

TRUSTS ON TOP

They Win Their Point on Commerce Bill.

RESULT OF CONFERENCE

Interstate Commerce Commission Stays Where It Is.

IT IS HARMLESS TO RAILROADS

Standard Oil Satisfied—Senate's Program of Trust Legislation Complete—Elkins Bill Probably Kill Littlefield's in House.

The conference has agreed on the Department of Commerce bill, and the Senate is content. The amendment transferring the Interstate Commerce Commission to the new department was withdrawn by the House today, and that body will continue power, as at present.

ORGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 7.

The agreement of the conference committee on the Department of Commerce bill today, including the Bureau of Corporations, completes the program of anti-trust legislation so far as the Senate is concerned, the bill to expedite litigation and the anti-rebate bill having passed without debate earlier in the present week.

President Wants New Adviser.

President Roosevelt has been very anxious for the passage of this new department bill, and personally desires the incorporation of the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as the Bureau of Corporations, but rather than have the bill in danger of falling, was willing to compromise by having the commission omitted and the publicity feature retained.

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ACCOUNT FOR THE MONEY.

Keydall Sues for Reckoning on Sale of Pacific Railroad Bonds.

SALE OF PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS. Keydall vs. R. R. Co., et al., Administrators of the estate of Charles Durkee, deceased, today filed in the Federal Court a petition asking for an accounting from the administrators of all moneys derived from the sale of first mortgage bonds of the Pacific roads, the Central, Southern and Union, which were issued 23 years ago.

EXTENSION TO ST. JOSEPH

Southern Pacific Seeks Route for Line From Lafayette.

LA FAYETTE, Or., Feb. 7.—R. Koehler, manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad, came up to the Lafayette yesterday and looked over the town for the purpose of finding the best way to build the connecting line to the railroad from Lafayette to St. Joseph.

Discuss Rise in Freight Rate.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The merchants of this city today met last night to discuss the rise in freight rates between Portland and Oregon City.

Will Almost Double Capital.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—It is semi-officially stated that the proposed increase in the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad will be from \$23,000,000, the present capitalization, to \$40,000,000.

Deed to St. Louis Terminals.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—Harry DeHeur, secretary of the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association, today filed a deed of trust with the Recorder of Deeds for \$2,000,000 in favor of the Central Trust Company and William Taussig, both of New York City.

Whittier Papers Sold.

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Loubet Plans Route.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—According to the Chronicle's New Orleans correspondent the French colony there has received word that President Loubet, of France, will come to that city about May 15, 1904, on board a French man-of-war, en route to the St. Louis Fair. The idea is to retrace the steps of historic French discoverers, and to ascend the Mississippi River, as they did in years gone by.

FOR PATRIOT ANCESTRY.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—The announcement of the death of Rear-Admiral Wildes was received today with great regret by his many friends in this city. Being a native of Boston, as well as Commander of the cruiser Boston at the battle of Manila Bay, he has been looked upon for some years as one of the special representatives of Boston in the service.

File Articles of Bankruptcy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Schedules in bankruptcy have been filed by Cummings & Stockbridge, who assigned last July. The firm, which has large brewing interests, had offices here in addition to Hamburg, London, Brussels, Havana and other cities. The liabilities are \$1,777,185; assets, \$1,000,000. The assets are thought to be about \$100,000.

FOR DEEPER CHANNEL.

Port of Tillamook Commission Appeals to Captain Langhitt. TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Port of Tillamook Commission was held this afternoon, with President A. J. Cohn presiding. Mayor Talmage appointed T. B. Handley, B. O. Snuffer and Claude Thayer as members of the commission to serve six years.

Funeral of Senator Dawes.

ATSPFIELD, Mass., Feb. 8.—The funeral of the late Senator Dawes was held this afternoon. The commonwealth, the City of Pittsfield, the county bar and various societies were all represented, and all places of business closed. Flags were at half-mast.

BRAVE SHERIFF DIES

Bullet Fired by Lyons Proves Fatal.

REWARD OF \$1000 FOR OUTLAW

Wife of Murderer Is in Jail, Charged With Complicity—Aged Mother Under Arrest, but Too Prostrate to Be Moved.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Sheriff Withers died at Hale today at 11:22 A. M. The body was brought to Eugene, arriving at 9 o'clock this evening. An autopsy will be held tomorrow to locate the bullet. Elliot Lyons, the horse thief who shot Withers, is still at large. Lyons' wife was brought in today, arraigned and placed in jail.

BATTLESHIP OHIO IN THE GREAT DRYDOCK AT HUNTER'S POINT, CAL.

San Francisco has now at Hunter's Point the finest drydock in the United States, and one of the biggest and best in the world. It was officially opened last week to receive the massive hull of the United States battleship Ohio, which is rapidly nearing completion.

Supreme Court Will Likely Appoint Some Law Student.

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Temple Estate Admitted to Probate.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The estate of the late Congressman Thomas H. Tongue has been admitted to probate, there being no one who claims to be the heir, and no one who claims to be the executor. The estate is valued at \$70,000 and will be divided as follows: Widow, one-third; the balance share and share alike to the following children: Mrs. A. E. Roupier, Jacksonville; E. B. Tongue, Mary, Thomas H., Jr., Bertha, Hillsboro; Mrs. Frank Freeman, Portland, and Miss Florence, student at Pacific University.

Burial of Convict White.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The remains of the convict suicide, E. J. White, were given burial this afternoon in city View cemetery. Brief services were conducted at Rigdon's Chapel under the auspices of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. Relatives of the deceased man residing at Ranlon, Coos County, telegraphed instructions regarding the disposition of the body.

THE NEXT MOVE

McBride Not Through With Commission Bill.

DEMOCRATS WOULD FUSE

No Immediate Action Is Probable.

IT MAY REST FOR TWO YEARS

Fusion Obnoxious to Governor McBride, and He Will Stay With the Republicans.

The defeat of the McBride Railroad Commission bill has not weakened the faith of the Chief Executive in its ultimate success, and he will endeavor to make it the leading issue of the campaign two years hence.

Seattle Democrats are already talking of fusion with the McBride Republicans for the purpose of passing the bill.

Governor McBride is emphatically opposed to fusion, and will endeavor to pilot his pet measure to success as a straight Republican issue.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 7.—(Staff correspondent.)—The week just closing at Olympia has witnessed the beginning of the last act in one of the most interesting political dramas that ever held the boards in the State of Washington.

The railroad commission bill, which was dragged into the politics of the state and caused no end of turmoil at a time when every community was floating on the top wave of prosperity and utmost harmony prevailed in nearly all of the political camps, this week received its death sentence.

With the same degree of consideration shown by the fox when he inquired of the chicken as to the kind of dressing the latter preferred to be eaten with, anti-commission men granted their victims a choice of methods by which the final crimp was to be placed in their pet measure.

The McBride bill will not make its exit from the stage in an inconspicuous manner. The Mark Anthonys will be there in force, and they will come not only to bury Caesar, but to praise him as well.

But all of the glittering, dazzling, beauteous gems of oratory which will reverberate above the din of this trying, troublesome issue will not "let slip the dogs of war," and the commission bill will cease to be a factor of importance so far as the work of the Eighth Legislature is concerned.

McBride Will Not Give Up.

Now that the McBride bill has temporarily at least been lost in the political shuffle, speculation is being indulged in as to what effect it may have in state politics two years hence. Governor McBride, whose pugnacity and determination to bend everything to his will has earned for him the title "man with the iron boots," has not yet given up the fight.

In fact as has frequently been stated, he never gives up a fight. This characteristic of the Governor, together with the fact that the Republican party of the state has repudiated and undoubtedly will continue to repudiate the commission bill, has caused the circulation of rumors of a fusion movement two years hence.

From a Democratic standpoint, this would undoubtedly be a very wise move. The ranks of this party have become so badly thinned that it would be a case of everything to gain and nothing to lose by a tie-up with Governor McBride, and as much of his commission force as he could hold in line.

The Governor, however, has set at rest this rumor by a positive statement that he will not under any circumstances abandon the party with which he has so long been associated. All of his utterances on the commission bill matter have teemed with expressions of party loyalty and he proposes to continue his fight on present lines.

The Governor himself is not taking the general public into confidence as to his future plan of campaign. He was quoted in an interview last Summer as saying that unless the present Legislature passed a commission bill before adjourning, he would call an extra session before the members had time to get down to the depot. The strength of the anti-commission forces, however, proved greater than expected and there is now nothing to be gained by such a move.

The plan as now outlined is said to be a postponement of any immediate action of importance until near the time for the primaries, two years hence.

May Be Extra Session.

Then, unless something to change the programme happens in the meantime, an extra session will be called and a demand made that a commission bill be passed. It is a foregone conclusion that the result of the extra session so far as it affects the status of the commission bill will be nil. It will infuse new life into the issue, however, and will enable the Governor to go before the people and line them up for another such a fight as has just ended. The anti-commission men are not alarmed at the prospect and freely predict that it will be impossible to again force the obnoxious plank into the Republican platform. The disastrous experience of the measure in King County will linger long in memory as a warning against the folly of attempting to line up a railroad commission so that it would support an anti-railroad issue. Practically every county west of the Cascade Mountains is opposed to the McBride bill and in many of the counties east of

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