

OREGON STATE NEWS

JAP AFFAIR IMPORTANT.

Outweighs All Others, is View Taken by Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 22.—In conversation with some of his visitors, particularly Senators Flint, of Colorado, and Fulton, of Oregon, President Roosevelt today went so far as to say he thought nothing pending in congress or any of the differences between himself and congress were of half the importance of the Japanese-California question. He urged the necessity of California's congressional delegation using its influence as freely as possible against what might be resented by Japan.

Mr. Flint and other Californians have told the president plainly that, while they are willing to help him, they do not place much confidence in the figures of the government as to the decreasing number of Japanese in this country. The facts dispute the figures, they declare, and add that the Japanese are taking possession of whole towns.

The president advised his California visitors that he would like to see a fair trial given to the promise of the Japanese to decrease the number of their citizens in this country and, if this trial shows that there is no decrease, then he will no longer use his influence, even after he goes out of office, to prevent hostile legislation.

Mr. Fulton, after his talk at the White house, said that the feeling as to the Japanese in his state was not as acute as in California.

WISELY REVEALS PLAN.

Studied Bank's System and Then Judged Books and Checks.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Don Carlos Wisely, after telling of having "planted" over \$5,000 in the safety vaults of the Portland Trust company, dictated a confession of how he robbed the Old National bank, of Spokane, to raise money to learn the plumbing trade.

"In August, 1908, I obtained a position at the bank as blotter clerk for the paying teller," said Wisely in his statement. "I worked overtime at night to study the bank's system of handling money. It took me just six weeks to find out there was a loophole in the bank's dealings with the clearing house through which I could obtain a large amount of money.

"First of all I stole \$1,000 in silver from the vault and covered up the shortage by making a fictitious entry in one of the books. Then, when a check for \$10,000 had passed through my hands and from the bookkeeper to the cashier and then to the statement clerk, I got it again and made another entry of it. After it passed through the various hands a second time I stopped it again. Later, when another \$10,000 reached the bank from another institution, I took the first one to the clearing house and got gold certificates for it.

"I left Spokane immediately after getting the money and went to Portland, where I opened an account under the assumed name of Harry Moore."

PACKERS BURN EVIDENCE.

Chicago Meat Men Destroy Papers Sought by Government.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Smoke and ashes have put an unexpected limitation upon the government's investigation of the beef industry. Though the government's attorneys had been expecting to spring a new sensation in the near future by turning their batteries of investigation upon other prominent packing concerns than Morris & Co., the news reached the district attorney's office today that thousands of documents, claim files and letters had been burned at the stock yards by the packers, who did not relish the idea of a Federal investigation.

There was quick action on the part of the Federal authorities when they learned that valuable evidence had been burned. Secret service men who work under the supervision of the department of justice were hurried to the stockyards to learn what employees had sorted the claims and burned the undesirable ones found on in the files. It is proposed to subpoena witnesses before the grand jury to investigate the burning.

Recall Mayor Harper.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—Two hundred and fifty prominent citizens of Los Angeles, at a meeting today at the instance of the Municipal league, voted to prepare and circulate petitions demanding an election for the recall from office of Mayor A. C. Harper. It will require the signatures of about 8,000 voters to call the election. The allegations of misconduct in office made against Harper are based principally upon his recent appointment of Chief of Police Kern as member of the board of public works and upon allegations of vice protection.

Only One Passes Muster.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A single salesman ran the gauntlet of inquiry yesterday in the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment for bribery, and 11 others, whose examination occupied the entire day, were challenged or excused. The proceedings were almost monotonous and there was not a single clash between opposing attorneys.

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Friday, January 22.

Salem, Jan. 22.—The senate passed four bills today and received six new ones. Those passed are:

Allowing members of congress to register without coming home; providing fire escapes for all hotels and lodging houses; the nine-foot bed sheet bill, and giving the Circuit judge of Baker county an increase of \$1,000 in salary, to be paid by the county.

A bill was introduced in the house limiting the legal rate of interest to 6 per cent, but allowing 8 per cent on contracts.

A movement has been started which has for its purpose the annulment of the Statement No. 1 feature of the primary law.

The demand for a branch asylum for Eastern Oregon is causing quite a stir, as is also the talk of removing the capital from Salem to Portland. Some members want the state fair moved to Portland also.

Thursday, January 21.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Unless the ways and means committees of the Oregon legislature put on the economy brakes hard this session will go down in history as the most extravagant that ever sat at Salem. It is sure to go down as the most expensive.

Appropriation bills galore have been introduced, and the session is only one-third through. The calls for cash will amount to fully \$5,500,000, and may reach \$6,000,000.

Four bills have been passed by the house and six to the senate, among them being:

Extending until March, 1911, time in which appropriation for purchase of Oregon City locks shall be available; increasing penalties for highway robbery; permitting banks to act as trustees.

Twenty-five new bills appeared in the house today, among them:

Appropriating \$15,000 to aid Malheur county in improving Snake river at Ontario; creating office of inspector of boilers; providing for state veterinarian; prohibiting manufacture and sale of cigarettes; appropriating \$15,000 annually to aid government in making topographical maps of Oregon.

The senate succeeded in getting only 19 new measures before that body today, among them:

Appropriating \$2,500 annually for experiment station in Eastern Oregon in co-operation with government; creating county of Nesmith from portions of Lane and Douglas counties; to regulate appropriation of water.

Wednesday, January 20.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Confirmation of Chamberlain's election as United States senator was made today by the legislature, in the manner prescribed by the Federal statute. The two houses met in joint assembly, heard the reading of yesterday's journal, relating to the election in each house, and received from President Bowerman, of the senate, the announcement that Chamberlain had been elected.

The only unusual event was the reading of the protests of the legislators who had cast unwilling votes for Chamberlain and Calkins.

Twenty-nine bills were introduced in the house today, among them the following:

Providing for insurance department and creating insurance commissioner at a salary of \$4,000 per annum; requiring doors of public buildings to open outward; regulating use of hatpins and limiting length to 10 inches; appropriating \$130,000 for additional buildings at the Agricultural college; prohibiting any candidate for office from making pre-election pledges; appropriating \$153,660 for land and dormitories at Weston, Monmouth and Ashland Normal schools; appropriating \$168,000 for salaries and expenses of Weston, Monmouth and Ashland Normal schools.

Among the 22 new measures in the senate were the following:

That secret societies be prohibited in public schools; to increase appropriation of Agricultural college to \$100,000; to divide state into five normal districts, retaining all present schools and establishing a new one at Portland; appropriating \$20,000 for hatcheries on coast streams south of the Columbia; to establish state sanatoria for tubercular patients; to create one state normal, appropriating \$100,000 therefor and abolishing all other state normals.

A large proportion of the bills in both houses were of a local nature.

Tuesday, January 19.

Salem, Jan. 19.—When President Bowerman at noon announced that the time had arrived to ballot for United States senator every inch of standing room in the chamber was taken. Prominent citizens from all over the state were seated by the side of members or sandwiched in the crowd outside the railing. There was a tense stillness when the voting began, broken by applause when Senator Abraham, first on the roll, cast his vote for Chamberlain.

There was also scattering applause when the first vote was cast for Fulton,

by Beach. But the greatest enthusiasm was reached when Senators Kay and Selling closed vigorous remarks with votes for Chamberlain.

His seating in the United States senate will be contested on the ground that he received but 29 free votes in the house, or two short of a majority. His five additional votes in the house were cast for him by Republicans under protest, who declared that they were constrained to do so by their Statement No. 1 pledge, and that they were not exercising their constitutional free choice.

Those who voted for Chamberlain and placed their protests in the journal are: Senate—Scholfield of Clatsop and Johnson of Benton; Barrett of Washington did the same, but his protest by some oversight is omitted. House—Brady, Davis and Mahone of Multnomah, Richardson of Union and Muncy of Curry.

Tomorrow noon, the two houses will meet in joint assembly and President Bowerman will declare Chamberlain elected.

The detailed vote in the house was: For Chamberlain—Abbott, Altman, Barrett, Bedillion, Brady, Brandon, Bryant, Campbell, Clemons, Corrigan, Couch, Davis, Dimick, Dodds, Eaton, Hattberg, Jackson, Jaeger, Jones (Lincoln), Jones (Douglas), Jones (Clackamas), Libby, Mahone, Mariner, McDonald, Miller, Muncy, Munkers, Orton, Patton, Philpott, Purdin, Richardson, Rusk, Totol, 34.

For Calkins—Applegate, Beals, Bonebrake, Buchanan, Carter, Farrell, Greer, Hines, Hughes, Mahoney, Mann, McKinney, Reynolds, Mr. Speaker, Total, 14.

For Fulton—Bean, Belknap, Bones, Brattain, Brooks, Calkins, Conyers, Hawley, Leinenweber, McCue, Meek, Smith, Total, 12.

In the senate the vote in detail was as follows: Chamberlain—Abraham, Albee, Bailey, Barrett, Bingham, Caldwell, Hedges, Johnson, Kay, Kellaher, Miller (Linn), Mullit, Norton, Nottingham, Oliver, Selling, Scholfield, Sinnott, Smith, Total, 19.

Fulton—Beach, Chase, Hart, Merryman, Parrish, Smith, Wood, Total, 7.

Calkins—Coffey, Cole, Mr. President, Total, 3.

R. S. Bean—Miller (Linn), Total 1.

President Bowerman announced the senate committees today and every member, except one, gets a chairmanship. This one was overlooked by an error. In the senate bills were introduced to amend estray law by providing for sale of estrays after two months; to provide that corporations may act as executor or administrator; requiring that title guarantee corporations have a paid up capital of \$100,000, of which \$50,000 be deposited with the state treasurer.

The house adopted a resolution intended to do away with present "investigations" of state institutions and providing a permanent audit plan. Among the new bill introduced are: Creating board of control; death punishment for highway robbery; regulating sale of small firearms; repealing "instruction" amendment relating to election of United States senator; limiting passenger fares on railroads to 2 1/2 cents a mile.

Monday, January 18.

Salem, Jan. 18.—Speaker McArthur announced committee appointments today, and although Statement No. 1 men got the better places, all seem to think he was very fair in the distribution. Among the measures appearing today are:

To turn \$50,000 per year from corporation fees into the interest account of the common school fund.

The senate adopted a memorial to the mayor of Philadelphia imploring them to send the Liberty bell to Portland for the rose carnival in June.

Senator Parrish introduced a bill providing for a fine of \$10 to \$100 for swearing in the presence of women. He has another providing fines for saloon and pool hall men who permit minors to play games of chance.

Senator Turner Oliver this morning introduced a bill carrying \$15,000 for the Eastern Oregon Experiment station at Union.

A joint resolution has appeared in the senate asking congress to call a constitutional convention to provide for popular election of United States senators.

Senate bill 35 makes all able-bodied men between 18 and 40 years members of the militia.

Six months of school for every district in the state is provided for in a bill introduced in the house today.

Both houses took up the bills vetoed by the governor at the 1907 session. The senate deferred action until Thursday. In the house the measure appropriating \$750 per annum for the First Central Oregon Agricultural fair, Crook county, and the one extending the closed season for elk to 1917 were passed over the veto. Consideration of the others was postponed indefinitely.

A union of fruitmen is to be organized in Linn county.

CARS JUMP TRACK.

Eighteen Injured on a Portland Suburban Street Car Line.

Portland, Jan. 20.—Eighteen persons were injured, one fatally, in an accident at Williams avenue and Cherry street at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the trailer of car No. 353, of the St. John line, jumped the track in whirling around a curve, hurling both the motor car and trailer a distance of 100 feet.

There were 66 passengers on the cars. A few jumped as the cars leaped from the tracks in their wild flight; others were hurled through windows and still others were pinioned on the sidewalk and in the street beneath the mass of debris. Both motorman and conductor stayed with the cars. They were uninjured.

Accidental breaking of the air pipes is said to have been the cause of the disaster. The break occurred several blocks from the scene and was discovered by the motorman, R. Gove, two blocks away, as the cars approached the down grade leading to the sharp curve at Williams avenue and Cherry street.

A telegraph pole and maple tree were snapped by the impact. Fortunately there is a wide space of street at the intersection through which the cars swept.

As the cars left the tracks some of the passengers began to jump. How so many of the 66 passengers escaped with their lives is remarkable.

Most of the passengers were women, few children being aboard.

EXCUSES ARE MANY.

New Panel for Calhoun Jury Melts Away Very Fast.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Yesterday's proceedings, opening the second week of the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment charging the offer of a bribe to a San Francisco supervisor, resulted in no addition to the three men who were temporarily passed last week and it was evident that many days would elapse before the taking of testimony was begun. Out of 150 citizens summoned all but 6 escaped service before the opposing attorneys were given an opportunity to test them for bias and prejudice.

The preliminary examination by Judge William P. Lawlor was prolonged until within an hour of adjournment, and of the men whose names were actually placed in the box, but three were questioned. Two of these admitted bias, and the third, a former streetcar conductor, who was discharged by the United Railroads company prior to the first strike, had not been passed by the defense and was under interrogation by Assistant District Attorney Henny when the day's proceedings ended.

Every variety of excuse covered by the statutes was employed by citizens who escaped service. Many depended upon the representation that their business affairs would suffer irreparable injury. Others presented physician's certificates and half a dozen claimed exemption because of previous service in the National Guard. One salesman created some amusement by unfolding his certificate of service in the militia, and he promptly availed himself of the privilege it carried.

The police guard at the courtroom was increased and few spectators gained admittance.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES.

Adds \$1,000,000 to Chicago University Endowment Fund.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—John D. Rockefeller today added \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund of the University of Chicago. The university founder's latest benefaction was announced tonight by Registrar Thomas W. Goodspeed after the receipt of a telegram from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The gift, which comes in the form of the transfer of securities yielding an annual income of \$40,000, raises the total amount of the oil king's donations to the university to \$24,809,666.98, of which \$15,000,000 is for endowment purposes. Of this amount more than \$8,000,000 have been given during the past three years.

For the first time on the occasion of a large gift to the university, Mr. Rockefeller did not add a sum for the payment of an expected deficit. The budget for the coming fiscal year beginning July, 1909, amounting to \$1,350,000, will be covered by the university income. For the first time in the history of the Midway school the institution is practically self supporting.

Mexican Volcano Active.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—The volcano near the city of Colima is in eruption. It is throwing out a great quantity of ashes and stones. No lava is flowing and the people are not alarmed. Several slight earthquake shocks have been reported, but there has been no damage.

Iowa Chooses A. B. Cummins.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 20.—Albert B. Cummins was yesterday elected to a six-year term in the United States senate. The two houses in joint session will today make formal announcement of the election.

COLLISION KILLS FIVE

Passenger Trains Crash Together at High Rate of Speed.

FIVE BODIES TAKEN FROM WRECK

Second Section Dashes into First—Trainload of Doctors Sent—News is Suppressed.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 23.—Running at a speed of nearly 50 miles an hour, the second section of the St. Louis express, on the Pennsylvania railroad, westbound, which left Philadelphia at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, crashed into the first section, which had met with an accident at a point between South Fork and Summer Hill, known as "Running Ground," with terrific force early this morning, killing and injuring many persons.

The second section was a double-header with two large engines, and is said to have plowed its way through the first section. Immediately after the wreck hurry calls were issued for all available doctors and nurses at both places and in less than an hour nearly 50 physicians were on their way to the scene of the accident.

The wreck occurred between telegraph stations and it is hard to gain definite information. When the special train left this city, officers were stationed at the depot to prevent newspapermen accompanying the physicians.

The latest information at this hour is to the effect that five bodies have been taken from the demolished cars and that many injured have also been rescued from the debris.

PACKERS' LAWYER LEAVES.

Lundberg Suddenly Departs for Portland During Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—United States district attorneys who are conducting the investigation of the beef industry manifested considerable interest today in the discovery that Edward A. Lundberg, an attorney who was associated with the defense in the beef case investigation of 1905, had suddenly severed his connection with his employers and had left Chicago.

For several years Lundberg had been employed by packing concerns. From 1905 until 1907 he was associated with A. H. Veeders, in the employ of Swift & Co. From that time until last Saturday he was employed by Schwarzhild & Sulzberger, a large independent packing concern. At the latter company's offices it was said he had gone to Portland, Or.

The disappearance of Lundberg, together with the report that at least one prominent packing concern had been burning its records, which reached the district attorney's office Thursday, has given a new turn to the beef inquiry.

WILL DOUBLE WHEAT CROP.

Kansas Professor Breeds a Grain to Add \$50,000,000 to Wealth.

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 23.—Professor H. F. Roberts, of the Kansas State Agricultural college, has been experimenting in the breeding of wheat since 1906. His experiments have now reached the stage that warning has gone out to Kansas farmers to increase the size of their granaries and to buy more threshing machines.

The result of Professor Roberts' researches is the probable propagation of wheat that will increase the average yield from 14 to 28 bushels an acre. The wheat crop of Kansas for the last five years has averaged approximately 80,000,000 bushels.

"By next fall," declares Professor Roberts, "I will have secured an ideal wheat. Then watch Kansas. Her wheat yield will double, and the farmers of the state will have their annual incomes increased to the extent of nearly \$50,000,000."

Longest Single Train Service.

Tacoma, Jan. 23.—The longest single train service in the United States is to be inaugurated by the Great Northern railroad, which on June 1 will begin operating through trains between Galveston, Texas, and Seattle, according to advices just received here. Trains will run via the Colorado Southern and other Hill controlled lines from the gulf to Denver, over the Burlington system to Billings and Great Falls, and thence over the main line of the Great Northern to the Sound city.

South Dakota Favors Women.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 23.—The equal suffrage amendment passed the senate today without debate and with but two dissenting votes. The proposed amendment is to the state constitution.