of a mob near Lebanon yesterday. In his inaugural address the governor condemned lynchings very vigorously. He will offer a reward of \$50, the limit of the law, for the arrest and conviction of unknown members of the mob.

LEBANON EXCITED. Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—A special to the Commercial Gazette from Lebanon, Ky., says: Fully 1000 people assembled in this village today to take action on the burning of Mrs. T. J. West and the killing of W. A. Devers, by five men near this place Saturday. The speeches were all vigorous denunciations of the disgrace on Marion county and the state. A fund was raised to employ detectives to aid in ferreting out the perpetrators of the crime. The county commissioners join the people in offering a reward for the detection and conviction of the five men who are known to be the guilty parties.

JAIL DELIVERY. Roseburg, Or., Dec. 30.—A reward of \$300 was offered by Sheriff F. C. Cathcart and \$100 by Deputy W. W. Cathcart, for the capture of murderer Sam Brown, who escaped from jail this morning. Robert Hinman, serving out a fine, says that Brown has been working on the window bars with a saw made from the steel shank of a boot, but the work done indicates that a good saw was used.

RESULTED IN MURDER. Healdsburg, Cal., Dec. 30.—R. K. Truitt, proprietor of the opera house, shot and probably fatally wounded the Hon. J. W. Rose, the leading attorney of this place tonight. The shooting was the result of a long-standing feud which has existed between the Rose and Truitt families. Rose claimed that Truitt had molested his

daughter and tonight the matter was brought to a climax by Rose striking Truitt in the face. Truitt pulled his pistol and shot at his assailant three times, two of the shots taking effect.

THE BOND ISSUE Fully Agreed Upon, and Emergencies Provided For.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There is now no reasonable doubt that the bond issue has been fully agreed upon, and that the details of the contract with the railroad of which J. Pierpont Morgan is the head, have been arranged, also that nothing remains to be done to carry it into effect, but for the secretary to sign his name thereto.

Thus the president is prepared for any emergency, and there is no doubt that should heavy withdrawals of gold for export set in again, another issue would be announced. The amount of the next issue, it is almost certain, has been fixed at \$100,000,000, and it is believed that the terms of the contract are rather more favorable to the government than those under which the last issue was made.

SWIFT WHEELS. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—Taylor and Howitt, of the Syracuse team, on a tandem, rode three-quarters of a mile, paced by Stone, Swanbrough, Washburn and Terrill, on a quad, flying start, in 1:31 flat, breaking the world's record of 1:29 made by Bainbridge and Gardner at Waltham. The same men and pacemaker, with the same start, broke the world's Class B record of 1:25 1/2 Time, 1:24 1/2, tying the world's professional record.

NEW BIDS WANTED. Olympia, Dec. 30.—A new call for bids to be opened January 30 was issued today for the construction of the state Capitol. Various queries throughout the state will be examined with a view to selecting one.

INDIAN OUTBREAK. Town of Sitka, Alaska, Threatened With Vengeance.

Trouble Arose Over the Murder of a Young Brave—Tribes Will Not Wait on the Law.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Danube, which arrived yesterday from a fruitless search for the Strathcona, reports great excitement at Sitka, where she called on the 19th, over the murder of a young brave of the Killisnook tribe, and the arrest of two sailors of the United States steamer Wolcott with two miners and thirteen Indians in connection. The members of the expedition, with the safety of Sitka, where they are gathering in angry parties, threatening vengeance on the white inhabitants.

UNCLE SAM VERY BRAVE. Demands Indemnity from Turkey on Account of the Armenian Troubles.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Olney has directed Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, to demand an indemnity of \$400,000 from Turkey for the benefit of the American missionaries who suffered loss of property in the Kharpoot outbreaks in November.

THE MARSHES. Liverpool, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Spot, firm; demand, poor; red winter, No. 2 red, 48 1/2; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 54 1/2; No. 1 California, 54 1/2. Hops—Pacific coast, 11 1/2. Portland, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Valley, 54 1/2; Walla Walla, 55 1/2.

THE PRICE. Chicago, Dec. 30.—A Washington special to the Post says: It is thought by treasury experts that the syndicate will insist on a safe margin of not less than five per cent, for handling the loan. That would indicate a net price to the government of 1.09 to 1.11.

RAILROAD COLLISION. Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Two passenger trains collided at 7:20 tonight, on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, near Coal City, fourteen miles from Cincinnati. They were the Louisville Express and St. Louis accommodation. Two persons were killed and six injured. The killed are: Fireman Wilson, of the Louisville Express; an unknown man was buried under the wreck. The cause of the accident was the failure of the operator at Storr's station, within the city limits, to report to the Louisville train an order to wait at Delphi and let the St. Louis train pass.

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BREWER APPOINTED. Special to the Astorian. Washington, Dec. 30.—Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, has been tendered and has accepted a place on the Venezuelan commission.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES plays the organ, harmonica, piano and sither.

FIERY FIGHTING

Engagement Between Spanish and Insurgents' Forces.

SPANISH REPELL LARGER NUMBERS

Uneasy Feeling in Havana, Where Meagre Reports are Received of Several Battles.

Havana, Dec. 30.—There is still much uncertainty regarding the movements of the insurgents. According to office reports they are in full retreat, but it has been intimated that Gomez was making for Cienfuegos, with the intention of capturing that support. The announcement made, would, however, seem to show that Gomez is still in the vicinity of Jaguay Grande, south of Colon, in the province of Matanzas.

Lieut. Colonel Perer, commanding a Navarro battalion, was engaged with the insurgents near Calmet, not far from Jaguay Grande yesterday. The fighting is said to have been very fierce and the Spaniards are reported to have sustained the fire of a vastly superior number of the insurgent commander. The troops engaged are reported to have captured the insurgents' position and to have obliged the enemy to divide his forces. The insurgents were at first said to have lost heavily, while on the government side only one officer and five soldiers were killed and sixty wounded, but today it was stated that the troops lost Captain Diaz. About an hour after this engagement, the sound of cannonading was heard in the direction of the Maria plantation, and it is supposed that the Spaniards were engaged with the Spanish column, commanded by Col. Molino. No details of this engagement have reached here. A most uneasy feeling prevails now. It is believed that serious fighting has taken place near Caliente, and that the meagre facts made public do not begin to tell the tale.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE. Investigation of Lord Dunaevan's Charges Against the Defender.

New York, Dec. 30.—The departure of Lord Dunaevan and Arthur Glennie on Saturday last, detracted only a little from the interest in the case, which is still interested in the Defender controversy.

The hearing of evidence by the special commission was resumed at the New York Yacht Club today. Captain Glennie and Terry, with many members of the Defender's crew, were early on hand. Lawyer Aquilino, who is looking after the interests of the Defender, was present, accompanied by Secretary Hamilton. At 6 o'clock the commission adjourned to meet again at 10 tomorrow. The members of the Defender's staff, the lawyers, together with the witnesses, maintained the same stony silence that has characterized the proceedings of this investigation, stating that there was absolutely nothing to be said for publication. It is reported that tomorrow's session will end the case.

STATE NEWS. Interesting Items Culled From Oregon's Leading Newspapers.

Sheriff Johnson, of Lane county, recently sold 20,000 feet of lumber at sheriff sale for \$100.75.

Marshal Taylor, just removed from his office, has given notice that he will continue to hold the office. An indication of fun ahead for Corvallis.

George N. Reynolds, accused of embezzling the position of assistant postmaster at that place, was acquitted Friday at Portland. The principal witness against the defendant, who was shown there is a bench warrant out for him.

Dr. E. B. McElroy, says the Corvallis Gazette, has made arrangements to plant another prune orchard in the vicinity of Corvallis in the early spring. This will be the fourth orchard he has planted in this part of the country during the past three years. He has also two other orchards in the northern part of Benton county. The active interest Mr. McElroy has taken in the development of prunes in our part of the state has had much to do with the recognition that has been given our fruit interests.

The Southern Pacific company has been experimenting with their tracked near Eugene and at other points along their lines for several months past, says the Eugene Guard. A ridge of gravel is thrown up in the middle of the track. This ridge makes an excellent foothold for pedestrians, and also serves to shed water from the track. On either side of the track the gravel slopes gradually down for two or three feet to rows of large rocks, which have been placed there to prevent the new gravel from slipping down over the sides of the grade. This method of grading makes a very fancy track. It is a very expensive method, but the company is so well satisfied with the result that it is extending the work quite extensively in places.

The following firms and groups of business people put their affairs in a corporate basis yesterday by filing the necessary articles with the secretary of state, namely: The Breitenbach Lumbering and Improvement Company, of Marion county, whose capital shares at \$100,000, organized for twenty-five years, with E. W. Scanlan, J. K. Morrow and R. E. Elson as incorporators. The Salem Speed Association, with W. G. Westcott, F. N. Derty, E. B. Lampert, George Collins, T. R. Jones, J. J. Bitter, E. L. Patterson and W. T. Anderson as organizers, and a capital stock of \$25 divided in 25 shares at \$1 each, to O. K. a fresh start in the business of fostering good horses and "making turf records yesterday. This is reorganization of the Oregon Breeding Association. Supplemental articles were also filed by the Riverside field

Mining Company, of Union, Ore., increasing its capital stock from \$12,000 to \$80,000. T. H. Crawford, Joseph Wright, J. F. Bolles, J. F. Phay and W. G. Fenson being the sponsors of record in this connection.—Statesman.

Not long since one of Salem's hop commission merchants telegraphed to a New York house for an offer on a certain lot of hops and requested an immediate answer. No reply came by wire, but a few days later a letter was received in which the following information was imparted: "An lot in a position at present to make any offer. It is very strange that none of my customers are interested in Pacific coast hops, and if they do not reverse their decision against them I am afraid that we will buy your hops by the spring by the bale and not by the pound. I can only congratulate myself that I did not go 'long' on your hops this season." The same dealer is in receipt of some beer statistics from the Hop Reporting Company, of New York, which are as follows: Beer sales (barrel) for November, 1895, 2,945,000; beer sales for November, 1894, 2,383,435; showing an increase for 1905 of 232,244 barrels.

Hugh A. Scott arrived home on Christmas morning, after an absence of four months, giving his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, a genuine surprise, as they did not know he was on his coast. He chose the sea for a profession, and sailed from Portland to Liverpool on his last voyage October 13, 1894. Thence to Sydney, Australia, Newcastle and San Francisco, where he arrived December 21, last Friday. He was a former student at Willamette, and is probably Salem's only representative in the seafaring profession. He will make a short visit, as he has only sixteen days leave, when he will rejoin his ship, the Wray Castle, bound for some European port. Mr. Scott will serve a four years' apprenticeship, when he can be promoted to second mate on examination, and he hopes finally to become a full-fledged navigator.—Journal.

CLATSOP'S ASSESSMENT

Board of Equalization Makes Several Reductions.

Fifteen Per Cent. Taken Off Town Lots—Railroad and Telegraph Lines Reduced 10 Per Cent.

Special to the Astorian. Salem, Dec. 30.—The state board of equalization today finished equalizing real property. On Class One, including town lots, and improvements thereon, a reduction of fifteen per cent was made in Clatsop. In Class Two, assessing all lands, except roads, telegraph and telephone lines, a reduction of ten per cent is made in Clatsop.

AS WE APPEAR ABROAD. The East Oregonian says:

"A. J. Adams, the civil engineer, was questioned by the East Oregonian reporter this morning concerning the Astoria water works system, which he is putting in. Mr. Adams states that by the next at farthest, the last stroke of work will be done and the last connection made. Already water has been connected with the reservoir and the gravity line is in. There remains to dig a tunnel and connect the reservoir with the distributing system, and the high service part of the system is yet to put in. The Astoria gravity system will cost less than \$200,000 for every item of expense, right of way and everything. The actual expense of construction will amount to \$100,000. Engineer Adams asserts that it is the cheapest system on the coast. Contracts were let at a time when prices for labor and material were at the lowest, and there is scarcely a part of the system which is not worth 25 per cent more than it cost. It is to be a fine system, the supply inexhaustible, the quality of water first-class. The enterprise once completed, Astoria will be most fortunate in possessing a gravity system with a capacity ample for furnishing power for manufacturing, besides supplying the city with drinking water of the best quality."

"Regarding the new Astoria railroad, Mr. Adams said that work progressed, though it will not be rushed until next spring. Such work is being done as can be done to advantage on rock work and bridging."

"Astoria," remarked Mr. Adams, "has felt the hard times less than any town of which I know. The reason is the flourishing industry. While other localities have been suffering from heavy losses in the lowering of prices of their products, Astoria has been taking out fish steadily, and has found a regular market at good prices. This keeps the laboring classes supplied with money, and, the fact is, Astoria has not felt the hard times at all. With her laboring classes prospering, the whole city has been working on. Only those who have entered heavily into speculation have suffered. These have been light pinched, but all others are and have been doing well."

"Mr. Adams was asked if it had rained this fall and winter in Astoria. He looked in an astonished manner at the East Oregonian reporter, and was inclined to be angry. But as he saw that it was only a joke, he had an inclination to laugh, and he did laugh at the idea of its ever raining in Astoria. The only drawback, said he, is the dryness of the climate. This remedied, Astoria would be a paradise."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

ABSTRACT PURE

IT IS A FAILURE

McNeill's Plan of Re-organizing the O. R. & N.

UNION PACIFIC'S ITALIAN HAND

Aided by Huntington, Said to Have Effected the Defeat—Portland Greatly Exercised.

Portland, Dec. 30.—The prospects for re-organizing the O. R. & N. Co. are not very encouraging, according to reports received today from New York, and Receiver McNeill will soon return home. His plan of re-organization, it is said, called for the assessment of stock, which has been resisted by a sufficient number of stockholders to prevent its consummation. Whether Mr. McNeill has given up the hope of accomplishing the re-organization is not known, but that he has met with opposition is no longer a secret. The Union Pacific people, holding stock in the O. R. & N., are said to have been active agents in opposing the re-organization, and in this they are said to have had the powerful assistance of Mr. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, who it is believed is looking forward to the sale of the road under the hammer to satisfy the bondholders. The business men of this city are greatly concerned over the matter for it is generally believed that the present commercial supremacy of Portland depends largely on the independence of the O. R. & N. being maintained.

MORE HOUSES NEEDED. People Coming to Astoria Cannot Find Where to Live.

The demand for dwelling houses has increased rapidly within a short time, and real estate agents report a dearth of houses to rent. What houses are for rent are so poorly built and held at such high rates that many have been deterred from moving to Astoria, preferring to keep their families in Portland where comfortable and modern houses can be had at living prices.

One gentleman remarked yesterday that because Astoria was going to have a railroad he could see no good reason why the old tenement houses should be kept at ruinous rates of rent, and that for his part he would have his people where they could be comfortable. "What you need," he said, "is some live men, or men who will build a few houses to rent at reasonable figures, and which will contain some of the comforts of life. Lumber is cheap and it seems a pity that houses were covered with decent homes it would add as much, or more than any one thing to start and maintain business. There is no better paying investment than that I know of for capital than moderate sized cottages that will accommodate average families. At reasonable rents such houses are the attraction of a sensibly built, (as can be done nowadays at the same cost as a barn) will pay good interest on the money invested, and I am surprised that some of your large property owners have not foreseen this time and have been prepared for it. Look at Seattle and Tacoma, neither one of which possess one-half of your natural resources. Fourteen years ago they were little villages in a wilderness. Today they are magnificent cities. At one-half the trouble and at less expense than that which is being put into Astoria, you will find it as attractive to foreigners, who will hesitate to come to a place that has not some comforts for living or the prospect of some."

WAS IT MURDER? Body of a Dead Man Discovered at Elk Creek.

A discovery was made yesterday afternoon at Elk Creek which may lead to the unearthing of a sensational murder in Clatsop county. Mr. Jensen, while passing along the beach, presumably going to his home some little distance from the shore, found the dead body of a man on the top of Bald Hill, which is 250 feet above the beach. Upon examination the body proved to be that of a man named Woodstock, who has been working on George Hartley's ranch at Elk Creek. Mr. Jensen immediately proceeded to the government telephone office and notified the authorities in Astoria and took such other steps as were necessary prior to the coroner's inquest. Coroner Phil Jones this morning for Elk Creek, and as no coffin can be procured there the body will probably be interred on the spot. The outcome of the investigation will be watched with interest. It was at first supposed that the man was drowned, but in what manner and how the body came to be upon the high hill are matters as yet of conjecture. From sundry marks on the body, it was thought that there was evidence of foul play, and the man might have been murdered. What object there could have been for such a deed cannot be imagined, as the victim was a quiet and peaceable man. Mr. Phil is determined to get at the bottom of the matter if possible.

THE WRETCH. Benedict—Have you ever pictured yourself snugly cocooned in a pretty home with a lovely wife? Bachlor—Whose wife, Johnson?