

LOOPHOLE IS OPEN FOR NEW MERGER

Cummins Wants Railroads Forbidden to Absorb Water Lines.

RAILROAD BILL IS ORPHAN

While Senators Wrangle About Its Provisions, None Is Willing to Acknowledge Parentage and Wickersham Is Blamed.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—After holding the floor in the Senate for four days, Cummins of Iowa today completed his speech opposing the Administration railroad bill.

The Senator's discussion today dealt principally with the provision regulating the consolidation of railroads. With this he found much fault.

Pointing out that the regulation extends to railroads alone, he declared that, in the omission of water lines, there was possibility of great abuse, and said it would be impossible to prevent the transcontinental railroads from acquiring the water lines through the Panama Canal, thus cutting out all competition.

He also pointed out that electric lines were specifically excluded from the provision and declared it would be possible for an electric line to gain control of all the railroads in the country.

Loop-hole Left Open. Cummins criticized the words "directly competitive" as defining the lines that may not be consolidated. He said such language would afford a wide margin, and it was doubtful whether many lines would be found within the elastic prohibition.

Cummins engaged in a colloquy with Elkins, during which he declared: "I want to prevent competing lines from consolidating."

"That is what we all want," responded Elkins. "I am glad to see that the Senator from Iowa is bringing himself into substantial accord with his committee."

"You mean that the committee is being driven gradually to accept my position," retorted Cummins.

Aldrich interpreted this statement as an ultimatum and remarked it seemed to be one of several ultimatums which Cummins had undertaken to lay down. Cummins disavowed any such purpose. Nelson suggested the striking out of the entire provision on railroad mergers, leaving the anti-trust law in control of such cases.

"If we adopt this section, it will be folly to carry on the prosecution of the Union Pacific merger," he said.

Cummins took up the provision placing the approval or disapproval of consolidation agreements at the discretion of the proposed Court of Commerce, and declared it to be unconstitutional because it delegated legislative power to the court.

Bill Seems to Be Orphan. Borah inquired who was the author of the provision.

"Search us," ejaculated Clapp. Cummins suggested the Attorney-General as the real author, and intimated that he believed the President responsible for the original suggestion.

"It is plain," intimated Nelson, "that the bill is an orphan."

Elkins thought his paternity quite unimportant.

LAST WORD SAID ON CORPORATE TAX

Lawyers Finish Argument and Supreme Court Will Soon Render Decision.

HOT CONTENTION ARISES

Bowers Says Net Income From All Sources Liable to Tax—Admission by One of Opponents Stirred Up His Associates.

'NEARBEER' MEN IN NET

Man at Helix Escapes Because Collector of Samples Falls to Visit That Town.

UMATILLA GRAND JURY RETURNS 40 INDICTMENTS.

PENDLETON, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Every dispenser of near beer in Umatilla County, with the single exception of a man at Helix, has been indicted by the grand jury for the violation of local option law.

The grand jury today returned the total for the five-day session up to 40. About 40 are reported to have been against the near beer saloon men and the others were against gamblers.

It is in his final report the grand jury recommended that improvements be made to the county jail to prevent repetition of recent delivery and recommended that the towns make a stronger effort to enforce Sunday closing and to solve the cigar store and billiards room problems.

MISS KELLY FOR PEACE

WRITES LETTER TO SPOKANE MAN WHO SUES HER.

Action of Leicester M. Pond Said Deeply to Have Humiliated Young Society Woman.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 18.—(Special.)—Despite the far defendant's denials, Charles Morachauer, attorney for Leicester M. Pond, of Spokane, who is suing Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of this city, for \$25,000 for breach of promise of marriage, declared today that she had written the young man a personal letter asking for his terms of settlement.

Mr. Morachauer's statement has caused a sensation in the exclusive set in Poughkeepsie in which Miss Kelly has been a leader.

Friends of the young woman have gazed on her with interest and sympathy, and she has been humiliated by Pond's suit is indicated by the fact that she has practically withdrawn from society.

OREGON CITY BOOMS PLANT

OREGON CITY, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Planning to induce the people of Oregon City to subscribe to one-third of the capital necessary to start a fruit-canning establishment, the public department of the Commercial Club is preparing to negotiate with a Baltimore firm.

The matter has been taken up with considerable enthusiasm by the Commercial Club and it is settling the amount between \$10,000 and \$15,000 will be required to launch the project.

John Leel, a teamster residing at 408 Shaver street, was arrested by Patrolman Croft last night on a warrant sworn to by Patrolman R. S. Flack, charging him with causing the collision of his team and the police auto-patrol driven by Flack, at Fourth and Oak streets Thursday evening.

Sailor Peddles Without License. Michael Garvey, an itinerant peddler, was arrested by Patrolman Hunter at Second and Burnside streets last night while endeavoring to dispose of several bolts of cloth.

DR. W. L. CARLYLE, director of the Idaho Agricultural College, is receiving donations of some of the finest specimens of sheep in the United States for use on the agricultural farm.

WE WILL ADVANCE THE PRICES

On every lot in the northeast section of Laurelhurst on April 15. This quarter is known as Plat 2 and has been on the market only a few days. Prices of all lots in this section were reduced to one-half their actual value as a starter and we have decided to allow these prices to remain until April 15. But on that date we will advance these prices to equal the prices being asked for lots in other additions much further out than Laurelhurst and not nearly so well improved. Remember the day

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TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

just as necessary as personal cleanliness." The tuberculosis exhibit, which has been shown here for three days, will be taken away tomorrow morning. Ten cities have been shown this exhibit and the following will have a chance to see it: Puyallup, March 24 and 25; Ellensburg, April 1 and 2; North Yakima, April 7, 8 and 9; Kittitas, April 15 and 16; Spokane, five days, April 19 to 23; Wenatchee, April 29 and 30.

Dr. Eugene R. Kelley, assistant state health commissioner, and J. F. Stapleton, county attorney, spoke tonight.

Vancover Schoolteacher Showered. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Twenty-three friends of Miss Lillian De Graft, a school teacher in the city schools, gave her a handkerchief shower last evening, the object of which was to replace a quantity of linen which was lost in an unusual manner.

W. C. T. U. to Have Tag Day. MONTESANO, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ida E. Hoffeditz has obtained an order in court restraining her husband from kidnapping their son, pending action for a divorce. She says that he threatened to shoot, if necessary, to obtain possession of the boy. He lives at Imbler, Or., and she says in her divorce complaint that in their 15 years of married life, they have lived in 15 towns of the Northwest, much against her will.

Two Loggers Are Killed. SEATTLE, March 18.—William McCade and D. Peterson, loggers, were instantly killed yesterday while at work in a camp at Swan Lake, near Kent, Wash., by a log falling on them.

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ASTORIA ELKS TO BUILD AT ONCE.

ASTORIA, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—The building committee of Astoria lodge No. 180, B. P. O. Elks, held a meeting yesterday and directed that the contracts for the erection of the proposed new lodge temple be signed in accordance with the awards recently made.

Pythian Sisters Convene. BROWNSVILLE, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—A district convention of the Pythian Sisters closed here yesterday afternoon with a banquet.

Fourteenth Infantry Back Today. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—The Fourteenth Infantry, formerly stationed at Vancouver Barracks, but now returning from a campaign in the Philippine Islands, will arrive tomorrow morning. A six-hour stopover will be made in Vancouver and the soldiers given a chance to renew old acquaintances at the post.

Land Board Reduces Loans. SALEM, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—The State Land Board today approved Second and Burnside street last night while endeavoring to dispose of several bolts of cloth.

Five Sheep Are Donated. IDAHO EXPERIMENT STATION RECEIVES THOROUGHBREDS FOR INVESTIGATION.

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FOXBALL KEENE'S ENTRY STARTS. LIVERPOOL, March 18.—The Grand National steeplechase handicap of 3000 sovereigns for 5-year-olds and upward, Grand National course, four miles and 560 yards, was won here today by Jenkinson. Jerry M. was second and Foxhall Keene's Precursor II was among the 35 starters.

Soldiers Are Alleged Thieves. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Clyde Williams and Frank Shea, soldiers from Vancouver Barracks, are charged with robbing James Nugent of about \$40. County Attorney Stapleton filed the information.

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Postmaster to Move April 15. EUGENE, Or., March 18.—Arrangements have been made by Postmaster Page to move into the new Federal building April 15. The entire arrangement and furnishings are elaborate.

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