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MULTNOMAH MAKES BLUFF

Gives Geer Nine Votes, but in the Fullness of Time Will Take Them Back.

PAULSEN TRIED TO MAKE HIT

All Realize That Election of Senator Is Near at Hand and Candidates Get Ready for the Fight.

Salem, Feb. 17.—Today was sensation day for the legislature when the joint ballot for United States senator was taken. T. T. Geer, sometime governor of the state of Oregon, and at present seeking to represent said state as senator at Washington, received 25 votes for that high office creeping up within a possible 2 of C. W. Fulton, who still retains the lead.

The increase was occasioned by nine Multnomah men and one Paulsen going over to the ex-governor. The vote now stands as follows:

Fulton	.....	33
Geer	.....	25
Wood	.....	15
Williams	.....	6
Scattering	.....	6
Paired	.....	5

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—The Fulton leaders refuse to be dismayed at today's developments. If Geer should get all the Multnomah votes he would not be elected, they say, and, besides, he could not begin to get all of them. The Fulton forces held a meeting yesterday afternoon, the chief result of which is said to have been a determination to stand together and vote for Fulton to the end.

The Multnomah delegation also held a meeting last night. It lasted into the wee, small hours of the morning. As to the course decided upon, nothing has been announced, but this much is certain: Multnomah's organization is perfect, and whatever shall be done by any members thereof will be done by concerted plan and with the consent of the entire delegation. The climax of the senatorial contest is at hand. The final result may be delayed until the final day of the session, but developments of interest may be looked for daily from this time forth.

All is doubt and expectation in political circles at the capitol tonight. Up to 8 o'clock tonight no changes in the situation have occurred to indicate what the vote will be tomorrow. The change today came as a surprise to many, yet it was known by leaders in the fight that some Multnomah men would change to Geer.

The Multnomah delegation has agreed to stand ultimately for Multnomah man if practicable, the vote for Geer today being taken as a step in the consolidating of the anti-Fulton forces.

The change of Paulsen from Fulton to Geer is perhaps of more consequence than the change of the nine Multnomah men, for Multnomah votes are not believed to be for Geer except as a means to an end. The opposition to Fulton is seeking for a man upon whom they can agree and who can be expected to draw strength from Fulton.

The senate this afternoon passed the Mulkey bill to permit Indian war veterans to bring suit against the state to recover their claims for service under the territorial government.

Harris' corporation tax bill was defeated in the house. The house this evening passed Kay's flat salary bill to take effect January 1, 1905, fixing flat salaries as follows: Governor, \$5000; secretary of state, \$5000; state treasurer, \$5000; attorney-general, \$3000; chief justice of the supreme court, \$4000; associate justice, \$4000.

NO EXECUTIVE MANSION

Salem, Feb. 17.—There will be no executive mansion for the governor of the state of Oregon. The house decided that matter this morning by a vote of 26 to 24 when, on motion of Gault the appropriation of \$14,500 for the purchase of the E. N. Cooke residence was stricken from the appropriation bill. This action was taken more largely on the statement of Governor Chamberlain that he would not occupy the residence than for any other reason. It was the general sentiment that it would be bad policy for the state to spend this money, especially if the house would be vacant.

TO MEET IN CALIFORNIA.

Methodist Book Committee Has Decided on Plan of Conference.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Methodist Book committee has decided that the next meeting place of the next quad-

rennial conference of that body shall be held at Los Angeles in May, 1904. Methodists in all countries, numbering over 2,000,000, will be represented in the conference by 750 delegates. A member of the committee said that until just before a decision was reached all believed that the conference would meet in the east, but a bonus of \$10,000 was offered by the California city, and that decided the committee. The total cost of holding the conference, it is said, will be nearly \$100,000.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

American Schooner Searched by Honduran Marines and Captains Held.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Charles Kuttler of Dubuque, Ia., has arrived here from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, with the news that he and a party of 10 business men of Cleveland, O., and other cities had been held, temporarily, as prisoners of the government of Honduras, says a dispatch to the Tribune from New Orleans. The party was on an American schooner, bound for the mouth of the Patuxa river to look after timber and fruit land investments.

Off the north coast a Honduran iron clad gunboat stopped the schooner, put a number of sailors on board and searched the ship for contraband goods.

"While a band of soldier-sailors were going through our clothes and others confined themselves to searching the schooner, a platoon of the crew of the gunboat stood on the deck of the boat with rifles leveled at us," Mr. Kuttler said. "We had to throw up our hands and when the searching was over we were taken to Puerto Cortez as prisoners of war. We were finally released after experiencing many hardships."

The commander of the gunboat attempted to smooth the matter over by inviting Kuttler and his party to a luncheon at his plantation across the bay from Puerto Cortez. He also entertained them on board the warship.

OFFICERS MAKE RAID

Questionable Concerns in St. Louis Are Rooted Out and Officials Are Arrested.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—Raids were made today upon the offices of the National Securities company and International Investment company. Perry Smith recently secretary and Charles H. Brooks supposed to be manager of the National Securities company, were placed under arrest and later were released on bonds.

At the International Investment company's one Anderson was found in charge. He was subpoenaed as a witness before the grand jury, but during the inspection of the books and papers of the concern, Anderson escaped from the officers.

Thousands of dollars, supposed to be in letters which have come from Arnold & Co., since last Thursday will be returned to the persons who sent them although they will probably go through the dead letter office first.

DONATED BY MISS ANTHONY.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Susan B. Anthony has just sent to the congressional library at Washington a large number of valuable books, autograph letters and scrap books. This literature was all valuable matter to Miss Ida Hausped Harper and Miss Anthony in writing the life of Susan B. Anthony and the history of woman suffrage. It will be needed no more by them, and so Miss Anthony has sent it to the congressional library, where an alcove has been made ready for it which will be known as the Susan B. Anthony alcove.

BILL TAXING COAL.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 17.—The lower house of the Wyoming legislature has passed a bill taxing the gross output of coal mines, despite strenuous opposition. The vote was 40 to 5. A similar measure had been twice defeated in the house. It is freely predicted that the bill will meet its death in the senate.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Reverend Thomas Vernon Robinson is dead in the Paulist house in this city, aged 63 years. He belonged to a well known southern family. In the Civil war he was in a battery of artillery in General Lee's army. After the war Father Robinson became a convert to Catholicism.

PLAYER REINSTATED.

Cleveland, Feb. 17.—J. F. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland Ball club, is authority for the statement that Napoleon Lajoie will play with the Cleveland team in Philadelphia the coming season. Heretofore Lajoie, Bernhard and Flick have been barred because of a decision of the Pennsylvania courts.

REPUBLICANS HOLD CAUCUS

Decide That Panama Canal Treaty Be Considered Until It Is Disposed of.

STATEHOOD BILL SAME PLACE

Senators Arrive at an Agreement Whereby Different Measures Before Body Will Not Conflict.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Republican senators held a caucus today and decided to have the senate continue the consideration of the Panama canal treaty tomorrow and in 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 is that the statehood bill does not lose its advantageous position in the order of business when the senate is in executive session.

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 objection to prolongation of such sessions to any extent necessary to secure ratification.

REPRESENTATIVES CLASH

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house today began its consideration of the naval appropriation bill under the operation of a special rule. 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 a perverted record.

TELLER FEELS INSULTED

Washington, Feb. 17.—The senate today agreed to the conference of the army bill, a discussion of the statehood bill was resumed and Depew continued his remarks in opposition to it. Toward the end of the session Teller declared himself and his country had been insulted by some of Depew's references to the unequal representation in the senate.

SPEAKER ISSUES CHALLENGE

Legislator at Olympia Did Not Like Ruling and Pretty Near Got Swatted.

Olympia, Feb. 17.—During all of today the lower branch of the legislature fought over the railway commission bill, and the result was the taking of the bill out of the committee of whole and voting down the recommendation of that committee to indefinitely postpone. The bill is now at the foot of the house calendar for second reading, and commission men who have a majority of the house intend the passage of the bill shall take place regardless of the fact that a duplicate has already been killed in the senate. At the noon adjournment the tension in the contest over the bill was the most pronounced.

Lewis of King county took exception to the ruling by Speaker Hare and as the house adjourned made way to the desk and pronounced the ruling as crooked work. Speaker Hare sprang from his chair with evident intention of striking Lewis, but was dissuaded by his friends, although he continued to challenge Lewis to come outside and settle the difficulty. Lewis declined the challenge and the trouble subsided.

SEVENTEEN DROWNED

Tornado Strikes Passenger Steamer and Sends Her to the Bottom of the River.

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.

WYOMING WEATHER.

High Wind Blows Ranges Free of Snow Relieving Starving Stock

Cheyenne, Feb. 17.—The worst blizzard of the winter was in force today on the roads entering Cheyenne. A strong wind filled all the cuts and trains were unable to move. Seven pas-

senger trains and a number of freight trains are snowbound on Sherman hill. From Cheyenne the east Union Pacific and Burlington are experiencing great difficulties. A high wind is sweeping the ranges of snow so the stock will be able to get feed.

MUNITIONS FOR GOVERNMENT.

Venezuela Gunboat Leaves Caracas for Unknown Point.

Caracas, Feb. 17.—The Venezuelan gunboat Miranda, which the German warships tried to capture in the lake of Maracaibo and which was the cause of the shelling of the fort San Carlos by the German vessels, has sailed from here with 1200 men and 2,000,000 rounds of cartridges on board for a destination which was not announced, but is believed to be Tucucals, where the troops will be landed to assist the government in crushing the revolution.

The revolutionists near Tucucals received during the night of February 12, 300 boxes of ammunition, which were landed on the coast by the schooners Augusta and Prinzessess from the island of Curacao.

OLD BANK GOES OUT.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—The Mechanics' National bank, one of the oldest financial institutions in Philadelphia, has just gone out of existence. About 15 of the few remaining stockholders met and ratified the action of the directors in transferring the business to the Girard National. Most of the banks' stock was sold last month and 4229 shares were represented at the meeting. The Mechanics' National bank was organized in 1810 and was in operation until the beginning of the present year.

PREPARE FOR BLIZZARD.

Rawlins, Wyo., Feb. 17.—Another storm has set in and the indications are that it will be as bad as the storm of last week. Sheep men are having huge sleighs built with which to haul hay to the range with which to feed, as the feed on the desert is nearly buried under deep snow.

BERKELEY MAN PROMOTED.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 17.—Joseph B. Davy, instructor in botany at the University of California, has been appointed chief agriculturist and botanist of the Transvaal government at an initial salary of \$5000 a year and expenses.

EDWARD VII DOES STUNT

Parliament Was Opened Yesterday in London by a Speech From the King.

ARMED YEOMEN ACT FOOLISH

Ancient Customs, Plumed Lords and Robed Royalty Make Gala Scene for the Curious Populace.

London, Feb. 17.—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and surrounded by the court and all the officers of state, opened parliament this afternoon.

Early in the morning the vaults of the houses were searched for imaginary conspirators, as usual, by the yeomen of the guard, carrying ancient lanterns and useless halberds.

The king and queen reached the Victoria tower through the Mall, the horse Guards and Whitehall. All the great officers of state, in varied uniforms, were assembled at the royal entrance of the house of the peers to receive the king. The procession, which was identical with that of the previous similar ceremony, formed and headed by the pursuivants and heralds, marched to the robing-room, their majesties being immediately preceded by the sword of state, carried by the Marquis of Londonderry.

After the robing the procession reformed and with a blast of trumpets, advanced to the peers' chamber, the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, preceding their majesties with the imperial crown, which he carried on a cushion. The king then seated himself on the throne with the lords bearing the cap of the maintenance and the sword of state standing on his right and left. The queen sat on the left of the king and the prince of Wales on her right.

The members of the house of commons were then summoned, and on their ar-

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