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MR. M'GUIRE ATTACKED

Selling of Multnomah Wanted to Know Why He Was at Salem.

SENATOR FULTON'S REPLY

Defended the Fish Commissioner in the Most Brilliant Speech of the Present Session.

BUSY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Both Houses Got Down to Work and Considered a Great Number of New Proposed Laws.

SALEM, Jan. 26.—The house transacted perhaps more business this afternoon than any day since the opening of the session.

The feature of the session was the passage of Robert's bill appropriating \$15,000 for the Ashland normal school.

Bill's pilotage bill, which was also a special order this afternoon, was reported back with amendments making concessions to the pilots, and was passed by a vote of 12 to 8, the only members voting against it being Curtis, Fredland, Kruse, Platts, Reeder, Smith, Thompson, of Clackamas, and Young.

Whalley introduced a bill to fix the salary of the governor at \$500, the same to go into effect at once, and the salaries of the secretary of state and state treasurer at \$450, to go into effect January 1, 1899.

Selling presented a bombshell in the form of a resolution declaring that the senate views with displeasure the spectacle of an officer of the state remaining away from his duty while drawing full pay and lobbying for special interests at the legislature. There was some mystery as to whom he referred, and Kuykendall demanded to know before voting.

Selling said it was Fish Commissioner McGuire, who had been here for several days working to get an appropriation of \$5,000 for salmon hatcheries.

Fulton came to McGuire's defense in the most eloquent speech of the session, in which he averred that McGuire was performing his duty by being here; that he would be relevant to his duty if he remained away under these circumstances, and he should not be censured for doing his plain duty, and moved to refer the resolution to the committee on fisheries.

Chairman Reed, of that committee, said he had sent for the fish commissioner to give advice concerning matters under consideration. The resolution was referred.

SPAIN URGES RELEASE OF SPANISH PRISONERS. General Otis Ordered to Give Attention to the Matter, but Their Release Improbable Except by Force.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Through the French embassy here Spain has again urged the United States to procure the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine insurgents.

Information officially received by the Madrid government from the Philippines shows that the lives of Spanish women and children, as well as men, are in danger, and that prisoners are not receiving proper treatment. The Spanish government called attention to that provision of the treaty requiring this government to use its good offices to procure the release of the prisoners and urged the United States to do everything possible.

Secretary Hay replied that General Otis had been instructed to give immediate attention to the matter, but this government has made no promise to obtain the release of the prisoners. It is the growing belief that they will be able to obtain the release of the prisoners only by force.

Information has also been received here showing that 500 friars held as prisoners, are compelled by the Filipinos to undergo all sorts of mental labors, such as attending to the houses of friars, piano officers, paving the streets of towns and so forth.

FORMATION OF COMBINES BECOMING NUMEROUS. Fancy Valuation Put Upon Moribund Property as a Result—Fusion of the Leading Tin Plate Bar Makers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Iron Age in its weekly review today says: A perfect craze is developing for combination, aided largely by the eagerness of bankers to promote such undertakings. They seem to be outbidding one another and encourage the disposition to put fancy prices on moribund property.

content of this branch of raw material. In other words outside mills are to find it difficult to obtain tin plate bars.

Another important step in the same direction is the completion of arrangements with foundries and machine shops which make a specialty of tin plate machinery, to control their capacity for a considerable period. The effort evidently is to keep out a rush of outside capital into the business.

From all quarters come buoyant reports concerning the volume of business and the strength of the market. In the iron and steel industry, a ready snapper up without much quarrelling as to the price.

The tin plate market has been animated. Eastern buyers have purchased considerable quantities in the west. In the street trade Pittsburgh reports the sale of one block of \$200 tons while a moderate business has been done by other mills. A considerable tonnage of rails for foreign countries is being considered, but little has been actually placed.

Sales have been very active in bars and in cast material of all kinds. Among the transactions reported is a lot of 40,000 tons for steel cars to cover the material for some large contracts recently taken.

Foreign inquiries for all kinds of material continue numerous and in some cases are pressing, thus showing that the advance has not frightened buyers off.

NEW FEATURES IN THE BARNETT POISONING CASE.

The Poisoner Used the Names of His Victims in Ordering the Poison From the Drug Store.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Evening Journal says: A private letter box in the name of H. C. Barnett was rented at 25 West Forty-second street under circumstances similar to the rental of a private letter box at 125 Broadway in the name of H. Cornish. It is learned that Von Mohl & Co., of Cincinnati, sent to both addresses a box of pills ordered under different names. The handwriting from both parties is the same. It is also learned that the handwriting of the person who addressed the poisoned packages to Harry Cornish at the Knickerbocker Club is the same as that of the letters to Von Mohl & Co., signed "Y. Cornish," and "H. C. Barnett," ordering the pills.

The deduction is inevitable that the poisoner in each case used the name of his intended victim to shield himself. The most sensational feature of the discovery is that the letter signed "H. C. Barnett" was written last May, indicating that the plot to murder Barnett and Cornish was formed months ago and, with deliberation that is appalling, perfected bit by bit.

KAUTZ TO INVESTIGATE THE SAMOAN AFFAIR.

Department Determined to Follow Up Its Demands to German Government Through Ambassador White.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Rear Admiral Kautz has been instructed upon his arrival with the Philadelphia at Apia to investigate the entire Samoan situation and report the facts to the department.

Reinforced by this report, the department will be able to follow up its demands to the German government by Ambassador White, provided the report confirms the dispatches sent by Consul General Osborn.

Department officials believe that the Philadelphia, under the orders telegraphed to Rear Admiral Kautz, will leave Santiago Thursday for Honolulu en route to Apia. The vessel may be delayed in case chief engineer A. B. Bates should not put in an appearance. It is expected that within 15 days the cruiser will reach her destination.

SCHOOL TEACHER FATALLY STABBED BY A PUPIL.

Charles Ayers Slashes the Throat of His Teacher With a Jack Knife Cutting a Frightful Gash.

ALBANY, Mo., Jan. 26.—T. B. Hunter, a teacher in the Adams school, 12 miles east of here, has been fatally stabbed by a 12 year old pupil named Charles Ayers, who was whipping.

According to the statement of the pupils, Hunter was punishing Ayers by holding a switch close to his face, bending it back and allowing it to snap against him. The switch almost drew the blood every time.

Suddenly the boy whipped out a jack knife and made a slash at the teacher's throat. The blade struck beneath the left ear and went down around the neck, cutting a frightful gash. The children all fled from the school after the stabbing and Hunter was left for some time without assistance.

FRUIT-GROWERS MEETING.

SPOKANE, Jan. 26.—The Northwest Fruit-Growers' Association today elected the following officers: Dr. Blalock, of Walla Walla, president; F. L. Wheeler, of Yakima, vice-president for Washington; L. A. Porter, of Lewiston, vice-president for Idaho; E. L. Smith, of Hood River, vice-president for Oregon; H. Hutchinson, of Lander, vice-president for British Columbia; C. A. Tompason, of Tacoma, secretary; W. S. Offner, of Walla Walla, treasurer. Tacoma was selected as the place for the meeting of the convention next year.

Resolutions were passed favoring the early construction of the Nicaraguan canal and the improvement of the Columbia and Snake rivers.

MERRIAM NOT A CANDIDATE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Major General Merriam will leave today for Denver, where he will command the department of the Colorado. He said emphatically: "I am not a candidate for secretary of war to succeed Secretary Alger or anyone else."

HOT TIMES IN HELENA

Bribery Charges Against Candidate Clark, of Butte, Did Not Stick.

THE ACCUSER IS UNSEATED

Senator Whiteside, Who Made Charges, Thrown Out and Branded as a Liar.

NO RESULT YET AT OLYMPIA

Republicans Were in Caucus Last Night, but Failed to Agree—Wilson's Supporters Desert.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 26.—Sensations came thick and fast today in the Montana legislature. Before the members met in joint session today to vote for United States senator the grand jury reported that it had heard no evidence on which to return any indictments.

For two weeks the grand jury had been faithfully investigating the charge of bribery made by State Senator Whiteside, of Flathead county, who had dramatically turned over to a joint committee \$20,000 in bills, swearing to high heaven they had been given him and three others by agents of W. A. Clark, of Butte.

To influence their votes in his favor for the United States senate, Whiteside repeated his story to the grand jury, and 23 other witnesses were examined on all phases of the matter. One of Whiteside's alleged co-partners in the vote-selling business repudiated him hotly and discredited him before the grand jury. Other contradictory and refutatory evidence was given of such indubitable character that the grand jury could do nothing else than disbelieve Whiteside. The result was the sweeping and complete vindication of Hon. W. A. Clark, of Butte.

At the session of the senate this afternoon by a vote of 14 to 3, Whiteside was unseated on contempt for his office and his republican opponent given the seat. Whiteside's majority on the face of the returns was one and a recount of the votes by the senate resulted in a reversal of the result. Nine democrats and five republicans voted to unseat him.

In the joint session Whiteside made a long speech, in which he made unsupported charges of bribery against every man who voted for Clark. After his harangue was ended one of the accused members vigorously denounced Whiteside as a liar of the deepest dye.

CAUCUS COMES TO NAUGHT.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—The republicans of the legislature went into caucus tonight at 8 o'clock. Speaker Gale, of the house of representatives, presided. By order of the caucus call the balloting was restricted to recall. Three ballots were taken, all resulting as follows:

Forster 27
Wilson 25
Humes 23
Ankeny 19

On recall for the first ballot the republican Minard left Wilson for Forster, and Senator Schofield went from Wilson to Ankeny. Schofield made a speech in explanation of his vote, in which he said the election of Wilson would disrupt the republican party of the state, and again turn Washington into the political ranks.

So long as Tacoma and Seattle could not agree, he said neither could elect, and therefore he proposed to vote for Ankeny. He said he had voted for Wilson until he was satisfied that he could not be elected. He praised Wilson for what he had done as senator on behalf of his country, but he did not propose to permit him to ruin and disrupt the republican party. The Ankeny men applauded Schofield and the balloting continued. There were no other speeches.

On motion of Senator Hamilton, chairman of Forster's home delegation, the caucus adjourned before the balloting began, to adjourn until tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, in case no selection was made.

VIOLENT CYCLONES SWEEP OVER THE SOUTH SEAS.

Whole Villages Wrecked and Much Damage to Shipping—Over 200 Natives Reported Killed.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—The steamer Aorangi, from Australasia, brings details of the terrible cyclones which swept the south seas about the middle of December, devastating villages, wrecking shipping and causing many deaths. At Samarai, in New Guinea, on December 11, the gale was terrific. Coco palms went down by hundreds and were carried to sea. Torrents of rain fell.

Twelve vessels were wrecked. The cutter Mayflower and Nabun were total wrecks at Basilik. The ketches Eben and Baden were lost off Goodenough Island, and Mr. Kennedy, manager of the New Guinea Development Company, was drowned, together with his crew, save one boy. The mission steamer Albert McLaren went ashore and the lugger Lyander and the cutter Fleeting were

totally wrecked at Wedon. The cutter Portia was smashed near Port Glasgow. The schooner Ellen Gowan and the cutter Ivy were lost in the Kosanna group, and Captain Godek and crew were drowned.

In the Solomon the hurricane did most damage, whole villages being destroyed. Hundreds of cocoa plantations were uprooted and yam patches leveled. Over 500 natives are reported to have been killed.

Captain Pentecost, of the yacht St. Abbin, who brought the news of the disaster to Sydney, says he saved a woman who was to have been killed as a sorceress, she being accused of having caused the hurricane. He bought her, the purchase price being a pig, and took her to another island, where she was released.

IRVING'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Herald says: Sir Henry Irving is now in active negotiations by mail and cable with several American managers looking to the completion of his plans for the tour of America, which he will make next season. He has personally communicated to them the ideas he has in mind for the trip.

It is Sir Henry's present intention to produce "Robbers" at the Lyceum in London at Easter and his engagement there will last until well into the summer. At its termination and after a short rest he will sail for America early in October. His stay in America will be limited to 25 weeks and in that time he will wish to visit all the principal cities. He is particularly anxious to play again in San Francisco, where his previous engagement several years ago was remarkably successful in every way.

"Robbers" he has decided upon as the feature of his tour during his American tour, but he will also present several of the pieces that proved popular on his other visits here.

Sir Henry has found considerable difficulty in arranging his tour just as he wishes to on account of the small amount of open time at the theaters throughout the country.

Several managers are confident, however, that they can arrange matters satisfactorily and have informed Sir Henry that they will be pleased to undertake the direction of his tour.

RUMORS OF RAILROAD DEAL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Tribune says: Reports are current that large interests—some of the rumors say the Vanderbilts, and others a combination of the Vanderbilts and the Pennsylvania railroad—are seeking a control of the Lake Erie & Western road, the stock especially mentioned as thus being transferred, being the holdings of the Calvin S. Brice estate. Concerning this report, Frederick W. Whitehead, chairman of the board, says:

"Mrs. Brice has not sold her Lake Erie & Western stock and as far as I know she does not intend to sell it. I don't know of any large blocks of stock having changed hands or about to be transferred. If any such deal is rumored under way, I should probably know about it."

Two of the other directors of the Lake Erie & Western said that they knew nothing of any movement for transferring control of the road, although the activity in the stock might indicate that an attempt by certain interests was being made to purchase the controlling interest.

Only one meeting of the directors has been held since the death of President Brice, and at that meeting the subject of the sale of the road was not discussed or even mentioned. It was said by some persons that the Big Four (the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis), had bought or were planning to buy the Lake Erie & Western.

FEARS FOR THE DOULETT.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—Lawrence Jones, owner of the ill-fated launch Paul Jones, which was wrecked on the coast about January 5, with all on board, and Mayor Tugart, of Indianapolis, whose daughter was among the party, have returned to the city from down the river, after having made a fruitless search for some trace of the victims of the disaster.

They found only some more wreckage, among which is a part of the stern of the launch. They have abandoned all search and will return to their homes today.

No news has been received since Saturday regarding the tug Doulett sent out to search for the Paul Jones' victims, and the friends of the men on board are greatly alarmed. Violent storms have been raging in the section visited by the tug and it is feared that the boat has met with a mishap.

CUTTER'S CREW MURDERED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—The steamship Aorangi brings news that the steamer Ysabel conveyed to Sydney a report from Mr. Forrest, the resident trader at Santa Cruz, that information had reached him through native channels that a Sydney yacht had been captured by the natives, but that her crew of two white men had escaped into the bush. This was the island where the cutter Curlew was cut out early in the year and her crew murdered. The Ysabel proceeded to Utopia to make inquiries. They landed fully armed at the villages on Basilik harbor and found that the one burned by H. M. S. Mohawk in revenge for the murder of the cutter Curlew's crew had been rebuilt. They rescued the Curlew's boy, the sole survivor of that unfortunate vessel.

ACCIDENT TO THE FOX.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The torpedo boat Fox started on her official trip today, but before proceeding far broke one of her propeller blades by running against some driftwood. She returned to the yards in this city for repairs.

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