

## DID NOT TALK

### Important Bills Passed Without Debate.

### Commission to Settle the War Claims

### Provided by a Measure Which Passed the Senate Yesterday—Tariff for Puerto Rico.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Two measures of national importance, and many of slightly less interest, were passed by the senate today. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying more than \$25,000,000, was passed without debate.

The measure, providing for the appointment of a commission to adjudicate and settle the claims of people of the United States growing out of the war with Spain, was also passed without opposition. The sum of \$50,000 is annually appropriated for the expenses of the commission, the life of the commission being fixed at two years. Davis, in charge of the measure, explained that the claims would be varied in character, but would relate to a large extent to the destruction of property of American citizens in Cuba. Davis expressed the belief that substantially all claims had already been filed with the state department, and they aggregated about \$20,000,000. The bill provides but one appeal, namely, from the finding of the commission to the United States court of appeals.

A bill passed the senate, permitting citizens of the United States, bona fide residents of California, Oregon and Washington, to fell and remove for building, agricultural and other domestic purposes, timber growing or being upon mineral lands of the United States.

For a brief time the Puerto Rican government and tariff measure was under consideration. Foraker, in charge of the bill, submitted some committee amendments. A few of them were agreed to, but the important ones are still pending. A free trade movement to the bill was offered by Beveridge.

The house today refused to concur in the senate amendments in the Puerto Rican relief bill. The democrats supported the motion to concur on the ground that it would avoid further delay in extending relief to the inhabitants of the island, but the republicans stood firmly behind Chairman Cannon in his demand that the house should insist upon its original provision to appropriate not only the money collected on Puerto Rican goods up to January 1st, but all subsequent monies collected, or which are to be collected.

## SEA COAST DEFENSE

### House Committee Favors Appropriations

### For Carrying Forward the Scheme.

### The Plans of the Endicott Board, Which Have Been Followed Are Expensive.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The fortifications appropriation bill was reported today by the house committee on appropriations. It appropriates \$7,093,488 for carrying forward the plan of sea coast defenses begun in 1888. The report says:

"The scheme of sea coast fortifications, contemplated by the Endicott board, and which has been followed by congress in the appropriations made since 1888, it is now estimated, will cost in the aggregate \$112,000,000, of which sum there have been already provided nearly \$47,000,000."

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

### ENGLISH OFFICIALS ARE HIGHLY PLEASED.

Free Staters Have Not Collapsed, but Have Lost Ambition—Work for General Buller.

LONDON, March 20.—(Tuesday, 4 a. m.)—The war office has had no news up to this hour, confirming the report of the relief of Mafeking, but George Wyndham, the parliamentary under secretary for war, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the house of commons about midnight, smilingly said:

"The Free Staters seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in considerable force around Smithfield, though

much dispirited. Kroonstadt, where the Boers are concentrating, is thirty miles from Bloemfontein. It is surrounded by a country of hills and jungles.

General Gatacre is now resting at Springfontein, preliminary to joining Lord Roberts.

General Buller's hill work before Ladysmith has given him the experience, which is about to be used in forcing the Biggarsberg range. It is believed that 25,000 of his 40,000 men are about to engage General Botha's force, and the next news of fighting will probably come from Natal.

Thirty-two thousand additional troops for South Africa are now at sea.

### LUMBER ADRIFF.

San Francisco, March 19.—The steamer Coquille River, which arrived today from the North, reports that when near Cape Blanco, she passed through a quantity of lumber. It is feared the lumber is from the brig Tanner, which is now twenty days out from Tacoma.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear one suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Schloz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem, Or.

## THE TRUST DEFEATED

### Standard Oil Has Met With a Check.

### Anti-Trust Law of Texas Is Valid.

### Upon Appeal the United States Supreme Court Holds the State's Statute Constitutional.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The supreme court of the United States today rendered an opinion in the case of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company against the state of Texas, affirming the decision of the court of civil appeals of Texas. The case involved the constitutionality of the anti-trust law of Texas, which was sustained by today's opinion.

It was charged among other things that the Waters-Pierce Company was a member of the Standard Oil trust, as organized in 1887, and various other allegations were made, but the court did not enter upon a general discussion of trusts, contenting itself with the discussion of the Texas law as applicable to this case. The suit grew out of a charge that the oil company violated the statutes of the state of 1889, and 1895, against illegal combinations in restraint of trade, thereby incurring a forfeiture of its permit to do business in the state. In rendering the decision Justice McKenna said:

"The statute of 1889 was a condition, upon the plaintiff in error, within the power of the state to impose and whatever its limitations were upon the power of contracting, whatever its discriminations were, they became conditions of the permit, and were accepted with it."

### Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucken's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pain and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Dr. Stone, druggist.

### INJUNCTION DENIED.

New York, March 19.—Judge Lacombe has denied the application for an injunction, restraining Collector Bidwell from collecting duty on goods from Puerto Rico, which was asked for by A. S. Lacellas & Co. He says the complaints have an adequate remedy at law, under the customs administration act.

### DIED IN SEATTLE.

Seattle, March 19.—Herman E. Taubeneck, well known as the former chairman of the national committee of the people's party, died in this city today. He came here recently for his health.

### SUPPLIES FOR MANILA.

Washington, March 19.—Colonel Patten, of the quartermaster general's office, today completed arrangements for the shipment of about \$1,000,000 worth of clothing and equipment to Manila, for use of the troops in the Philippines during the next six months.

## CONDITION OF HOP YARDS

### Oregon Hop Growers' Association Disposes of a Seventy-Seven Bale Lot.

### An Offer For 700 Bales Is Being Considered By the Sales Committee—Hop Plants Have Already Attained A Splendid Growth.

James Winstanley, of Salem, a member of the sales committee of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, through H. L. Bents, secretary of the association, yesterday reported the successful sale by the association of seventy-seven bales of hops at a price that was entirely satisfactory to the management of the organization.

The sales committee of the association has under consideration an offer for 700 bales and indications last evening were that a consummation of the sale represented by the offer, might be effected.

As a result of the unusually mild and summer-like weather of the past ten days, hop plants throughout the valley have sprouted very generally and in many instances have attained a growth of several inches. H. L. Bents, secretary of the hop growers' association, returned yesterday from an over-Sunday visit at his home in Butteville. While in the north end of the county Mr. Bents inspected some of the yards and he returns with an encouraging report regarding the condition of the yards visited, all being corroborative of the opening sentence of this paragraph.

Mr. Bents reports that many growers have begun polling. He says it is yet a little early to make any predictions regarding the filling of the hills in the yards. At the present time there are, however, very few vacant hills. A season of cold, rainy weather would greatly retard the growth of the tender plants and if such weather continued for any length of time would probably do much damage in the yards. Severe weather, however, is not expected at this season of the year. The process of wire and twine stretching will begin in about three weeks.

Lupulin, in discussing the hop situation in England and on the continent, in the London Mark Lane Express of March 18th says:

"England—The history of the past week has been even less satisfactory than that of the immediately preceding period. Merchants writing to brewers may say (as they do) that 'the market for English hops continues well supported,' as it is to their interest to present a bold front to their buyers. But when we look into affairs which closely concern the planters we hardly find that support to the market which the utterances of merchants would induce us to expect. The experience of factors is in the opposite direction. They can discover no life, and but little reality in the inquiries that are put before them. Unless they are prepared to accept outrageous offers, there is but little chance of business, and although such offers are sought by a few of the bolder spirits amongst the growers, I regret to say that there is too much willingness to sell with the majority of holders, therefore the trade languishes and values do not improve. Unfortunately, I fear that the stocks held by growers are generally of low or medium quality. This fact naturally militates against any improvement; but however the hops may be classified, they are doubtless of fair brewing value, and there is no possible reason why they should be sold at such unremunerative rates, which keep them in the derogatory and unenviable position of being 'the cheapest' in the world. There is a remedy for this unhappy state of things. It is the only one that can be applied with effect, and it is not out of reach of the parties aggrieved. In an action at law, if the defendant fails to 'enter an appearance' there is but one result if the plaintiff presses his case. 'Judgment goes by default.' We are the defendants in the present trial of strength. If we do not unite our forces, and join issue with our opponents, we must be content to accept the consequences, and we lose the case. But surely our planters are not so devoid of moral courage and common sense as to allow themselves thus to be shelved. Let them gather together

and mutually determine to fight the action of the buyers. They would soon see the effect. A firmer tone would be at once imparted to the market and prices would be raised, for I am confident that brewers will be compelled to buy our remaining hops, and must, however unwillingly, pay such rates for them as holders choose to demand. It all depends upon united procedure, which is not only not impossible, but is actually within their influence if they choose to exercise it. I have said this so often that I shall perhaps be accused of tautology and wearisome persistence, but this I am perfectly willing to accept as evidence of my desire to benefit my friends if they will only adopt my advice.

Nuremberg—No notable change has taken place in the condition of the hop trade in this market since the last report. Business remains quiet, as the demand is but slow, but it is satisfactory to know that values are well maintained, and that quotations for any fairly good samples are fully as firm as they have been recently. It appears that the breweries are now in possession of sufficient stocks to meet their present requirements especially as the output of beer is somewhat limited, but as consumption will most probably soon be increasing it is not unlikely that further orders for hops will be placed, and with the acknowledged shortness of available supplies it is more than possible that prices will be advanced as the year progresses. A few Alsatian hops, being of an inferior quality, have been pressed for sale, with the result that some slight concessions have been offered to buyers; but this section of the business is comparatively unimportant, therefore the general tone of the market is in no degree affected thereby.

Belgium—Though there is no definite movement in an upward direction, a tendency towards some improvement in values has been recently evident, and during the last few days it has become rather more pronounced. The price of standard qualities is now fairly steady at 45 francs, but the actual demand being slow, very little tangible business is transacted. The balance of the 1899 crop held by growers is very limited, consequently the market is mainly influenced by speculators, whose operations, being of a purely financial character, afford but slight indication of the real value of the product they manipulate. Several contracts have, however, been made in advance for hops of this year's growth, at prices nearly 20 per cent above present current quotations. I do not attach much value to these transactions as indicative of the probable future, but at any rate they may be accepted as encouragement for hops of a more remunerative market in the interval.

France—The home business in French growth may be considered as practically closed, the whole of the crop of last year having now passed into the hands of merchants. But imports and exports continue on a limited scale. The imports for January for home consumption were about 500,000 lbs., of which all but an insignificant quantity came from Germany and Belgium. The total is substantially in excess of the imports during the same month in the two previous years. French exports of native grown hops in January were very small, being hardly one-fourth of the quantity exported in January, 1898.

The continental area under hops will probably be about the same this year as it was in 1899. Although the average returns of the last crop to planters in Germany and Austria have been fairly satisfactory, there is at present no indication that they will be induced to extend their plantations. I should not be surprised to hear that in Belgium and France there will be some reduction of the hop average, but as yet there is but little to be heard beyond rumors on the subject, and therefore I have nothing actually reliable.

## LIFE WORK ENDED

### THREE MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

H. G. Maxon, of the Capital Box Co., Died Yesterday Morning—Heart Disease Takes S. C. Mudge.

Hugh G. Maxon, late of Elkhart, Indiana, and owner and manager of the Capital Box Company, of this city, died at his home in this city, corner of State and Fourteenth streets, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. A hemorrhage, following a serious illness of typhoid fever, was the immediate cause of death.

Mr. Maxon with his family, consisting of his wife and three young sons, removed to Salem last August from his native town of Elkhart, Indiana. After looking the field over, Mr. Maxon decided to establish a box factory in this city. He had just finished installing the machinery in the plant about nine weeks ago when he was taken ill with pneumonia, which developed into typhoid fever. He was thought to be gradually improving

and on the road to recovery when on Sunday evening a serious hemorrhage set in, resulting in death yesterday morning.

The deceased was 33 years of age and was very popular in the business and social circles of the Capital City. He was a member of the First Congregational church of this city, in which he was an active worker. He was also a prominent member of the Pilgrim Brotherhood of that church.

Heart disease caused the death of S. C. Mudge at his home near Chemawa, Sunday, March 18, 1900, at the age of 69 years.

The deceased was only a recent arrival in Oregon, having arrived here only about two months ago from Benkelman, Nebraska, and leaves one daughter, Ethel Mudge, aged 9 years. Funeral services were held at the farm home yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. John Burdette and interment was had in the Hayesville cemetery.

Mrs. Hattie L. Staples, relict of Captain G. W. Staples, and one of Marion county's brightest and best women, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie L. Hussey, near Turner, at the age of 69 years.

The deceased is survived by one

daughter and two sons, viz: Mrs. J. Hussey, of Turner; Geo. Staples, of Turner, and Fred Staples, of Klondike.

### ONE MUST LEAVE.

Washington, March 19.—At the investigation of the Idaho mining troubles today, Attorney Forney, while on the witness stand, stated that, in his opinion the trouble between union and non-union miners in the Coeur d'Alene district was irreconcilable, and that one or the other class would have to leave. The witness stated that, in his opinion, the governor was justified in proclaiming martial law.

### BOUGHT THE LINE.

Portland, March 19.—The Inland Telephone Company has purchased the lines of the Blue Mountain Telephone Co., in Eastern Oregon, amounting in all to 480 miles of line.

### MANY SETTLERS.

Portland, March 19.—A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, has returned from a week's trip into the Clearwater country, Lewiston, Spokane, Seattle and Victoria, where he inspected the company's offices. He states that there is a big influx of people with money locating in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

### HE WITHDRAWS.

New York, March 19.—Prof. Arthur C. McGiffert, of the Union Theological Seminary, long under charges of heresy, has withdrawn from the Presbyterian church. He mailed a letter today, to Moderator Duffield, of the New York presbytery, asking that his name be stricken from the roll.

## CHINA AND HER RULER

### Who Shows Open Hatred for Foreigners

### The Dowager Empress Heaps Rewards

### On Notorious Officials Who Exhibit Their Hostility to Everything That Is Not Chinese.

PEKING, March 19.—The ascendancy of the anti-foreign party is becoming pronounced. The dowager empress appears unable to sufficiently reward officials who exhibit marked hostility to everything not Chinese. Hen Tung, probably the most bitterly anti-foreign official of the empire, has been decorated with the three-eyed peacock feather, which has never been conferred for 80 years. The notorious Li Peig Hing, who was dismissed from the governorship of Shantung on Germany's demand, has been advanced to the first rank, and the former governor of Shantung, Yuh Sen, has been appointed governor of the Shang Si district—a snub to the powers interested.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem, Oregon.

### WAS IN OREGON.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., March 19.—Elizabeth T. Struble, editor of the Nautilus, a Christian Science newspaper, pleaded guilty, in the federal court this afternoon, to sending obscene literature through the mails, and was fined \$200. Mrs. Struble refused to pay the fine tonight, and was taken to jail. Mrs. Struble was formerly a resident of Oregon.

### DEMOCRATS MEET.

Springfield, Mo., March 19.—The Democratic County Convention met today for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional Convention which meets at Bolivar, April 5th.

### Wireless Telegraphy.

The recent wonderful accomplishments in wireless telegraphy bring to mind forcibly the value of electricity. It is probable that much work will be saved by means of this subtle fluid. There is no limit to its possibilities. Applied to material objects, it causes them to move as with life, which without it the human body cannot be strong and healthy. The best means of filling the body with vitality, is by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Lack of life in the stomach causes indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and malaria. Any of these symptoms means the Bitters is needed at once. Just now, when the seasons are so variable, it is particularly valuable, and a regular dose will keep the bowels active and healthy.

## WORK OF BRYAN

### Dictates Platform in His Own State.

### Democrats and Populists Gather.

### Nebraska Conventions Adopt the Creation of Bryan as Their Declarations.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—In effect, Wm. J. Bryan announced tonight, to the democratic party and to the nation at large, the platform which he considers best for the democratic party, and practically upon which he desires to stand if nominated at the Kansas City convention. The platform, which was adopted by the Nebraska democracy with the greatest enthusiasm, reaffirms the Chicago platform, declares for "sixteen to one," opposes a large standing army, denounces the action of the republican party on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, declares against trusts and imperialism, and favors the choice of United States senators by popular vote. The platform is practically the creation of Bryan. He did not write it personally, but he was consulted concerning it, and before it was read to the convention he had approved of it throughout. The platform adopted by the populist convention was substantially the same as that adopted by the democrats. It differs somewhat in form, but conflicts in no essential point.

Both conventions today were enthusiastic for Bryan to the last degree, and every mention of his name was greeted with cheers of delight and approval. Instructions were given to both delegations to stand for Bryan in the Kansas City and Sioux Falls conventions. The platform says:

"We favor a state constitution which will prohibit the organization of a monopoly within the state, and also prevent a monopoly organized elsewhere from doing business within the state; but we further believe that congress should supplement the efforts of the state by legislation which will require every corporation, before engaging in interstate commerce, to show that it has no water in its stock, and that it has neither attempted in the past, nor is attempting, to monopolize any branch of business or the production of any article of merchandise."

Continuing, it says: "We favor the immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Filipinos, first, a stable form of government; second, independence, and third, protection from outside interferences as it has for nearly a century given protection to the republics of Central and South America. We favor the expansion of trade by every legitimate means."

### THE POPULISTS.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—In the state populist convention, today, the committee on credentials decided against the claims of the middle-of-the-road populists from Omaha, to be classed as delegates, and barred them from the convention. The position of D. Clem Deaver, of Omaha, as a member of the national populist committee from Nebraska, was declared vacant, and E. E. Thomas, of Omaha, was chosen in his place. Deaver was ousted for the reason that he was "not considered a member of the populist party."

After being denied admission as delegates to the populist convention, the "middle-of-the-roaders" held a small convention of their own and appointed a Nebraska delegation to attend the populist convention at Cincinnati. They also decided to hold a state convention in Nebraska, at some date after the Kansas City convention.

### His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Dr. Stone's drug stores; every bottle guaranteed.

### BIG POLO TOURNAMENT.

Aiken, S. C., March 19.—The big polo tournament, under the auspices of the National Polo Association, opened here today, and will continue until the 24th. It is open to teams of four, and handsome cups will be awarded to the winning team.

A BROKEN LIMB.—Master Johnnie Worden, aged 4 years, of Kings Station, while visiting with relatives at Fruitland, fell yesterday morning and fractured his right limb just above the knee. He was brought to the Salem hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

WANTED.—A couple of men to do canvassing in the country. Apply at the Statesman business office.