# LONG EXPECTED BREAK HAS ARRIVED AT LAST

## Hon. T. T. Geer Strengthened His Flock by Nine Votes From the Invulnerable Multnomah Delegation and One From the Fulton Fold

### Both Senator Fulton and Ex-Governor Geer Have Unbounded Confidence and Hopes for Success---The End Is in sight Although It May Not Come Until the Last Hour---Geer Will Secure Fourteen of Multnomah Delegation Today.

**TWENTY-SECOND BALLOT**

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| FULTON | 33 |
| GEER | 25 |
| WOOD | 15 |
| WILLIAMS | 6 |
| SCATTERING | 6 |
| ABSENT AND PAIRED | 5 |
| TOTAL | 90 |

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The vote in the joint assembly yesterday was anything but tame and unsensational, as it has been much of the time heretofore. No changes were looked for and calling of the roll brought forth some great surprises. When the roll call reached Representative Cobb, he voted for Geer in a loud plain voice. The chief clerk was so astonished that he could not believe his ears, so he called Cobb's name again but got the same response. The lobby by this time understood what had happened and applauded loudly.

As different members of the Multnomah delegation voted for Geer, the applause increased at each succeeding vote, and when Senator McGinn voted for Geer the people went wild with applause. When the name of Paulsen was reached and he voted for Geer, there was no controlling the people for a while.

When the vote was completed it was found that nine of the Multnomah delegation had voted for Geer, and that Paulsen had left Fulton for him. When Paulsen voted for Geer, President Brownell was so worked up that he could hardly contain himself, and his disapproval was plainly noticeable and he seemed wholly unnerved for a time. The vote yesterday looks very encouraging for Mr. Geer, and it seem quite probable that other members of the Multnomah delegation will vote for him today.

The long-looked-for and predicted break in the situation, however, has come to pass and it only remains for a little time to do the rest, for, since it has come there is nothing that can prevent its progress.

This condition has been expected for some time, and, although it could not be said as to exactly when the break would transpire, it was thought that it would take place either yesterday or today.

From the present situation it is still impossible to state into whose hands the plum is going to drop as all contestants are equally confident of their success and neither will acknowledge even the slightest weakness not to say defeat.

The Fulton forces held another caucus in President Brownell's room yesterday afternoon, but what transpired within the portals, beyond numerous outbursts of applause, it is not possible to state, but it is the first conference of the forces which Mr. Fulton has attended in person for long time, and some interesting developments are anticipated. Nothing could be learned as to what was decided upon, but every member of the support was very jubilant over something.

The Geer supporters also held an important meeting yesterday and "have decided to hold out steadfastly to the last with every hope of being successful in the end." A committee was appointed, however, composed of Senators Steiwer, Mulkey and Croisan and Representatives Judd and Whealdon, in whose hands the campaign has been placed and who will guide the support in the fight to the finish. Whether this committee has been endowed with the power to confer with like committees from the other factions could not be learned.

When the final ballot will be taken it is a hard matter to say, but it is an almost assured fact that an election is certain to take place, but whether today or at the last hour remains to be seen. The nine members of the Multnomah delegation who voted for Geer yesterday will remain with him today, and it is said that the number will be increased to fourteen today, but although this could not be confirmed it is said to be true nevertheless.

It is also said that the Multnomah candidate is about ripe to be sprung, and it may occur at any day.

The vote yesterday stood as follows:

**For C. W. Fulton.**

Booth, Both, Brownell, Carnahan, Carter, Cornett, Dimmick, Eddy, Edwards, Emmitt, Farrar, Gault, Ginn, Hahn, Hale, Hansbrough, Harris, Hawkins, Hermann, Hines, Huntley, Kuykendall, La Follett, Marsters, Miles, Phelps, Purdy, Rand, Riddle, Shelley, Smith of Yamhill, Webster, Williams—33.

**For Geer.**

Burgess, Cobb, Croisan, Daly, Danneman, Davey, Gill, Hayden, Hobson, Holman, Howe, Hodson, Hutchinson, Johnson of Grant, Judd, Kay, McGinn, Mulkey, Myers, Nottingham, Paulsen, Reed, Simmons, Steiwer, Whealdon—25.

**For C. E. S. Wood.**

Bilyeu, Blakley, Burleigh, Cantrall, Galloway, Kramer, Miller, Murphy, Olwell, Pierce, Robbins, Sweek, Test, Wade, Wehrung—16.

**For George H. William.**

Bailey, Fisher, Jones of Multnomah, Mays, Smith of Multnomah—5.

For Malarkey—Banks, Orton—2.

For B. L. Eddy—Hume—1.

For M. C. George—Hunt—1.

For Hermann—Jones of Lincoln—1.

For Mills—Malarkey—1.

Absent—Adams, Claypool, Fulton, Johnston of Wasco, Smith of Umatilla—5.

Total—90.

President Brownell, pursuant to a resolution offered by Senator Kuykendall, yesterday afternoon, appointed Senators Kuykendall, Hobson and Miller as a committee to consult with the Attorney General and Secretary of State and investigate the claims of the Indian War Veterans, look up the Governmental records and prepare a bill of claims to be presented to the next Legislature. The resolution carries an appropriation of $1,000 with which to carry on the work.

Yesterday, President Brownell called Senator Mulkey to the chair in order to introduce a resolution, the substance of which was to authorize the Secretary of State to appoint two private soldiers and one commissioned officer to revise the history of the Second Oregon's campaign in the Philippines. In support of the resolution he said that the history compiled by Adjutant General C. U. Gantenbein was not in any sense a correct history and did not do justice to the private soldiers.

The book, he said, was a history of what the officers had done, but said not a word of the many brave deeds performed by the private soldiers. He severely criticized Adjutant General Gantenbein, and believed that the book should be revised so as to give credit where credit belonged. Senator Brownell was warmly seconded by several other members of the Senate, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

SENATE.

(Morning Session.)

Called to order at 10 a. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. John Parsons.

S. C. R. 25, McGinn, to authorize the Lewis and Clark commission to issue fac simile of "Beaver Coin" to be for sale; adopted.

S. C. R. 26, McGinn, to authorize the Regents of Agricultural College to make agricultural exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

S. C. R. 27, McGinn, to authorize the Lewis and Clark commission to issue fac simile of Jefferson medal.

S. C. R. 28, McGinn, to allow a certain medal in possession of Secretary of State to be loaned to Historical Society.

H. B. 227, Galloway, to regulate the sailor boarding houses; read second time and referred to Municipal Corporations.

S. B. 207, Committee on Assessment and Taxation (substitute for 82), to create office of state examiner of public offices and officers; read third time and passed.

S. B. 236, Croisan, to amend charter of Jefferson; advanced to third reading and passed.

H. B. 166, Hawkins, to incorporate Falls City; passed.

S. B. 14, Mays, in regard to stealing bicycles; the veto of the Governor was sustained.

H. B. 73, Shelley, (amended), to license warehousemen; read third time and passed. Steiwer, Williamson and Mulkey voted "no."

S. R. 22, Brownell, in regard to the history of the Second Oregon in the Philippine campaign, asking that a correct history be published; adopted unanimously.


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H. B. 300, Test, to fix salaries of officers of Malheur county; passed.

H. B. 36, Nottingham, to protect the birds and their nests; passed.

H. B. 27, Reed, in regard to Port of Portland; passed.

S. B. 221, Croisan, by request, to amend charter of Salem; passed.

S. B. 202, Rand, to appoint time and place of holding terms of the Supreme Courts; passed.

S. B. 204, Pierce (substitute for 153), in regard to appointment of state land agent; passed. Marsters, McGinn and Wade voted "no."

SENATE.

(Afternoon Session.)

Called to order at 2 p. m.

S. B. 215, Sweek, by request, to prohibit photographers from working on Sunday; Judiciary.

S. B. 224, Kuykendall, reducing the appropriation to the Oregon National Guards; Military Affairs.

S. B. 15, Sweek, to define duties of executors and administrators; re-referred.

S. B. 137, Sweek, regulating the sale of liquors; passed.

S. B. 177, Kuykendall, relating to the health officer and boatman at Astoria; passed.

S. B. 1699, Rand, by request, to provide for the manner of organizing corporations; failed to pass. Reconsidered and made a special order for Wednesday.

S. B. 203, Myers, by request, relating to location of mining claims; failed to pass. Fulton voted "yes."

S. B. 107, Mulkey, providing for the adjudication of bills and claims against the state; passed. Daly voted "no."

S. B. 225, Committee on Game, (substitute for 54), for portection of game; passed.

S. C. R. 29, Kuykendall, for the adjournment of the session at 12 o'clock, midnight, February 20; adopted.

H. B. 361, Ways and Means, for the maintenance of state institutions; read first, second and third times and passed. Miller and Wade voted "no."

H. B. 362, Ways and eMans, to provide for the expenses of the state government; advanced to third reading and passed.

H. B. 256, Ginn, to facilitate the sale of school bonds; first reading.

H. B. 14, Orton, creating the commission of labor; read second time and referred to Judiciary.

**Second Reading of House Bills.**

H. B. 55, Nottingham, relating to the committing to Reform School; Penal Institutions.

H. B. 206, Shelley, to extend provision of Australian ballot law; Elections.

H. B. 213, Simmons, to protect subcontracts; Judiciary.

H. B. 232, Murphy, relating to the salaries of county treasurers; Counties.

H. B. 226, Orton, relating to the hours of electing; Election.

H. B. 269, Orton, to amend the code; Printing.

H. B. 270, Orton, relating to purchase of paper by the State Printer; Printing.

H. B. 343, Kay, to repeal section 259 of the code; read third time. McGinn moved to indefinitely postpone. The motion was lost, 20 to 9. McGinn then moved that bill be re-referred to Judiciary; moton was lost. The bill was then passed. Daly, Johnston, McGinn, Miller, Myers, Rand and Sweek voted "no."

HOUSE.

(Morning Session.)

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Kantner, of Salem.

**Special Orders.**

H. B. 275, Shelley, to dispense with advertising of delinquent tax lists; for 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

H. B. 163, Kay, placing all state officers on flat salaries; for 8 p. m. Tuesday.

H. B. 361, by Ways and Means committee, providing for payment of expenses and maintenance of state institutions; considered in committee of the whole, with Eddy in chair; passed.

H. B. 362 and 363, the other two appropriation bills were also passed, after the appropriation for purchasing an executive mansion had been eliminated from the bill.

**Third Reading House Bills.**

H. B. 196, Harris, providing for taxation of all corporations; under consideration.

HOUSE.

(Afternoon Session.)

H. B. 196, Harris, to tax corporations and creating state board of appaisers; failed to pass.

**Special Orders.**

H. B. 329, Joint Committee H. C. R. 18 to authorize and direct the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer to negotiate for and procure lights for state institutions; adopted and passed.

H. B. 99, Davey, regulating rate of taxation of corporations; made special order for 2 p. m. Wednesday.

H. B. 342, Eddy, relating to convict labor of the state; special order for 11 a. m. Wednesday.

**Third Reading.**

H. B. 267, Miles, to provide an additional circuit judge for Third judicial district; indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 225, 338, 339, made special order for 3 p. m. Wednesday.

H. B. 6, Banks, relating to form of denials in pleadings in civil cases; was passed.

H. B. 204, Judd, to provide for the taxation of costs; passed.

H. B. 231, Davey, making appropriation for State Board of Agriculture; passed.

H. B. 233 (substitute), regulating employment of brakemen on railways; passed.

H. B. 130, Davey, compelling attendance of children at school; passed.

Adjourned until 7:30.

# THE SENATE HAS AGREED

## At Least, the Republicans, to Continue Consideration

## OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY

## In the Future Until the Treaty Shall Be Finally Disposed of

REPUBLICAN SUPPORTERS OF STATEHOOD BILL AGREE NOT TO ANTAGONIZE MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION — LITTLEFIELD AND SULZER CLASH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Republican Senators held a caucus today and decided to have the Senate continue the consideration of the Panama Canal Treaty tomorrow and in the future until the treaty shall be disposed of. This result was reached after an hour and a half discussion of the legislative situation in the Senate. The conclusion reached was unanimous.

The understanding is that the Statehood Bill does not lose its advantageous position in the order of business when the Senate is in executive session. The Republican supporters of the Statehood Bill agree not to antagonize a motion for an executive session to consider the Canal Treaty, nor to make any objections to the prolongation of such sessions to any extent necessary to secure its ratification.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The House today began the consideration of the Naval Appropriation Bill under the operation of the rule which made the new legislation relative to the increase of the personnel of the Naval Academy in order. The general debate on the bill was without special feature. Littlefield and Sulzer had an interesting clash before the Naval Bill was taken up, the former charging the latter with having perverted the record.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Senate today agreed to a conference on the Army Appropriation Bill. The discussion of the Statehood Bill was resumed and Depew continued his remarks in opposition to it. Toward the end of the session Teller declared that himself and the country had been insulted by some of Depew's references to the unequal representation in the Senate.

## TRAFFIC BLOCKADED

SEVEN PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAINS SNOW BOUND IN WYOMING.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 17.—The worst blockade of the winter was in force today on the roads entering Cheyenne. A strong wind filled all the cuts and the trains have been unable to move. Seven passenger trains and a number of freights are snow bound on Sherman hill. From Cheyenne east the Union Pacific and the Burlington are experiencing great difficulties. A high wind is sweeping the ranges of snow and the stock will not be able to get feed.

## STRUCK BY TORNADO

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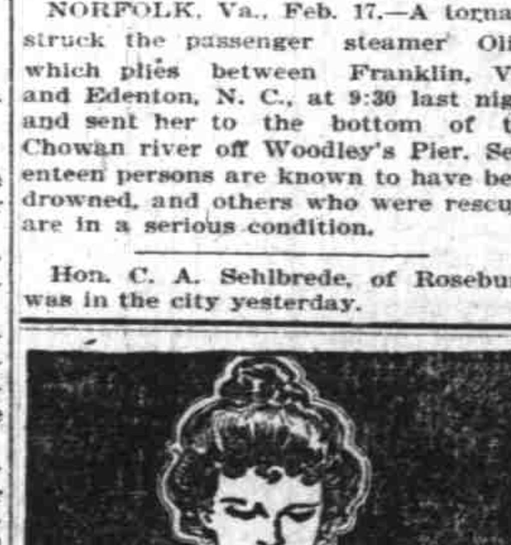
NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 17.—A tornado struck the passenger steamer Olive which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 last night and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan river off Woodley's Pier. Seventeen persons are known to have been drowned, and others who were rescued are in a serious condition.

Hon. C. A. Sehlbrede, of Roseburg, was in the city yesterday.

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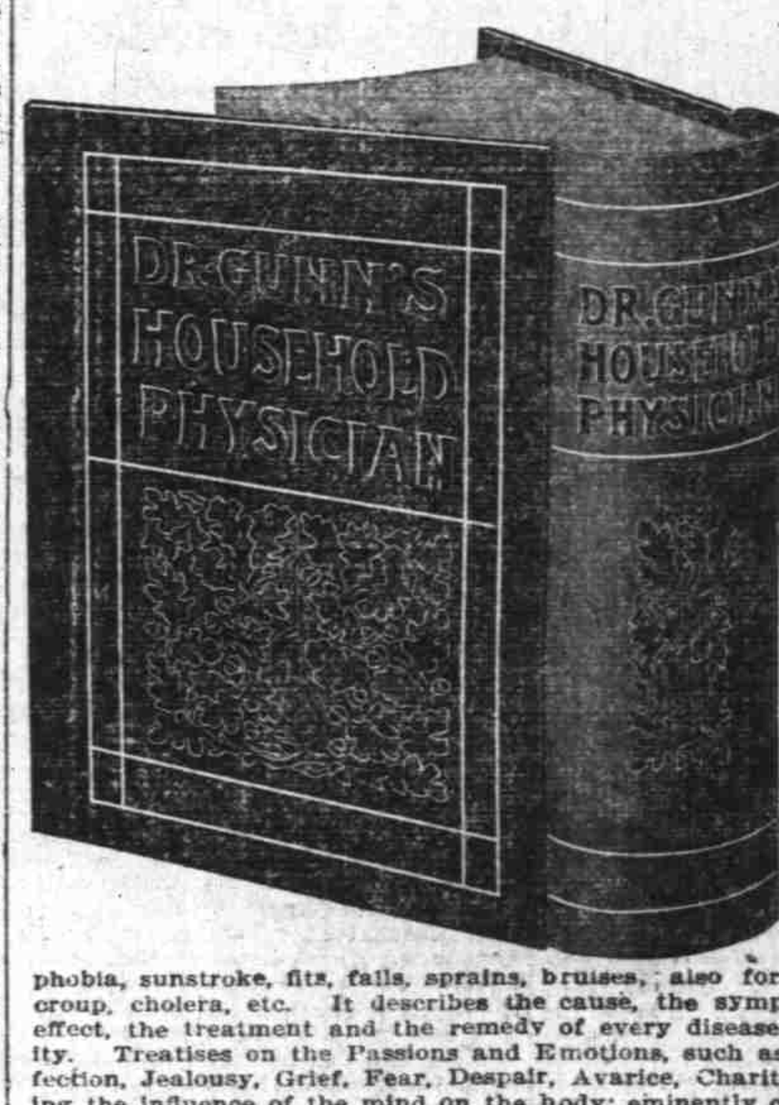


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