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## WASHINGTON.

**Contractor George Refuses to Disclose His Evidence of Bribery,**

**By Which Means the Texas Pacific Land Grant was Pushed Through Congress.**

**Conkling Points out a Bourbon Trick in the Adjournment Resolution.**

### GEORGE, THE CONFESSOR.

**Special Dispatch to The Bee.**  
WASHINGTON, May 19, 4 p. m.—George, the individual who claims that he can prove the Texas Pacific land grant was secured by wholesale bribery of senators and congressmen in 1871, has been interviewed by two members of the house committee to which he addressed his letter, a king for an investigation. Not much was learned by the representatives in relation to the nature of his evidence, and another conference will be held with him soon. George is denounced by the Texas Pacific as a spy in the service of Huntington, of the Southern Pacific and a blackmailer, and by some politicians as an employee of the Grant crowd, with instructions to create a suspicion that Blaine was interested in crooked transactions, which he professes to be able to disclose.

### NOMINATIONS.

The president has nominated Horace Maynard, postmaster general; James Longstreet, minister to Turkey; David W. Key, United States district judge for the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee.

**CHICAGO, May 19—4 p. m.—**The journals Washington special say: The house adjournment resolution was taken up in the senate to day and referred to the appropriation committee. Conkling diverted attention that the resolution was joint and not concurrent one, and would require the signature of the president. He would not question anybody's motives, but it looked to him as though the resolution was purposely drawn so as to make the president partly responsible for the adjournment of congress and for the failure to enact important legislation.

**THE HOUSE**  
has passed the agricultural appropriation bill. Both houses will adjourn to enable members to attend the boat race.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

**Special Dispatch to The Bee.**

**Senate.**  
WASHINGTON, May 20—1 a. m.—The Spofford-Kellogg case was taken up and Senator Butler addressed some time in relation to the resolution on the ground that there was no power to reverse the decision granted only rendered by the senate in this case.

The case was then laid aside and the marshal pulled, reportedly Senator Bayard, was taken up, and after discussing and without disposing of the bill the senate adjourned.

**HOUSE.**  
A bill was introduced by Mr. Loring to repeal that much of the treaty of 1850 relating to the Oregon territory. By the provisions of the bill duties "are to be imposed on all fish imported from Canada, and the money so received is to be paid to those fishermen who were driven from the Franks Bay by the Newfoundland fishermen referred.

An effort was made to take up the tariff bill, but all propositions were defeated, and the house took a recess until 7:30 o'clock.

### STUPENDOUS SELL.

**The "Great" Hanlan-Courtney Race Turns into a Funeral Procession.**

**Courtney Damned For Selling Out Soliloquizes "Hop Bitters My Lot."**

**Graphic Description of the Biggest Seal in Sport—Hitting Circles.**

**Riley to Row Hanlan on Next Wednesday.**

### Everything in Readiness.

**Special Dispatch to The Bee.**  
CHICAGO, May 19—4 p. m.—The journal's Washington special says:

The Hanlan-Courtney race is the overshadowing topic of conversation to-day and but little interest is manifested in the proceeding of congress. The weather is all that could be desired and there will be no drawback on this account. Neither Hanlan or Courtney were in view this morning. A report that the latter was suffering from headache has created much excitement, and resulted in shaking the confidence of his backers. His physician says he is all right and in good condition to row, and Referee Blasie says the same thing. Many people believe Courtney is shamming, and that he is going to perpetrate a surprise and win the race.

Betting is in favor of Hanlan by large odds. The city is filled with strangers, and arrangements have been so well made that every person will be enabled to see the race who desires to. It is expected a start will be made at about 4:15.

Hanlan will row Trickett, the Australian oarsman, on the Thames in October.

At the request of both Hanlan and

Courtney the race has been postponed till 5:30, on account of the heat.

### Race.

**WASHINGTON, May 19—10 p. m.—"Stupendous fizzle," "grand sell," "gigantic sell." These are the exclamations one hears on every side to-night concerning the outcome of the Hanlan-Courtney race. One hundred thousand people are talking of the performance, and on all sides there is nothing but indignation and disgust. It would be ridiculous to call it a fair race, for it was more like a funeral procession. One man rowed leisurely over the course, one man came up looking very pale, had for a moment a convulsive shudder, fell himself behind, gave up the race, paddled two miles in a dejected, painful sort of fashion, and then paddled more slowly and dejectedly back to his boat house. That is the story of the race in a nutshell. All interest in the race was exhausted after one hundred strokes had been plied, and the race was over. Hanlan, who was in a boat of his own, rowed up to him, and the spectators of a sick man trying to paddle over a given amount of water against his will.**

The start was even and both men had run half a length of a mile. Hanlan pulled a long, clean sweep past the first man, and the second pulled thirty-two strong strokes in the first minute, but the strokethrough, strong had no place in them, and at the end of the first minute, it was evident that Hanlan was slipping ahead. A minute more and he had a pronounced lead of a length and the second man had given up the ghost. Call to Courtney for a spur elicited no reply save a doleful slowing of the head and a perceptible slowing of his stroke. Hanlan rowed on vigorously for perhaps half a mile and then, finding that Courtney was already beat, and he had a safe lead of three-fourths of a mile, he stopped again, was his head, and then turned around and paddled slowly back to his boat house. Hanlan meanwhile paddled the remaining distance, turning his buoy, and passing Courtney on the return trip and pulled let him to the starting point. 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