

DREDGE FOR RIVER

Mitchell Asks Government to Accept Bid.

DELAY WOULD BE DANGEROUS

Chief of Engineers Inclined to Give Work to Risdon Iron Works in Order That It May Be Done Quickly—Will Soon Decide.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Mitchell today called on the Chief of Engineers, reinforced by a bunch of telegrams from prominent business men of Portland, and urged the acceptance of the bid of the Risdon Iron Works for converting the transport Grant into a bar dredge for work on the Columbia bar, the bid being \$37,000, the lowest submitted.

BOTH SHORT OF ENGINEERS.

But Navy Will Spare One to Select Site for Portland Dock.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—At the request of the Portland Board of Trade, Senator Mitchell has been endeavoring to secure the appointment of an Army or a Navy engineer officer to aid in the selection of a site and to superintend the construction of Portland's projected drydock.

WILL OPEN SOUTH HALF.

Obstacle to Foster's Colville Reservation Bill Withdrawn.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Foster, who yesterday consented to allow the bill opening the south half of the Colville Indian reservation to enter to be passed over because of opposition of Senator Platt, of New York, now feels certain that the bill will be passed.

MONEY FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Washington Members Ask Appropriation for Tacoma and Spokane.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Representatives Cushman and Jones have been conferring with Chairman Mercer, of the public buildings committee, with a view to securing appropriations at the present session for erecting Federal buildings for Tacoma and Spokane, where sites have recently been purchased.

OREGON GETS CONTRACT.

Will Care for Alaska Inmate for Another Year.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Hitchcock today renewed his contract with the Oregon State Asylum at Salem for caring for inmates from Alaska at \$20 per month per individual, contract covering the current year.

COMMITTEE IS FAVORABLE.

Will Indorse Hancock's Appointment as Postmaster of Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—A bill was made of the postoffice committee of the Senate today and an agreement reached to report favorably the nomination of Fred A. Hancock as postmaster at Portland. The nomination will be called up at the next executive session of the Senate.

Monument to Edward D. Baker.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Bingham, of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill appropriating \$500 to erect a suitable monument to mark the spot where fell Hon. Edward Dickinson Baker, Senator from Oregon, while leading forces in repelling the attack of the Confederates at the battle of Balls Bluff, in 1861.

Protest Against Forest Reserve.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Jones today filed with Secretary Hitchcock the protests of 25 settlers in Columbia County, Washington, to have their lands included in the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve. Their lands are included in the recent withdrawal.

Lighthouse District for Alaska.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Marshall, of North Dakota, today introduced a bill making Alaska a separate lighthouse district, also a bill establishing a life-saving station at Nome, Alaska.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

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OBLECTOR FROM TEXAS

SAYS TOO MANY PRIVATE PENSION BILLS PASSED.

House Passes 144, Making 10,000 in Forty Years—Lacey Answers the Texan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—This was private pension day in the House, and 144 bills were passed, none of special importance. Mr. Russell, of Texas, the successor of the late E. Grafenrad, criticized the House for undue haste in the consideration of private pension legislation and precipitated quite a debate.

When the House met Hall, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported the military appropriation bill and gave notice that he would call it up Monday. The Speaker laid before the House the resignation of Latham, of Texas, from the judiciary committee, and announced the appointment of Henry, of Texas, to fill the vacancy. This being Friday, the House then went into committee of the whole to consider private pension bills.

Postoffice Is Burned.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 9.—LeRoy suffered a fire in the postoffice building, which was caused by a gas explosion in the rooms of S. Oatka hose company. The postoffice was burned and much mail was destroyed. The Larson House, block building, was also burned. This building was the finest in the city, and belonged to Yale University.

Artists Lose a Treasure.

NEWBURGH, Mass., Jan. 9.—The Colonial House, an ancient grist mill and barn, comprising the Curson estate, well-known for their antiquity and as subjects for artists, were burned to the ground today. Artists from all parts of the country have visited the place on account of the opportunities it afforded for study and sketching.

Factory Burned in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The main building of the plant of the Federal Manufacturing Company, in South Chicago, was destroyed by a fire today. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The entire block was also partially destroyed. The burned buildings were used for the manufacture of sheet metal.

Brick Business Block Burned.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—A fire in the four-story brick annex to the Equitable Building, on Federal street, today caused a loss of \$50,000. There were many employees in the building, but it is thought that all escaped in safety.

Big Blaze at Fargo.

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 9.—Fire tonight destroyed the Edwards building, owned by Alexander Stern & Co., and occupied by numerous business firms. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Chemical Laboratory Burned.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 9.—Fire today destroyed one of the buildings of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company. Loss, \$60,000.

BEET AND CANE.

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AGREES ON TRUST BILLS.

House Subcommittee Would Increase Power of Interstate Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—As a result of extended negotiations between the various anti-trust bills, the subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee, of which Representative Littlefield is chairman, has practically agreed on an anti-trust bill. It has not yet been adopted formally, but it is said to meet the approval of all members of the subcommittee. It will be laid before the full committee tomorrow, when it is expected its features will be reported for publication.

STEARING LITTLEFIELD'S GLORY.

House Leaders Slight Him in Handling Trust Legislation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—There is a little row on over the trust legislation, and it looks as though there has been an attempt by certain House leaders to deprive Representative Littlefield, of Maine, of the glory that he was getting out of the subject. He was chairman of the subcommittee considering trust bills. He had written to Attorney-General Knox on the subject and received a reply, but the bills which Knox had prepared to carry out his suggestions were sent to the chairman of the committee, and Littlefield knew nothing about them until this morning. He is naturally considerably worried over the subject, and is doubtful about how to proceed, although the matter may be arranged by having the Knox bill referred to his subcommittee.

ESTIMATES FOR OREGON.

Allowance for Customs Service Made by Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Secretary of the Treasury today submitted to Congress his estimates of the cost of the department during the next fiscal year, and the number of employees in all districts. In the district of Portland he estimates 20 employees, with a total salary of \$60,000. The other districts allowed nine employees, at an expense of \$21,900; the Coos Bay district is permitted two employees, at an expense of \$276; the Yaquina district two employees, at an expense of \$168. Alaska is shown for 44 employees at an expense of \$99,311.

New Bill on Interstate Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Senate committee on interstate commerce today considered the bill introduced by Senator Elkins for the regulation of interstate commerce, but reached no conclusion. The bill gives the Interstate Commerce Commission power to fix and regulate rates and also authorizes pooling.

Will Deport McQueen's Family.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Treasury Department today announced the deportation of the wife and two children of McQueen of Paterson, N. J., who was convicted of five years' imprisonment.

ON KAISER'S BLACKLIST

DR. VON HOLLEBEN ACCUSED OF MANY BLUNDERS.

Recall Attributed to Roosevelt's Refusal to Arbitrate, Kipling Telegram and Other Things.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Ambassador von Holleben's leave of absence from Washington is pretty generally received here as being his virtual recall, due, it is said, to the dissatisfaction of the government with his management of the Venezuelan affair. This is asserted without reserve in important newspapers and no official denial has yet been forthcoming. It seems that the government feels it was misled or at least not fully informed by the Washington embassy respecting President Roosevelt's attitude when he was requested to arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute. The opinion is also that Dr. von Holleben's dispatches regarding the policy of the United States in the Venezuelan business and its general foreign policy have been neither adequate nor precise.

Will Abandon Port Royal Dock.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary Moody sent today a communication to the House, in which he announced that the Port Royal will be discontinued. There is absolutely no reason for two stations in these waters. The value of the land, the Secretary says, is much less than its cost to the Government, and the drydock, which has cost \$18,321, has become worthless.

Shot on His Deathbed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The President has selected Colonel Edward M. Hayes, Thirtieth Infantry, for appointment as Postmaster General, in succession to John A. Johnston, upon the resignation of the latter, which will follow immediately upon his confirmation by the Senate. Colonel Hayes is lying at the point of death at Fort Meade, S. D. He is the officer of longest commission in the United States Army, which he entered as a boy of 13 years.

Against Retiring Hobson.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The naval affairs committee of the House today decided by a vote of 4 not to report the bill authorizing the transfer of Naval Station at San Francisco to the retired list. Representative Dayton was authorized to report favorably the bill authorizing the President to appoint Lieutenant-Commander Randall, retired, a commander on the retired list.

New Mexico's Fight for Statehood.

NEW MEXICO, Jan. 9.—A delegation from New Mexico, headed by Governor C. B. Rusk, met here today in conference with the Hon. Robert H. Taylor, secretary for making an active fight for the admission of New Mexico into the Union. The committee will call on members of the Senate and House tomorrow and present the claims of the Territory for statehood.

Will Stamp Out Cattle Plague.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In a report received today by Secretary Wilson, Dr. Henshaw, in response to a resolution of the Animal Industry, who is in Boston directing the campaign against the foot and mouth epidemic, says that the disease will be stamped out this winter, unless it has been carried to some other part of the country, where it is yet undetected.

Musicals at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Arnak Hamberg, the pianist, gave a musical at the White House tonight which was thoroughly enjoyed by a brilliant assemblage of 200 persons representative of official and residential society. It was the first of a series of Friday evening musicales which Mr. Roosevelt proposes to give during January.

Reports on Canteen Go to House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Acting Secretary of War transmitted to the House today, in response to a resolution, reports received by the department on the operation of the anti-canteen law. Reports have heretofore been published.

Falciano Calls on President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Monsignor Falciano, the apostolic delegate to the United States, was presented today to the President by Rev. Dr. J. Z. Rooker, of the papal legation. He called at the executive office to pay his respects.

PATTI AND HER MUSIC.

Famous Prima Donna Still Appears in Concerts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—While Madame Adelina Patti has retired from the operatic stage, she still appears in concerts and retains an active interest in musical matters, as the following letter recently received by the Steingway Company indicates:

MRS. COX MUST STAY IN.

Cabinet Will Not Allow Lily Whites to Run Indiana.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Cabinet meeting today lasted nearly two hours. All the members except Secretary Root, who is in New York, were present. Secretary Root had returned from the Venezuelan situation. No answers have been received to the latest proposition of President Castro, which was transmitted to the Administration yesterday. Satisfaction was expressed at the action taken yesterday by the representatives of the American Beet Sugar Association, although regret is expressed that the action was not unanimous.

Will Not Prosecute the Woman.

GRAND JUROR, Mich., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Mary Morse, accused jointly with William Lett of the murder of Mrs. Nellie Lett, last April, was today set free, a nolle prosequi being entered by the prosecution. Mrs. Lett was struck down in a drunken quarrel and then set on fire, oil being thrown on the body. William Lett was convicted and sent to Jackson for 30 years. The woman has been in jail since her arrest.

Much Foreign Iron Is Used.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Foreign iron and steel now figure conspicuously in the construction of buildings and railroads in this city. During the past year nearly 100,000 tons of iron and steel material were brought in through the ports of New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. During the month nearly 18,000 tons of iron ore, iron pyrites and manganese ores were imported here.

Change of Name Is Taboo.

GUTHRIE, O., Jan. 9.—A resolution to change the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church to "The American Catholic Church" introduced in pursuance of a suggestion from the annual convention at St. Francis during the session of the territorial convocation, was reconsidered at the concluding session and tabled until the next annual meeting.

Ohio Telephone Interests Combine.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—A consolidation of telephone companies in Ohio, to be known as the United States Telephone Company, will be incorporated in New Jersey tomorrow at a meeting of the directors, which will be held at the Hotel Hamilton. It includes the Everett-Moore lines, as well as other systems, except the Bell interests.

Investigated Hawaiian Mails.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—D. H. East, of Minneapolis, who was commissioned by Secretary Shaw to investigate and report on the general postal facilities of Hawaii, arrived from Honolulu on the steamer Korea today.

Accepts Carnegie's Offer.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$500,000 for the erection of a new branch free library building in this city today was formally accepted by the board of trustees of the Philadelphia Free Library.

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