

# LEXINGTON WHEATFIELD

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Castro has withdrawn his insult to France.

A massacre of Christians is feared in Egypt.

The Russian army in Manchuria is to be disbanded and hurried home.

The Montana legislature will be called in extra session to pass a railroad rate regulation law.

New York's employing printers are preparing for war on the Typographical union January 1.

Attorney General Moody will decide whether Annapolis hazers shall be dismissed or court martialed.

The czar is planning to issue more manifestos on his name day, which will grant more liberties to the peasants.

Secretary Richards has several new measures in connection with land laws which he would like to see enacted by congress.

An experimental farm on every government irrigation project is a recommendation from the Agricultural department.

Two men were shot, one badly if not fatally, and the other seriously, by two masked men in Portland while holding up a hotel. The robbers escaped with something over \$100.

President Roosevelt has written the Merchants' Exchange, of San Francisco, expressing the wish to see Chinese laborers more closely barred from entrance into this country, but he says the exempt classes should be treated more courteously.

The czar is afraid to leave his palace.

Stern measures have been adopted at Annapolis to stop hazing.

There is a great demand for invitations to Miss Roosevelt's wedding.

The Kansas board of railroad commissioners has ordered the grain rate cut.

A conflict between the president and congress on the canal question is probable.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, continues to fight the president's forest reserve policy.

Strikers at Riga, Russia, are held in check by machine guns placed in the streets.

Poland is in a state of desperate anarchy and panic reigns in every quarter of the province.

The Great Northern railway and others have been indicted at Philadelphia for granting rebates.

In the trial of the beef trust officials at Chicago Commissioner Garfield will be summoned as one of their witnesses.

The building in Philadelphia where Betsy Ross made the first American flag has been purchased by the government.

There is a movement on foot in Hawaii to secure Portuguese laborers to work the sugar plantations of the islands.

A Tacoma mill has secured a contract for supplying 2,500,000 feet of lumber to the government for the Philippines.

A Democratic mayor has been elected in Boston.

The pope has appealed to Poles to maintain order.

It is possible that an oil refinery will be established in Portland.

Cossack troops have now joined in the Russian mutiny and have organized for reform.

The emperor of Corea has repudiated the treaty with Japan, saying it was obtained by force.

Midshipman Meriwether has been sentenced to confinement in the naval academy for one year and to be publicly reprimanded by Secretary Bonaparte.

The report of the director of the census contains a recommendation for an extension of the census work.

Governor Wright, of the Philippines, is in Washington to confer with Secretary Taft regarding island affairs.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Nicholas Longworth.

Puter, McKinley and a number of other Oregon land fraud operators are being sought by Federal officers. McKinley is reported to have reached Japan.

### LAI D TO REST.

Funeral of the Late Senator John H. Mitchell Takes Place.

Portland, Dec. 13.—Impressive funeral services over the body of John H. Mitchell were held at the First Congregational church yesterday afternoon. The large auditorium was crowded to the doors long before 2 o'clock, the hour when the ceremonies began. In the front pews sat the members of Has-salo lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., Portland lodge No. 142, B. P. O. E., and the Portland bar. The pallbearers occupied seats at the right and the public filled the remainder of the building. All of the available standing room was filled and hundreds were turned away.

The Elks were in charge of the funeral services from the time that the body was taken from the city hall, where it had lain in state during the morning, until the ceremony at the church was over and the long procession of carriages started for Riverview cemetery, where interment took place in the family lot. The services at the grave were conducted by the Odd Fellows in accordance with the ritualistic procedure for their departed members.

At the church, aside from the ceremony of the Elks' ritual, there were beautiful anthems, an eulogy by D. Solis Cohen, and prayer by Dr. E. L. House. One of the notable features of the occasion was the reading by Dr. House of Senator Mitchell's favorite poem, "Not Understood."

The floral pieces were a cause of comment, because of their beauty and profusion. They completely covered the coffin, which was encased in black broadcloth and had extension bar handles after the style of casket used only for the interment of men who have held high public position.

### BURTON FOR JETTY.

Pledges Himself to Secure Appropriation This Winter.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, is not only in favor of making an appropriation this session for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river, but he will, at the proper time, take off his coat and go to work to get sufficient money to keep work in progress until another river and harbor bill can be passed. How he will strive to accomplish this result Mr. Burton has not decided, but in conference with Senator Fulton he expressed his friendship for the project, and said he was fully aware of the necessity for making an appropriation this winter.

Chairman Burton, who is in a position to do more for the mouth of the Columbia river than any man in the house of representatives, will work in behalf of that project with double energy in view of the fact that Oregon has no representation in that body to look after her interests. He will not let the Columbia go because there is no one from Oregon to press its claim, but will himself shoulder the burden which would have fallen on the Oregon congressmen had it been possible for them to attend this session. He will have the hearty co-operation of Representative Jones, of Washington, who is also on the rivers and harbors committee, and who is anxious to aid in procuring an appropriation for continuing work on the jetty.

### SENATOR JOHN M. GEARIN.

Governor Chamberlain Appoints Successor to Mitchell.

Salem, Dec. 14.—John M. Gearin was yesterday formally appointed United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Mitchell, and his commission was taken to him by W. B. Ayer, who was in Salem on business. The appointment caused no surprise, for it has been believed by all who have given the matter any attention that Mr. Gearin would receive the appointment. The selection meets general commendation here and the opinion is quite frequently expressed that the new senator will be of material assistance in securing from congress the recognition Oregon expects in the way of public improvements.

"I shall start for Washington just as soon as possible—probably on Saturday," said Mr. Gearin. "Governor Chamberlain made the appointment quickly in order that Oregon might be represented at Washington at once. I ought to respond by going immediately, and I shall do so. I don't know that the governor has picked out the best man for the place, but I am going to do the best I can in it."

### Recount Not Legal.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Court of Appeals in a decision handed down today in the New York City ballot-box case sustains the contention of counsel for Mayor McClellan and denies that of attorneys for William R. Hearst and his colleagues on the Municipal Ownership ticket. The court holds, as was argued by ex-Chief Judge Parker and his associates, that the courts have no power under the election law to order by mandamus the opening of the ballot boxes and a recount and canvass of ballots.

## IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Friday, December 15.

The Panama canal was again under consideration by the senate today and Tillman occupied the entire time given to that subject. He did not indicate any intention of opposition to the passage of the appropriation bill, but he criticized the methods of the canal commission in many of its transactions. When the senate adjourned the bill was still pending, but there was an agreement for a vote tomorrow.

In the reorganization of the senate committees, now about completed, Fulton secures the chairmanship of the committee on claims; retains his place on public lands and on irrigation, and is assigned membership on one or two smaller committees. Ankeny becomes chairman of the irrigation committee and secures a place on commerce. Pifer is made chairman of coast and insular survey and given a place on public lands and territories, in which latter place he will be able to work for Alaska. Heyburn did not get a single committee asked for. The only new place given him was public buildings. The fate of Dubois is not as yet settled, the Democrats not having completed their slate.

The house today devoted 4 3/4 hours to lively debate on the possibilities of controlling insurance.

Jones, of Washington, introduced bills appropriating \$25,000 for a fish hatchery in Yakima county, and granting Washington 50,000 acres of land for the benefit of the Soldiers' home.

Thursday, December 14.

The senate spent four hours today in discussing the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill and, when it adjourned, the bill was still under consideration. A separate bill regulating the issuance of bonds for the canal and placing them on the same basis as other bonds of the government was passed without debate.

Senator Fulton introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 to erect a public building at Baker City, another carrying \$15,000 for improvement of the grounds at Salem, and a third to ratify the treaty with the Klamath Indians and pay them \$500,000.

The pure food bill was reported by Senator Heyburn. The Republican members of the house caucus today unanimously declared in favor of admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state, and by a vote of 10 to 65 declared in favor of admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state. Both statehood questions are to be contained in one bill.

Representative Cushman introduced a bill providing for the election of one delegate from Alaska to congress.

Representative Lacey, of Iowa, introduced a bill granting grazing privileges on public lands to homestead settlers and holders of small farms in semi-arid and arid lands. Prices are to range from 1 to 6 cents an acre annually.

A bill providing for a public whipping post for the District of Columbia was introduced by Adams, of Pennsylvania.

A fourth Federal judge for Alaska is provided for in a bill by Jones, of Washington.

Wednesday, December 13.

The senate was in session for only one hour and a half today, and a portion of that time was spent in the consideration of executive business. A number of private bills were introduced in the open session, and Allison presented the report of the committee on appropriations on the canal bill, giving notice that he would call it up for consideration tomorrow. He said that the committee was of the opinion that \$11,000,000 would be sufficient for present purposes and that the amount had been left as fixed by the house.

Senator Gallinger introduced an amendment to the statehood bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the state proposed to be created by the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory for a period of 21 years, and then only after an amendment of the state constitution permitting liquor traffic.

Speaker Cannon announced the transfer of Mondell (Wyoming) from the committee on military affairs to that of public lands, and of Miller (Kansas) from public lands to military affairs. The transfer gives the two members the same committee assignments they had in the last congress.

Committee reference of the annual

Rate Bill After Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Railroad rate legislation will be allowed to rest until after the holidays. Members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce have agreed to take up and dispose of less important measures before the recess. In the senate also there is a disposition to let rate legislation slumber. The members of the interstate commerce committee in that body have decided to hold but one meeting a week before Christmas and there is a general understanding that rate legislation will not be pushed.

message of President Roosevelt was made according to the subjects treated.

The question of Federal control of insurance was assigned to the committee on ways and means. In explanation of this Payne said that, in his opinion, the only way the United States can deal with insurance companies is through the taxing power, and over this the ways and means committee has jurisdiction.

Among the bills introduced in the house today were the following:

By Mondell, of Wyoming, providing for the appropriation of not more than \$20,000 annually from the sales of public lands to the endowment of state schools of mines and mining or departments of mines and mining in connection with colleges already established.

By Needham, of California, transferring the Yellowstone, Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant, Mount Rainier, Crater Lake and Wind Cave national parks from the control of the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture.

By Delegate Andrews, of New Mexico, providing for the admission of the territory of New Mexico as a single state.

A bill abolishing the Isthmian Canal commission was introduced by Representative Mann, of Illinois. In its discretion is given the president to put the work of building the canal under any one of the executive departments, and also to operate the Panama railroad through the same means.

### CUTS OUT BONDS.

Senate Committee Favors Canal Appropriation of \$11,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The emergency appropriation bill to provide the Isthmian canal commission with funds to carry on the construction of the Panama canal will contain no general legislation. This was decided by the senate committee on appropriations at a meeting lasting all of yesterday, at which it was agreed to report the measure appropriating \$11,000,000, the amount named by the house bill.

The first section, in relation to the issuance of bonds, was stricken out. A bill containing this feature was introduced in the senate by Teller, and it will be dealt with by the finance committee. The bill was amended to further provide that in the future no expenditures shall be made for the canal except by authority of congress, and when appropriations have been made by congress.

### Santo Domingo Treaty Up.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In the senate yesterday Talliaferro took the oath of office for his new term as senator. The senate at 12:10 p. m. went into executive session, and at 12:20 adjourned.

In executive session of the senate, Lodge moved to send back to the committee on foreign relations the treaty in relation to Santo Domingo affairs. Opposition developed, and Lodge withdrew his motion. When Lodge was asked why he desired to have the treaty sent back to the foreign relations committee, he said it might be desirable to consider the amendments that had been offered in committee. Several senators said they saw no reason why the amendments could not be considered by the senate.

### Rivals For Coveted Place.

Washington, Dec. 14.—As the situation sizes up today, it looks as if Senator Ankeny would secure the vacant position on the commerce committee formerly held by Senator Foster of Washington. Mr. Ankeny and Mr. Fulton have been making a neck and neck race for this place.

### Queen Lil Would Like Ten Millions.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A petition from ex-Queen Liliuokalani, asking for the payment of \$10,000,000 to her, was yesterday presented to the senate by Vice President Fairbanks. The petition was accompanied by an autograph letter requesting early and favorable consideration.

### Rate Bill Not Ready for Committee.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce held its first meeting yesterday. As copies of the various railroad rate measures introduced were not available, the committee gave them no consideration.

### New Mexico Willing to Unite.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona was discussed by the president today with a delegation of New Mexicans, among whom were Solomon Luna, Republican National committeeman; Major W. H. H. Llewellyn, United States District attorney; Judge A. A. Freeman and A. M. Hove. Judge Freeman said he believed the people of the two territories would be glad to accept joint statehood. Major Llewellyn and Mr. Luna took up with the president some appointments in the judiciary of New Mexico.

### CANAL BILL IS FIRST.

An Emergency Appropriation Will Be Passed in Some Form.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first important measure which will involve the attention of the senate will be the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill, and its consideration will begin this week. Some senators predict that it will become a law before the close of the week, but others have expressed the opinion that final action will be deferred until the week following. There will be no effort to prevent the passage of the bill in some shape, but there will be some opposition to the proposed restoration of the \$5,500,000 subtracted from the house from the amount to be appropriated.

Regardless of the sum, the bill will be used as a basis for the general discussion of the canal question. It is expected that the debate will deal largely with the question as to whether the canal shall be constructed on the sea level. There is some conflict of opinion as to whether the bill shall be referred to the committee on appropriations or to the committee on interoceanic canals.

The general expectation is there may be comparatively little additional legislation before the Christmas holidays. Several other measures will be vigorously pressed during the session, but with the exception of the merchant marine bill, the sponsors of the bills do not count upon getting early consideration. Senator Gallinger will call up the merchant marine bill at the first opportunity and is hopeful that debate will not be long delayed.

No one counts upon even getting a report from committees on the railroad rate bill until some time after the holidays. The three measures mentioned are considered the most important that will come before the senate this session, and they will receive much attention until they are finally disposed of.

The consideration by the senate of the joint statehood bill and the bill for the reduction of the duty on Philippine importations into the United States will necessarily be postponed until after the holidays. No one now expects any effort to modify the tariff, unless in the direction of Senator Lodge's bill providing for a maximum and minimum rate. The Massachusetts senator regards this proposal with much more favor and will press it strenuously.

### TOO MUCH FREE MAIL.

Postmaster General Points Out Cause of Deficit.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Postmaster General Cortelyou, in his annual report for the past fiscal year, says that while a self-sustaining condition of the postoffice would be gratifying, he is less concerned about the deficit than the efficiency of the administration. For the fiscal year 1905 the total receipts from all sources were \$152,826,585, and the total expenditures \$167,399,169, leaving a deficit of \$14,572,584. In connection with these figures the postmaster general directs attention to the increased amount of free matter handled, which he says averaged 12.58 per cent of the entire weight carried, or a loss in revenue of \$19,822,000.

"Manifestly," he says, "had the matter carried free been required to have been prepaid, notwithstanding the large expenditures for the rural free delivery service, there would have been no deficit."

Answering some of the criticisms which he says have been directed against the postal service, the postmaster general says that most of it overlooks the unusual conditions existing in this country, its great extent of territory and its widely scattered population. With the introduction of rural free delivery as yet unfinished, and other details of postal development incomplete, he thinks it the part of wisdom to proceed conservatively until the present service is more perfected.

### Grist of Bills Before House.

Washington, Dec. 12.—That there will be no lack of legislative proposals is indicated by the 5,963 bills which have already been introduced in the house since the opening of this session. Many of these are known as private bills, affecting only individual interests. The holiday adjournment, it is believed, will be fixed on as Thursday, December 21. Leaders are disposed to expedite consideration of the Philippine tariff bill and hearings will undoubtedly begin as soon as the ways and means committee has organized.

### Powers Asked to Intercede.

Antwerp, Dec. 12.—A group of international lawyers is endeavoring to induce the powers to intercede with the Turkish government in the case of Edward Jors, a Belgian, who was condemned to death by a native court at Constantinople for alleged participation in an attempt to assassinate the sultan in July last.

### Mutiny in Penitentiary.

Havana, Dec. 12.—The convicts in the penitentiary mutinied tonight and a fierce fight between them and the guards followed, in which two of the prisoners were mortally wounded, 16 more or less seriously wounded and three of the guards slightly injured.