

## PLEDGE STATE TO OPEN COLUMBIA

### Washington Legislature Asks Co-Operation of Oregon and Idaho.

#### ACTIVE WORK AT OLYMPIA

#### River Improvement Committee Proposed \$300,000 Asked for—

East Side Members Are Enthusiastic.

#### OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—

"Open river" legislation played no inconspicuous part here today. Both the House and Senate adopted a resolution urging harmonious action of the three states for that object.

Bills were introduced in both bodies providing for the creation of a river improvement commission with an appropriation of \$300,000, and following the regular session the Eastern Washington members held an enthusiastic caucus and determined to go down the line in favor of liberal appropriations and of bringing every effort to bear upon the Federal authorities for these much desired improvements.

Wednesday the Senate adopted a resolution by Stevenson favoring concurrent action of the three states.

Before this time the House had been transmitted to the House, Judge M. M. Godman, of Dayton, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That representatives be made by the Legislature of the state of Washington to the legislatures of Oregon and Idaho of the need of such united action, and that this body invite the representatives in common instruction to the Congressional delegations of the three states to conduct an active campaign before the rivers and harbor committee of Congress, and in every possible way to further the work of opening the rivers. And for this purpose a committee of three be appointed to join a similar committee of the Legislature of Oregon and Idaho, with the view of bringing about unity of action of the said states and of their representatives in the National Congress.

This was transmitted to the Senate and unanimously adopted on motion of Stevenson.

Senate bill 26, by Stevenson, and House bill 27, by Anderson, both introduced to provide in detail for a commission of three to be appointed by the Governor, known as the "Columbia and Snake River Improvement Commission," who shall employ competent engineers, make necessary surveys, let contracts and oversee the work of removing obstructions in those streams.

As far as the appropriation of \$300,000 will accomplish these results.

A resolution from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce favoring "open river" legislation was presented to the committee today and referred to the committee to consider a copy of this same resolution.

East Side Members United.

D. M. Thompson, of Spokane, chairman of the East Side delegation, and who is also slated for chairmanship of the appropriation committee, called a meeting of all the East Side House members.

The informal discussion gave out that the members are practically united in favor of river improvement, although there are some fears expressed that the present proposal of the state is too small.

It is too great in other lines to allow this appropriation, and that the work in any event is one the Federal Government should undertake.

It was determined, however, to urge passage of this or some similar measure even if at first work will have to be begun with a smaller sum, and it was agreed that the delegation to the Legislature should be asked to make a special study of conditions and assembled a mass of data which the "open river" advocates think may be used to do much in persuading the West Siders of the value of the improvements.

The members also agreed to secure copies of all the memoranda they can of commercial bodies and present the same to the Legislature.

#### DOUBLE TRACK TO THE COAST

#### Northern Pacific Had Made Plans

Before Coming of the Milwaukee.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Vice-President Levey, of the Northern Pacific, was before the court here today as a witness in the North Coast condemnation proceedings for a right of way.

During the examination of the witness it was brought out that the Northern Pacific had intended to double-track its line across the state from Spokane to Puget Sound and that the Milwaukee commenced to build, and then the Northern Pacific changed its plans to wait to see whether the development of the state would be enough to justify it in carrying out the improvements.

He said the Northern Pacific had more business now than it can handle, and that it will build a double track system through the Yakima Valley and to the coast, even though the North Coast road parallels it part of the way. He also made the statement that the North Coast road would be completed and in operation by the first of next October.

The case will not be completed for several days yet.

#### GUN ACCIDENTS AT JUNCTION

#### Wiley Ingram Loses Forearm While Out Hunting Ducks.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Wiley Ingram, a farmer living near Monroe, accidentally shot his left arm off below the elbow while hunting today.

Ingram was after some ducks and in attempting to crawl through the brush his gun caught on a limb, discharging it. He was brought here for medical attendance.

Miss Lily Hayes, living three miles from Junction City, was practicing target shooting today, when she rested the gun on her left foot as another party fired the trigger. The gun was discharged, the ball striking an eyelet on her right shoe, which averted a serious accident.

#### May Result in Murder Trial.

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the wonderful doll from potatoes and fastened the parts together. They painted her in clothes of marvelous masculine manufacture. There was a happy little girl in camp that morning, but there were no potatoes for the Christmas dinner.

When Mrs. Alden tells the story she adds with a tender light in her eyes: "And it was really the dearest doll I ever had."

Taft Lover of the Law.

Shakespeare, the students tell us, was far prouder of Shakespeare the actor than of Shakespeare the poet. Many men of the great world have done the same thing.

Which circumstances have forced upon them than in the work which they would choose for themselves. The people of the American Republic and the world know well the significant brain and great ability of Taft, Secretary of War and

id-sitter-in-chief to the Roosevelt administration. Only the lawyers know Taft, Judge. Yet the personal friends of William Howard Taft know that he loves the law and looks upon his work as counselor and judge as of more constructive moment and permanent importance than the great work he has done in an administrative capacity. Called upon to "sit on the lid," he did it with success commensurate with his near-300 years of age. He has done his work in a moment when he isn't busy with that job, he sighs for the wool-sack and bench.

If Taft were given his choice between the chair of George Washington and the chair of the Marshall, he would undoubtedly follow his bent toward the law and become Chief Justice rather than President.

Ireland the Fighting Priest.

Patriotism is one of the strongest traits of the Irish-American and there are few members of this cheery race who possess the extent that Archbishop Ireland does. He was born in Ireland 38 years ago and came to America in his boyhood. He was educated in the Catholic schools of his native land, and received his theological degrees in France, combining all the acquirements of the one land that he might best serve the land of his adoption. He was ordained as a priest in the Fifth Minnesota regiment as chaplain.

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