

# IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

**Saturday, March 31.**  
 Washington, March 31.—This being war claim day in the house, only those directly interested in the legislation in the private calendar were in attendance. The house during the four hours it was in session considered and passed 179 bills, many, however, sending the particular claim to the court of claims for adjudication.  
 Previous to taking up the calendar a bill was passed granting to the Capital City Improvement company, of Helena, Montana, the right to construct a dam across the Missouri river in Montana.  
 A bill to pay the claim of the French Trans-Atlantic Cable company for \$77,712, growing out of the cutting of cables during the Spanish war, was passed.  
 Another bill recalling the war with Spain which attracted little or no attention was that appropriating \$13,694 to the Ferro Carriles Railroad company, of Porto Rico, for mail service performed by this company during the military occupation by the United States. The bill was passed.

**Friday, March 30.**  
 Washington, March 30.—The house today passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$39,000,000, after considering the measure two weeks. The feature of today's proceedings was the elimination of the age limit of clerks, a provision which created much discussion and which incited the fight against the bill. The bill as passed carries nearly \$700,000 less than the last appropriation bill for similar purposes.

**Thursday, March 29.**  
 Washington, March 29.—The senate today listened to speeches on the railroad rate bill by Clay, Carmack and Newlands and passed a bill which provides for the reorganization of the medical department of the army by authorizing the appointment of officers to take the place of contract surgeons. All the senators who spoke on the rate bill indicated a purpose to support it, but Clay expressed the hope that it would be so amended as to afford a limited court review of the orders of the Interstate Commerce commission. Hale criticized the military medical bill, saying it showed a tendency to increase the army, which was not desirable in time of peace.

Cullerton presented and had the clerk read a memorial from the Cattle-raisers' association of Texas, urging the passage of the railroad rate bill as it came from the house.  
 A bill was passed authorizing the erection of three life saving stations on the coast of Washington between Cape Flattery and Gray's harbor.  
 The senate adjourned until Monday.

**Wednesday, March 28.**  
 Washington, March 28.—Knox made his first set speech in the senate today. He spoke on the railroad rate question, and dealt almost exclusively with the legal features of the problem. When he concluded the senate entered upon the consideration of the conference report on the bill regarding the final disposition of the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indians and much objection was expressed to many of the changes. Several senators, including La Follette, Clark, of Wyoming, and Tillman, expressed disapproval of the conference provision authorizing the secretary of the interior to lease land.  
 Washington, March 28.—The president today transmitted to the house the report of Assistant Secretary of State Herbert H. D. Peirce, regarding the consular service in the Orient.  
 The visit of Mr. Peirce included many cities, but his severe criticism is reserved for ex-consul General McWade at Canton, and Consul Williams at Singapore. The charges against McWade, ex-consul at Canton, are drunkenness, employment of a felon, issuance of fraudulent Chinese certificates, extending protection to Chinamen who

**Bill for Cattle Shipping.**  
 Washington, March 27.—The house committee on interstate commerce today favorably reported a substitute for Representative French's 36-hour livestock bill. The committee bill confers absolute power on the secretary of agriculture to regulate stock shipments, permitting him to extend or shorten the periods as he may deem proper. Under this bill, the secretary could continue to enforce the present 28-hour law, he could permit shipments for longer periods, or require unloading every eight hours, as demanded by some

**Reports Timber Land Bills.**  
 Washington, March 26.—The senate public lands committee favorably reported the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and to provide for the sale of timber on public land at not less than its appraised value. Senator Fulton had an amendment inserted providing that 10 per cent of the proceeds of sales of timber shall be expended for public roads and schools in the counties in which the timber is sold, the balance to go to the reclamation fund.

claim to be American citizens, persecution of American citizens for purposes of revenge, and corruption in office.  
 The charges against Goodnow are 82 in number, some serious and some light. Some are sufficient to support suits at law and give evidence of corruption in office. The opinion of the better element was unfavorable to him in Shanghai.

**Tuesday, March 27.**  
 Washington, March 27.—Tillman and McCumber divided the time of the senate today, the North Dakota senator devoting himself to the railroad rate question exclusively and the South Carolina senator discussing various questions. Tillman made a special inquiry concerning the status of his resolution relative to the use of national bank funds in politics, and incidentally spoke of District Attorney Jerome's recent utterances and of Judge Humphrey's decision in the beef trust cases, declaring in the latter matter that the decision against the attorney general had merely repeated what he had said in the case of ex-Secretary Paul Morton.

Foraker defended Judge Humphrey and Tillman declared that he had not meant to attack the judge, but the law. McCumber picked innumerable flaws in the rate bill, predicting that, if enacted into a law, it would fail entirely to meet the demands of the public. He said, however, he would vote for the bill if properly amended.

**Monday, March 26.**  
 Washington, March 26.—Following the president's suggestion, the house today passed resolutions to correct the useless printing of documents and to empower the printing committee of the two executive bodies to fix the number of documents to be printed, and should the demand arise for additional copies of a publication, then to have authority to order another edition. It was claimed this action would result in saving the government upward of \$1,000,000 annually. Nearly the entire day was devoted to District of Columbia business.

The fortifications appropriations bill was sent to conference.  
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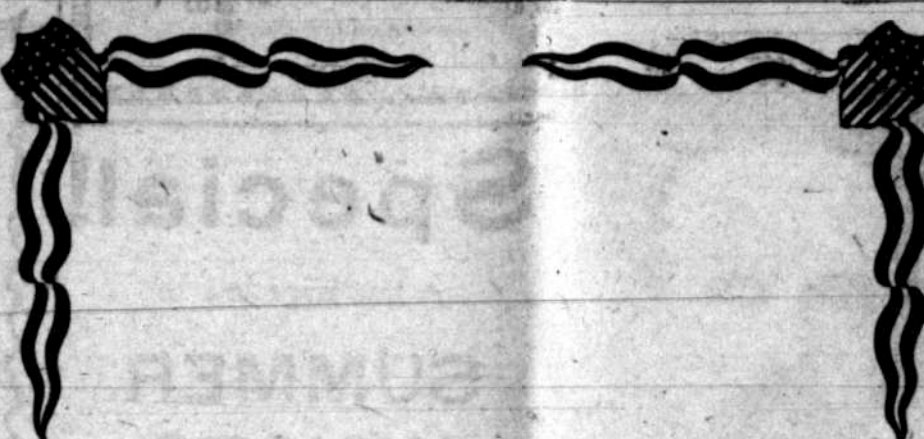
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No. 6 - Leaves Albany	7:55 P.M.
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No. 7 - Leaves Corvallis	6:00 P.M.
Arrives Albany	6:40 P.M.
No. 8 - Leaves Albany	7:55 A.M.
Arrives Corvallis	8:35 A.M.
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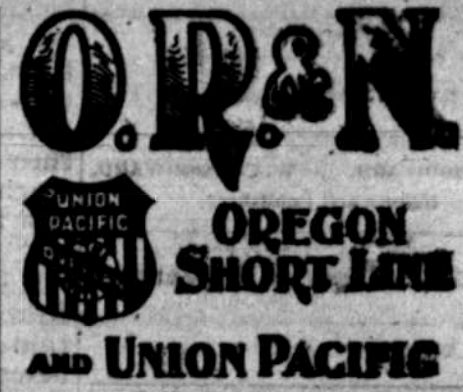
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