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Supreme Court to Hear Washington Case.

MAY FILE COMPLAINT

Northern Securities Company Must Answer.

VICTORY FOR GOVERNOR M'BRIDE

Great Fight on the Railroad Trust Will Now Be Pressed to a Conclusion by Attorney-General Stratton.

The State of Washington has won the first skirmish in its battle against the Northern Securities Company. The United States Supreme Court yesterday granted Attorney-General Stratton's application for leave to file a bill for an injunction. Examination into the facts will ensue the complaint is meanwhile demurred out of court—be conducted under direction of the Supreme Court, probably before a commission. The court will issue subpoena returnable October 1.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The United States Supreme Court today granted leave to the State of Washington to file an original bill for an injunction against the Great Northern Railway Company, the Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Northern Securities Company. In connection with the petition of that state recently filed in the courts. The opinion in the case was delivered by Chief Justice Fuller, who stated that the court had always exercised the utmost care in its proceedings in original cases, and that the present decision to grant leave to file was intended to be entirely without prejudice to either party at interest.

The Chief Justice's opinion was very brief, and consisted entirely of a view of original cases of the same character which have been brought to the attention of the court. The two most important of the cases thus cited were the case of the State of Louisiana vs. the State of Texas, concerning the quarantine regulation of the latter state, in which leave was given to file and the State of Minnesota vs. the Northern Securities Company, in which the petition to file was denied.

Referring to the latter case, the Chief Justice said, "Although under special circumstances a different course has been pursued."

After referring to several precedents, he made brief mention of the Minnesota case, saying: "In Minnesota vs. Northern Securities Company, application to file a bill similar to that before us, and seeking similar relief, was made, and, after examining the bill, we directed notice to be given and heard argument on both sides. The result was that leave to file was denied because of the certain indispensable parties who could not be brought in without defeating our constitutional jurisdiction."

"That insuperable difficulty does not meet us on the threshold here, but among other objections to granting leave it is urged that the bill does not involve rights of a proprietary or contractual nature, but is purely a suit for the enforcement of the local law and policy of a sovereign and independent state, whose right to make laws and to enforce laws exists only within itself and by means of its own agencies, and is limited to its own territory."

"In the exercise of original jurisdiction the court has always necessarily used the utmost care and deliberation, and in respect of all contested questions on the fullest argument. And in the matter of practice we are obliged to bear in mind in an especial degree the effect of every step taken in the instant case on those which may succeed it. It seems to us wisest, therefore, to take the same action on the pending application as was pursued in Louisiana vs. Texas, that is, without intimating any opinion whatever on the questions suggested, to grant leave to file in accordance with the general rule."



LATEST PORTLAND BUNCO GAME.

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TO RUN CAMPAIGN

Republicans Name a Managing Committee.

FOR PORTLAND AND COUNTY

One From Each Ward and Four From Outside Districts—Serve Only Till After June Election.

The Republican City and County Central Committee met in Alisky Hall yesterday afternoon. Chairman Charles H. Carey presided. The only business of importance was the selection of a managing committee of 15, whose duty it will be to assume active charge of the campaign in Multnomah County.

The selections were made in accordance with the recommendations of the special committee appointed at the last meeting of the county committee, and are certain to meet with approval among all good Republicans in the county.

The new committee, consisting of one member from each ward, and four from the first district, is as follows: First Ward, P. L. Willis; Second Ward, Samuel B. Schwab; Third Ward, C. A. Maloney; Fourth Ward, W. F. Matthews; Fifth Ward, P. A. Bancroft; Sixth Ward, George H. Howell; Seventh Ward, A. A. Courtney; Eighth Ward, Herbert C. Smith; Ninth Ward, Dr. E. G. Clark; Tenth Ward, G. H. Lamberson; Eleventh Ward, Henry W. Goddard; country, East Side, W. L. Lighter, Daniel S. Dunbar, Emmet H. Kelly; country, West Side, F. A. Bidwell.

The nominating committee, in its report, suggested that the duties and powers of the sub-committee cease after the June election, and that matters affecting the primary campaign two years hence be left to the entire committee of 70. This part of the report was received with prolonged enthusiasm, it being evident that the new county committee thoroughly disapproves of the cut-and-dried methods employed by the Simon machine in selecting candidates for the primaries.

The sub-committee is composed of well-known members of the party, and can be depended upon to wage an effective battle against the Demo-Simon alliance. A meeting will be held within a few days when the vacancy on the Legislative ticket, caused by the resignation of A. A. Courtney, and a number of unfiled positions on the city ticket will be filled.

After the regular business had been transacted yesterday, Chairman Carey called upon a number of the prominent committeemen for speeches. F. A. Bancroft, T. C. Powell, A. J. Capron, W. A. Storey, B. F. Jones, C. H. Busch and several others spoke briefly, giving valuable suggestions for the coming campaign, and pledging hearty support to the Republican candidates.

Every detail of the meeting was conducted openly, and the Oregonian representative was not invited to retire, as

WELL FOR RIVERS

Senate Retains All the Big Items.

COLUMBIA'S BIG SHARE

\$500,000 Cash Appropriation Certain to Stand.

A MILLION FOR CONTRACTS

Senator Mitchell Informs His Colleagues of the Importance of Improvements and the Resources of the Northwest.

The principal Oregon items in the Senate river and harbor bill are as follows:		
Mouth of Columbia	.....	\$ 500,000
Continuing contracts	.....	1,000,000
Portland in the west	.....	250,000
Dallas-Cullio project	.....	614,000
Upper Columbia and Snake	.....	40,250
Columbia at Casco	.....	30,000
Willamette above Portland	.....	65,000
Willamette at Vancouver to Willamette	.....	10,000
Coquille, Coquille to mouth	.....	20,000
Cow Bay	.....	75,000
Cosa River	.....	2,000
Sunlaw	.....	25,000
Tillamook Bay	.....	27,000
Long Tom	.....	500

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The fact that the river and harbor bill passed today carrying the amendments made by the Senate committee means that every House provision which has been endorsed by the Senate will be retained, and question arises as to what Senate amendments will be stricken out in conference. The mouth of the Columbia is certain to retain its cash appropriation of \$500,000, with contracts for \$1,000,000 additional, and the Willamette and Columbia below Portland the full allowance in the original bill.

There is a fear on the part of some Senators that the commerce committee added a lot to the bill for "trading" purposes. In order to hold some things that the conferees are anxious to have, others are to be swept off upon the demands of the House conferees for concessions.

Senator Mitchell took occasion to show the Senate the importance of the Columbia River in a brief speech today. He congratulated and thanked the Senate committee for its amendment in reference to the improvement at the falls, and expressed the hope that the conferees would stand by it. He presented a petition from 400 citizens of Oregon, Washington and Idaho favoring the amendment, and asked that it be considered by the conferees committee. After reviewing the history of this improvement, Senator Mitchell said:

"It is believed by the people of the Northwest Pacific Coast familiar with conditions there, with the character of the proposed improvements, that Captain Hartz estimate is a reasonable one. Based on that estimate, Congress should proceed without any further delay to make this improvement."

Resources of Northwest.

"If there is any one matter in which the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are intensely interested it is the opening up of the Columbia and Snake Rivers to free navigation. The Columbia is one of the great rivers of the world, and drains an enormous area containing more than 245,000 square miles. The drainage basin of the Columbia is second to none in point of size and commercial importance in the United States. The cereals produced annually in the Columbia and Snake River valleys are in the neighborhood of 29,000,000 bushels. This great country is rich, not only in cereals, but in timber. In the

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GOVERNOR M'BRIDE IS PLEASED.

Case Will Now Be Pressed to Conclusion on Its Merits.

OLYMPIA, April 21.—A brief telegram was received here today, stating that the Supreme Court of the United States this morning announced it had assumed jurisdiction of the action brought by the State of Washington to prevent merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways under the management of the Northern Securities Company. The case will now be heard on its merits, and if the allegations of Attorney-General Stratton's complaint are substantiated, the merger will soon be a thing of the past. General Stratton has not yet arrived at the capital, but Governor McBride had this to say of the news:

"I am very much gratified at the news that the Supreme Court has decided to assume jurisdiction in the case of the State of Washington vs. the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads and the Northern Securities Company. Attorney-General Stratton is entitled to great credit for the skill and ability displayed by him in handling the case."

"What does the decision mean?"

"It means the case will now be tried upon its merits. The railroad companies and the Northern Securities Company will be required to file their answer, and proof will be taken. If the evidence to be introduced sustains the allegations of the complaint, the relief prayed for will be granted."

"When do you expect a final decision?"

"That is a matter upon which I prefer not to hazard an opinion. Any discussion of the legal phases would more properly come from the office of the Attorney-General. I have the utmost confidence in his ability, and know the case will be pressed as strongly and rapidly as possible."

"Governor McBride received the following dispatch from Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, today:

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Attorney-General of Washington Gets News of Decision in Portland.

W. B. Stratton, Attorney-General of Washington, who argued the case for the state before the Supreme Court, is in Portland, the guest of his slater, Mrs. M. Doble, at Willamette Heights, having just returned from Washington, D. C. He was much surprised when he learned that the court had already reached a decision, and was, of course, deeply gratified to know that the decision was in favor of the commonwealth in whose interest he is acting.

Mr. Stratton now feels confident that the case will reach a hearing, and says that he had little reason to doubt that the people of his state will get the relief they have so long sought. The contention of the state is that the merger makes impossible the rates which would be enjoyed as a result of competition, and the complaint which has been filed with the Supreme Court alleges that the merger is

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