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TOM WALSH SLATED FOR SUPERINTENDENCY ON PROPOSED EASTERN OREGON DIVISION

RADICAL TARIFF BILL PRESENTED IN LOWER HOUSE

RAW WOOL ON FREE LIST WHICH MEETS SATISFACTION OF PRESIDENT.

REDUCTIONS ARE SWEEPING

Manufacturers "Will Have Hottest Competition on Their Hands and Must Build up Business Accordingly" Say Framers—Free Sugar With a Three Years Is Plan—Necessaries Are Low.

Washington April 7.—Marked by the most radical and sweeping reductions, but with the full approval of President Wilson, the Democratic administration tariff bill was introduced in the house today. The house met in special session at the call of the new president at 12:01 and the senate at 12:02. Good weather prevailed. In introducing the measure the framers said the time has arrived when the American manufacturer must meet the hottest competition and must develop their business along the best and most reasonable line.

Raw Wool Free.

The bill places raw wool on the free list, cuts sugar and provides for free sugar three years hence, cuts cotton prices, puts steel rails on the free list, slashes all iron and steel duties and either places on the free list or reduces to the minimum all duties on necessities of life.

Schedule K Butchered.

Schedule K is riddled. The duty on iron is reduced to 20 per cent and blankets to 25 per cent. Flannels are cut from 25 to 35 and dress goods nearly 100 per cent.

Lumber Schedules Riddled.

Lumber schedules show sawed boards on the free list except cabinet woods which are hard cut. Barrels are cut from 30 to 14 per cent. Duties on tobacco and spirits are still unknown. Other free list articles are knives; razors; scissor; sine wheat brand bread; eggs many meats; saddlery; lead.

FLUSHER TRIED OUT.

New Equipment for Street Cleaning Arrives and Is Being Tried Out.

The new street flusher which is intended to settle dust and otherwise keep the street clean, arrived today and is being given its tryout. The most striking phase of it is that it cleans a large area quickly and its effectiveness in all respects is being thoroughly tested this afternoon.

MRS. A. M. PAUL DEAD.

Funeral Services of Late Pioneer Citizen to Be Held Tomorrow.

Mrs. A. M. Paul, wife of Captain Paul, and for many years a respected citizen of this city died yesterday. Three sons are in the city to attend the funeral services which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the L. D. S. tabernacle. J. C. Paul, assistant fire chief at Salt Lake City, Jesse B. Paul, now of Pendleton and Logan Paul of this city, are the three sons who with the bereaved husband, survive. A daughter also survives.

MEN IN FOREFRONT OF LEGISLATIVE INTEREST IN EXTRA SESSION ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY IN WASHINGTON.



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SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK.



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THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

Speaker Champ Clark, Oscar Underwood, majority leader and John Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee are a trio of men who will get the credit and also the blame, if any is forthcoming, for what the coming extra session will do and how much it does. The capitol building is where President Wilson's first congress convenes.

Preacher Shovels Dirt to Help Hurry New Methodist Church Basement on Fourth

From the pulpit to the mucky dirt of the church-to-be basement is the transition that came over Dr. E. B. Fyke this morning—this morning bright and early—when he and other friends of the Methodist church of this city seized strong-heartedly at spades and picks and joined the contracting force in breaking dirt for the new \$25,000 Methodist church at Spring and Fourth. The first shovelful of dirt was turned this morning with Old Sol lending joyful approval, and if the winds of the Northland keep themselves in other quarters, the work will be rushed now to the very completion. A layman's campaign for funds to raise the subscription in hand to \$17,000 from its present height of \$14,000 approximately during this week was started last night. So anxious were the leaders and laymen to get the ground actually broken, that several office men and professional men, emulated the lusty pace of heaving dirt set by Rev. Fyke and at the expense of aching backs, hurriedly made deeper and wider the hole which eventually will be the basement of the costliest and most up to date Methodist church in Eastern Oregon.

Several women took turns at the shoveling out, too.

SERIOUS OUTCOME IN MONTENEGRO EMBROGLIO SEEN THROUGH EUROPE

London, April 7.—The concert in Europe is in danger of discord as the result of open defiance of its wishes by Montenegro in refusing to abandon the attack upon Scutari. Ambassadors are in almost constant informal conference and action of the great powers is problematical. The battle of Scutari is still under way. Dispatched from Kiel, Germany, say two German warships left that port to join the blockade at Antivari. This in London, is regarded as a

move which may prove inimical to the plan to force Montenegro's hand. Always distrustful of German tactics, the British public, through newspapers are beginning to openly express admiration of the daring of the Montenegrins and it is feared that once the idea that Germany is planning to "grab" becomes general it will force British public opinion and may compel the government at least to be lukewarm in its demands on Montenegro.

Christian Church Work Starts.

Work was started this afternoon by Ladd & Underwood, excavating contractors, on ground breaking for the Central Christian church the new location of which will be on Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street. The work will be rushed forward as rapidly as possible to make ready for the church to be moved from its present location on the corner of Depue and Washington. Excavating will

probably be finished in about ten days.

The new church will have a full basement, finished up with concrete floors and walls, containing a large assembly room under the auditorium and annex, a women's retiring room, fuel and heating rooms etc. Ladd & Underwood are the concrete contractors. The entire work is under the direction of Chauncey E. Bunting, architect.



OSCAR UNDERWOOD.



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BRIGHTON BAY CLAIMS 18 MEN

SEVERAL PORTLAND MEN DROWN AS BARK CAPSIZES.

German Bark Mimi, Tips Over and Drowns Eighteen.

Brighton, Ore., April 7.—Eighteen men were drowned here when the German bark Mimi which has been ashore for six weeks in the bay overturned Sunday morning after she was being pulled into deep water with the aid of a donkey engine. Two were the aid of a donkey engine. Twenty-two were aboard when she capsized, and four were taken off alive today. They are Captain Fisher of the Fisher Engineering company of Portland, the master of the Mimi and two sailors. Two dead bodies were washed to the vessel when found, and the other 16 were washed off when the boat went over. None of the bodies had come ashore at noon.

Among the drowned are: Captain Crowe of Portland, Russell Blackman of Portland, O. S. Estes of Brighton, Jack Fitzpatrick of Nebelam and Charles Stipp of North Plains, Oregon. The rest are German members of the crew and laborers. All attempts to reach the sinking vessel yesterday and last night were frustrated by heavy seas until today.

CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT NOW CERTAIN

WALSH'S COMING ASSURED FACT, BUT OFFICIAL WORD ON PLANS WITHHELD.

BIG PAYROLL TO GROW

Veteran Railroader Once Chief Dispatcher Here, to Become Superintendent of Ramored New Division—Senior Assistant and Various Other Assistants to Be Located in This City.

Thomas Walsh, veteran railroader in Eastern Oregon and for many years chief dispatcher in this city, will become superintendent of the Huntington to Umatilla divisions of the O.-W. with headquarters here. This has been authentically admitted as a fact in the oft-rumored consolidation of forces and centralization of department heads in La Grande making this city the greatest railroad center operatively and managerially, in the Northwest outside of Portland, Spokane and Seattle. While the actual official word ordering the change has not been said or at least not announced the established fact that Tom Walsh is coming here, makes no longer doubtful the proposed changes often recited in the Evening Observer on excellent sources, that the entire management, less the general managership, general superintendent and presidency, for the O.-W. and branch lines between Huntington and Umatilla are coming here. The offices that this change will bring to La Grande probably will be as follows: The superintendent, senior assistant superintendent, assistant superintendents in charge of transportation maintenance, mechanical force, road foreman of engineers and of dispatching. Some of these offices are of course here now, and in addition to these assistant superintendences are of course the regular heads of other departments already located here. No information as to what the new slate of assistant superintendents may be has been announced.

It is roughly estimated that the clerical forces coming here with the change will number about 25. The precise date of the change is not announced either but those familiar with the routine of railroad affairs predict it will come immediately after the end of the fiscal year, June 30. During the same month between 26 and 30 extra brakemen will be added to the payroll, swelling, all together the present payroll materially.

Tom Walsh is one of the best known railroad men in the Northwest. Before leaving for Spokane he was chief dispatcher here and had accepted the offers of Harriman offices in Spokane and while there has been superintendent of a large division in Washington.

No contradictory reports have been issued to the long-standing rumor that a portion of the new Foley building will probably be used to house some of the heads of departments to come here.

The winner of the first ball game in junior circles was defeated last Saturday by the Daisy Cadets with a score of 10 to 4. The Cadets owe their victory to the superiority of their pitcher, Rosenbaum, over the North side twirlers.

EXTRA SESSION MEASURES ARE OF IMPORTANCE

TARIFF, APPROPRIATIONS AND THE ISLANDS ON THE LEGISLATIVE SLATE.

NEW MEN HOLD CONTROL

Wilson Said to Favor Currency Laws New Men Control House and New Leaders in Tribe Only Recently Far in Background of Legislative Prominence—Ways and Means Committee Busy.

Washington, April 7.—All indications point to the consideration of several extremely important legislative matters in the forthcoming extra session of congress. First and foremost, of course, there will be the revision of the tariff; then there will be two appropriation bills, the discussion of an income tax, with probable provision also for an inheritance tax; the Panama canal tolls, discussion of Philippine independence and consideration of currency bills and of anti-trust measures.

To perform all these labors is a set of almost entirely new statesmen. The great body of men in the house have not been through the smoking battles of past experience, as had been their predecessors. But it appears that the representatives, by reason of the strong Democratic majority, will be in harmonious working order.

The Democrats have been in the minority for sixteen long years and will, of course, be a trifle unskilled in the active control of national affairs.

It has become quite clear from the expressed unanimity of the Democratic majority on most tariff details that the tariff will be revised downward in a substantial fashion. To the minds of Republicans who have fought for protection the reductions will probably seem radical, but to the extreme free traders of the Democratic camp they will seem slight.

Methods of Handling Tariff.

Two modes of procedure in the handling of this big question have been considered. To prepare the tariff bill as one general measure would have been the ordinary plan, but to take up the question schedule by schedule has been advanced as the more desirable way. The revisionists feel pretty well assured that if they launch into reduction of import levies with a dauntless hand and present their proposition to the senate in the form of a general bill their purpose will be defeated. The Democratic majority in the senate is perilously slim. It would take but a few Democrats in that body to find fault with a measure, step over to the Republicans and thus destroy the bill.

By taking up the tariff schedule by schedule most of the items of reduction can be put through. For instance, Democrats who find fault with reduction in a particular measure affecting their district would be offset by Republicans from other sections. Of course, in case the piecemeal system is resorted to, there probably will be some of the schedules defeated, and the net result will be an uneven revision of the whole tariff list.

The chances are that scant attention will be given by the public to the daily battles, harangues, debates and problems carried out in the house over the tariff. Whereas this subject is one in which the whole country is vitally interested, it has been worn so thoroughly threadbare that the public has little time to waste on further argument upon it. Just now all Mr. Common People wants is to have his servants at Washington get the matter disposed of and then tell him what the results are. The country will be deep-

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