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The United States Senate as a rule stands by its committee, but by the close vote of 21 to 22 it overruled the Military Committee and adopted an amendment to the Army bill authorizing the appointment of volunteer officers of proved fitness to the grade of Captain in the regular army, as well as the grades of First and Second Lieutenant.

No cases have been argued before the U. S. Supreme Court for years that have attracted such general attention as has been given to those involving the constitutionality of the colonial policy of the present administration. In addition to the importance of the cases themselves, which would have necessarily attracted attention, is the gossip attributing a personal interest on the part of an ex-President in sending a decision against the administration. Lawyers say that counsel on both sides made about every possible point in favor of their contention. How soon the court will reach and hand down its decision no one knows, but the importance of the case makes it unlikely that there will be any unnecessary delay.

Semi-Annual Payments.

Quite a demand is being made by taxpayers in this county for an amendment to the present laws regarding the collection of taxes, making the taxes payable in two installments. It is argued that many taxpayers find it more or less burdensome to raise money for the payment of their taxes all at one time, and that it would be a great relief to have the laws amended so that a portion of the amount could be paid in the spring and the remainder in the fall. If the taxes are to be paid in one lump, it is asserted that it would be an accommodation to the average taxpayer to have that payable in October or November, instead of in the spring of the year, as at present, for the reason that after harvest is the time when farmers have ready money from the sale of their crops. But the demand is for the taxes to be made payable in two installments, one-half in the early summer and the remainder in the fall.—Guard.

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The Salem Daily Sentinel publishes the names of the members of two Senate committees to show the public what influential company George W. McBride travels in. Here is one, the Philippines Committee: Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman; Wm. B. Allison, Eugene Hale, Cushman K. Davis, Redfield Proctor, Albert J. Everidge, Geo. W. McBride.

McBride's name certainly does loom up in this company, just as a "selling-plater's" would if entered in a field of stake horses, and the editor of the Sentinel is not to be blamed for noticing it. Substitute Pat Crowe's name for McBride's, and it would attract every bit as much attention—among the "also ran."

The Eugene Military Club has incorporated.

The Weekly Oregonian and BULLETIN \$2 for a year.

The Dawn of the 20th Century.
Fred Alexander, a negro, was burned at the stake in Leavenworth, Kan., Tuesday for the supposed murder of Miss Pearl Forbes. The following is an extract from the Oregonian's account of the crime:

Before the match was applied John Forbes, the father of the murdered girl, stepped up to Alexander and said: "Are you guilty of murdering my daughter?" "I don't know what you have me here for," said the doomed man.

Forbes replied, "For killing my girl on this very spot."

"Mr. Forbes, if that's your name, you have the wrong man."

"Burn him! Burn him!" cried the crowd.

"Gentlemen, you have got lots of time," said Alexander. "You are burning an innocent man. You took advantage of me. You gave me no show. Can I see my mother?"

A man in the crowd called for the mother of the negro, but she was not in the crowd. He then said: "Will you let me shake hands with all of my friends?"

"You have no friends in this crowd, you beast," said one of the men in charge of the negro. "If you have anything to say, do so in a hurry."

Another man then stepped up and said to Alexander: "Make your peace with your God, nigger, for you will surely die."

Coal oil was then applied for the second time, and, while it was being done, Alexander called to friends of his in the crowd, and bade them good-bye. He did not seem to realize that he was to be burned at the stake, and talked rationally until John Forbes, the father of the murdered girl, lighted the match. Again Alexander was asked to make a confession, but the negro replied that he had nothing to say.

As the flames leaped about him, Alexander turned ghastly pale, and then for the first time realized that his death was near. He clasped his hands together, and began to swing to and fro while the crowd yelled. In less than five minutes he was hanging limp and lifeless by the chains that bound him.

As soon as the crowd saw that life was extinct, it began to slowly disperse. There were hundreds of the more morbid, however, who stayed to the last. Men kept piling on wood all the time until about 7 o'clock, when the flames were allowed to die down. From 6 to 8 o'clock there was a steady stream of people going to the scene of the burning. There were persons who had been unable to get away from their work in the afternoon, but were determined not to miss seeing the awful spectacle.

When the fire had died down sufficiently to allow the crowd to approach what remained of Alexander, there was a wild scramble to obtain relics. Bits of charred flesh, pieces of chain, scraps of wood—everything that could possibly serve as a souvenir was seized on with morbid avidity by the eager people.

From the foregoing it would seem that humanity has made no progress since Christ was crucified.

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