

## NAVAL BILL WAS PASSED

### Amendment Authorizes the Secretary of War

## TO PURCHASE SUBMARINE

### Torpedo Boats in His Discretion Appropriating Money Therefor

### SENATE TOOK RECESS WITHOUT CONCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY—NEVADA LEGISLATURE PASSED EIGHT-HOUR LAW—QUAY IS HONORED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Senate met at 11 o'clock today, but spent only an hour and twenty minutes in open session. This time was devoted to routine business and the passing of bills of no great general importance. Senator Bailey, by vote of the Senate, secured a consideration of the Sigsbee Passport Bill, which has been the subject of much controversy, but a vote on the measure was not reached.

### Naval Appropriation Made.

Washington, Feb. 19.—At the end of a protracted session the House today passed the Naval Appropriation Bill. The most important amendment adopted was one to authorize the Secretary of the Navy in his discretion to purchase or contract for submarine torpedo boats after an investigation of their merits, and appropriate \$5,000,000 for that purpose. The amendment was in the language of the bill introduced by Hull of Connecticut, and it was stated on the floor that it had the support of all the members of the Naval committee. It was adopted practically without debate.

### Senate Took a Recess.

Washington, Feb. 19.—At 11 o'clock tonight the Senate, without concluding the consideration of the Panama Canal Treaty, took a recess until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

### Passed Eight-Hour Law.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 19.—Both Houses of the Legislature today passed an eight-hour bill. The measure provides that the working hours in all mills, mines and reduction plants shall not exceed eight hours for any one force of men.

### In Honor of Quay.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 19.—The New Mexico Legislature this evening passed a bill creating "Quay county," in honor of Senator Quay's fight for Statehood.

### Tillman Refused Bail.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 19.—Former Lieutenant Tillman was this afternoon refused bail on the conclusion of the hearing of his appeal for a release on bond. Tillman is held on the charge of murdering Editor Gonzales.

### MAN LEFT TWO WIDOWS.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 19.—Two women, each declaring herself to be the legal wife of Thomas C. Davenport, a Philadelphia produce dealer, who died in a hospital here Monday night, have called at the morgue to claim the body. With them came attorneys to look after the interests of each. All the diligents were referred to Prosecutor Lloyd, who advised them what

course to pursue. One of the women, who gave her name as Mary Ann Davenport, claims to have been married to Davenport in 1865. She was divorced from him twelve years ago, the divorce being a conditional one. Davenport, however, after visiting several of the Western states, was married and took up his residence in Collingswood, N. J. It was finally decided to keep the body subject to the orders of Mrs. Alice Davenport, or the wife with whom the man had been living up to the time of his death. It is said Mary Ann Davenport's claim was made in the hope that she and her children might share in the estate, which amounts to about \$50,000.

## SHE WAS DUPED

### KANSAS CITY GIRL MARRIED THE FORGER SHE THOUGHT WAS A NOBLEMAN.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—The man serving a six months' term at the city work house, who lived here for some time as "Lieutenant Colonel F. Seymour Basington, a member of the British nobility," and married a lady of Kansas City, who believed his story of wealth and title, was today identified as Geo. Barton, a noted English criminal. A photograph of Barton received from Scotland Yard completed the identification, and finally the prisoner admitted it, too. Barton said: "The crime that I committed in England is atoned for. I have served my time and am out on a forged pardon, as has been stated, and the records there will show it." Barton was arrested several weeks ago, after an encounter with the brother of Wilhelmina Cochrane, of Kansas City, whom he had duped into marrying him.

## IN A BAD PLIGHT

### SPOKANE SALOON KEEPER OPENLY OFFERS TO BRIBE UNITED STATES OFFICIAL.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—H. Peitras, a saloon keeper of Spokane, came to Seattle today and proceeding to the customs office, is alleged to have openly offered Inspector James P. Lavin \$400 if, in the future, he would wire him in advance when he intended starting for Spokane to investigate the women imported from France for immoral purposes. The offer, it is claimed, was repeated in the presence of two other customs officers. Peitras was placed under arrest and taken before Commissioner Kiefer, where he was bound over to the United States Court in \$1500 bonds.

## FATHER RECOVERS BOY

### ASTORIA MAN STANDS OFF MOB WITH GUN AND KIDNAPS STOLEN CHILD.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 19.—W. L. Martin, whose 5-year-old son was kidnaped by his wife from here a few days ago, recovered the boy at Kelso, Wash., yesterday afternoon by kidnapping him, and came from there to Astoria in a rowboat. In leaving Kelso with the boy a mob followed and attempted to take the boy from Mr. Martin, but he stood the crowd off until he reached the boat and started down the river.

## THE ADVANCE GUARDS

### OF HOMESEKERS ARRIVED IN EVERETT, WASH.—HOMES ON THE SOUND.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 19.—The first installment of homeseekers arrived last night. According to the railroad officials the majority of the homeseekers have already secured lands on Puget Sound. Following this advance guard, the homeseekers train will continue to April 20, when the excursion rate expires.

## THE SENATORIAL MUDDLE TO BE SETTLED TONIGHT

### Everything Said to Be in Readiness for the Final Coup Which Is Expected About Eleven O'clock or a Short Time After

### Senator Fulton Still Certain That He Will Be Elected While Others Say That If It Is Not Geer It Will Be One of Three Portland Men, Either Scott, Corbett or Bourne—The City Is Crowded With People

### THE TWENTY-FOURTH BALLOT

FULTON	33
GEER	27
WOOD	17
WILLIAMS	6
SCATTERING	5
ABSENT	2
TOTAL	90

If the resolutions which have been adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives are put into effect, the Twenty-Second Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon will conclude its business and will have been a thing of the past after the hour of 12 o'clock tonight, but the question which is still paramount in the minds of the people is "who will be the next Senator to represent them in the United States Senate to succeed Hon. Jos. Simon?" This question has been the most difficult to decide as has any which have been before the Legislature and to anyone who is not on the inside of the situation it is still a very deep and aggravating mystery which, it is hoped and has been promised, will be settled tonight. Speculation is rife on the subject and there does not seem to be any two people who entertain the same views. One man will declare positively that Senator Fulton will be the man; another is equally as positive that it will be Geer; another H. W. Scott; another H. W. Corbett; another Jonathan Bourne; another Malcolm Moody; another Supreme Justice F. A. Moore, and still another, Jos. Simon, and even Hon. R. D. Hume's name is still mentioned in ominous whispers.

Whoever it is to be it is pretty safe to say that the majority of the legislators are pretty well aware and that, when the proper moment arrives, at a given signal, the trap will be sprung and the thing will have been accomplished before anyone is aware of it. It is pretty generally supposed that an understanding has been arrived at long ago between the opposing factions, to Fulton and, it is understood that, notwithstanding the claims of the Fulton adherents, the next United States Senator will be either Hon. T. T. Geer, or a Portland candidate, and that honor rests between either H. W. Scott, H. W. Corbett or Jonathan Bourne Jr. Whoever it is to be, the people have not long to wait, for everything has been definitely arranged for the final coup, which, it is thought, will occur about or shortly after the hour of 11 o'clock tonight. Meetings of all kinds were held last night by the Fulton forces, the Geer and the Multnomah forces, and although no definite information could be obtained as to the result, it is conceded that everything is all fixed.

Jonathan Bourne was more active last night than he has been at any time during the session and, it is said, that lod after lod of edibles and drinkables, (and even more substantial stuff was hinted at), was being taken to the State House last night in order to have it on hand tonight, when he will make the effort of his life to capture the prize. There is no doubt but that there will be an immense mob of people to witness the closing and crowning act of the session and it will no doubt be the greatest crowd in the Hall that has ever assembled before and much difficulty will be experienced in getting in and out of the Hall.

A very large crowd of people gathered in the Representative hall yesterday to hear the vote for Senator. When the name of Mr. Nottingham was called on the joint ballot, he arose and addressed the assembly about as follows: "Until a few days ago I have been voting for the same candidate for United States Senator, and have been guided in doing so by what I thought to be right. I now wish to change my vote for a stalwart of the stalwart Republicans, and I regret he is not a resident of Multnomah county. "He has the greatest interest in the fishing and lumber districts of the state and comes from near the sounding sea. (Great applause by the Fulton supporters.) He is not to blame for coming from the part of the state that he does, and I may be censured by some of my constituents for what I am about to do, but I am fully able to bear the blame on my own shoulders. I wish to vote for Hon. (pause) R. D. Hume." Following Mr. Nottingham's vote the applause was deafening, and only in crossed when President Brownell broke the gavel in trying to restore order. After the roll had been completed and before the vote could be announced, Mr. Hodson changed from Williams to Geer. Senator Smith of Multnomah also changed to Geer. In changing his vote he said in substance as follows:

"I feel that it is time for me to yield to the influences of my friends in casting my vote for Senator. I do not believe in flippancy voting for Senator, and with one exception have voted for one man up to this time. I feel there is no chance to elect Mr. Williams, and I wish to cast my vote for the choice of the people who is gaining in favor every day. I wish to change my vote for T. T. Geer."

For the first time in history, the appropriation bills from the Ways and Means committee of the House, passed both houses in their entirety, without even a single item being cut out or altered. One bill known as the "Special Claims Appropriation Bill," had rather a stormy voyage, and once it was thought a rock had been struck in the Senate, when Senator McGinn made a fight against the claims made by the pursuers of the outlaws Tracy and Merrill. This breach was healed, however, but the Senators seemed determined that Oregon should own no executive mansion. The clause providing for the purchase of the E. N. Cooke house for \$14,500 was stricken out and the bill referred back to the committee on Ways and Means.

Under strong pressure they inserted the purchase clause again and reported favorably to the Senate, where the bill was passed. It is a matter of conjecture now, and considerable apprehension for the bill is felt, as to its safe voyage through the hands of Governor Chamberlain, who is known personally to oppose the executive mansion house.

The only House bill to come up for passage in the House yesterday afternoon was that introduced by Mr. Carnahan, which provides for the laying out, establishing and constructing and improving and re-locating county roads. This bill consumed two hours and a half of the time of the House, when under consideration as a committee of whole, on Wednesday evening, and no opposition developed yesterday when it came up and it was passed by a vote of 44 ayes and 14 absent and voting no.

### SENATE.

(Morning Session.)  
Called to order at 10 a. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hornschuch.  
H. B. 216, La Follett, to repeal scalp bounty law; passed. Mays, Smith of Umatilla, Steiwer, and Williamson, voted "no."  
H. B. 349, Malarkey, to change fees in counties of 50,000; first reading.  
H. B. 339, Committee on Fisheries, relating to license fees of salmon canners; first reading.  
H. B. 363, Ways and Means, for payment of claims against the state; passed. Kuykendall, McGinn, Miller, Smith of Umatilla, and Wade, voted "no."  
S. J. M. S. Mays, to Congress asking for improvement of Columbia river below Celilo; adopted.  
H. B. 364, Orton, to establish a free ferry at Sellwood; advanced to third reading and passed.

### First Reading of House Bills.

H. B. 6, Banks, to amend code.  
H. B. 44, Binkley, to protect stock raisers.  
H. B. 85, Bilyeu, to compensate Indian War Veterans.  
H. B. 107, Phelps, for better method of taxation and assessment.  
H. B. 123, Eddy, to amend code.  
H. B. 128, Shelley, in regard to the foreclosure of mortgages.  
H. B. 158, Davey, to provide for criminal prosecution.  
H. B. 179, Carnahan, to amend code.  
H. B. 204, Judd, to amend code.  
H. B. 218, Test, to amend code.  
H. B. 225, Webster, for fish ladder at Oregon City.  
H. B. 233, Hodson, regulating the employment of brakemen.  
H. B. 254, Reed, to provide for the recording of assignments.  
H. B. 256, Ginn, for sale of school bonds.  
H. B. 260, Hahn, to amend code.  
H. B. 265, Wheelon, regulating the running at large of stock.  
H. B. —, Hale, to amend code.  
H. B. 296, Bilyeu, fixing salary of the Linn county superintendent.  
H. B. 304, Hodson, providing for issuing bonds.  
H. B. 317, Emmitt, to create prosecuting attorney district.  
H. B. 318, Hume, to fix salary of the superintendent of Curry county.  
H. B. 319, Judiciary Committee, to amend code.  
H. B. 327, Malarkey, for ferry at Portland.

H. B. 328, Davey, to amend charter of Salem.  
H. B. 331, Hodson, to amend code.  
H. B. 344, Malarkey, to amend code.  
H. B. 347, Malarkey, for deputy coroner in Multnomah county.  
H. B. —, Miles, to amend code.  
H. B. 366, Galloway, to fix salary of clerk in Yamhill county.  
H. B. 277, Shelley, to amend code.  
Second Reading of House Bills.  
H. B. 161, Kay, to assess bank stock; Banking.  
H. B. 256, Ginn, for the sale of school bonds; Education.  
Third Reading of House Bills.  
H. B. 269, Orton, to amend code; failed to pass.  
H. B. 270, Orton, relating to the purchase of paper by the State Printer; postponed.  
H. B. —, Davey, changing name of Reform School to Industrial School; passed.  
H. B. 325, Herrman, to amend code; passed.

### SENATE.

(Afternoon Session.)  
Called to order at 2 p. m.  
H. B. 221, Robbins, relating to the sale and purchase of stock; passed.  
H. B. 38, Herrman, to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioner for Southern Oregon Agricultural Society; passed. Miller voted "no."  
H. B. 262, Hines, to amend the charter of Forest Grove; passed.  
H. B. 14, Orton, for a commissioner of Labor; passed. Farrar voted "no."  
H. B. 22, Reed, relating to county commissioners; passed.  
H. B. 130, Davey, indefinitely postponed.  
H. B. 251, Hayden, relating to county road master; passed. Brownell and Mulkey voted "no."  
H. B. 213, Simmons, to protect sub-contractors; passed.  
H. B. 264, Eddy, relating to the levying of school tax; passed.  
H. B. 50, Booth, for protection of forests; the veto of the Governor was sustained. Croisan, Daly, Dimick, Farrar, Hobson, Howe, Miller, Mulkey, Pierce, Smith of Umatilla, Sweek, Wade Wehring, voted to sustain the Governor.  
H. B. 296, Bilyeu, to fix salary of the superintendent of Linn county; advanced to third reading and passed.  
H. B. 318, Hume, to fix salary of the school superintendent of Curry county; advanced to third reading and passed.  
H. B. 218, Hahn, to amend charter of Astoria; passed.  
H. B. 85, Bilyeu, to provide for the compensation to Indian War Veterans; referred to committee on claims.  
H. B. 270, Orton, relating to the purchase of paper by the State Printer; passed.  
H. B. 198, O'well, to regulate the manufacture and sale of foods and drinks; advanced to third reading and passed. Miller voted "no."  
H. B. 6, Banks, to amend code; read second time and referred to Judiciary.  
H. B. 344, Malarkey, relating to surety companies; advanced to third reading and passed.  
H. B. 331, Hodson, relating to Port of Portland; advanced to third reading and passed.  
H. B. 366, Galloway, to fix salaries of clerk of Yamhill county; advanced to third reading and passed.

### HOUSE.

(Morning Session.)  
H. B. 267, Gault, amending charter of Hillsboro; read three times and passed.  
S. B. 9, Wehring, changing boundary line of Washington and Columbia counties; reconsidered and passed.  
Under H. R. 22, permitting each member to call up one Senate bill, sixty Senate bills were read first and second times and placed on calendar for third reading. Only a few bills were referred to committees.

### HOUSE.

(Afternoon Session.)  
Concurred in the amendment of the Senate providing an appropriation of \$14,500 for the purchase of the Governor's mansion.  
H. B. 280, Carnahan, to provide for laying out, establishing, constructing, improving and relocating county roads; passed.  
H. C. R. 31, Eddy, providing that a committee of three from each house to frame rules for the admission of the public at the joint assembly on Friday night; adopted. Chair appointed Eddy, Cornett and Riddle.  
S. J. M. S. asking aid from United States Government in the matter of improving the lower Columbia river; concurred.  
S. B. 186, Rand, to create eighth judicial district out of Baker county and appointing judge and district attorney therefor; passed.  
S. B. 192, Smith of Multnomah, to prohibit sale of explosives to children; passed.  
H. C. R. 32, Committee, provides for the sale of pilot schooner San Jose to the Oregon Bar Pilot Association for \$100,000, to be used for service at the mouth of the Columbia river; adopted.  
S. B. 140, Miller, fixing salary of the

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## IN INTEREST OF BELGIUM

### Charge d' Affairs on Way to See Minister Bowen

## TO EFFECT SETTLEMENT

### Of Claim of 13,000,000 Francs and Other Valuable Concessions

### FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS GIVEN FULL POWER TO DRAW UP PROTOCOL WITH MINISTER BOWEN—QUEEN WILHELMINA WILL NOT APPOINT UMPIRE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Ferdinand Vanderheld, Charge d'Affaires of Belgium to Venezuela arrived here today on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm. He is now on his way to Washington to see Minister Bowen and will try to get a settlement of the claim of Belgium against Venezuela. These claims, Vanderheld said, are 13,000,000 francs and the continuation of the construction of the water works at Caracas by Belgian engineers. He hopes to conclude the treaty with Minister Bowen.

### Given Full Power.

Washington, Feb. 19.—M. Jessorand, the French Ambassador, called on Secretary Hay today regarding the French protocol which he is soon to draw up with Bowen. The Ambassador has been given the entire liberty in the drafting of this document and called on Bowen to announce the fact this afternoon.

### Wilhelmina Will Decline.

London, Feb. 19.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague, telegraphs that he learns that it is most unlikely that Queen Wilhelmina will accept the task of appointing an umpire in the arbitration of any of the powers' claims on Venezuela.

### An International Demonstration.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 19.—The czar's attention to Ambassador McCormick and Mrs. McCormick is the subject of Court comment, and is interpreted as an international demonstration of friendship of the United States.

## THE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

### EACH TEAM OF THE NORTHWEST LEAGUE WILL PLAY 120 GAMES.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 19.—President W. H. Lucas, of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League, stated today that the season is slated to begin April 25. The schedule calls for five games per week, or 120 games in all for each team. Spokane and Tacoma will play sixty games at home; Butte and Helena, fifty on their home grounds, while Portland and Seattle, where fighting is expected, will have seventy games at home. It is expected the season will open in Spokane, Seattle or Portland. The Butte or Helena team will play here, while Tacoma will probably play at Seattle for the opening contests.

### Main Point at Issue.

New York, Feb. 19.—Mutual respect for the contractual and reservation rights; uniform playing rules, a board of arbitration, consisting of an equal representation of the National Association on one side and the two major leagues on the other—these are the main points that the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues will insist on in the coming conference between the National and American Leagues regarding the drawing of new National agreements.

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## THEY BACKED OUT

### SEATTLE GRAND JURY MADE BIG BLUFF ABOUT PROSECUTING OFFICIALS.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—The grand jury today considered the advisability of indicting certain city officials for permitting gambling to exist in the city in violation of their oaths of office. A heated discussion was indulged in, with the result that the matter was held in abeyance.

## Great Reductions On Men's Overcoats

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