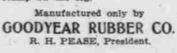
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Amounts Carried in the Senate Bill.

Secretary of War.

Appropriation of \$68,000 for Willamette Above Portland-Coos Bay, Tilliamook and Siuslaw Get Good Increases.

Mouth of Columbia\$	500,000
Continuing contracts 1	,000,000
Portland to the sea	225,000
Dalles-Cellie project	614,000
Upper Columbia and Snake	40,250
Columbia at Cascades	30,000
Willamette above Portland	65,000
Columbia, Vancouver to Wil-	
lamette	10,000
Coquille, Coquille to mouth	30,000
Coos Bay	75,000
Coos River	2,000
Slustaw	25,000
Tillamook Bay	27,000
Long Tom	500

WASHINGTON, April 14.-The river and harbor bill, as reported to the Senate from the committee on commerce, holds for the mouth of the Columbia River \$500,000, with contracts not to exceed \$1,000,000, exclusive of the amounts in this bill and heretofore appropriated. This can not be interfered with in conference, Other items contained in the bill are: For the improvement of the Columbia River at the Cascades, \$30,000, provided that so much thereof as may be necessary \$225,000, of which amount \$175,000 is to be used at the discretion of the Secretary of War for the construction or purchase of a dredge to be used in said rivers-this cannot be changed in conference; for improving the Williamette River above Portland and the Yambill River, \$68,000, of which so much as necessary is to be used in revetting the banks of the Willamette near Independence and at Corvallis; for the maintenance of the Long Tom River, \$500; for improving the Coguille River from Coquille to its mouth, \$30,000; for improving Coos River, \$2000; for improving the Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers, \$40,250.

The unexpended balance of the appropriation heretofore made for the improvement of Clearwater River, Idaho, is made available for the improvement of the Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers. Of this contract which forbade their striking. sum, \$28,000, or so much as necessary, may be expended in completing the improvement of Snake River between Riparia and Lewiston, and \$25,000 may be expended in the improvement of the Snake River above Lewiston.

As a substitute for the House provision providing for a survey at The Dalles, there is the following provision:

Improving the Columbia River between the oot of The Dalles rapids and the head of Celtio Falls, Oregon and Washington, by means of canals, and the improvement of the channel of the river in accordance with the project submitted in Rouse document No. 228. 56th Congress, second session. The unexpended balances heretofore appropriated for the purpose of procuring a right of way and way at eatd point are hereby authorized to be used for procuring a right of way, and eneing the construction of said canals, and commencing the other improvements con templated as a part of said project, provided that a contract or contracts may be entered into by the Secretary of War for such materials and work as may be necessary to prosecute said improvement in accordance with the plan approved by the Chief of Englneers, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate \$400,000; excluding the amounts herein and heretofore approprinted, said contract or contracts to be madfor such work and materials as will matertally forward and advance the completion of said project.

The unexpended balance referred to as appropriated for the boat railway is \$214,-000. This makes the appropriation for The Dalles improvement, if it can be held in conference, \$614,000.

Another new item in the bill approprintes \$10,000 for improving the Columbia between the mouth of the Willamette and Siuslaw River is increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000, and the appropriation of \$10,000 for improving the entrance to Coos Bay and harbor is changed so as to provide for maintenance and continuing the improvement and repair of the jetty to \$75,-For completing the improvement of Tillamook Bay and bar, \$27,000 is appropriated, and the Secretary of War is directed to cause to be made a survey and estimate the cost of securing channels across said bar of 15 and 20 feet in depth, respectively. Provision is also made in the bill, by way of amendment to the House bill, for surveys and estimates as follows: Cape Lookout, with a view of establishing a breakwater; Yambill River, with a view to prolonging the period of navigation: Yaquina River, from its mouth to Elk City; and Willamette River, between Portland and Oregon City. An amendment to the House provisio

# in regard to the Willamette River, opposite Albany, provides for an investigation

of the bank of the Willamette, near Albany, with a view to preventing a diversion of the river. JOHN H. MITCHELL.

Washington and Idaho With Oregon for the Project. WASHINGTON, April 14.-Washington and Idaho Senators will co-operate with the Senators from Oregon in an effort to have the Senate amendment to the river and harbor bill providing for The Dalles canal retained in the bill. They will als co-operate to hold the several amendments made for Washington and Idaho projects.

Senator Mitchell is devoting himself very carnestly to convincing the men who will be conferees on the river and harbor bill in the House of the necessity of allowing Smoke no other Dredge Matter Is Left to the in the House of the necessity of allowing the provisions relating to The Dalles improvement to stand. Two members of the conference-Reeves of Illinois and Lester of Georgia-it is believed, will favor The Dalles project, although they may be influenced somewhat by Burton, who holds \$614,000 FOR THE DALLES that another survey and estimate should be made before work is begun.

Chances favor retaining the \$75,000 for Tacoma harbor, with authorization for contracts amounting to \$222,000 additional. the full amount asked, and the \$20,000 for improving Puget Sound and tributary waterways. The Senate amendment for \$22,500 for completing the improvement of the Okanogan and maintaining the improvement of the Pend d'Oreille, is not likely to meet with opposition, nor is the increase to \$40,000 for New Whatcom.

In view of the contemplated opening of the river, it is believed the increase to \$40,250 for the Upper Columbia and Snake can be retained, as well as the increase to \$25,000 for the Snake above Lewiston, All other provisions for Washington and Idaho are accepted by the House. No attempt will be made to increase the appropriation for the Lakes Union and Washington canal, as the people of Seattle have expressed their satisfaction with a new survey and estimate to be submitted to Congress at the next session

Olympia harbor will retain its \$25,000 for completing the improvements; Gray's Harbor, \$50,000; the Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers, \$5500. The unexpended balance for Willapa harbor will be used in snagging North and Nasel Rivers.

# END OF STRIKE IN SIGHT. Mitchell and Mincowners Hold s

Five-Hour Conference. DUBOIS, Pa., April 14.-General Manager Robinson, of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company, met President Mitchell and the district officers of the United Mineworkers today, with delegates from the different mines in this region, at Punxsutawney today, in a conference instshall be used on the obstructive rock in the rapids of the Columbia near Cascads Locks, for the improvement of the Lower Williamette and Columbia below Portland, 1225,000, of which amount \$175,000 is to be that an agreement had been reached. The delegates hurried to their respective homes after the conference, and at once called mass meetings to be held tomorrow afternoon. It is reported that both sides have made concessions,

> Amalgamated Conference. WHEELING. W. Va., April 14.—President Shaffer, Secretary Williams and Assistant Secretary Tighe, of the Amalgamated Association, arrived this morning from Pittsburg and immediately the wage scale committee went in session. Its report will be ready for the convention whe A convenes tomorrow. It is reported that the suspended Chicago lodges intend to make a vigorous fight for reinstatement before this convention. Their charters were taken away from them during the strike for refusing to quit work, and they gave as a reason for their action that they were working under a sanctioned

Form a National Union. PITTSBURG, April 14.—A convention for the formation of an international association of ornamental and architec-tural housesmiths began here today with about 100 delegates in attendance, repres-nting locals in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Canada. The association is being formed for the purpose of rendering mutual assistance, fixing a uniform scale and providing a fund for

use in promoting the union

Strike Declared Off. NEW YORK, April 14.—The strike of the members of the United Sheet Metalworkers' Union, who operate the fac-tories of the American Can Company in the metropolitan district, which takes in all the factories in New Jersey, New York City and Brooklyn, has been declared off, the company having conceded the demands of the strikers.

Brooklyn Plumbers Strike, NEW YORK, April 14.—A general strike of the journeymen plumbers in Brook-lyn went into effect all over that borough today to enforce a demand for an in-crease of wages, an eight-hour day, and the Saturday half holiday. The union has a membership of about 1000. This is the first general strike of Brooklyn

## COURT DECIDES FOR CITY Fire and Police Board Must Cut Its Appropriations.

plumbers in 19 years.

DENVER April 14.-The Court of Appeals gave a decision today in favor of the Denver City Council in the mandamus proceedings brought by the Fire and Police Board to compel the Council to appropriate for the fire and police depart-ments the sums asked for by the board. The appropriation bill, which the Council the City of Vancouver. The House appro-priation for improving the mouth of the \$150,000 and the police department \$100,000. a total for both departments of about \$160,000 less than the board demanded. The lower court had granted a mandamus as asked for by the Fire and Police Board, and the Court of Appeals reverses this finding. Owing to the suit, no city sal-aries have been paid for three months. The Court of Appeals also decided that the Lacombe Electric Light Company's contract with the City of Denver is legal and valid, and awarded the company judg-ment for the amount due under the contract reversing the decision of the lower court. The attempt to have the contract declared illegal was made on behalf of the Denver Consolidated Gas & Electric Company, which had a monopoly before the Lacombe Company entered the field.

Killed by Premature Explosion. LAKE CITY, Colo., April 14.-As a re sult of the premature explosion of a round of shots in the Lellie mine this afternoon Jack McKinley was killed and William Moore so badly injured that it is thought he will die. Both were married,

Dregontan.

Clear Across the Country It CO-OPERATION ON THE DALLES. Shows Itself "Scuttle."

SO THEY SAY IN THE EAST

Republican Platform Declares for Expansion, for Which the People Voted Two Years Ago-Have Not Changed Their Minds.

phia Press, commenting editorially upon the bill. The Southern Senators are very the Oregon platform, says that the "Re- generally against the bill, on account of publican plank is an unequivocal indorse- the fear that it will restrict trade with

friends of General Miles have talked with the President concerning the proposed retirement, but they have been compelled to admit the logic of the situation, which is that Miles can no longer be useful to the Army, and hence there is less opposition to the proposed retirement than was shown when first suggested.

HOPE IS GONE.

Chinese Bill Will Probably Be Lost in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 14.-The friends of the Mitchell Chinese bill in the Senate have about given up hopes of success They realize that if the bill does not pass it will be so greatly amended as to be far from the measure first proposed. They are still making an active canvass, however. Several Senators whom they expected would support the bill announced today that they would have to vote against it. There is an intimation that the railroads are taking a very prominent part in the proceedings, and have brought WASHINGTON, April 14.-The Philadel- a good deal of pressure to bear against

England May Tax Wheat to Meet Cost of War.

CHANCELLOR SO RECOMMENDS

Hopes After War Is Over Government Will Supply Money for Restocking Farms of Honest Encmies, as Well as British,

In the budget statement for England the Chancellor of the Exchequer estimates the deficiency for the coming year at £45,000,000, and recom that the tax on wheat be renewed. It is evident from the statement that strong hopes are entertained for peace in South Africa, but at the same time the government desires to impress the Boers with its ability and determination to push the war to a finish.

LONDON, April 14.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, rose in the House of Commons at 4:25 P. M. today to make the budget statement. He declared the past year had not been exceptionally prosperous, but there was nothing to depress the people. Despite the fact that thousands of work-men had been removed from productive labor by the war, the revenue figures showed no diminution of business at home, while there was a satisfactory increase of foreign trade, and there was no reason for thinking that there had been any falling off of the consuming power of the people. There had been a heavy slump in the receipts from spirits, tobacco and beer, but there was a great increase in the consumption of tea and cocoa. The decrease in the receipts from spirits and tobacco was due to the forestallment of the duty during the previous year. He was in an exceptional position for a Chancellor of the Exchequer holding ofthanceior of the Excherge from 100 fine during a severe war, in that for two years past the revenue had exceeded his anticipations, the last year by £543,000, when his total deficit, including the war expenditures of £73,192,000 for South Afriea and China, was £52,544,000.

Proceeding to deal with the receipts of

ast year in detail, Sir Michael said the last year in defail, Sir Alchaer sain the sugar tax was most successful. It brought in £6,500,000 against his estimate of £5,100,000. The export duty on coal pro-duced £1,314,000, which was also above the duced £1,34,000, which was also duced to estimate, while the prophets of evil were so far from being justified that the ex-ports were higher than in the case of any year, except the record year of 1893. The death duties had produced £18,288,000. There had been a material decrease in the consumption of beer. He had seen it set forth that the brewers were covering the higher duty by decreasing the grav-ity of their beer. Possibly their customers had not fully appreciated the diluted

Tax Which Bore Him Through. Though the death duties were a useful life-buoy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the real ship which bore him sofely through the stormy seas of Nationd finance was the income tax, which last year yielded £34,500,000, or £1,000,000 above the estimates. This fact o hope that, though the tax was a heavy burden in some cases, the instances were tot quite so numerous as many people believed.

The account of the national debt was not so satisfactory. It now stood at £747,985,000, the funded debt showing an increase of £58,000,000, chiefly due to the consols loan of last Spring.

The cost of the war for three years was £165,634,000, but, in addition to the hope of repayment from the wealth of the Transvani, there was their share in the Chinese indemnity, which was a very

After touching on various details, the Chancellor turned to the prospects for the future. He estimated the expenditure for the coming year at £174,609,000. The revenue on the part of the basis of the taxation was £147.785.666, leaving a deficit of £26.824.000. This would be increased by £18,560,000 by gratuities to the troops and bringing the soldiers the maintenance of the South African constabulary, and the cost of the international sugar convention, etc., making a gross deficit of £45,000,000,

He then went on to say that war was a costly thing to wage, and a costly thing to terminuate. After the war was over would be the great expense of the relief and resettlement of the two colo-nies, and the restocking of farms. He noped that, when durable peace was made, Parliament would be generous and lend money for restocking the farms, not only of those who fought for the Brit-ish, but of those who had been honest enemies, and whom they now hoped to make friends, and for railroad and other enterprises, to serve to develop the two states. It was his duty not to take a rosy view of the case, but to provide for worst. He had hopes of a happy re-

sult from the conference in South Africa, but he had put them aside. Preparations for the continuance of the war were the best guarantee of peace. Duty on Wheat to Be Renewed. The Chancellor proposed to suspend the sinking fund, reducing the deficit by £4,500,000, and then increase by a penny

on the pound the income tax, yielding £2,600,000 increase. From July 1 there would be a penny to twopence stamp duty on sight bills, including dividend war-rants and checks, yielding £700,000. After David B. Hill speaks at New York Democratic admitting that he did not purpose to in-terfere with beer, wine, tea and sugar, the Chancellor said he must select for indirect taxation an article practically in universal use, the taxation of which would not unduly press upon any class. The ordinary expenditure of the country, quite apart from the war, was greatly increasing, and in view of the ever-growing expenditure for armies and navies in other countries he thought it desirable Portland-bound ship in trouble in the Falk-land Islands. Page 12. to frame some scheme of taxation under which, when peace returns, there would be no difficulty in settling the country's finance situation on a basis equitable alike to all the taxpayers of the country. He was of the opinion that the repeal by the late Mr. Lowe of the import duty on wheat had not realized the expectations formed at the time. The effect of a duty of 3 pence per hundredweight on wheat would mean but a very small fraction of a farthing increase in the price of the loaf, and the competition of the bakers was so keen that any one trying to raise the price of bread on such a ground would probably find such action not to his ad-

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# JAMES S. CLARKSON.

WILL BE APPOINTED SURVEYOR OF CUSTOMS OF

PORT OF NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, April 14.-The President has determined upon the appointment of James S. Clarkson, of lows, formerly First Assistant Postmaster-General, to be Burreyer of Customs of the port of New York.

James R. Clarkson is a fournalist. He was born in Indiana, in 1842. His education was received in the public schools, and in 1850 he became a school teacher. He enlisted in an infantry regiment in 1861, and a cavalry regiment in 1862, but was rejected because of weak lungs. He served on the Dally State Register, Des Moines, as printer, foreman and business manager and editor, and with his brother purchased it in 1870. He sold his interest 1891. He was chairman of the Iowa State Republican Committee in 1806, and for several years afterward. He decined a mission to Switzerland in 1809; at Des Motnes, 1871-7, and First Assistant Postmaster-General, 1880-1890, a position he resigned. Just after his retirement he was accept a mission to China, but declined. He is now president of the New York & New Jersey Bridge Company, a large concern. Mr. Clarkson was married in 1867 to Miss Anna Howell.

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this plank. main in the Philippines, civilize the Fill- that an endeavor will be made to find pinos and give them all the liberty and some middle ground which will result in

thorizes." The paper then quotes the Democratic clank, and says that it is simply a policy of "scuttle." The paper refers to the fact that two years ago the expressions of both parties were very similar to those of this year, and points out that the plurality of the Republicans is 10,673, adding: There is no evidence that the people of Oregon have changed their views on the question of expansion, or that they will record any different verdict at the election

Stratton Before Supreme Court. Attorney Stratton, in presenting the the Supreme Court today, made a fine impression on the court and was subjected to a volley of questions from every member of the bench. He was listened to throughout by all the members of the Washington delegation, all of whom afterward praised his plea as an exceptionally able and impressive one. It was also the opinion of those who heard the questions of the Judges that the court will consent to hear the case, in accordance

with Stratton's plea. For Another Circuit Judge. Senator Simon today reported from the mmittee on judiciary a bill for an additional Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circult. The representations made before the committee concerning the delay of justice the Ninth Circuit, which has been stendily growing since it was created, convinced the committee that another Judge was necessary. It is expected that the bill will pass the Senate and receive favorable action in the House,

To Change Improvement. Representative Jones today secured the passage of his resolution changing the approvement of Everett harbor and authorising the construction of a harbor of

MILES DIDN'T DO IT. He Didn't Pull Ord Down to Pull Himself Up.

WASHINGTON, April 14.-It was said t the War Department today that there was no ground for the assertion that General Miles had secured the retirement of General Ord as a Brigadier-General in order to have himself appointed as Ord's successor. This statement came from friends of General Miles. It is asserted that Miles received his appointment from President Hayes chiefly because he had ecently performed meritorious services in the Indian campaigns, particularly in the capture of Chief Joseph. The story was started about Miles' procuring Ord's retirement as a justification for the retirement of Miles arbitrarily. A number of Blind woman takes poison. Page 10.

ment of the McKinley policy of expan- China, which is now becoming important sion." It then quotes the plank and adds: in cotton. It is said also that the clause "There is no mistaking the meaning of relating to Chinese sallors on American It says as plainly as words ships will surely be voted out in the Sencan say that the Republicans of Oregon ate. If the Senate simply passes the bill believe that the United States should re- extending the present laws, it is believed self-government that their progress au- a better enforcement of the laws than has been had in the past.

# THE DEATH ROLL.

A Vaudeville Performer. LOUISVILLE, April M.-Robert Macfilling an engagement at a local theater, died at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital today, after an illness of three days. body will be sent to San Francisco.

Actor Frederick Bryton.

NEW YORK, April 14.-Frederick Bryn, the well-known actor, who was as-Attorney Stratton, in presenting the sociated with Clara Morris at one time, nuse of the State of Washington before is dead at his home, in Rochester, according to a World special from that city.

Well-Known Theatrical Manager. NEW YORK, April 14. - Edward Knowles, a well-known theatrical manager, died of paralysis in Brooklyn to-

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