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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Caffrey Calls Up the Corbett Case. THE ANNEXATION DIFFICULTIES. Presidential Nomination and Other Matters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the senate a bill repealing the act granting American register to the steamer Claribel and others, was reported and passed.

Germany's order prohibiting the importation of American fruits called out a resolution from Davis, chairman of the committee of foreign relations, calling on the president if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate correspondence and other information bearing upon the matter in his possession.

In accordance with notice previously given, Caffrey called up informally the resolution declaring H. W. Corbett, is not entitled to a seat in the senate from Oregon. Caffrey spoke in support of the committee report against seating Corbett.

Caffrey presented an extended legal argument in support of the resolution presented by the majority of the committee on privileges and elections. He contended that the legislature of Oregon, which met in January, 1897, was duly and properly organized under the constitution of the state.

On going to press no vote had been taken. IN THE HOUSE. In the house, consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill was resumed.

During the afternoon further advice were received from Ambassador White as to the nature of the decree by the German government prohibiting the importation of American fruit.

Among the nominations sent by the president to the senate were the following: Harry Bailey, receiver of public moneys, at Lakeview, Or.; Commodore Charles S. Norton, to be rear-admiral; William F. Luddington, assistant quartermaster general, to be brigadier general and quarter-master-general.

GUS WACHLINE HANGED.

HILLSBORO, Feb. 4.—Gus Wachline was hanged here at the appointed hour. Everything went without a hitch, his father being present and taking charge of the body. He made a short talk and said I am innocent of the crime of which I am convicted. I ask Lord Jesus to take me as I am. The body hung seventeen minutes, when it was pronounced dead. It was a big day for Hillsboro.

Upon examination it was found that Wachline's neck was not broken, but he was literally strangled to death. Everything was arranged by Sheriff Bradford to carry out the death sentence. The death warrant was read to Wachline about an hour before the execution, which was arranged to take place at 12 a. m. The scaffold was located in an enclosure 30 x 40 feet joining the sheriff's office.

A raised passageway led from one of the front windows of the office to the scaffold. The rope used to hang Wachline was a new one bought expressly for the occasion. The one loaned by the sheriff of Marion county, which has been seen several times, was not used.

Repeive. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 4.—Governor Budd granted Salter D. Worden awaiting execution at Folsom prison for participating in the wrecking of the overland train in Yolo county in 1894, another reprieve until June 17 of this year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Greater New York central committee of the Social Democracy of America has sent an appeal to Governor Budd, of California, for the pardon of Salter D. Worden.

Killed With a Shovel. BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 4.—J. H. Brandt and George Baum, employed at the smelter of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company got into a dispute early this morning at the works. Brandt called Baum a vile name, and Baum struck his adversary in the temple with a shovel. Brandt died. Baum is under arrest.

Cowboys and Cattle Thieves Fight. GREAT FALLS, MONT., Feb. 4.—Word reached here last evening of a pitched battle between cowboys and cattle thieves west of Glasgow, near the Dakota line. One of the thieves is reported dead and the cowboys are in pursuit of the other members of the gang, who have crossed into Dakota.

The Mother Lode. SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—There are at least two men who believe the mother lode of the great placer diggings, of the Klondike, has been found, and so firm are they in this conviction that they explained to a newspaper correspondent at Fort Selkirk, on December 24, that they were at the best part of the way out of the frozen wilderness to tell the story of their find to those who sent them to the Northwest.

It is alleged that the discovery of the mother lode by these two men was made known to only a few people in Dawson, but the entry of a claim way up on the mountain where Hunker creek has its source, was a matter of public record. Of the discovery, Hyde says: "The quartz we found is the richest I ever saw, and the world will be astounded when all the truth becomes known."

Inaugurated. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Cable dispatches from the Herald correspondent in Managua state that President Jose Santos Zelaya took the oath of office yesterday for his second term. In his message to congress President Zelaya referred in glowing terms of the prospect of a realization of the canal scheme, and pledged himself to exert every effort to bring the work to a successful issue.

BLANCO OUTWITTED.

Garcia Too Alert for the Spanish Fox. BLANCO'S FAILURE EXPLAINED. The Cuban General Arrests His Wavering General.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Official statements which will soon be published are to the effect that the reason that General Blanco was not successful in securing General Rabi's surrender was that General Rabi had been arrested by General Garcia and stripped of his rank because it was feared he would surrender, says the Havana correspondent of the Herald. General Rabi's brother, it is reported, had been arrested by order of General Garcia for the same reason.

Spaniards Outwitted. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—According to the Havana correspondent of the World, Spanish soldiers have not found the body of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz. When Arangueren was killed, says the correspondent, the insurgents who knew the spot where Ruiz was buried opened the grave and left in it this note: "Excuse us, but Ruiz' body is not at your disposal."

Murder Avenged. BERLIN, Feb. 4.—It was announced here in a dispatch from Kiau Chou that the murderer of Schultz, the sentry killed while on duty, has been executed after a trial by the Chinese court.

The New York Journal which the Oregonian and other gold standard papers have been quoting so much because it was fair enough to allow a discussion in its columns as to the most prominent candidate of the Democrats for the presidency in 1900 and in which controversy some one attacks Mr. Bryan, is also fair enough to state in a leading editorial what it thinks of the so-called great speech of President McKinley at the great, rich banquet the other night.

Bombay Exodus. BOMBAY, Feb. 4.—Quarantine barriers are being established in all towns against the Bombay exodus. Lord Sandhurst, the governor, fearing that the plague will increase rapidly in a few weeks, and that through the penning up of the large population, a panic is likely to develop, issued an ordered inviting those affected to remove themselves and their families to a camp on the islands across the harbor.

JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

L. Goldie has broken the record at Dawson City. He recently lost \$18,400 in a single evening. The middle-of-the-road Populist is all right as a man of Principle. But steered by a revenue politician he's all wrong. Mark Hanna sleeps, eats and lives in the White House.—Exchange. Well, what of it? Don't he own it? Who's got a better right? Col. Jim Eddy for U. S. senator! We imagine the raw vermilion blush suffusing the colonel's cheek as he steps up to receive his commission.

A young woman who wants to sell herself for gold would be apt to hunt around for someone besides an old broken down Union army veteran drawing \$8 a month pension. If you wish to know the "intrinsic" value of gold, just ask a Klondike gold digger who has a barrel of dust, but is obliged to dine off the stewed hide of his defunct dog.—Medford Mail. Wm. Courtney, of Fossil, took 800 sheep to Klondike and sold them for \$1.25 a pound. That was a fat take. He has returned with a small sized fortune.—Albany Democrat.

The old soldiers who were ranked up and who marched in the McKinley processions in 1896 didn't hardly expect the president of the Republican clubs to be slapping them in the face about pensions. But then he's only doing that as a candidate. The Republican party should send this telegram to the great leader and revered ruler of the nation, Hon. Mark Hanna: "Convention of Republican clubs sends greetings; gold, the Republican party and God still reign in Oregon."

T. T. Geer has talked a great deal about the riffraff, ragtag and bobtail who are not Republicans. But when he faced them at the Portland convention his soul shrunk to the size of a peanut, his heart jumped into his small intestines and his tongue was paralyzed. Evangelist Ross has had great success with his revival meetings at Eugene. There were 140 conversions, including some prominent citizens and county officials. If Mr. Ross can convert county officials, he ought to come to Salem at once. We should like to see him tackle Judge Terrell.—Fletcher's Independent. What's the use? Judge Terrell is already a good Republican.

Were Gov. Lord a boarding house keeper, he might possibly reach the conclusion that the best interests of the state—and Lord—would be served by an extra session of the legislature. His being a politician would completely dispel any such idea, to our mind.—Exchange. Governor Lord has one redeeming feature. He is not a politician. The Southwest Oregon Reporter, published in Curry county, edited by

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Hon. J. H. Upton, the well known Populist leader, says: "A people's, democratic, silver Republican ticket can be nominated. It would be entitled to a place on the Australian ballot, because that was the designation of the party in the Bryan campaign."—That is the only ticket can go on legally except by petition. Senator Mitchell owns not only the Republicans of Clatsop county but part of the Democrats, Col. Grates for instance, and now that he is to hold his state convention there he will be able to have it fixed just to suit him. He is in the east raising funds for the coming campaign and with the aid of these funds, the control of all the federal appointments in Oregon and the control of the Republican organization he hopes to carry Oregon for the gold standard and re-seat himself in the U. S. Senate. Will the people of Oregon submit?

A very rich strike of gold is reported in the Bohemia district in Lane county, and at Cottage Grove great excitement is said to prevail. It is claimed that a foot of a 9.15 foot ledge goes \$30,000 to the ton and the remainder \$500. The find is on property belonging to Jennings Bros. and Bruno. Such reports need to be taken with a good deal of allowance. If as stated Klondike wouldn't be compared with Bohemia and Cripple Creek would not be mentioned.

The large attendance and enthusiastic interest in party work exhibited at the Portland league convention evidences this. There were 2,019 delegates, including proxies, present. These delegates were the representatives of 289 Republican clubs, with a membership of 39,698 Republican voters. Six counties were not represented, and the representation from the others was only approximate.—Eugene Register. Yes; you elected delegates enough to represent 22,500 voters in Multnomah county alone.

THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN—Will soon be here but the grocery campaign at Branson & Co's., has been going on for several years past. They have established an enviable record for furnishing a superior quality of goods to those handled by their competitors. Call at the New York Racket and supply yourself with rubber boots and shoes, Long leg Boston boots \$3, Bay state long leg \$2.50, mens Bay state overs 50c.

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