

AMENDMENT IS OFFERED

To the Alaska Bill in Congress

Mr. Tongue Proposes a System

To Compel the Treadwell Mine and Whisky Dealers to Pay a License.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative Thos. H. Tongue, of Oregon, has prepared an amendment to the bill for the codification of the laws of Alaska, now pending in the house, providing for the licensing of the aratin business concerns in the territory, and especially the liquor business. Mr. Tongue says that the Treadwell mine does not pay anything in the way of taxes to the support of the territorial institutions, and that from the region surrounding Juneau, about \$6,000,000 in gold is produced annually, and does not contribute one cent to the government.

The present arrangements concerning liquor, he declares, is corrupting society. No officer can prosecute those who are selling liquor without being ostracized by the people in the territory, and the liquor that is sold, pays no revenue. It is introduced in the territory by being shipped in bond to Lake Bennett, and smuggled back into Alaska. Such liquor as that there is one of the very worst kind, being adulterated, he says, to an extent, unknown elsewhere.

Senator Perkins tried to have a similar amendment incorporated in the general Alaska bill, which passed the senate last year, but it was defeated.

ALASKA MINERALS.

Washington, Jan. 4.—In a personal letter received here today, Surveyor-General William L. Dustin, of Alaska, speaks of the mineral outlook of that territory as follows: "The general consensus of opinion is that Alaska will yet astonish the world with her mineral wealth and resources. The opportunities and possibilities will be great in this vast domain; the development, of course, means much. One should be possessed with energy, push and get there qualities, and come prepared to en-

sure hardships and privation. The Aliti district is attracting considerable attention and fortune hunters are rushing to that district."

'TROUBLE IN HAWAII'

Old and New Authorities Clash on Admission of Chinese.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The steamer Australia, from Honolulu, brings the following advices to the Associated Press: "A great deal of trouble is expected here over the question of the admission of Chinese. The supreme court has ordered the landing of a large number of Celestials, and Special Agent Brown is at a loss to know what to do in the premises. He has applied to the administration for instructions."

SWORD FOR DEWEY.

A Beautiful Blade Prepared for the Hero of Manila.

New York, Jan. 4.—The sword of honor to be presented to Rear Admiral Geo. W. Dewey, as a national recognition of his victory at Manila, has been completed by Tiffany & Co., and will be shipped to Washington Saturday. The sword is of 22-karat gold, with the exception of the blade and the body of the scabbard, which are made of the finest steel. Shark skin is also used at the grip and diamonds are used profusely in its ornamentation.

A FAST CRUISER.

Built in San Francisco for the Japanese Government.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 3.—The protected cruiser Chitose, built by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, for the Japanese government, made a six hours run over the course in Santa Barbara channel today, averaging 21.48 knots per hour, where but 20.5 are required, and developing a maximum speed of 21.38 under natural draught.

Pure Tea

in packages at grocers'

Schilling's Best

SAVED FROM THE WRECK

A Schooner Abandoned Off the Columbia

Work and Suffering of the Crew.

The Vessel, Coal-Laden from Seattle, Went Down in a Terrific Storm—One Man Lost.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—The British bark Galgate, Captain Griffith, arrived in today, having on board Captain O. Erickson and fourteen of the ship-wrecked crew of the steam schooner Protection, which foundered thirty miles off the mouth of the Columbia at 4 o'clock on the morning of January 1st.

The Protection left Seattle December 29th with 360 tons of coal for San Francisco. The weather was fine until approaching the mouth of the Columbia, when a heavy southeast gale sprang up. The Protection was steaming under a slow bark and the sea was running very heavy, washing the vessel fore and aft. On the morning of Saturday, December 31st, Chief Engineer Moores reported the ship leaking, and the pumps were immediately manned. The water in the vessel's hold, was found to be gaining on the pumps, which were becoming choked with slack coal. The gale increased in fury, and the steamer rolled and pitched heavily. It was determined to jettison the cargo, and about twenty tons of coal was discharged from the deck.

Finding that the water steadily gained all hands were again ordered to the pumps. The men remained at them all Saturday night and towards morning five feet of water was discovered in the hold, and the steamer appeared to be sinking. The vessel was listing to starboard, and her stern was seen to be fast going down. Huge waves continually swept over her, forward and aft, and Captain Erickson saw that her doom was sealed.

At 4 o'clock on the morning of January 1st, the lifeboats were ordered lowered. Second Assistant Engineer Carvey, while engaged in the work, was struck by the swinging of one of the boats, and knocked overboard and drowned. In the darkness no assistance could be rendered the unfortunate man. After much difficulty the lifeboats were launched and the steamer was abandoned. First Officer Griffin had charge of one and Captain Erickson commanded the other lifeboat. Seven men went into each boat. The boats were filled with water, meat and crackers, but the latter were useless, as they soon got wet.

The boats were able to keep close together during the day. The storm continued, and but little headway could be made toward the land. The men suffered terribly from the cold, as they had saved nothing from the sinking steamer but the clothes they had on. As the boats pulled away, the Protection was hoisting in a heavy sea. She still remained afloat during the half hour before she was lost to view. Captain Erickson and First Officer Griffin agreed to steer on a certain course during the night, but the two boats soon separated after darkness set in, and were lost to view.

DEWEY IS BUSY.

He is in No Hurry to Return to the United States.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—General Merritt is authority for the statement that Admiral Dewey is in no hurry to return to the United States. "In fact, he distinctly told me as much when I was in the Philippines," said General Merritt today. "Upon one occasion when the administration intimated that it would find his presence in this country agreeable, the admiral said if the president would excuse him he would like to be allowed to remain at his station."

A RECORD BREAKER.

New York, Jan. 4.—Today has been a record breaker in the New York clearing house, both in the amount of exchanges and the magnitude of the balances. The highest former exchanges were broken by about \$20,000,000, having been \$15,236,000, as against \$205,000,000, the highest exchanges heretofore placed on record. The balances were \$17,163,000, as against the largest heretofore of \$17,040,000.

EXPANSION THE PUZZLE

Senator Perkins Wants Instructions

From the California Law-makers

As to His Future Course—Quay Has the Caucus Nomination for Senator in Pennsylvania.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 3.—When the senate was called to order today a communication was received from United States Senator Perkins, in which he asked instructions from the senate on the pending question of territorial expansion. He expressed himself as confident that this question is of more importance to the welfare of the country, than is any problem that has arisen during the present generation. He stated that, in the absence of instructions from the legislature of California, he will vote to amend section seven of the treaty, which provides for the payment of \$20,000,000 for the relinquishment of Spain's sovereignty over her interests in the Philippine Islands. He is of the opinion that the United States requires only a military station, and a naval and coaling station in the islands. Further, it seems to him, that to acquire territory in the islands or on the Asiatic coast is contrary to the spirit of the constitution.

QUAY NOMINATED.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—In the republican caucus for United States senator tonight Senator Quay received the votes of 100 of the 104 republicans of the legislature. One hundred and twenty-eight is a majority of the entire legislature, and the anti-Quay men claim he cannot be elected. Senator Quay made this statement at midnight: "I am entirely satisfied with the result of tonight's caucus. A number of the members of the legislature, who did not agree to enter the caucus tonight, have assured me of their cordial support when the assembly meets in joint convention. These votes will be more than sufficient to elect me. I am absolutely confident of my success."

FAILED TO ORGANIZE.

Dover, Del., Jan. 3.—For the first time in the history of the state, a complete organization of the Delaware legislature was not effected today. The senate organized at noon, but the house could not agree, on account of the disagreement between the regular republicans, and the union republicans, or Addicks faction. The organization of the house was postponed until tomorrow.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food a

BRYAN ON THE STUMP CASE OF THE MOORES

HE DISCUSSED THE ANNEXATION PROPOSITION

And Opposes the English Colonial System—Independence for Cuba and the Philippines.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—Wm. J. Bryan addressed an immense audience here tonight. Touching on the question of annexation, Bryan said: "The party which was willing to oppose the gold standard because it was wrong ought to be great enough to oppose the English colonial system because it is wrong. It is astonishing that any man living in this age of the world, living in the United States, should uphold the doctrines of securing land by conquest."

"I say, give independence to the people of Cuba, not because we promised it to them but because they fought for it, and have a right to it whether we promised it or not. Why cannot we apply the same principle to the Philippines? Why should we purchase the title to these Philippines from Spain? We debate that Spain did not have any title to Cuba. When I buy the Philippines I want to deal directly with them; and I want to pay more than \$2.50 a piece for them."

The democratic state central committee tonight declared itself for the Chicago platform and for Wm. J. Bryan. Bryan was present and thanked the committee for the personal compliment and congratulated the organization on its declaration in favor of free and unlimited coinage.

The adoption of resolutions endorsing silver and Bryan by a unanimous vote was something of a surprise, for it was expected several members of the committee with leanings to the gold standard would oppose any declaration in favor of the platform of 1896.

MORMONS OBJECT.

Josephites Call Congressman-Elect Roberts a Violator of Law.

Lamoni, Ia., Jan. 4.—The Lamoni branch of the "Josephite" church of the Latter Day Saints, in its regular session, adopted a resolution censuring Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah, "as a violator of law and a practical polygamist," and objecting to his being seated in congress. The resolution was carried by a vote of seventeen to fourteen, regardless of the advice of Apostle Wigh, of the Utah mission, on the ground that no evidence had been submitted that Roberts is a violator of the law.

Wm. Porter, who resides near Amesville, is reported seriously ill.

F. SPAND OF "PET" STRAHAN TRIES FOR AN APPEAL.

The Woman Still in Jail, Though a Motion for Her Release on Bail Was Made.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The application for a writ of reasonable doubt, pending an appeal in the case of Wm. A. E. Moore, who was sentenced to nineteen years imprisonment for robbery, extortion and assault, in the first degree, was argued before Justice Nash in the supreme court today. The decision was reserved.

A BIG CONTRACT.

Beef Cattle for the United States Army in Cuba.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 4.—Geo. W. Simpson, president of the Fort Worth stock yards, today closed a contract with the government to furnish 600 beef cattle weekly for the United States army in Cuba.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

Reorganization Has Been Decided Upon by Bond Holders.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A local financial bureau says today: "It is learned from a prominent member of the first mortgage committee, that three committees have agreed upon the reorganization of the Central Pacific. It is the intention of the interested parties to issue about \$120,000,000 four per cent bonds."

TOO MUCH WHISKEY.

The coroner's inquest over the remains of Thomas Webber, who was found dead near Champeoz a few days ago, developed the fact that deceased, in company with a butcher named Fred Smith, had been on a spree at Champeoz on the night preceding his death, and on the way home had fallen on a narrow roadway into a stream, where he became thoroughly drenched. Later he fell into a wire fence, and finally managed to cross a field, going in the direction of his home, where, after climbing a roll fence, he fell. It was supposed he died here from the effects of his spree and the exposure occasioned by falling into the ice-cold water. The coroner's jury, composed of A. Jette (foreman), Wm. Wiggins, W. B. Smith, F. A. Jette, C. A. Aplin and W. Wengeroth, decided that he came to his death as a result of exposure caused by too much whiskey. Deceased has no relatives, and very little property. His home standing on land owned by Hofer & Zorn.

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