

WHITE GOVERNMENT; HEYBURN PROTESTS

Idaho Senator Finally Loses in Opposition to New Chief Justice.

OTHER NOMINATIONS WAIT

Interesting Fight Witnessed on Floor of Senate When Hale Arises to Talk for White—Heyburn Finally Surrenders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—With but one protest heard, that of Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, the Senate today confirmed the nomination of Edward Douglas White, of Louisiana, to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

President Taft's promotion of Associate Justice White was received by the Senate shortly after it convened. The Senate interrupted business to go into executive session to make the necessary confirmation, as the rule requiring reference of nominations to committees does not apply in cases where the appointee has served as a member of the Senate. Chief Justice White's commission will be issued before another session.

Other Judges Will Wait.

Accompanying Justice White's name in the list of nominations were those of Justice Willis Vandevanter, of Wyoming, now a judge of the eighth judicial circuit, and Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia, formerly of the Supreme Court of his state, to be associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. No action was taken in their case, although there is no apparent opposition. It was said that the Senate had decided to postpone the confirmation of the judges named for the new Court of Commerce. All were referred to the Senate Judiciary committee.

The Senate committee on interstate commerce will meet tomorrow to consider the nomination of C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, and H. M. Mayer, of Wisconsin, for membership on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is said there will be no serious opposition to the confirmations of either, but as the Senate has no first-hand knowledge that Chairman Knapp, named as the presiding judge of the Court of Commerce, intends to retire, the Senate will wait until another meeting.

Action May Be Delayed.

The chances are no action will be taken until after Judge Knapp has been confirmed for the position to which he was appointed today.

The Senate surprised itself by its speedy action upon the nomination of Chief Justice White. In less than an hour after the names had been received from the White House the Senate had disposed of the nomination.

Immediately after the disposal of the routine business of the morning hour Senator Hale moved that the Senate go into executive session. So anxious were other Senators who had other business they considered pressing that they rushed to the side of the Maine member to prevent the session.

Hale Most Insistent.

"Wait and see," he replied, and continued to insist on his motion.

When at last the doors were closed the nomination of Mr. White was laid before the Senate. Mr. Hale waited for the reading of other nominations, but moved confirmation of the Chief Justice. A few voices were raised in protest, but Mr. Hale took the floor. He spoke for about ten minutes, dealing with Mr. White's demonstrated fitness for the place, and enlarged on the fact that he had been a member of the Senate.

The only voice raised in opposition to immediate confirmation was that of Senator Heyburn. He declared himself opposed to the selection of anyone of the associate justices contrary both to precedent and policy. The Idaho Senator eventually surrendered gracefully and when the vote was taken, joined his voice with all others in the affirmative.

Justice White was visibly affected when he learned of the Senate's prompt action. He was on the bench when a group of Senators called to congratulate him. He met them in an ante-chamber and when he resumed his place his eyes were brimming with tears. He showed further emotion when, on the adjournment of the court, the entire Louisiana delegation in Congress, headed by Senators Foster and Thornton, called to congratulate him.

Late today the new Chief Justice called at the White House to pay his respects to the President and to thank him for the honor conferred upon him. Chief Justice White later issued the following statement:

The President and Senate have indeed honored me, the one by nominating and the other by confirming me without reference as Chief Justice, to preside over the sessions of the court and to be its spokesman in matters of administration.

I am deeply grateful, not only to the President and the Senate, but also to those who have shown interest in me, and whether lawyer or layman, and whether in public or private life, who without solicitation or knowledge on my part may have recommended or suggested that nomination.

Gratitude is expressed. Human nature would be wanting if a sense of personal gratification was not felt at the induction thus afforded for the belief entertained by the President, the Senate and others, that during the many years I have taken part in the work of the court, there has been at least honest and painstaking effort to do my duty towards the country.

Of course, with the sense of personal gratification at the honor which the selection implies, comes the consciousness that new and increased administrative duties and executive responsibilities will follow, and I pray that Divine Providence may give me the strength and wisdom to perform them.

Fear as to possible consequences to result from my deficiencies, however, is at once dispelled by the knowledge that I shall after all continue to be only a member of the court, simply sharing its burdens with my brethren, whose assistance and guiding support will be ever mine in the future as it has always been in the past.

Other Nominations Made.

Frederick W. Lehmann, of Missouri, was also confirmed by the Senate today to be Solicitor-General of the United States. He succeeds the late Lloyd W. Bowers, who died in October.

Among other nominations sent to the Senate were the following: Postmasters—Max Jacobs, East River, Mont.; William Rogers, East River, Wyo. To be Consul-General at Tangier, Morocco, Maxwell Blake, of Missouri. To be Consul, William W. Handley, of New York, at Naples, Italy. Carl Bailey Hurst, of the District of Columbia, at Lyons, France. Lee J. Kenna, of Michigan, at Florence, Italy.

Marion Letcher, of Georgia, at Chihuahua, Mexico. Hunter Sharp, of North Carolina, at Belfast, Ireland. Edwin D. Winalow, of Illinois, at Pilsen, Germany.

To be Judges of new Court of Commerce—Martin A. Knapp, now chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, for a term of five years; Robert W. Archbald, now United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, term of four years; William H. Hunt, now a Judge of the Court of Customs Appeals, formerly of the District of Montana, term of three years.

John Emmett Carland, of South Dakota, to be Judge of the new Court of Commerce, for a term of two years. This is a change from the original plan, which provided for the appointment of Michigan, having first been selected for this place.

LEMON SPROUTS ON THUMB

Truth and Fiction Run Even Race in Story From Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Truth and fiction are running an even race in a

ONE OF PRESIDENT TAFT'S TWO NEW APPOINTEES TO SUPREME COURT BENCH.



JUDGE WILLIS VAN DEVANTER, OF WYOMING.

story that is being told around the Nation. Capital about the fecundity of a man's thumb in which a couple of lemon sprouts accidentally became imbedded.

Six weeks ago, Wilfred Barron, who is employed at a cafe here, was whitening the rim of some lemons when he cut his thumb deeply. After the wound healed, three sprouts appeared, the length of them being estimated at one-half inch. Dr. C. A. Snow removed the peculiar growth, but a few days ago some more sprouts rose from the finger. It is related, and had to be carved out. Barron is wondering whether the vein will produce any more. He is said to have planted the first seed in a flower pot, christening the little tree that has already resulted therefrom "Tom Thumb."

To those who attribute the story to fertility of the imagination rather than to the fact of the matter, Barron exhibits a thumb wound on one hand and points with the other to the lemon plant on the window sill.

ROSEBURG NOW UP IN ARMS

Taxpayers Unable to Reach Agreement on High School Site.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Declaring that it will be impossible to select a Central High School site satisfactory to all the taxpayers in the district, the members of the Roseburg School Board have practically concluded to reject the proposals thus far offered, and delay selection of the site until the question of several sites, all of which are situated within a few blocks of the business districts. These taxpayers say that the high school should be centrally located, and will strenuously oppose any attempt to locate it in the suburbs.

A few days ago the School Board announced that they had practically decided to locate the Lane school building to make room for the new structure, but in the face of strenuous opposition this plan has been abandoned.

A straw vote is now being taken in an effort to ascertain the sentiment of the voters, and balloting is brisk.

KOZER ISSUES NEW ORDERS

Rewritten Marine Insurance Must Be in Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Insurance Commissioner Kozer has issued an order to resident-general agents of marine insurance companies doing business in Oregon in which he holds that all business, whether direct or reinsurance, written in the state by authorized agents, shall be included in the annual reports of the companies. Companies transacting casualty business are also called upon to report salvage received during the year.

The Commissioner plans to recommend that an amendment providing for a tax of 2 per cent on net premiums of companies be made to the present statutes so as to embrace items of premiums not now included, because the law is not specific in relation to these particular items.

POSTAL LOSS CUT DOWN \$11,651,434

Frank H. Hitchcock Reports Enormous Reduction Despite Extra Cost.

FRAUDS NET MILLIONS

Extension of Federal Savings Banks Recommended With Parcels Post. Civil Service for Small Offices Also Urged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—While a year ago the fiscal records of the postal service disclosed a deficit of \$15,500,000, the largest in the history of the country, the excess of expenditures over receipts for the year ended June 30 last, amounted to only \$5,848-

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ment can not be attained while the thousands of postmasters, on whose faithfulness so much depends, continue to be political appointees. The entire postal service should be taken out of politics. The recent order of the President classifying, on the recommendation of the department, all assistant postmasters was an important step in the right direction. It will more important reform Presidential postmasters of all grades, from the first-class to the third, should be placed in the classified civil service.

\$100,000,000 Loss Alleged.

It is indicated in the report that the crusade by the Postoffice Department against the fraudulent use of the mails has been pushed with great vigor. During the last few months the principal officers of the department have been placed under arrest for swindling the public by this method.

It is estimated, the report says, "that the so important revenues recently brought to a head represent swindling operations that have bleached from the American people in less than a decade fully \$100,000,000."

LORIMER AGAIN CLEARED

(Continued From First Page.) committee had been taken and not one member would vote to sustain the charges. This, however, was not confirmed.

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LORIMER CASE 8 MONTHS OLD

Bribery Charge First Made by Member of Illinois Legislature.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The charge that Senator Lorimer had purchased his seat in the United States Senate was first made when a constituent of Cook County, a former streetcar conductor, and labor lobbyist at Springfield, was published in a Chicago newspaper. An Illinois Democratic Representative Lee O'Neil Browne, H. J. C. Beckemeyer, Michael Link and Robert E. Wilson were mentioned as having been involved in the case.

White declared he had been paid \$1000 for his Lorimer vote by Browne, minority leader, at Springfield. White said he had never received a cent from Lorimer. Lorimer had been elected by a combination of Democrats and Republicans after the Legislature had been deadlocked for months in an effort to elect a Senator.

To States Attorney Wayman, of Cook County, Beckemeyer and Link were said to have confessed that they had received money after voting for Lorimer. At the same time, States Attorney Burke, of Sangamon County, began an investigation of the charges. White Democratic friend of Lorimer. Indictments were returned against the men in both Cook and Sangamon Counties.

The first time the jury disagreed, after having been out for a longer period than any other jury in the history of the county. The charges were returned against the men in both Cook and Sangamon Counties.

As a result of the charges and subsequent indictments, Senator Lorimer introduced a resolution in the United States Senate asking for a complete investigation of the election of Senator Lorimer. On September 17, the Senatorial Investigating Commission met in Chicago. The formal charges of bribery were placed before the Legislative Voters' League.

MAIL, BOUNTY BILL RESTS

Texas Senator Would Annul New Mexico's Boundary Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The ocean mail bounty bill came up as the unfinished business in the Senate today, but the Senate laid it aside temporarily.

This course was taken on motion of Senator Gallinger to accompany that of Senator Aldrich, who stated that the bill will not be pressed later.

The unusual course of declaring null and void a portion of a state constitution is proposed by a resolution introduced today by Senator Culbertson, of Texas, attacking the provision in the constitution of New Mexico, which undertakes to change the boundary line between New Mexico and Texas.

The resolution provides for the annulment of the provision. The question of a constitutional convention to act quickly against polygamous practices is placed squarely before the House committee on Judiciary in a Washington state concurrent resolution passed by the Legislature and received by the House today. The resolution asks Congress to call a convention to propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy and

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Wallowa Physicians Organize. WALLOWA, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Physicians of Wallowa County met at the Wallowa Hospital, in this city yesterday, and formed the Wallowa County Medical Association, electing the following officers: Dr. J. H. Thompson, of Joseph, president; Dr. C. T. Hockett, of Enterprise, vice-president; Dr. R. M. Erwin, of Joseph, secretary and treasurer; Wallace G. Trill, of Wallowa, legal adviser. Regular meetings will be held each month at one of the towns of the valley. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in January, at Joseph.

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FIRST OVER THE BARS BEST OVER THE BARS. HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE. Baker County Prepares for Settlement of Vast Acreage. BAKER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—One of the biggest Carey act irrigation projects under way in the Northwest will soon be thrown open for settlement. This big tract covers about 2100 acres, all of which is in Baker County. Its 120 miles of main canals will cover the entire tract, making it easily the largest project of its kind yet undertaken in Oregon. It involves the immediate construction of two immense storage reservoirs, with possibly a third one later. Flood waters of both Eagle and Powder rivers will be held in quantities that will guarantee an ample supply all the season. The Powder Valley Irrigation Company, which will furnish the water for this big tract of land, is the first company in Oregon to construct its flumes of concrete, and many miles of its canals and lateral ditches will be constructed of the same material. The company expects to expend over \$4,000,000 for construction during the next two years. When this