NEWIRRIGATIONBILL

Proposed Amendments in National Law

AS TO FORMER INDIAN LAND

Would Permit Reclamation and Purchase Under Cash Entry Law-Also Allow Leasing of Water Power Developed by Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.-A bill was introduced in Congress today to amend the Government irrigation law of last session in two im-portant particulars. The first proposed change is to permit the acquisition of reclaimed lands under the cash entry law. when the land sought to be acquired is a part of a former Indian reservation and there has been a treaty agreement to pay the Indians a specified price per acre for their lands. This condition exists in a number of states, and it is claimed an amendment to the law is necessary in order that certain areas of reclaimable lands may be developed by Government

The other amendment authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, at his discretion, to lease for not more than 30 years water power developed in Government ir-rigation systems, when it is shown that this additional use of water does not materially interfere with the irrigation or domestic uses of the same.

Representative Bell, who introduced these amendments, believes they will be adopted at the present session, as he says they carry out the original intent of the law and are in the public interest.

SITE FOR SPOKANE BUILDING.

None of Those Offered Acceptable-Turner May Choose.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—As the Secretary of the Treasury was about to select a site for the Spokane public building, he found that none of the properties offered comply with the requirements of the law, namely, that the site shall be a complete city square. It is learned, however, that the city is willing to cut new streets through on the fourth side of any one of the several sites offered, if they be chosen.

Brigadier-General Merriman today had a hearing before the Secretary in favor of the site offered by himself and brother, but the site is not favorably regarded. It has been decided to postpone selec-tion until Senator Turner arrives, on the 15th, and to defer somewhat to his wishes as Spokane is his home town.

INVESTIGATE GORE CASE.

Appeal to Government From Republicans of Ferry County, Wash. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—Representative Jones today laid before the State Department a request from the Republican Central Committee of Ferry County. Washington, that a thorough investiga-tion be made into the circumstances lead ing to the recent tragic death of Mrs Ellen Gore in Paris. Mrs. Gore was the sister of a Mr. Stegdill, of Republic, who insists that she came to her end by foul means. Her brother further demands that the perpetrator of the crime be brought to speedy justice. A request is also made that the personal effects of the deceased be returned to her two brothers in this country. In view of the investigation recently made by our officials at Paris, it is not expected that the State Depart-

MANY RECESS NOMINATIONS.

List of Men Appointed to Office Is Sent to Sennte.

today sent the following nominations to fuse to answer because of self-incriminathe Senate: Justices-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Massa-

chusetts, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Francis M. Wright, Illinois, Judge of the Court of Claims; John T. Debolt, Hawall, first Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of the Territory of Hawaii.
United States Attorney — Solomon H.
Bethea, Northern District of Illinois.

United States Marshals - William H. Mackay, Jr., District of Kansas; C. F. Lloyd, District of Montana; Dewey C. Balley, District of Colorado.

War-James F. Smith, California, mem-ber of the Philippine Commission and Secretary of Public Instruction in the overnment of the Philippine Islands. State—Henry West, District of Colum bia, Commissioner of the District of Columbia; Robert A. McCormick, Illinois, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary; Charle-magne Tower, Pennsylvania, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Ger-

many.

Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers
Plenipotentiary—Charles Page Bryan, Illinds, to Switzerland; Leslie Coombs,
Kentucky, to Guatemaia and Honduras;
Kentucky, Tow Hampehire, to Spain; John B. Jackson, New Jersey, to Greece, Roumania and Servia; William B. Sorsby, Mississippi, to Bolivia; David Thompson, Nebraska, to Brazil.
Consuls of the United States—William
F. Doty, New Jersey, at Tahi, Scilly Isl-

ands; Albert R. Morawetz, Arizona, at Nogales, Mex.; John B. Richardson, Kan-sas, at Utilla, Honduras.

Director of the Census-William R. Mer-riam, of Minnesota. Registers of Land Offices-John B. West, at Lewiston, Idaho; John F. Armstrong, at Sacramento, Cal.; Harry D. Sims, at Boise, Idaho; Neal J. Sharp, at Hailey,

Receiver of Public Moneys-Charles H. Garby, Lewiston, Idaho; Richard Fish, at

Independence, Cal. Secretaries of Embassies-H. Percival Dodge, Massachusetts, at Berlin; R. S. Reynolds Hitt, Illinois, Second Secretary,

at Berlin; Peter A. Jay, Rhode Island, Third Secretary, at Paris. Postmasters—Alaska — R. S. Hubbard, Douglas Oregon—L. A. Githens, Athena; H. Proctor, Elgin; F. E. Wilcox, Milton;

M. E. Merwin, Independence. Washing-ton-C. A. Gwynn, Garfield.

SENATORS WELCOME ALGER.

Ex-Secretary of War Takes Oath in New Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-Interest in the WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Interest in the session of the Senate today was heightened by the fact that the President's message to Congress would be read and also General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, ex-Secretary of War under President McKinley, would be sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan. His desk and chair were hidden beneath a mass of flowers, and hidden benesth a mass of flowers, and as he took his sent he was surrounded by number of his colleagues, who extended hearty congratulations. In the gallery were a number of General Alger's per-sonal friends and members of his fam-

One hour and 15 minutes were consumed ing the President's message. Almost all the Republican Senators were in their seata, but not more than half the seats on the Democratic side were occupled. The closes: attention was paid to the message as it was being read, and frequently Senators would confer regard-ing some special part of it which had at-

tracted their particular notice.

A number of bills and resolutions were introduced following a brief executive

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Our Shoe Sale this week provides street or dress shoes at small outlay. Street shoes of box calf in ten different styles in 8 or 10inch tops; kid shoes in ten different styles, with heavy or light soles, all \$3.00 values -this week for \$1.78.

Children's Christmas Books

Big treasures for little minds. Books that will entertain and instruct. Our Book Department offers everything that will delight a child. There is dear old Mother Goose in a bright new gown, Chatterbox, Robinson Crusoe, Old Nursery Tales that never fail to fascinate, Old-Fashioned Fairy Tales, Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales-never old, Boys in Clover, Gerald and Geraldine, Nature series, children's histories and books of travel and many more. Special mention should be made of the history of the life of the children's best friend, the Life and Adventures of Santa Claus, also the Children of 2002 and the Moon Children -- two pretty stories full of quaint, new ideas.

Christmas Dolls

The Dolly that is to be provided with pretty dresses between now and Christmas cannot be secured too soon, because it takes some time to fashion the pretty garments. Our dolls will be sure to please you.

Ladies' "Majamas"

Ladies can now secure "Majamas" in all sizes in our Muslin Underwear Department. We have just received a new lot in very pretty pink or blue-striped flannelette.

Art Department New Teneriffe Wheels

A new lot has just come to us in 12 different sizes. The work is simple and the lace very effective. Call and see samples of commenced work.

Our Battenberg pieces all at reduced prices this week.

EARLY Christmas Selections

We are amply prepared to take care of all purchases made and left in our care for Christmas delivery. We do this in order to enable you to do your choosing early and avoid the rush and confusion of late buying.

Extra Values in Plaid Taffetas

Among the newest things this season for fancy Waists are rich plaid Taffetas, and our showing of them is the handsomest that could be secured. Regular value per yard \$1.25, special this week 98c.

New Spring Challies At Introductory Prices--50c values

For a dainty party dress you can select nothing more appropriate than the lovely, new, Spring Challies we are now showing. The colors are fresh and pretty and the designs new. They are fine imported goods that we sell regularly for 50c a yard. This week they are only 39c.

Milburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate, was received with senuine regret. He had become a familiar figure in the body, and was personally acquainted with every Senator. No action was taken upon the resignation. At 1:59 P. M. the Senate adjourned-until

tomorrow out of respect to the memory of the late Charles H. Russell, Repre-sentative from Connecticut.

BILL TO RESTRICT TRUSTS. Prohibits Interstate Commerce in Trust-Made Goods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-Senator Cullom today introduced a bill to amend the Sher-man anti-trust law. It prohibits interstate commerce in articles produced by trusts, the penalty for violations being a fine of from \$500 to \$5000.

The bill authorizes the Attorney-General cation to Federal Judges for the summoning of persons before them to answer questions as to material violations of the ment will take any action, at least until the report on the way is received. anti-trust law, in advance of the trial of a case, and requires the Judges to issue orders for the appearance of such persons upon this application. In such cases witnesses are to be protected against prose-cution on account of their revelations, but they are to be deprived of the right to re-

> Annual reports are required to be made by all persons, firms and corporations en-gaged in interstate commerce. They are to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and they are to be subject to the scrutiny of the Attorney-General, but not of the general public. The Attor-ney-General is authorized to appoint 15 special agents to seek out violations of

BRIEF SESSION OF HOUSE.

sion Comes Up Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The House was in session an hour and 40 minutes today. One hour of that time was consumed in reading the President's message. The reading was listened to with attention by members without regard to party, but without demonstration, except at the con-clusion of the reading, when the Republi-

cans applauded generously.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, gave notice that the bill to defray the expenses of the coal strike commission would be called

The deaths of the late Representatives The deaths of the late Representatives be Graffenreid and Sheppard, of Texas, which occurred during the recess, were announced, and, after adopting the cus-tomary resolutions of regret, the House adjourned as a further mark of respect to their memories

WORST DIFFICULTY GONE. Colombia Now Concedes Perpetual

Control of Canal Strip. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-Following the

change in the Colombian negotiations re-ported yesterday, steps have been taken mmediately to resume the exchanges be tween the State Department and the Co-lombian Legation, with a view to the perfecting of a canal treaty. Dr. Herran, who is to conduct the negotiations for Colom-bia, has an appointment to meet Secretary Hay tomorrow.

It is now known that what was regarded as the most difficult problem to solve has been successfully met by the negoti-ators in the arrangement of the perpetual control clause of the projected treaty. Under this the United States may hold the necessary strip of land indefinitely. The real difference now is as to the compensation to be paid Colombia, which seeks an increase of annuity to the sum of more than \$500,000 a year.

HOPEFUL FOR RECIPROCITY.

Cabinet Hears Good News From Havana-No Venezuelan Guarantee. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2-Foreign affairs were discussed briefly at the Cabinet meet-ing today. Secretary Hay has had encour-aging reports from Havana, where Min-ister Squiers and General Bliss are work. ing in harmony with a special commission designated by President Palma to draw a

satisfactory reciprocity treaty. Venezuelan conditions were also touched upon, especially with reference to the plans of some New York financiers to relieve Venezuela's embarrassment by floating a loan. The Government would be glad to see this done if it could be accomplished without involving the United States in any liability for the repayment of any debt, or place the Government under the obligation to coerce Venezuela.

The case of Lieutenant Owens, of the
Navy, who recently was tried by courtmartial for financial irregularities and absence from his ship without leave, was also considered. The verdict of the court was that he should be dismissed from the

ant Owens to the President, as it was aberration of mind. It was decided that a court should be constituted to inquire into his mental condition. That court will be appointed by Secretary Moody as soon as

All the members of the Cabinet except Secretaries Root and Wilson were present. Some time was spent in considering ap-pointments, but it was said at the concluion of the meeting that no announcement of the appointments would be made from the White House.

MORE PAY FOR THE JUDGES,

Recommends Attorney-General Knox -Business of Federal Courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-Attorney-Genmitted to Congress today, renews his recommendation for an increase of the salaries of judicial officers throughout the country. The report shows that the number of cases remaining undisposed of in the United States Supreme Court at the close of the October, 1902, term, was 344 on the appellate and eleven on the original docket. At the close of the pre-vious term there were 336 cases un-disposed of. The number of cases dock-eted at the term was 383; number disposed of was 375.

The statement of criminal prosecutions in the United States Courts shows that 16,350 prosecutions terminated during the last year. Of the 9602 criminal prosecutions pending July 1, 1902, 262 were for violation of the customs law, 3504 for violation of the internal revenue laws, 722 for violation of the postoffice laws, 10 under the election laws, 190 under the naturalization laws, 902 under the inter-course laws, 192 under pension laws, 74 for embezzlement and 3836 miscellaneous On July 1, 1902, there were 3150 United

States convicts in the various prisons and reformatories of the country. ADMIT ONLY OKLAHOMA.

Opinion of Committee on Territories, Quay Dissenting From Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Senate committee on territories tomorrow will take up the bill for the admission of the Territories of Oklahoma, New Mex-ico and Arizona as states, preparatory to the report to be made to the Senate later in the day, in accordance with the unanimous agreement arrived at last

session.

The Republican members of the committee, with the exception of Senator Quay, were in conference during the greater part of the day, analyzing and classifying the testimony taken by the sub-committee which visited the territories during November. Republican Senators generally understood that, with the exception of Senator Ouay, the Republicans exception of Senator Quay, the Republi-can committeemen favor the amendment of the bill so as to provide for the elimination of New Mexico and Arizona and for the admission of Oklahoma alone.

TRIALS FOR ELECTION FRAUDS. Bartholdt Proposes to Entrust Them to Federal Courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—It is the pur-pose of Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, to urge the present Congress to pass a measure providing for the prose-cution in the Federal Courts of offenders against election laws. Today Mr. Bar tholdt had an interview with President Roosevelt on the subject and, as he left the executive office, said:
"Objection was raised at the last session

of Congress to a general law conferring jurisdiction in all election fraud cases on Federal Courts, but my proposition has been modified so that the jurisdiction of Federal Courts will extend over only such cases as may involve fraud in the election of a President or of members of Courts will extend the President of Congress. I informed the President that it was my intention to introduce a meas-ure conferring such power on Federal

EFFECT OF SEALING DECISIONS.

Two Important Principles of International Law Laid Down.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2-Reports from United States Minister Newell at The Hague, with details of the arbitration of the Russian sealing cases, announced last week, have reached Assistant Secretary Pierce, who conducted the case of the United States Government, and they make it appear that on all substantial points: the arbitrator sustained the contentions of the United States.

of the United States.

Two important principles of international law were established. In the case of the Cape Horn Pigeon, a vessel captured by a small Russian schooner, the arbitrator laid down the principle that no arresting officer can oblige foreign sallors extremely novel character of the vessel it introduced following a brief executive was that he should be dismissed from the to undertake to navigate the arrested vestis in impossible to predict from her performance. The resignation of Rev. W. H. service. An appeal was taken by Lieutensel to port, as sailors on the Cape Horn ance in the smooth waters of the land-

Pigeon were forced to do, and he awarded locked harbor an opinion as to her urged that, while he was absent from his \$250 to each of the men so impressed. ship, he was suffering from a temporary. The other important ruling was that in calculating in the damages it was proper to regard the prospective catch a vessel might have made had she not been selzed. It is said at the State Department that this is the first specific definition by a properly authorized international authority that an award for damages for a prostive catch is allowable.

RIVALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTS. San Francisco Struggles to Defeat Seattle's Ambition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—A Washington special says Senator Perkins this morning took up the matter of the pro-posed removal of the Army transport business from San Francisco to Scattle. Senator Perkins' information, secured from the War Department officials, is that bills for transporting men and supplies across the Pacific were invited for the fixed purpose of securing a basis for doing this business by commercial lines and abolishing the transport service. and abolishing the transport service. Senator Perkins regards this movement as one demanding vigorous action upon the part of the business men of San Francisco, especially as San Francisco-ship-ping interests have bid for the business. Under the general system of doing bus-Secretary Root's administration, ment and influence enter but slightly in the conduct of affairs, and if San Francisco is to meet Puget Sound in competition it must be upon a business basis, backed by capital.

So Senator Perkins this morning telegraphed some of his own business asso-clates and other important business interests of the city, suggesting that they make an attempt to form a company to purchase the Army transports from the Government and operate them as a com-mercial line across the Pacific. The War Department disbursements in San Francisco last year amounted to about \$20,000,000,

WORK OF BANKRUPT LAW. Last Year Shows Decrease in Number

of Petitions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A report on the practical operation of the bankruptcy the practical operation of the mankruptcy law for the year has been submitted to the Attorney-General by E. C. Braden-burg, in charge of such matters for the Government. The aggregate number of voluntary petitions filed during the year was 16,374, against 17,000 in 1901 and 20,000 to 1900. During the same period 3000 in in 1900. During the same period 2100 involuntary petitions were filed. The states showing the greatest number of voluntary proceedings were New York, with 1915 cases, and Illinois, with 1814. A year ago Illinois led the list with 2505 petitions. The smallest numbers filed were one tase to Aleska six each in Arrows New 2005. in Alaska, six each in Arizona, New Mexico and Porto Rico, seven in Nevada, 11 in Hawaii and 29 in Idaho.

Of the cases called during the year 1329 were in behalf of farmers, 6895 wage-earners, 2585 merchants, 235 manufacturers, 531 professional men and 1758 con-tractors, hotel and saloon-keepers, real estate men and others of a miscellaneous character not included within the classes

FRENCH APPROVE MESSAGE. No Commonplace Document, Like

Those of European Sovereigns. PARIS, Dec. 3,-Most of the morning papers give considerable space to President Roosevelt's message. The few jour-nals that comment on the message pronounce it an original and highly interesting document, inspired by ardent patriotism and manifesting great courage on the part of its author, especially in his treat-ment of the trust question. These papers approve his enunciations regarding the foreign policy of the United States and the Monroe Doctrine.

The Figaro dwells admiringly upon the

fact that the message has nothing of the commonplace, which is a customary feat-ure of communications from European sovereigns to their Parliaments

BUY SUBMARINE BOATS.

But Naval Board Recommends That They Have Sea Tests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The board of naval officers appointed to conduct the trials of the submarine torpedo-boats Adder and Moccasin submitted their report on the Adder and recommended the acceptance of that vessel, after certain defects and unfinished work are completed satisfactorily. The board calls attention to the fact, however, "although the trials

havior in a sea way."

The report therefore recommends that when the remaining vessels of this class shall be tried one of them should be given

LAW TO CURB TRUSTS.

House Committee at Work on Measure Under New Chairman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The judiciary committee of the House held its first neeting today and took prompt action in the direction of getting an anti-trust mea-sure before Congress at the carliest pos-sible moment. Mr. Jenkins (Wis.), who has become active chairman owing to the retirement of John Ray, referred all measures dealing with trusts to the subcom mittee of which Mr. Littlefield (Me.) is chairman, and that subcommittee will go to work at once. It is the hope of Mr. Littlefield that a bill can be reported out of the full committee before the Christ-mas adjournment. The committee today unanimously voted to request the Speaker to appoint Mr. Jenkins chairman of the

Changes of Ambassadors. LONDON,

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-Robert McCormick, the retiring United States Ambassador to Austria-Hungary and newly appointed

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