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NEW PHILIPPINE CURRENCY BILL.

Measure Passed by Senate Provides for Coinage of Silver Pesos.

Washington, Feb. 19 .- The Philippines currency bill, passed by the senate today, prescribes that the unit of value in the Philippines shall be the gold peso, of 12.9 grains of gold, ninetenths fine, said gold peso to become the unit of value when the government shall have coined and made ready for circulation not less than 5,000,000 of the silver pesos provided for in the bill. The gold coins of the United States, at the rate of one dollar for two

lands. The bill also provides for an additional coinage of 75,000,000 silver coins all such coinage to be under the authority of the government of the Philippine | 20, at 12 o'clock P. M. islands, in such amounts as it may

secretary of war. tain the parity of the silver and gold Willamette at Portland, passed. pesos, such certificates at any time to be limited to 20,000,000 pesos. The Mexican dollar and the Spanish coins beretofore used shall be received for public dues at a rate to be fixed from given to the Philippine coins and cer-

tificates. mint in the United States, which coin passed. To regulate employment of feshall bear inscriptions or devices expressing the sovereignity of the United States. The act making any form of 1903, is repealed.

The Patterson amendment, providing for an international conference to fix a commercial exchange, was adopted by the senate.

Chairman Cooper, of the house comsoon as the bill is received from the Marion county. senate from the house it will be sent to

JAMES R. GARFIELD PROMOTED.

Son of Dead President is Appointed Com-

missioner of Corporations. Washington, Feb. 19. - It was announced today at the white house that President Roosevelt would appoint James R. Garfield, of Ohio, commissioner of corporations under the act creating the new department of commerce. Mr. Garfield is a son of the late President Garfield, and is at present a member of the civil service commission. Mr. Garfield is an Ohican by birth

and residence. For some time the president has had him under consideration in connection with the position of commissioner of corporations, which is egarded as second only to that of the secretary in importance in the new department. The law provides that the commissioner shall have the power to "diligent investigiation into the organzation, conduct, and management of the business of any corporation, joint stock company or corporate combination engaged in commerce among the everal states and with foreign nations, excepting common carriers, subject to 16, George 15, scattering 3, absent and to regulate commerce, ap paired 8. proved February 4, 1887, and to gather such information and data as will enable the president to make recommendof such commerce, and to report such data to the president from time to time as he shall require."

It also will be the duty of the commissioner of corporations to gather, compile and publish useful information oncerning corporations doing business in the United States and engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, including corporations engaged in insurance.

GIVE COAST BIDDERS A CHANCE.

Cushman Wants 4 Per Cent Differential on Contracts for Warships.

Washington, Feb. 19.- Representative Cushman called on Secretary Moody today to secure departmental recommendation for the incorporation in the naval appropriation bill of a provision allowing Pacific coast bidders on naval vessels authorized under the pending measure a differential of 4 per cent over bidders on the Atlantic coast.

Such a stipulation was incorporated in the bill last year, and in Cushman's opinion is neecsary to place Pacific oast firms on an equitable footing Furthermore he says such a differential would tend to hold down bids on the Atlantic coast.

Would Annex Isle of Pines. Washington, Feb. 19. - Representaive Richardson, of Tennesese, today introduced a resolution asking the president why that portion of the Platt amendment regarding the Isle of Pines had not been enforced. He also introduced a concurrent resolution declaring that it is the sense of congress that the Isle of Pines is territory belonging to the United States, and that no sovereignty can be lawfully exercised there except by the United States.

Mine Sale at Thunder Mountain. Weiser, Idaho, Feb. 19 .-- An important transfer of Thunder mountain mining porperty has been made in this city. D. J. Brown, who is better known as Thunedr Mountain Brown, has sold to D. McKenzie, representing Eastern capitalists, four mining claims on Profile creek. The claims are in the best portion of the district. The price dressed, 716c. paid has not been made public, but it was a cash deal, and it stated by those dressed, 71/c. claiming to know that the price paid was a good round one.

THE LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS OF OREGON ARE DOING AT SALEM.

Bills of Importance That are Being Introduced and Acted Upon in Both House -Measures Signed by the Governor-Progress of the Balloting for United States Senator.

Tuesday. pesos, shall be legal tender in the is-The vote-Fulton 33, Geer 25, Wood 5, Williams, 6, scattering 6, paired 5. The senate-To create office of state shall be legal tender except where pro- suit against the state upon their claims vided by contract. Coins of the de- passed. To repeal law exempting pubresolution to adjourn Friday, February

The House - To provide for flat sal determine, with the approval of the ary, passed. To change name of Reform school to Industrial school, of certificates of indebtedness to main- county, passed. For new bridge across

Monday. 14, Williams 17, scattering 3, absent and paired 9.

The Senate-A joint resolution was pose of framing an amendment for the main. election of United States senators by The option is given for the coinage of direct vote. To fix salary of superinthe silver pesos either in Manila or any tendent of public instruction at \$3,000, males, passed. The House-To pay Indian war vet-

States. The act making any form of money legal tender after December 31, greater part of the day was taken up in introducing new bills. Appropriations already provided for

mount to \$2,386,866.82. Governor Chamberlain vetoed the bill classing bicycles with horses in the statute defining larceny; also the one mittee on insular affairs, says that as to prohibit stock running at large in

> The Senate-To declare press associaprovide a matron at the penitentiary,

to owners of wide tired wagons, passed. To provide a great seal for the state, referred to a special committee.

Thursday. The vote-Fulton 34, Geer 15, Wood

The Senate-To require district attorneys to render legal services for school districts without additional compensation, passed. To create Baker county the Eighth judicial district, passed. To regulate sale of explosives to children, passed.

The House-To appropriate \$20,000 for experiment station at Union, passed. make, under the power of the secretary, To regulate chid labor, passed. A reso lution that no bills be introduced after February 13, except by committees, adopted.

Wednesday. The vote-Fulton 33, Geer 15, Wood

The Senate - To authorize the con struction of a portage railway between Celilo and The Dalles, passed. To inations for legislation for the regulation crease term of office of assessor to four years, passed. To make eight hours' labor a day's work, indefinitely post-

poned. The House-To create the office of commissioner of labor statistics, failed to pass. To extend Australian ballot to cities of 2,000 people or over, passed. additional ferry, referred to Multnomah delegation. A concurrent resolution was adopted

by both houses asking the historical society to preserve the old blockhouse on the Grand Ronde reservation.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat- Walla Walla, 76c; blue stem, 88c; valley, 78 %c. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew

ing, \$24. Flour-Best grade, \$4.30@4.85; graham, \$3.45@3.85.

Millstuffs - Bran, \$18@19 per ton middlings, \$23 @ 24; shorts, \$19@20. chop, \$18.

Oate-No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12%@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.

Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 60@75c per sack; ordinary, 40@50c per cental, winds drive the floes well off the shore. growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@ 2.25 per cental.

Poultry- Chickens, mixed, 121/20; young, 11@12c; hens, 12 bc; turkeys, ive, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 16%@ 17%c; Young America, 17%@18%c; factory prices, 1@1%c less.

Eggs-28@25 per dozen.

Hops-Choice, 22@27c per pound. Wool-Valley, 12%@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 26@28c. Beef - Gross, cows, 3@3%c pound; steers, 4@4%c; dressed, 7%c. Veal-7%@8%c. Motton - Gross.

CONFERENCE ON LAWS FOR WEST.

Came Preserves and Land Commission Considered by President.

Washington, Feb. 18.-President Roosevelt tonight held a conference with Representative Jones, of Washington, Mondell, of Wyoming, and Lacey, of Iowa, at which the bill authorizing the president to set apart within forest reservations areas to be known as game preserves, within which game, fish and birds shall not be killed, was briefly discussed. Both Jones and Mondell objected to the bill, asserting that it would render state game laws inoperative within such reserves, while Lacey examiner of public secords, passed. To contended to the contrary. The presiof the denomination of one peso, which authorize Indian war veterans to bring dent, while deeply interested in the proposed legislation, was inclined to admit the claim of the two opposing nomination of 50 centavos, 20 centavos lic officers from garnishment proceedand 10 centavos also are provided for, ings, passed. The senate adopted a members, and it is believed no further effort will be made this session to pass the bill. The president also discussed with these members pending resolutions providing for the appointment of a The bill also provides for the issue passed. To fix boundary of Wallowa public lands commission of five persons, to investigate and report upon the workings of the timber and stone, desert land and homestead commutation The vote-Fulton 32, Geer 15, Wood laws and to make recommendations for needed changes in these laws, together with legislation looking to the disposal of timber on unreserved public lands time to time by the civil governor of adopted calling upon congress to order and providing an adequate means of the islands, preference, however, being a constitutional convention for the pur-

The president and members agreed that such a commission properly conducted would gather much valuable information, which would be useful in guiding congress in future land legislation. The resolutions provide for five commissioners at \$400 per month. This legislation will be urged and probably adopted before adjournment.

MORE TRUST LEGISLATION.

Senate Committee May Favor More Dras tic Action on Question.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- There is pos sibly some embarrassment ahead for those senators who have arranged that The vote—Fulton 33, Geer 16, Wood there shall be no more trust legislation 16, Williams 17, scattering 3, absent 5. at this session than is contained in the Elkins act and Nelson amendment. tions common carriers, defeated. To Here is the judiciary committee of the provide a matron at the penitentiary. senate pounding away on a measure, passed. To repeal law granting rebates and it may report the Littlefield bill, so as to make it more drastic than as The House-To use convict labor on it passed the house. Should the compublic roads, passed. A measure was mittee report it, it would mean that introduced to regulate railroad rates. the skillfully arranged program of the the skillfully arranged program of the senate leaders might be upset. Men target practice about to be undertaken who know something about the feeling will depend the summer plans of the against trusts in their states will not be North Atlantic squadron. The fleet is with the greatest apprehension and coal with the greatest apprehension and coal its passage at this session.

unanimously. been so generally circulated that the to familiarize the officers with naval Littlefield bill was only a "bluff," movements on a larger scale than has have caused comment throughout the ever before been attempted in the there is likely to be a long struggle. country of a character to ditsurb senat- United States navy. The fleet has

corporations. part of the president may also have whether or not the gun work of the some effect. amendment, it has been assecreed that phase, namely, a long distance cruise the policy of the president has been to Secretary Moody is by no means certhreats and methods scarcely in keepforced more drastic legislation, but as any conditions. the two propositions offered were assured, he gladly accepted them. more can be obtained he will be pleased, but if not, he, as chief executive, will see what an enforcement of the new legislation will bring about, and when the next congress assembles To authorize Portland to constuct an he can urge such additions as are found necessary.

CAN'T RESCUE FISHERMEN.

Ice Still Blocks the Way of Revenue Cut-

ter Gone to Their Relief. St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 18 .- The United States revenue cutter Seminole, which is on her way to the Bay of Islands to cut out a number of icebound American fishing schooners, is still unable to enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence. and the conditions are most uncom promising. The Canadian naval schooners Stanley and Minto are already of the probable fate of the Seminole should she be caught in the ice.

Captain Delaney, the master of the Newfoundland steamer Bruce, and the let, 60 miles from where their vessel most experienced ice navagitor in this was lost, after suffering terrible privaregion, pelieves that the Seminole will tions and with just strength enough to be uanble to venture toward the Bay of crawl into camp. Islands until the prolonged easterly

All Exploded at Once.

Fostoria, O., Feb. 18 .- Eight persons plosion in the Peter & Fox magazine cane factory this afternoon. The mag- as a yardman, is missing, and is beazine contained a large supply of high lieved to have been burned to death. explosives, used in the manufacture of Milton Campbell, a fireman, was fatalcups for magazine canes. It will never ly crushed under the walls. All the be known how it happened that some guests made their escape, many of them Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c of the explosives let go. There was a rushing out in their night clothing per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@ terrific report that shook the whole when they awoke. Loss \$100,000.

22½c; store, 15@18c. town, and in a moment the whole factory was in flames.

> Immigration Under New Head. New York, Feb. 17 .- Commissioner

WORK OF TORNADO

PASSENGER STEAMER SWAMPED ON A VIRGINIA RIVER.

Eighteen Persons are Known to Have Lost Their Lives-Accident Occurred in the Evening When All Were Below and Before Vessel Sank.

struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and sent her to the bottom of the Chown construction of its irrigation system, which swept over the Rocky Mountain river, off Woodley's pier, between according to the approved plans. Gov- states has traveled east and south until Mount Pleasant and Oliver's wharf. Eighteen persons are known to have been drowned, and others who were rescued are in a serious condition. The storm, when it struck the Olive,

caused her to go over on her beam ends, and when she righted it was only and five others were rescued. According to the statement of Cap- Richards took hold that he was able to

ain Withey there are 18 known to have get this case "jarred loose." been lost on the sinking steamer, and a lifeboat loaded with part of the crew and passengers, which left the steamer in hope of reaching a vessel whose lights could be seen in the distance, were rescued after enduring severe hardships all night.

The Olive was a small screw steamer owned by J. A. Pretow, of Franklin, Va., and plying between North Carolina and Virginia for several years. She left Franklin last evening for Edenton, and had almost reached her destination when the tornado struck her. She was built in 1869, and was of 287 tons gross, 120.9 feet long, 20.4 feet beam and 27 feet depth of hold.

PLANS OF ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Present Gun Practice May Be Followed by

a Cruise to Europe. Washington, Feb. 19 .- Upon the result of three months' hard work at the 15, George 13, scattering 6, absent or Littlefield bill that passed the house working out an elaborate and progressive retailers are hurrying seems to Nanaimo sive set of exercises and drills devised to insure a good reserve supply in case More than this, the reports that have by the general board, the purpose being of trouble orvs who are closely identified with big worked through the program step by step, and the three months' program The imputation of bad faith on the now in execution will determine Because the president ships has been so far perfected as to urged the Elkins bill and the Nelson warrant the beginning of the next he was aparty to a program of "mild" in fleet formation. If this work should trust legislation. As a matter of fact, be undertaken next summer, of which get all he could when he could. He tain, the North Atlantic squadron will found the Nelson amendment could be make directly for the Azores, and if the Canada. procured, and that the Elkins bill could combined movement is successful up to be passed, and he accepted both. By that point the ships may go on as far as Lisbon, but it is not intended that ing with his office, he might have they shall visit Northern Europe under

CAST AWAY IN WILDERNESS.

Terrible Sufferings of Shipwrecked Propectors on Vancouver Island.

Victroia, B. C., Feb. 19 .- A story of shipwreck, privation and exposure was brought from the Vancouver island coast by the steamer Queen City today. Two prospectors, Pete Anderson and J. A. Ferguson, were wrecked in a sloop off Cape Cook, and, losing all their food, they endeavored to get to the nearest Indian village, 60 miles away They built a raft to cross Nespartz inlet, but a storm a rose, the raft was broken and the two men were washed

ashore after suffering great hardships on the logs, more dead than alive. Then they walked 60 miles around the beach, the impenetrable bush offering no trails, and had no food for six frozen up there, which is an indication days until reaching an abandoned Indian but they found a small supply which kept them alive until they reached an Indian village on Klosh in-

Hotel Burns at Midnight.

Port Huron, Mich, Feb. 19 .- The St. Clair hotel, one of the largest hotes in this city, was destroyed by fire at an were killed and four injured by an ex-plosion in the Peter & Fox magazine named Worthy, employed at the hotel

Washington, Feb. 19 .- The government has formally accepted the offer of the Panama canal company to sell to William Williams, of the bureau of im- the United Staets the canal property migration, who has just returned from and all the company's rights therein Washington, where he appeared before for \$40,000,000, subject to the ratification this morning. The falling body when the senate committee to argue for cer- tion of the pending treaty with Colom- it collided with the earth caused wintain clauses which he wants inserted in bia. The effect of this acceptance was the new immigration law, says that to extend the life of the option held by

PRESIDENT APPROVES.

Last Obstacle in Way of Deschutes Irrigation Project Removed.

Washington, Feb. 17. - President Roosevelt this afternoon advised Representative Moody that he today approved the map and contract with the state of Oregon permanently segregating 84,707 acres of land in the Deschutes valley, which it is proposed They Had No Time to Seek Safety shall be reclaimed under the Carey act by the Pilot Butte development com-Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19.—A tornado dent.

Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 last night and the right to proceed with the immediate February for years. The snow storm ernment officials here regard this as it covers the whole region as far as Carey act proposition in the state, and states on the south. see no resaon why the project should

to sink on account of the water she had will be allowed to charge an annual taken. A majority of the passengers water rental of \$1 per acre, the lien of and crew were below at the time, and the company amounting to \$848,557.

This case is the first one in Oregon had no opportunity to reach the pilot house of the vessel. This point was the only portion left above water, and the land office since early last summer. standing waist deep from the Representative Moody throughout the ter registers from 20 to 30 below all time of the accident until 6 o'clock in session has been urging immediate acthe morning, Captain George Withey tion on all Carey act cases in Oergon, but it was not until Commissioner

COAL TO BE SCARCE.

Strike of British Columbia Miners Is Becoming Serious.

which has been declared in the coal mines of the Crows' Nest coal company. at Fernie, Michel, Morrisey and Coal creek will, it is feared, be almost as grave in its indirect as in its direct effects, which threaten to close every culty. smelter in the Kootenai and Boundary countries. Recently the miners of Nanaimo affiliated with the Western Federation of miners, in direct antagonism to Ralph Smith, M. P., who warned them that in so doing they would be mperilling the good relations which have existed between them and the new Vancouver coal company. It is now considered likely that if the strike is not settled in Fernie, not only will there be great suffering there, but the

A special dispatch from Fernie says the bill passing the house, even though the strike situation is not charged and it might be railreaded through the The miners are determined that the union shall be recognized, and the manager of the coal company is absolutey opposed to meeting them. A deputation consisting of three miners from Morrissey, Michel and Coal creek tried to present their grievances before Manager Tonkin, but he refused to listen. He will meet them individually but not collectively. Manager Tonkin says the miners are making better wages than in any other place in

BILLS FOR THE NORTHWEST.

Report on Klamath Treaty - Lifesaving

Station for Tillamook Bay. Washintgon, Feb. 17. - Representative Moody this morning secured a favorable report on his bill introduced yesterday providing for ratifying the Klamath Indian treaty. He will try to have it put in the Indian appropria-

tion bill now in conference. The omnibus public building bill reported to the house today carries \$400,-000 each for the buildings at Tacoma and Spokane, with which to begin construction when plans have been completed.

At the request of Senator Mitchell, a bill was introduced in the senate today authorizing the establishhent of a life saving station at the entrance of Tillamook bay.

Representative Jones today escured an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$22,000 for a lighthouse at Muckilteo point, near Everett. By request of Representative Jones, a deputy United States marshal is here-

after to be stationed at North Yakima to prevent sales of liquor to Indians on the reservation. Senator Mitchell continues to im

prove. Bad weather, however, prevents his going out. Coaling Stations in Cuba

Havana, Feb. 17 .- President Palma is ready to sign the paval coaling stations argeement on receipt of President Rooesvelt's approval of certain minor changes. If a reply is received in time, Minister Squiers will sail for New York this afternoon carrying with him the signed agreement for President Roose-Squiers' visit to Washintgon is to confer with the authorities with reference to the permanent treaty between the two countries which will cover the sovereignty of the late of Pines.

Meteor Falls in Utah

Sait Lake, Feb. 17 .- A special to the Tribnue from Bingham, Utah, says: A mammoth meteor struck the earth in the vicinity of this place at 4:45 o'clock dows to rattle and houses to tremble, while a sound like a mighty clap of thunder awakened the inhabitants from it is virtually settled that the immigration department would be under the
and until the treaty now before the
control of the department of commerce.

the government beyond March 4 next thender awakened the inhabitants from
the world. One of the features of the
trip across the Atlantic for the general
been an earthquake and much alarm
was the sending of a Marconigram to
was felt for some time.

King Edward VII on February 9.

CONTINENT WHITE

BLIZZARD COVERS ENTIRE EAST AND MIDDLE WEST.

From Lakes to Gulf and From Nevada to Atlantic Coast Fierce, Snow-Laden Wind Sweeps, and Worse is Predicted - Even the Sunny South Suffers From Storm.

Chicago, Feb. 18 .- The whole coun-This action ends the long contro- try from the Atlanite to the western versy, and so far as the general govern- slope of the Rocky mountains is sufferment is concerned, gives this company ing from the coldest weather known in the most important and most premising New York on the east and the Gulf

Beginning in Wyoming and Utah. not be carried through in the 10 years where extreme cold and deep snow have allowed by law to successful comple | caused great loss of livestock on the range, the storm extended gradually Under the terms of the contract with until Kansas is under a foot of enow the state, the Pilot Butte company and has a temperature below zero. Oklahoma has had snow to take the place of rain, and Texas has snow a foot deep. In the far Northwest, near the boundary of North Dakota and Canada, degrees below zero, and the thermome-

through the Middle West. The snow reached New York last night, when four inches had fallen, following close upon a sleet storm which had almost stopped traffic. The weather bureau predicts gales, snow and ex-treme cold for the whole Atlantic coast. The same conditions prevail all along

the lakes. The South is just escaping from floods due to heavy rain, which extend Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17 .- The strike from Louisville southeast to Georgia, only to fall into the grip of the bitterest storm of the winter. Trains and telegraph lines are demoratized all through the West, and in many cities street cars run only with great diffi-

NO CHANGE IN LAND LAWS.

Repeal of Timber, Desert and Commutation Acts Hopeless.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The senate committee on public lands today ordered a favorable report on the bill to repeal the timber and stone act, desert land act and commutation feature of homestead law. Amendments to omit repeal of commutation law and sell timber land on the basis of appraised value were debated. Senators opposed to the bill say there is no prospect of

The action of the committee is not the bill passing the house, even though senate. Even this is improbable, because it is levislation that would voke debate, and such debate is likely to prove fatal this late in the session. An attempt was made in committee to amend the bill to provide for the

sale of timber lands in tracts of 160 acres to each settler, the price to be governed by the appraised value of the timber thereon, but this substitute was voted down. The committee also rejected a proposition to emit the commutation clause from the acts to be re-

The report today was made largely for effect, and not with any intention of passing the bill, for the senate committee is fully advised that a majority of the public lands committee of the house will not for a minute consider

the bill at this session. CORTELYOU PROMOTED.

President Has Appointed Him Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- The president today sent to the senate and the senate confirmed the nomination of George B. Cortelyou to be secretary of commerce and labor under the act creating the new department. The nomination was referred to the senate after the senate went into executive session and the vote was polled on the floor. Senator Depew reported the nomination with a favorable recommendation. He asked for immediate action and, as there was no opposition, Mr. Cortelyou was con-

Few in American public life today ere more widely or more favorably known than Secretary George B. Cortelyou. For years he occupied a prominent place in the interest of the people and the exemplary manner in which be has met every emergency that has arisen before him has won for him the cordial esteem not only of those with whom he has been intimately associated, personally and officially, but also of the body of the American public to whom he is known merely by reputa-

Idaho to Oive \$35,000.

tion.

Bolm, Idaho, Feb. 18 .- A bill has been introduced in the house by appropriation committee appropriating \$35,000 for the Lewis and Clark expo velt's singature. The object of Mr. sition in Portland and the St. Louis exposition. Five thousand of this is to be used for gathering exhibits for the St. Louis fair. The remainder is to be equally divided between the two expositions. A commission of five is to be appointed by the governor for both expositions to serve without pay.

General Miles Returns.

New York, Feb. 18 .- Lieutenant Seneral Miles, commanding the United States army, his wife and party arrived here today on the steamship Lucania. The general, who has been abroad fire months, has in that time been around