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THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

Many Interesting Subjects Considered at Last Night's Session.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL IS

Discussed and a Call Issued for a Mass Meeting to Be Held Tonight—Action Taken in Washington.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night, there were present, G. Wingate, President; E. C. Holden, secretary; Messrs. Dement, Kendall, Finlayson, Picken, Kinney, Teo, Noland, Cooper, Bowditch, Gray, Dellinger, Bartley. The executive committee reported the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer correct.

The secretary reported receipt on the 13th inst. of the following telegram:

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—Chamber of Commerce, Astoria, Or.: Suggest meeting to be held tonight requesting hearing in the House for Nicaragua canal bill. Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, Hugh Craig, president; William L. Morey, secretary.

In accordance with the request the Chamber sent the following:

Astoria, Or., Jan. 12.—To Hon. T. B. Reed, speaker of the house of representatives, Washington, D. C.: Astoria Chamber of Commerce earnestly solicits your hearing for Nicaragua canal bill, G. Wingate, president; E. C. Holden, secretary.

Another dispatch from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was read, as follows:

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—To Chamber of Commerce, Astoria: Suggest mass meeting to memorialize congress in favor of Nicaragua canal. Ours called Tuesday. San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Hugh Craig, Pres., Wm. L. Morey, secretary.

Secretary Holden reported that in accordance with instructions he had communicated with Capt. Merrill, inspector of the Thirtieth Lighthouse District, on the subject of the condition of the telephonic service with Tillamook rock.

Portland, Or., January 11, 1897.

Mr. E. C. Holden, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Astoria, Oregon—

Sir: In reply to your letter December 29th, I beg to say that the telephonic communication with Tillamook rock is, at the best, very uncertain. The land line is subject to frequent interruption. Messages, as a rule, have to be repeated at the shore end of the cable, and communication can only be had at fixed hours of the day. Even at these times it is frequently found to be impossible to get messages to the rock, though less difficulty is experienced in getting messages through the other way.

The fact that telephonic communication between the rock and Astoria exists is stated in the List of Beacons and Buoys, Pacific Coast of the United States, a copy of which is furnished free of charge to any shipmaster, upon application to the lighthouse board, the office of the lighthouse inspector at San Francisco, or to this office.

In view of the uncertainty of the communication with the rock, it is questionable whether greater publicity of the fact that such communication exists, should be given. If you desire me to do so, however, I will refer your communication to the lighthouse board for their consideration.

Respectfully yours, JNO. P. MERRELL, Inspector 13th L. H. District.

The question of the construction of a seawall was introduced by Mr. F. P. Kendall and after a lengthy and agitated discussion resulted in the appointment of a special committee consisting of Messrs. Bowditch, VanDusen, Picken, Gray and Kendall to consider the subject and report at next meeting on the advisability of preparing a bill to be laid before the state legislature.

The pending Nicaragua canal bill was then discussed. It was shown that the Astoria Chamber of Commerce had favored this important project from its very inception, and again and again memorialized congress and advocated its construction by the government. It appearing that extra efforts are necessary in order that the bill may be given a hearing at the present session of congress, it was resolved that a mass meeting of the citizens of Astoria be held on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at 7:30 at the court house, and the secretary was instructed to publish the call for the meeting in the daily papers.

AGAINST THE PLAGUE.

Washington, January 15.—The European panic, on account of the plague, has induced the marine hospital service to take measures to allay any uneasiness which may arise in the United States. Surgeon General Wyman is engaged in preparing a circular to be sent to the officials of the marine hospital service, and to United States consuls abroad, calling their attention to existing sanitary regulations and urging them to take every possible precaution to prevent the importation of the plague.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Interesting Description of the Court of Final Appeal in Oregon.

Salem, January 14.—(Editor Astorian)—While waiting for the house to call to order last Monday your correspondent was pleased to pay a visit to the room of the supreme court. This is on the third floor in the west wing of the building, opening from the rotunda on the side opposite the head of the stairs. Entering the room through the double swinging doors one finds himself in a very pleasant, well lighted, richly fur-

FISH TRAP BILL BOBS UP AGAIN

Senator Smith Introduces Measure to Stop Fish Wheels and Traps.

NO ORGANIZATION IN HOUSE

Further Delay in the Vote for United States Senator and Legislation is Effectually Blocked.

Special to the Astorian. Salem, Or., January 18.—The fishtrap bill made its appearance in the senate today. Senator Smith introduced it, and it is his purpose to make every effort to pass it.

It is provided that it shall be unlawful to construct, own, maintain or operate any pound net, fish trap, fish wheel, or other fixed appliances for catching salmon in any waters of the state after January 1, 1899. Penalties are provided. The measure is the same as the one prepared in 1895, except that until 1899 is given in which to remove the traps. Two years ago the bill passed the house, but was defeated in the senate on a close vote.

Senator Smith also introduced a bill changing the beginning of the close season on the Columbia from August 10 to August 1. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the United States Fish Commissioner McDonald. Provisions are added for the regulation of fish traps by which none shall have a lead of more than 700 feet in length and no fish wheel shall have a lead of more than forty feet in length. Other regulative provisions are added.

Eight of the forty days which constitute the legislative session have gone and the house has not yet organized. Beyond a dozen roll-calls, which disclosed no quorum, nothing was done in the house today, adjournment being taken until tomorrow.

By the failure to organize today the vote for United States senator is delayed until Tuesday, February 2.

POPS, RULE WASHINGTON.

Sims Unseated and Hargrave Put in Under Protest.

Olympia, January 18.—Both houses of the legislature convened today at 2 o'clock, after a recess extending over two days. The absorbing topic of the day, outside of the senatorial contest, was the Hargrave-Sims contest which resulted in unseating Doctor Sims, Republican, and putting James Hargrave, Populist, in his place, thus securing a Populist majority on joint ballot.

Speaker Cline appointed a committee to take testimony and report to the house. The committee consisted of five Populists, one silver Republican and one Republican.

The case comes from the Twenty-third District, in Clowitz county. At the general election Hargrave, for representative, against Sims, a tie resulted. Governor McGraw ordered a special election to determine who should be the legislator. At the election Sims received a majority of the votes cast and was given a certificate of election, Hargrave declining to allow his name to appear on the ticket. The committee appointed to hear the contest met Sunday night, and did nothing, after a lengthy session, but decided to send for the votes cast in the 23d district. Sunday evening the votes arrived and a meeting of the committee was called, and after a short session without counting the votes decided Hargrave elected, despite the loud protestations of the Republican members of the committee, who insisted that no equitable report could be made without counting the votes. Today, at 2 o'clock, the chairman of the committee submitted a majority report. A minority report has also been submitted by Kittinger, Republican. The Republicans then made an effort to have the entire matter re-referred to the committee with instructions to count the votes, and were supported by several Democrats, silver Republicans and Speaker Cline, Populist. The Populist majority, however, ignoring the request of the Republicans, finally adopted the majority report, most of the other fugitives voting with them, unseating Sims.

PRICE OF SKINS.

Victoria, B. C., January 18.—At the Hudson Bay Company's sale today salted fur sealskins sold at 12 1/2 per cent lower than at the Lamson & Co. sale last month. The average price for all sealskins sold today is \$1.10 1/2 4d.

Victorians interested in the sealing industry were keeping up their courage with the hope that the prices at the Hudson Bay Company sale would be higher than at Lamson's, but a telegram containing the above information rudely shattered all those hopes and the sealing industry, which once was an important source of revenue for Victoria, is now practically ruined. There were upwards of forty thousand skins, secured by Victoria schooners. In the sale, and on each there is a direct loss of not less than \$2.50, and in some instances the loss is upwards of \$5 a skin. The total loss for Victoria schooners is upwards of \$100,000. The

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Yesterday, while superintending the discharge of the coal cargo from the steamer Florida, United States Inspector Campbell received a severe injury. A large bucket of coal was about to be weighed when the line was let go and the huge mass crashed against Mr. Campbell, badly crushing his arm. No bones were broken, but he had a narrow escape, and but for his alertness would have been killed.

Meany is the leading tallow, and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

SPANISH GUNBOAT IS BLOWN UP

Crew Killed, Wounded and Drowned by Explosion of a Torpedo.

WEYLER IN A BAD LIGHT

With His Home Government—Complaints from Newspaper Correspondents at Havana.

Havana, January 18.—The gunboats, Centinela and Delampago left Manzanillo on the night of January 18th, with the object of going up the river Cañero to Fort Guamo, in compliance with the orders of General Bosch.

At 10 o'clock on the morning of January 17 both gunboats were near Manzanillo Landing when the explosion of a torpedo, which had been well placed in the river, sank the Retampago. Those of the crew who survived swam towards shore, but were fired on from the banks. At this critical moment a boat was launched from the Centinela which rescued the men in the water. In view of the instructions, and the fact that the commander of the Centinela, and nearly all of the crews of both boats had been wounded, the expedition had to return to Manzanillo. Six officers and many of the crew of the Delampago were killed outright and all the rest received wounds of more or less severity.

On the Centinela the commander, Senor Puerto, was seriously wounded, while one of the crew was killed and Corporal Manuel Cubanera, the pilot, Assistant Engineer Martinez, and six of the crew were wounded.

ILLINOIS SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Springfield, Ill., January 18.—A Republican joint caucus for a successor to Senator Palmer was held tonight. The first ballot resulted as follows: Congressman W. E. Mason, 45; Congressman Lorimer, 29; ex-Congressman Hitt, 12; Congressman Hopkins, 5; C. E. Carr, of Springfield, 10; S. W. Allerton, of Chicago, 1; Geo. F. Adams, of Chicago, 2; Congressman Joseph Cannon, 10. Necessary for choice, 64.

The second ballot showed but little change. Adjournment was then taken until tomorrow night.

IN NEW MEXICO.

Santa Fe, N. M., January 18.—The legislative assembly organized today by compromise. The council consists of six Republicans and six Democrats; the house of thirteen Republicans and eleven Democrats. The council elected Joseph, Democrat, president. The house elected Llewellyn, Republican, speaker, and divided the employes and committees evenly. No committee of privileges and elections is to be named in either house and no contents are to be entertained. All political questions are to be disposed of at the opening of the session and the remainder of the time is to be devoted to the business of legislation.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, January 18.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Colonel Thomas Sullivan, assistant commissary general of subsistence, to be brigadier-general and commissary-general of subsistence; Capt. L. H. Rucker, Ninth Cavalry, to be major; General Eli L. Huggins, Second Cavalry, to be major; First Lieutenant P. F. Powell, Ninth Cavalry, to be captain; First Lieutenant L. M. Powell, Second Cavalry, to be captain; First Lieutenant J. R. Jackson, Seventh Infantry, to be captain. Also several promotions of second to be first lieutenants.

JONES IN NEVADA.

Carson, Nev., January 18.—The Nevada legislature convened today. Most of the positions were given to the four counties that combined and they took everything. The joint caucus tonight selected John P. Jones for United States senator.

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