

THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL

Reported Favorably by the Senate Committee With Little Opposition.

Senator George W. McBride Scores a Great Victory by Securing Favorable Action on a Number of Measures Important to the State of Oregon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—(Special).—Senator Geo. W. McBride scored four points for Oregon today, from as many different committees, namely: A favorable report of the Nicaragua Canal bill; an amendment to the Naval bill for a drydock on the Columbia river; a favorable report from the committee on commerce for an amendment to the sundry civil bill to appropriate \$250,000 for the repair and extension of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river; and a favorable report from the committee on public lands for his measure authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress the names of all settlers who entered land within the limits of the Dalles Military Wagonroad grant, and the amounts any of them had paid to the company; also the amounts which those who have not yet purchased from the company will have to pay in order to obtain a clear title.

The Supreme Court in January last decided adversely to these settlers, and the purpose of this legislation is to get a report as to what it will cost to place these settlers in full possession of their homesteads. Senator McBride and Representative Moily have agreed upon this to be the method of procedure and expect to get the legislation in the next Congress to enable the settlers to buy their homes.

At the beginning of the session Senator McBride introduced a bill that these settlers should be paid the value of their improvements. No precedent existed in favor of such legislation, and many were found against it. The Commissioner General's office and the Secretary of the Interior, during the present Congress, have both expressed a decided opposition to paying the settlers for the improvements upon any land to which they could not obtain title, and it was therefore useless to proceed further on that line. After much research, a precedent was found for the method now adopted in the amendment proposed today. A similar course was pursued for the relief of settlers in the Des Moines river land grant in Iowa, whose titles failed under very similar circumstances to those of the Military Wagonroad grant in Oregon.

Sensor McBride was very much gratified over the report of the committee getting the Nicaragua Canal bill before the Senate. He has talked, worked and voted for the Nicaragua Canal whenever he has had a chance, both in the committee and in the Senate. Senator Morgan, the chairman of the committee, considers Mr. McBride as his trusted lieutenant in the Canal legislation, and indignantly refutes the statement in a daily local paper that the Oregon Senator had at one time wavered in his loyalty to the bill. When absent from the committee, Senator Morgan has held at all times Senator McBride's authority to vote him in favor of the measure, and recently, when a postponement of a vote in the committee was asked, Senator McBride gave notice that he was ready then to vote for the Nicaragua route, and would only consent to a few days' postponement for additional hearings. Senator Morgan tonight received many congratulatory telegrams from Oregon, Washington and California.

The drydock amendment added today to the Naval bill provides an appropriation for the appointment of three engineers to report on the desirability of the establishment of a drydock on the Columbia river, and also on a suitable site therefor.

It was all in the day's work, but it was a lively day for the Oregon Senator, three of the committees in which he had measures pending, holding their meetings at the same hour this morning. Upon these matters he has been working quietly, but very successfully, for several weeks and the results, coming as they did all in one day, score a signal victory for Oregon interests. The hard battle is still to be fought regarding the Columbia river jetty. It was a great victory to get the commerce committee to report favorably this amendment to the sundry civil bill, for it unquestionably belongs to the river and harbor legislation. The commerce committee has uniformly heretofore refused to approve such items. Whether the committee on appropriations will accept this amendment to the sundry civil bill remains to be seen. The movement is strongly urged by the Chambers of Commerce of Oregon's principal cities.

The objections to the passage of the Nicaragua bill, because the Hay-Pauncefote treaty has not been ratified by the Senate, will not hold good. Speaking of this Senator McBride said this evening:

"The terms of the bill are not in harmony with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, but they are in harmony with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Great Britain could not justly take offence at the enactment of a measure in harmony with a treaty to which she has already assented, even though it has not been ratified by the United States."

ALLAN B. SLAUSON.

ONE OPPOSING VOTE.

Washington, May 14.—The Senate committee on Inter-oceanic Canals today authorized a favorable report on the

Nicaraguan Canal bill as it passed the house. There were only five members of the committee present at today's meeting. A motion was made to report the bill and, without debate, the vote was taken. Senators Morgan, McBride, Harris and Turner voting in the affirmative, and Senator Hanna in the negative.

NAVAL BILL PASSED.

Washington, May 14.—After a discussion lasting five full days, the Senate today passed the naval appropriation bill. Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor-plating proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported from the committee, with the exception that the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to make contracts only for such armor as may be needed from time to time. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to purchase armor of the best quality at \$445 per ton; but if he is unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$545 per ton for the armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and proceed to erect an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available. The committee's proposition carried by vote of 32 to 10.

The Secretary of the Navy is directed to purchase five Holland torpedo-boats, at a price not exceeding \$17,000 each. Just before adjournment, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, called up the "Free Homes" bill, and it was passed without a word of debate.

A concurrent resolution was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to appoint a board of officers of the engineer corps, to prepare plans for the improvement of the Snake river in Washington and Idaho.

A bill for the establishment of a light-house and fog signal at Slip Point, Washington, at a cost of \$12,000, was passed.

A concurrent resolution was adopted for the survey of the outlet of Flathead Lake, Montana, with a view to keeping the lake full.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington, May 14.—The House today passed the general deficiency appropriation bill, and the passage of the Military Academy bill, the last of the supply bills, will follow tomorrow. The deficiency bill carries \$3,839,021.

Fatal Colors.

It has been proven that soldiers are hit during battle according to the color of their dress, in the following order—red is the most fatal. Austrian grey is the least fatal. The proportions are red twelve, rifle green seven, brown six, Austrian bluish-grey five. There is one other color, not mentioned, more fatal—and that is the pallor of weakness. If it has commenced, it paints its deadly hue upon your cheek, and the stomach weakens and life seems not worth living, go to the drug-gist and obtain a bottle of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will give you life and energy. It does this by making the stomach strong and the blood pure. It is unequalled for such disorders as indigestion, dyspepsia, or malaria, fever and ague.

INHERITANCE TAX LAW.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS IT TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL.

The Tax is on Legacies Other than Those to a Husband or Wife—As Progressive Rate.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Supreme Court today decided the inheritance tax law constitutional and valid. The decision announced today was in the cases arising under the inheritance tax provisions of the war revenue act, and also in the case involving the applicability of the state inheritance tax law of New York to the estates composed of Government bonds. There were five decisions under the federal law, and one under the state law, but two in the former class applied, as did one of the latter class, to the taxation of government bonds. The court held that neither under the state nor the National enactment were National bonds exempt from taxation.

The validity of the general federal law was affirmed, but it was held to be purely applicable to legacies and not to entire estates of deceased persons, the court holding that the tax is on the passing of legacies or distributive shares of personality, with a progressive rate on each as separately determined by a sum on each of such legacies or distributive shares.

Solicitor General Richards made the statement, in explanation of the provisions of the law, that a legacy to a husband or wife is exempt. Legacies to others must pay a tax which rises as the degree of kinship is more remote, until the property passing to strangers in blood pays 7 per cent. To this initial rate, a progressive rate, according to the value of the legacy passing, is applied. Property valued at \$10,000 and under is exempt, exceeding \$10,000 and not exceeding \$25,000, the rate is fixed by kinship. The rate rises with the amount until property exceeding

\$1,000,000 is required to pay the rate fixed by kinship, multiplied by three."

BOYCOTT ILLEGAL.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals So Decides.

San Francisco, May 14.—The United States circuit court of appeals today affirmed the illegality of a "boycott" in the case of C. J. and Lee Hanchett, vs. John Chiotovich. Chiotovich is a merchant in Silver Peak, Nevada. The Hanchetts employ about fifty men in the same town. Chiotovich incurred the displeasure of the Hanchetts, and they threatened their employes with disgrace should they continue to buy merchandise from him. The merchant resisted the boycott by filing a suit in the federal court, and obtaining an injunction and damages. The court of appeals affirmed the decision of the lower court.

A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Dr. STONE'S drug stores.

FOR CAPE NOME.

San Francisco, May 14.—The steamer Senator sailed for Cape Nome, via Seattle, today, carrying 200 passengers and a large amount of freight. At Seattle about 200 more passengers will go on board. Tomorrow about 1300 barters in all will leave for Cape Nome on four steamers, the Ohio, Luella, San Pedro and Rainier.

DISCHARGED IN DISGRACE.

Washington, May 14.—Robert B. Creamer, first lieutenant Thirty-fourth U. S. V. infantry, has been sentenced to dismissal from the service, by court martial, in the Philippines. The offense is not stated.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demonic enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem, Oregon.

REPORTS ASKED FOR.

THE GERMAN COLONIES IN SOUTH AMERICA.

To Be Investigated and Reported to the State Department—The Monroe Doctrine.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—In view of the significant references to the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine by Secretary of War Root, Senator Lodge and other prominent men, the State Department has taken steps to secure data on the subject.

The burden of these speeches has been the startling increase of German colonies in South and Central America, which have been regarded as menacing the Monroe doctrine. It has also been asserted that these German colonists maintain their home customs in the new land, deal almost exclusively with Germany, use only the German language, have almost autonomous governments within the limits of the American republics, and are in fact "Little Germanys" wherever located.

The State Department has addressed instructions to every minister and consul in South and Central America, to inform the department fully on all points to which reference has been made. Of course, Germany is not referred to by name, for such a direction might naturally give umbrage to the German government. The circular applies to the colonists of all nationalities, though it is, of course, expected that the consuls, in compiling their reports, will differentiate the colonists.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidney and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by Dr. STONE, druggist.

Let us have more justice and less almsgiving. Charity is the hyssop on the sponge lifted to the lips of humanity on the cross. Let us rather take humanity down from the cross.—Edwin Markham.

Flatulence is cured by BEE-CHAM'S PILLS.

Castoria. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Beare the Signature of Dr. J. C. Peckham.

Twice-a-week Statesman, \$1 a year.

A BOLD MOVE

Lord Buller Has Turned the Boer Position in Natal.

ROBERTS' CAVALRY GOES NORTH

Has Passed Sixteen Miles beyond Kroonstadt—Making to Be Relieved in a Few Days.

LONDON, May 15.—General Buller's turning of the Biggarsberg position was made by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmaaker, but were making a stand, Monday evening, at Bleskoplaagte, seven miles from Dundee. The crops on the spot regarded this as a rear guard action, and intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time that General Hildyard took Imhlaaland, it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder. General Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were forty miles in three days. He is thus breaking into the British territory, which has been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the republic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstadt, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated sixteen miles northward.

Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as the probable dates. The Boers are described as quite disorganized, and as retreating northward. President Steyn's lieutenants are trying to rally them.

The same stories of the rising disintegration come from nearly every point where the English correspondents are. Howland, formerly correspondent at Mafeking, who was put over the Transvaal border, telegraphing from Lourenco Marques, Sunday says: "Judging from the talk I have had with the Boers, the end of the war will come in a month or six weeks. At the British hospitals in Bloemfontein deaths from fever average from 8 to 10 daily."

BRITISH ADVANCE.

Pretoria, Saturday, May 12 (Via Lorenzo Marques).—A war bulletin has been issued here, announcing that the British are advancing against the Federals at Helpmaaker and Tonders Nek. The Burgheers this morning attacked Mafeking.

The telegraphist at Malope says, that heavy rifle and cannon fire was heard before 6 o'clock today, and that a Kaifal location was in flames within an hour and was totally destroyed.

A meeting of 350 Afrikaner women, yesterday, it was resolved to ask the Government for arms and ammunition, and to suggest that they do the work of the men officials in town, who, they declared, "ought to be fighting at the front." The resolution was carried unanimously.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Recta Fistula, he could be cured by a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Sold in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by Dr. STONE.

FOR CAPE NOME.

The Salem & Nome Society held another meeting last night, at which plans for the trip to the gold fields were discussed. The matter of the Nome beaches being granted to syndicates came up, and J. H. Fletcher, president of the society, was instructed to send the following telegram, which was duly forwarded: "Defeat any bill that would deprive miners the rights of free mining the full beach at Nome." P. Wynne, B. C. Ward and A. G. Roberts were elected as additional members of the executive committee. The meeting was an interesting one and was well attended.

Let me say I have used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and can thoroughly recommend it for what it claims. Very truly, (Rev.) H. W. Hathaway, Elizabeth, N. J.

I tried Ely's Cream Balm, and to all appearances am cured of catarrh. The terrible headaches from which I long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. G. Gen. Buffalo, N. Y.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts. or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

There is again under consideration a plan for establishing a telegraphic circuit of the earth by uniting Alaska with Siberia across the Bering strait.

An English physician writes in the Lancet that he believes the time is approaching when the study of diet will do away with the need for most medical and surgical treatment.

Although the Prussian government authorizes many lotteries every year, a poor laborer was fined in Frankfort-on-the-Main the other day for raffling a few articles at a country inn.

It is not a little strange that Ballarat, the first town in Victoria after the metropolis, was until a few years ago absolutely free from rats. Hence the

name. Baal (native "no, nothin") a rat.

Statistics have lately been compiled with the object of showing how the birds of this country are thriving. In only three states—North Carolina, California and Oregon—are the birds holding their own.

The Philadelphia college of pharmacy, which held its 70th annual commencement recently, is said to be the oldest institution of its kind in the world, antedating a similar college in London by 10 years.

In Guatemala a resident has patented an apparatus to prevent ships from sinking, having folded air reservoirs from the ceiling of the different compartments, to be unrolled and inflated to fill the compartment when the ship leaks.

From Manila to Australia is "like going down a river, for one is out of sight of land only two days." The voyage lasts 21 days, but the course is through the South Sea islands, which accounts for its resemblance to river navigation.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe convulsing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—John E. Clifford, Proprietor, Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem, Or.

TWO TEACHERS RESIGN.

The board of directors of the Salem schools will on Saturday evening of this week elect teachers and janitors for the ensuing year. It is understood a caucus, or at least an agreement, has been reached by a majority of the board relative to the selection of teachers and that the ratification of the successful candidates. There will be at least two new teachers to elect, inasmuch as Mrs. Earl Race and Miss Alice Temple, of the present corps of teachers, have placed their resignations in the hands of the board. Other resignations may be filed before Saturday.

DEFAULT AND DECREE.

Judge R. P. Boise held a brief session of the second department of the state circuit court for Marion county yesterday, when the following order was entered of record: Mark S. Skiff, plaintiff, vs. Gertrude Savage, defendant, foreclosure; default and decree.

A LICENSE ISSUED.

C. A. Barger and Mary E. Feller yesterday secured a marriage license from the county clerk, upon the affidavit of Jordan Purvine.

I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to tell about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease.—J. W. Lynch, Dorr, W. Va. This remedy is sold by F. G. Haas, Salem, Or.

CAPTURED IN ALBANY

JEFFERSON STORE AND POSTOFFICE BURGLARIZED SATURDAY NIGHT.

Wm. Thurman Arrested Sunday, Charged With the Crime—Waived Examination and Held to Circuit Court.

On Saturday night the general merchant store of Smith & Jones, at Jefferson, in which is established the postoffice, was burglarized. Wm. Thurman, a well-known character throughout the valley, was placed under arrest at Albany on Sunday, charged with the burglary. Thurman was yesterday arraigned before Justice S. T. Johnson at Jefferson. He waived examination and in default of \$300 bonds, was committed to the county jail, pending the convening of the June term of the Marion county circuit court. Thurman was brought to Salem yesterday afternoon by Constable W. L. Jones, and placed in the county jail.

The store was entered from the rear, a window being forced open. All of the tills were broken open and their contents scattered upon the floor. Between \$16 and \$18 in mutilated coins, in denominations ranging from five cents to one dollar, were taken together with \$2 of gold money, all nickles, and about \$1 in coppers. No goods from the store have been missed. A number of stamps and a lot of pennies in the postoffice were not disturbed.

When the burglary was discovered Sunday morning, police officers at Albany and Salem were communicated with by telephone, with the result that a suspicious character, giving his name as Wm. Thurman, was arrested in Albany about noon Sunday by the night-watchman, A. McClain. When arrested Thurman was disposing of the mutilated coins to the best advantage. He protested his innocence of the crime with which he was charged and related a tale that was calculated to win for him the sympathy of every auditor, but it failed. He implicated that some "mysterious other fellow" that is invariably figuring in such cases and who can't be failed. He implicated. Some given any credence.

Thurman is suspected of having been implicated in numerous burglaries that have been committed in the valley during the past year and with his arrest and detention it is expected there will follow a cessation of these depredations.

BY A BLAST.

Wallace, Ida, May 14.—W. H. Sutridge and Paul Peshkur, two miners, were killed in the Frisco mine, today, by the premature explosion of a blast.

A MISSIONARY AT WORK

DIRECTOR CHAS. LONG WILL DISCUSS SITUATION WITH GROWERS.

White Majority Favor Pooling Crop, the Necessary 75 per cent of Acreage. Is Not Yet Represented.

A majority of the prune growers of Marion county favor perpetuating the organization of the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest. But the percentage of the growers who have already become a party to the agreement does not represent the required 75 per cent of the acreage which is deemed essential to make the organization effective.

In view of this condition, Chas. Long, of Silverton, one of the directors of the Cured Fruit Association as it is now constituted, is making a personal canvass of the prune-growing sections of the county in the interest of the movement. Mr. Long was in the city yesterday afternoon en route on a canvass of the Southern part of the county. Last evening he went to Liberty, where he addressed the growers, thence he goes to Rosedale, Turner, Marion and Stayton. Although considerable less than the required 75 per cent of the acreage in this county has been pledged towards securing the permanent organization of the association, Mr. Long thinks there is little doubt but that the growers of Marion county will fulfill their part and pool 75 per cent of the acreage in the proposed association. Mr. Long is conducting a sort of campaign of education among the growers, to whom he explains in detail the plans contemplated by the proposed association.

Mr. Long figures that the prospect of a reduced crop should be a further incentive to the organization of the growers. A partial crop could be more easily and profitably handled, argues Mr. Long, than could an unusually heavy crop. And, again, by organizing this year, the association could substantially establish itself in commercial circles and be in every way prepared to handle the crops of succeeding years.

O. S. Pomeroy, of Woodburn, a prominent Marion county farmer, was in the city yesterday. He says there has been ample rain for fruit and grain in fact he says sunshine is now equally essential. The bright warm rays of old Sol are needed to bring out the wheat which has not made much progress during the past two weeks.

Speaking of fruit prospects, Mr. Pomeroy says, there are practically no Italian prunes in his section, while there will be a heavy crop of Petites. The early varieties of apples are not doing well, but the fall and winter apples never looked better. There will be a full crop of strawberries and all varieties of small fruit. A continuation for any great length of time, of the rain of the past few weeks, would prove disastrous to the strawberry crop which is now promising an enormous yield. Continuing rains would have caused the strawberries to rot upon the vines before they could mature.

Asked regarding hops, Mr. Pomeroy said that for the crop is all right. He says the acreage in the north end of the county will be about the same as that of last year, and predicts that the yield will be equally as large as that of last year. While some yards have been plowed up near Woodburn, the acreage thus destroyed will be supplied by the large number of yards that were planted in the winter and spring of 1899-00, are just coming into bearing.

A FINE PRESENT.—Paul H. Hauser, who is employed at John Maurer's bicycle repair shop, was the recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain on Saturday, a present from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, it being the 21st anniversary of his birth. Paul is very proud of his watch, and he is also very proud of the fact that he will be able to vote at the coming election. Of course, he will vote the straight Republican ticket.

STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY.

David Pugh, who suffered an apoplectic stroke on Thursday evening, is lying very seriously ill at his home in this city, corner of Union and Winter streets. Mr. Pugh is 68 years of age and an old pioneer having crossed the plains and located in this county, early in the 40's. Mr. Pugh's symptoms were yesterday reported favorable but the patient is not yet out of danger.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

General Bristow to Take Charge of Cuban Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 14.—Postmaster General Smith, after a protracted interview with the President, today announced that Jos. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, will proceed to Havana next Wednesday, to take charge of the postal affairs of Cuba. The Postmaster General declined to say whether or not Director of Posts Rathbone would be suspended. It is said, however, that the fact that General Bristow will assume these duties, does not necessarily indicate that Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service.

STRIKE IN ST. LOUIS.

One Company Makes a Settlement with Its Employes.

St. Louis, Mo., May 14.—There were important developments in the street car strike situation today. At the conference, held between officials of the Suburban Railway Co., the only system not controlled by the St. Louis Transit Company, and the employes of that road, an amicable adjustment was effected, and the men will return to work tomorrow morning. On just what basis the strike was settled could not be learned tonight, but it can be positively stated that the union received full recognition. It is said that the settlement of the strike on the Spbrban presages the adjustment of the differences between the Transit Company and its 3,000 striking employes in the near future.