

BROADWAY BRIDGE WAY SMOOTHED

Approval of Project by War Department Surmounts Biggest Obstacle

SUITS ONLY HINDRANCE

Case Decided in Favor of City Is Before Supreme Court—Condemnations Not Setbacks—Mayor to Begin Construction.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Approval of the Broadway bridge, Portland, was granted by the Secretary of War today in accordance with yesterday's favorable report by the Chief of Engineers.

With the approval of the Broadway bridge by Secretary of War Dickinson, little remains to be cleared away that the big span shall proceed to actual construction. The injunction suit, filed by Frank Kierman against the validity of the bonds, has been decided in favor of the city by the State Circuit Court, and is in the Oregon Supreme Court on appeal.

The city has condemnation suits pending for rights of way, which seem certain to be settled favorably, the only question being as to the amount to be awarded property owners for the ground used. These suits involve the approaches on the east and west ends of the structure.

Mayor Simon intends to proceed with the actual construction of the Broadway bridge, although it has been declared by its opponents that they have enough material to tie up the project in the courts of the country for at least two years.

The sale of the first \$250,000 issue of the Broadway bridge bonds is scheduled for Monday afternoon, April 11, when the Council committee on ways and means will dispose of that number. It has been proposed by Mayor Simon and others interested that the issue be made popular, and that small denominations be issued.

The Broadway bridge is the largest bridge project ever undertaken in Portland, and will cost about \$2,000,000. The total bond issue is for \$2,000,000. The span will be high enough to permit the passage of all river and ocean-going vessels, with the exception of sailing ships, without opening the draw.

COOK, FRIENDLESS, IS DUE

Dr. Cook, has a card bearing the penciled signature of "F. Craig," which Dr. Cook had written and given him as his card. Here is the F. Craig signature, reproduced from the card:

The handwriting, experts declare, bears all the characteristics of Dr. Cook's own signature, particularly the letter "F." The following is the signature of Dr. Cook, reproduced from his signed photograph in his book, "The Top of the Continent," which tells of his Mount McKinley climb:

"I first met Dr. Cook on January 15 at the Hotel Phoenix in Buenos Ayres, where he was staying with his wife and 'Mr. and Mrs. F. Craig,'" said Mr. Winger. "I didn't know then he was Cook, and during the two weeks I spent in the hotel I became very friendly with him. We used to have long talks together. He seemed just a modest, unassuming American. He told me that his wife and he were the only two persons who spoke English on the Spanish liner Cadiz, in which they had traveled to Buenos Ayres from Barcelona, and that made the trip very lonesome for them."

New Yorker Identifies Him. "When I left Buenos Ayres for Valparaiso by train my acquaintance 'Craig' told me he was going in the German liner Cadiz as far as Punta Arenas in the Straits of Magellan, and after spending two weeks there would go to Valparaiso. So I did not see any more of the Craigs until I arrived in Valparaiso on February 2. Then I found them at the Hotel Royal, where William Jennings Bryan was staying with his family.

On my way, notes the Andean Railroad I had heard that 'F. Craig' had been identified by F. L. Upholn of New York, who had met him on the Oeiris, as 'Mr. and Mrs. F. Craig.'" said Mr. Winger. "I didn't know then he was Cook, and during the two weeks I spent in the hotel I became very friendly with him. We used to have long talks together. He seemed just a modest, unassuming American. He told me that his wife and he were the only two persons who spoke English on the Spanish liner Cadiz, in which they had traveled to Buenos Ayres from Barcelona, and that made the trip very lonesome for them."

Traveller Is Noncommittal. "The Craigs did not come into the dining room last night, so after dinner I went to their apartment. After a few minutes' conversation about the trip through the Straits of Magellan, I said to 'Craig' that I understood from my friend, Mr. Upholn, that he was Dr. Cook, and as we had been so friendly toward him, I would take any message he liked to give me to the waiting American newspaper correspondents. He calmly replied that he had nothing to say, neither admitting nor denying his identity. It would soon blow over, he remarked casually.

Then I asked him if he would give me his card as a souvenir of our meeting, and I handed him mine. "I have no card with me," said he, "but I will write my name for you on another card."

"Then he wrote in pencil the signature 'F. Craig' on the back of another card and handed it to me. The next morning I went to a book store and compared it with the signature of Dr. Cook in an English magazine of last September. I noticed that the 'F' was written in Spanish style, which is not done by one American in a thousand. I also recognized both

'Mr. Craig' and his wife by their portraits in the magazine as Dr. and Mrs. Cook.

Chilean Papers Enterprising.

"I met them afterward at the Hotel Odo in Santiago and talked with 'Craig,' while the reporters hung around the place night and day. He still refused to admit his identity. The Chilean newspapers were very smart. They published snapshots of the couple under reproductions of photographs taken in Copenhagen last September.

BROTHER DISCREDITS STORY

NEW YORK, March 23.—William L. Cook, a Brooklyn milk dealer and brother of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, said tonight that if the doctor was to arrive at New York he was not aware of it. He added he had heard from the explorer recently—from what point he declined to say—and expected another liberal treatment of some of his quarters tonight. He said he had no much faith in the report that his brother was so near New York.

ORDER AIDS SQUATTERS

SETTLERS IN RESERVES TO BE LIBERALLY TREATED.

Secretary of Agriculture Makes It Possible for Homesteaders to List Lands Before Surveys.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary Wilson has just issued an order providing for a more liberal treatment of bona fide squatters upon unsurveyed land which has been included within National forests since the time of actual occupancy of the land by the squatters. Under the homestead law it is impossible for any one to secure legal title to unsurveyed public land, but occupancy pending survey is recognized as giving a prior claim to the land after survey, under what is known as "squatters' rights." A squatter who has in good faith, taken possession of a piece of National forest land before the National forests were created is not dispossessed of his claim by the Forest Service, and if he lives upon it and cultivates it until the land has been surveyed, he is able to get his homestead just as though he had settled on any part of the unsurveyed public domain.

But since the passage of the act of June 11, 1906, which permits the Secretary of Agriculture to list for settlement land which he finds chiefly valuable for agriculture, it has been possible for squatters to apply for the listing of their lands under this act, and thus to obtain title prior to the Government survey. The object of the new order of the Secretary is to provide for the listing of the full amount of land which the occupant would receive if he exercised his option of awaiting the Government survey, irrespective of whether or not the land is cultivable, provided the claim is bona fide and the land is not more valuable for its timber than for agriculture.

Secretary Wilson's order is as follows: "A person who has settled upon and continuously occupied unsurveyed lands within a National forest before its creation, and has been occupying such lands in good faith and in full respect to the laws of the United States, and the rights to include within the list of his homestead 160 acres after the land is surveyed.

Therefore, if the land is occupied for agricultural purposes and is not more valuable for its timber than for such purposes, and there are no circumstances which would in the opinion of the district agent tend to discredit the bona fide character of the claimant, he should be allowed to make application for the patenting of such lands under the act of June 11, 1906, and the examination for listing should be made with a view of listing 160 acres of land where possible.

"The tracts as listed should conform as far as practicable to the form of the public land surveys. The listing of lands above should not in any way govern the determination of the total area, or amount of non-cultivable land listed for applicants under the act of June 11, 1906, who were not residing upon the land before the creation of the forest.

In cases where less than 160 acres of land has been listed to a person who settled upon the land prior to the creation of the forest, an additional area sufficient to complete the homestead entry may be allowed upon proper application."

PURCHASE OF LOCKS FAVORED

Senate Committee Approves Government Ownership at Oregon City.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 23.—The Senate commerce committee has favorably considered an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill for the purchase of the existing canal and locks around the Willamette Falls, Oregon City, or a purchase of the necessary lands and the construction of a new canal and locks, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, to cost \$200,000, provided that no part of the appropriation be expended except for the acquisition of the necessary lands and rights-of-way, and for such antecedent surveys and preliminary work as may be necessary in this connection until the state of Oregon shall appropriate a like amount. The purchase of the canal and locks on the actual construction of new canals and locks shall not be undertaken until the Secretary of War is satisfied that Oregon will deposit the said amount in the Treasury of the United States. It is provided also that the Treasurer of the United States is authorized to receive from Oregon the money hereafter appropriated by the state of Oregon for this purpose, and when received it may be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

U. S. SENATORS LEFT TO VOTERS

Election Committee Urges Their Election by Popular Choice.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representative Ellis today favorably reported from the committee on elections a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. Ellis thinks it would be advisable to submit this amendment to the states for ratification in view of the growth of sentiment in favor of the change. "Instead of compelling the people to report to all kinds of subterfuges to get around the Constitution," said he, "they should be permitted to amend the Constitution themselves, and to select their representatives to meet their wishes. Subterfuges and evasions have resorted to have not proven altogether satisfactory, and should be superseded by a constitutional amendment which will do directly what is now sought to be accomplished by indirection."

COOKS NAMES SIX TOMAKE NEW RULES

Only Friendly Rivalry Shown as Regular Republicans Elect Slate.

NO INSURGENT IS CHOSEN

Gardner of Massachusetts Receives Highest Vote Cast for Any Insurgent—Dalzell and Fassett Both Successful.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—With only the friendliest sort of rivalry, the Republican caucus tonight selected the six members of the rules committee apportioned to the Republican majority in the House. The following, all members of the regular wing of the party, were chosen:

Walter L. Smith, of Iowa, 168 votes; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania, 146 votes; George P. Lawrence, Massachusetts, 145 votes; J. Sloan Fassett, New York, 113 votes; Sylvester C. Smith, California, 108 votes; Henry S. Boutell, Illinois, 108 votes. Two ballots were taken, the four first named receiving a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, and the two last named being chosen on the second ballot.

The six members represent a slate prepared by Representative Tawney of Minnesota after numerous conferences with both regular and insurgent members. The vote in the caucus tonight was taken by written ballot. Nineteen men were placed in nomination and a large number of others received complimentary votes. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts received 35 votes, the highest number cast for any insurgent.

Previous to the caucus the "insurgents" held a meeting, at which several members opposed both Dalzell and Fassett and agreed to contest their selection. At the same time they agreed they would abide by the result.

The Pennsylvania member was objected to for his long association on the committee with Speaker Cannon and because he had presented on the floor many of the bills regarded as particularly obnoxious. Secret Ballot Refused.

Fassett was in disfavor because of his virulent arraignment of insurgents. Mr. Hubbard of Iowa made a speech advocating a secret ballot to select the six members. Assent to this proposition was refused by Mr. Tawney, who said his slate did not call for the selection of any man who was chairman of a standing committee. "Down in New England," interrupted Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, "it is not regarded as democratic to bring in a slate."

His attitude was one of rebuke for those who were attempting to control the caucus, and he was cheered loudly by many members. It was then suggested by Mr. Payne, of New York, the Republican floor leader, that nominations be made and informal ballot taken in the hope of bringing the recalcitrants back into camp for the rest of the session. Poinexter took no part in the proceedings, other than to cast his ballot.

No member of the Washington delegation was voted for in the caucus. MORTON OFF FOR MEXICO

Mission May Be to Inspect Link in Pan-American Railway.

DENVER, March 23.—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and ex-Secretary of the Navy, spent today in Denver in the hope of bringing the recalcitrants back into camp for the rest of the session. Poinexter took no part in the proceedings, other than to cast his ballot.

Oldest Freemason Is Dead at 108.

NEWPORT, N. H., March 23.—James Bellows McGregor, believed to be the oldest Freemason in the world, died at his home here today, aged 108 years. McGregor joined a Masonic lodge at Salisbury, N. H., in 1824.

Delzell to Be Chairman.

The result of the first ballot was as follows: Smith of Iowa, 168; Dalzell 146; Lawrence 125; Fassett 113; Smith of California 92; Boutell 85; Kahn 86; Longworth 83; Gardner 78; Stevens 78; Stevens of Minnesota 16; McCall 15; Mailby 14; Long 14; Hamilton 12; Parsons 12; Denby 12; Martin 9 and a number of scattering votes. The second ballot received the support of Cooper of Wisconsin 4; Madison 4 and Fish 3. This was the extent of the insurgent strength.

A LITTLE THING Changes the Home Feeling.

Coffee blows out the sunshine from many a home by making the mother, or some other member of the household, susceptible to bilious attacks, and as I have thousands of cases where the proof is absolutely undeniable. Here is one. A Wis. mother writes: "I was taught to drink coffee at an early age, and also at an early age became a victim to headaches, and as I grew to womanhood these headaches became a part of me, as I was scarcely ever free from them. "About five years ago a friend urged me to try Postum. I made the trial and the result was so satisfactory that we have used it ever since. "My husband and little daughter were subject to bilious attacks, but they have both been entirely free from them since we began using Postum instead of coffee. I no longer have headaches and my health is perfect. "If some of these nervous, tired, irritable women would only leave off coffee absolutely and try Postum they would find a wonderful change in their life. It would then be filled with sunshine and happiness rather than weariness and discontent. And think what an effect it would have on the family, for the mood of the mother is largely responsible for the temper of the children. "Read 'The Road to Wellville,' in 100 pages. 'There's a Reason.' "

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Norris Is Satisfied.

The insurgents appeared satisfied, although not the most radical expressed themselves. Representative Norris of Nebraska said: "I think everybody is well satisfied. Of course, the men selected are not the men I would have named if I had the choosing." The committee was selected largely for geographical reasons, and the best thing accomplished was that no committee chairman was named by the insurgents. Lawrence of Massachusetts, long has been a friend of Speaker Cannon.

Boutell Is Cannon Nominator.

Representative Boutell of Illinois placed Mr. Cannon in nomination for President at the Chicago convention in 1908. He is one of the most consistent supporters of the majority. Representative Smith of California always has been one of the "most regular" Republicans in the House. Majority Leader Payne, before the nominations were made, appealed to all of the 128 members to act as Republicans without regard to party. He appealed for harmony, a united Republicanism, and characterized any division within the party as unfair and needless. So far as he was concerned, he said, he was in favor of putting one "insurgent" on the rules committee. He most regularly a Republican and insisted everybody—regular and insurgent alike—have a fair chance.

Speaker Votes for Slate.

In the early hours of the caucus Speaker Cannon spent the time in his room reading newspapers. He felt that his presence in the caucus might be misinterpreted. Shortly after 9 o'clock, however, he made up his mind to enter. "Guess I had better go in and cast my ballot," he called to Mr. Boutell of Illinois, who had strolled in. They went into the House chamber together and remained there for the rest of the session. The Speaker voted for the Tawney slate.

OREGON MEMBERS GET VOTES

Both Vote for Smith of California. Poin Dexter in Caucus.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 23.—On the first ballot in the Republican caucus tonight, both Representatives Ellis and Hawley voted for the regular slate of members on the committee on rules, but lacked the support given to a member of the California delegation, who ultimately was elected.

Neither Oregon member was an active candidate for this place, and both supported Smith of California, who had the largest original vote given to any Pacific Coast man.

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MERGER UNDER WAY

Anaconda to Increase Stock to Acquire Holdings.

COURT DECISION AWAITED

Amalgamated Copper, Which Is Only Holding Company, Will Cease to Exist if Plans for Greater Combine Are Carried.

ANACONDA, March 23.—The stockholders of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company at a special meeting here today voted to increase the capital stock from 1,200,000 shares of the par value of \$25 each to 4,000,000 shares of the same par value. The additional stock is to be used, according to plans, in acquiring the stock of a large number of other copper mining corporations now included in the operations of the Amalgamated Copper Company. The Amalgamated is only a holding company, and would go out of existence if the actual ownership of the properties should be transferred, through the exchange of stock, to the Anaconda Company. It is regarded as certain that the move made today is only preliminary to a further actual merger of copper properties, which it is believed will include the holdings of the Guggenheims and others. It then will be the greatest copper merger the world has ever known.

Merger of Directors of the Anaconda

at the meeting today was authorized to offer the following named companies the following respective amounts of the capital stock of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in exchange for all the properties and assets of every kind owned by the corporations named: Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper & Silver Mining Company, 1,200,000 shares; Red Metal Mining Company, 500,000 shares; Worcester Copper Company, 300,000; Butte & Boston Consolidated Mining Company, 300,000; Big Blackfoot Lumber Company, 300,000; Trenton Mining & Development Company, 120,000; Diamond Coal & Coke Company, 100,000; Parrott Silver & Copper Company, 100,000; Alice Gold & Silver Mining Company, 50,000.

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