

TARIFF QUESTIONS ARE MADE PUBLIC

List to Be Sent to Manufacturers but Action on Bill Will Not Wait.

COSTS ARE INQUIRED INTO

Proportion of Labor Cost in Domestic and Foreign Plants and Comparative Prices Among Subjects Treated.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate finance committee, made public tonight a list of 29 questions relating to the tariff prepared by majority members of the committee which will be sent to manufacturers of the country. To avert any clash over this action in the Senate the majority will send with their list the original 16 questions proposed by Senator La Follette, although most of his are incorporated in the majority list.

The committee announced in a statement that if manufacturers or persons who have filed briefs or have made written or oral protests to the committee will send answers before the bill is reported back to the Senate, they will be printed.

"But," the statement added, "neither the report of the bill to the Senate, nor final action by the Senate on the bill will be delayed for answers." All questions must be answered under oath.

The questions are: "What part of your production do you export? To what countries, and in what quantities and values and what rates of duty are paid at the several foreign ports?" "Are you interested in any other concern exporting this commodity? If so, give name, amount of product exported and the actual selling price of this product here and abroad."

"What were the wholesale prices charged by you and by any concern in which you are interested for this commodity in the domestic market, and what were the prices charged when sold in foreign markets in January, April, July, October, 1912, and in January, 1913?"

"What was the cost of transportation of your product from your factory to the principal foreign markets?" "Foreign Competition Investigated."

"What countries, or countries, are your chief competitors in the foreign markets to which you export?" "Is there a tariff differential for or against you in any of the countries to which you export this commodity? If so, what is the amount of such differential? What rates of duty have you paid?"

"How many concerns are engaged in the manufacture or production of this commodity in this country and who are the principal producers?" "Are any of the producers organized into a trust or combination to control the price or output, or for any other purpose, and have you any connection or interest, directly or indirectly, in such trust or combination?"

"What proportion of the production of this commodity in this country is produced by such trusts? What proportion by the independent producers?" "Is there any difference in the price charged for this product in the domestic market by the independent producer and the trust producer?"

"What were your wholesale prices, f. o. b. factory, of this commodity sold in the United States during January, April, July, October, 1912, and in January, 1913?"

"What were your wholesale prices for this commodity, f. o. b. factory, for export in foreign countries during the same periods?" "What was the cost of production in your plant per unit of your product for the fiscal years 1910 and 1912? Give cost of material, labor, overhead prices and depreciation charges in separate items and in as much detail as possible in this connection, give capitalization, amount of common stock, preferred stock and amount of bonds issued; amount of actual cash or its equivalent in property received in consideration of the stock; amount of dividend paid on preferred stock and common stock and rate of interest borne by bonds for the last 10 years; how much your earnings for each of the years 1910, 1911, 1912 have been credited to surplus and how much devoted to additions to the plant; salaries paid during each of the foregoing years to each of your principal officials; statement of assets and liabilities 1910, 1911 and 1912 and comparative balance sheet for these years."

"Give value of each of the property shown in the above statements of assets and liabilities was assessed for taxation in 1912 and transcript of your labor roll for January, April, July, October, 1912 and January, 1913."

"Labor Costs Compared." "State amount of wages paid per annum for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, and total value per annum of your product for the same years, and the character, quality and age of the machinery used in manufacturing your product."

"What is total cost of production per unit of the same products as yours in competing countries?" "What is the percentage of labor cost to the total cost of a unit of product in competing countries?"

"Give cost of transportation from your factory to the principal markets in this country, naming the markets." "What is the cost of transportation from the principal points of production in competing countries to the markets in this country?"

"What part of the duty under the Payne-Aldrich law represents your profit as a manufacturer?" "Have you a pecuniary interest in the maintenance of a high tariff on this commodity?"

ABSCONDER DIES IN EXILE

End Comes in Chile to Bank Teller Who Stole \$55,000.

BOSTON, May 23.—The death at Valparaiso, Chile, of Frederick T. Moore, former assistant receiving teller of the National Bank of Commerce of this city, who absconded 14 years ago with \$55,000 of the bank's funds, was reported heretofore.

Moore fled from Boston in 1898, when irregularities were found in his books. He was arrested, but the courts refused extradition.

GRAND LODGE MEET ENDS

Spokane Gets Next Session Knights of Pythias.

TACOMA, May 23.—The thirtieth annual convention of the state grand

lodges, Knights of Pythias, ended tonight when a dance was held in the Tacoma armory. Spokane was chosen as the place for the grand lodge meeting in 1914.

The Knights out the rate per mile of representatives to the grand lodge meeting from 6 to 4 cents. The proposal to reduce the age limit for entrance into the order from 21 to 18 years was tabled.

The Pythian Sisters elected the following officers: Past grand chief, Frances Malin, Seattle; grand chief, Rosa Waters, Goldendale; grand senior, Nettie Bowes, Aberdeen; grand junior, Mary F. Stuart, Bellingham; grand manager, Sylvia Barkwell, Elum; grand protector, Minnie Schott, Tekoa; grand outer guard, Marcia Barnhart, Spokane; grand mistress of records and correspondence, Viola Love, Colfax; grand mistress of finance, Ella Bon-

PORTLAND BOY WHO DISAPPEARED SOUGHT BY HIS MOTHER.



Earl Peterson. The disappearance of Earl Peterson, aged 16, son of Mrs. Florence Simmons, of 1434 Pacific street, who left his home to go to Rainier three weeks ago, is causing his mother a great deal of anxiety. His father has died since the boy left home. Information forwarded to Mrs. Simmons will be gratefully received.

zelle, Tacoma; supreme representative, Edna Chandler, Dayton; alternate representative, Emily Mackey, Colfax.

SHEEPSKINS GIVEN TO 48

WILLAMETTE GRADUATES 37 IN LAW; 11 IN MEDICINE.

Of Lawyers, Two Are Women, Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor's Secretary, and Miss Mabel A. Wellborn.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Before a large gathering at the State-street Methodist Episcopal Church could hold the Law and Medical Colleges of Willamette University tonight held joint commencement exercises. Thirty-seven graduates in law and 11 in medicine received their sheepskins. This is the largest class in law ever graduating from the college. The graduates in law are: Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary, and Miss Mabel A. Wellborn, Donnell's secretary. Among these number three members of the same family, the trio representing two generations, a father, McInturff, Sr., and his two sons, all of the three graduating with high honors.

State Officials Graduate. Nine of the graduates have been holding positions of trust and importance at the Statehouse during their undergraduate days. Among this number are: Ralph E. Watson, Governor West's ex-private secretary, now "Blue Sky" Commissioner; Walter B. Dillard, assistant of the public instruction department; and E. Babcock, of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, and several others.

Charles E. Bates was the graduate in medicine receiving highest honors. He received for this the Tamulie gold medal reward. Mr. Bates also was highest man passing the January state medical examinations in Oregon of the year taking it. Verne Hamilton also passed the State Board with honor before his graduation.

Dr. Benjamin Young, of Portland, delivered an address to both classes urging strongly that each cultivate self-mastery and harmony with surroundings. Judge G. H. Burnett made the special address to the law class and was well received. Dr. L. P. Griffith, of Salem, addressed the medicine.

The graduates in medicine are: Charles Elmer Bates, Lewis C. Hobson, Ivan Ellsworth, Bellingham; Lloyd Howe Mett, Charles Francis Cropp, Philip L. Newmyer, Verne Leonard Hamilton, John William Rose, Delmer Neil Hayden, Dick Raymond Ross, David Albert Williams. The graduates in law are: Alden W. Andrews, J. W. McInturff, C. B. Babcock, Ernest R. McKee, Ernest Blue, Frank E. Meek, G. G. Brown, W. M. Miles, George Cole, E. Max Page, C. Joseph Crosby, E. K. Piascecki, Robin D. Day Charles Z. Randall, W. B. Dillard, Thomas A. Rinehart, Charles W. Earnste, George R. Schreiber, R. Gray Francis, Fred C. Schmidt, Lawrence L. Gardner, C. L. Starr, Veri A. Goode, Walter C. Simmons, C. G. Hickox, Burr E. Tapp, Carl A. Humpel, Ralph A. Watson, Fern Hobbs, Mabel A. Wellborn, Carl T. Jefferson, Lloyd E. Westley, Roscoe I. Keator, Charles A. Wilson, David N. McElroy, George P. Winslow, H. Fletcher McInturff.

CITIZENS MAY BLOCK SALE

Opposition Against Water Works Arises at Milwaukie.

MILWAUKIE, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Opposition to the purchase of the Milwaukie Springs Water Works, J. L. Johnson, manager, has come up in the form of a remonstrance now in circulation. The appraisers have fixed the value of the property at \$57,100. The water mains extend outside the city limits. According to the new charter amendment a remonstrance signed by 100 taxpayers will block the sale of any of the water plants at the appraised value.

It was announced here today that an effort will be made to revive the Milwaukie Commercial Club, or start a new organization. A large number of improvements to streets is contemplated this year besides the municipal water works, and it is considered necessary to have a civic club to look after these matters.

TARIFF SITUATION IN SENATE UNCHANGED

Tie Vote Possible on Wool and Sugar, if Poindexter Does Not Prevent.

WALSH ISSUES PROTEST

Montanan Regarded as Likely to Stay Out of Caucus—Woolen Manufacturer Pleads for Measure of Protection.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Wool and sugar, the stumbling-blocks of the tariff, determined the tenting of Senate finance sub-committees and Senators in general today, the legislative air being filled with rumors of contemplated changes and chances of counter-rumors of a further tightening of the Administration forces for free wool and for free sugar in three years.

Great interest was attached to a public statement made by Senator Walsh, of Montana, condemning the proposal to put wool and sugar on the free list, which gave rise to a report that he might join with Senators Randall and Thornton, of Louisiana, and vote against the bill. In that case the Senate Democratic majority being only six, the vote on the tariff bill would be a tie, necessitating the vote of Vice-President Marshall to pass it. Should this develop, there are some Democrats who believe that Senator Poindexter, of Washington, the only avowed Progressive in the Senate, will vote with them on the bill. This would give leeway for another Democrat to desert in the woolen caucus.

Caucus Will Be Interesting. Administration leaders declared today that the situation looked favorable for the bill, but they look forward to an interesting session in the party caucus, whether the woolen and Western Representatives will have an opportunity to make a determined struggle against free wool and free sugar. A rumor that several of them would unite to remain out of the caucus was denied by party leaders, though one of them declared that he would not blame Senator Walsh should he determine to vote against the bill. It is apparent that the caucus would not yield on sugar and wool.

Foreign Reserve Large. Asked if free wool would not prove beneficial to his interests, Mr. Whitman said it might eventually. At present, he said, his company had on hand a large supply of raw wool, bought under tariff rates, and that he would be at a disadvantage in working this off while other manufacturers were buying and manufacturing with wool bought on a free-of-duty basis. He declared that foreign manufacturers had enormous amounts of woolen goods stacked away ready to put on the American market as soon as the proposed bill becomes a law.

Henry T. Oxnard, recognized as the head of the delegation representing the beet sugar interests, appeared before Senator Walsh's sub-committee to protest against the proposed sugar schedule. He presented the case of the beet sugar men at length, maintaining that free sugar would be a blow to the industry in this country.

An important change in the bill as it passed the House, it was reliably reported today, has been made by Senator Stone's committee in the metal schedule. They are declared to have decided to put pig iron and ferro-manganese on the free list. The Underwood bill levies a 10 per cent duty on pig iron and 15 per cent on ferro-manganese used in the manufacture of steel. An argument over these rates developed in the House.

The Senate sub-committee is said to have reversed this decision, maintaining that they both are products of the United States. Senator Stone's committee is said to have decided to put pig iron and ferro-manganese on the free list for that reason.

BAKER CLASS GRADUATES

Superintendent Churchill Makes Last Official Address.

BAKER, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Before an audience that packed the Baker Theater tonight 51 were graduated from the Baker High School and City Superintendent Churchill gave his last address before becoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Oregon. There were 29 boys and only 22 girls, an unusual ratio for a graduating class in the state.

Dr. Edmund C. Conkila, of the University of Oregon, delivered the commencement address and paid high tribute to Professor Churchill, who made fitting remarks in regard to his 20 years with the Baker schools. Frank McColloch was valedictorian and John Jenkins was salutatorian. The only part was in the chorus in charge of Miss Anna Thomas, the musical instructor.

Ashland Lodge to Build. ASHLAND, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—An ancient landmark in the premises of the market block is to be rehabilitated. Originally constructed in 1873, it has been deemed necessary to rebuild the main portion of the structure. The contemplated improvements will involve the expenditure of about \$2000.

Ashland to Improve Park. ASHLAND, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Civic improvements have experienced an impetus, due to the action of the City Council, which appropriated \$250 in behalf of the Chautauqua park. Club's efforts to beautify the park, preliminary to the forthcoming assembly of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua.

MR. HEUSNER:

The people of Portland have a right to know from you the following: The names of the people back of the Heusner Franchise, and if there are none, why should you or any other man be given a valuable franchise for practically nothing to sell again for your personal benefit?

Do you think it right that the valuation of \$81,000 placed on your franchise by the City Council after a careful consideration should be cut down by you to \$37,500 in your franchise before the people? Are you, because you think so, entitled to this reduction of over \$40,000? Hasn't the time come when the people of Portland, through their Council or Commission, should, after careful consideration, fix the value of any franchise and not allow any interested individual to place a value on what he wants just because he wants it?

The fact that you have changed materially the franchise you first wanted is enough to make every voter sit up and take notice. The franchises lately gotten from the city by the Oregon Electric Company and the Southern Pacific Railroad clearly say what the length of trains shall be—how many cars—yours does not. All franchises lately granted by the city call for steel posts within the fire limits. Yours does not.

Don't you consider it a most dangerous thing for the people of Portland to grant you, by their vote, a franchise that cannot be amended, that settles absolutely for the length of the franchise all the conditions that pertain to it? Would it not be much better for the people to vote NO on your franchise and later have it come up to the Commission and have it carefully considered?

Do you think it right, if you really mean business, that you should have two years in which to build a line which can be built in six months? Isn't it a fact that in your endeavor to sell the Kenton line at your figure, you are trying to get this franchise? And isn't it all wrong for you to talk about your connection with suburban lines in another state, when you have no connection with them and they don't exist, and if they do, it will be in the years to come; and when they do, our new bridge across the Columbia will be built and it will be the proper time to figure on the interurban car interests from that section?

East and West Broadway, by the building of the new Broadway bridge, has become the main artery running north and south through the heart of Portland, and the residents of all the East Side, the Peninsula district, Irvington, Central East Portland, Mount Tabor district, Lents, Sellwood district, Portland Heights, Willamette Heights, in fact, all of East and West Portland, all the people are most vitally interested in having efficient service on Broadway to all parts of the city, as it means the loss of money and time to thousands if through the center of town on Broadway there should be two lines operating on the same street, to the disadvantage of both and only causing congestion that cannot be rectified.

The following is taken from a letter from Charles G. Andrews, President of the Los Angeles Realty Board, dated October 2, 1912:

"In reply will state that if some of your Portland people were to see the condition of Hill and Main streets, upon which both local and interurban cars are operating, they would immediately agree that it is not only impracticable, in rapidly growing cities like Portland and Los Angeles, to operate such dual service, but it is a tremendously expensive proposition as well. It renders other street traffic at busy times of the day impossible. It causes a tremendous loss of time to out-of-town residents, and a big loss of business to merchants."

Should you, Mr. Heusner, get your franchise and run your big, slow-moving cars up Broadway in connection with the existing line you will only create a condition like that in Los Angeles, and for which the people will have to suffer if they grant your franchise. There is a franchise at the City Hall, which is most generous to you, which you did not take, but which gives you an entrance into the City of Portland and the use of Flanders, Tenth, Salmon and Fourth streets. What more do you want? The people of Portland should VOTE NO ON THE HEUSNER FRANCHISE, NO. 103 ON THE BALLOT.

People's Rights League

By T. A. Linticum, Sec.

(PAID ADVERTISEMENT)

GROWERS TO DECIDE

North Pacific Fruit Distributors to Meet Today.

FUTURE COURSE IS ISSUE

Whether to Disband, Maintain Inactive Organization or Proceed on Original Plans Without Withdrawal to Be Decided.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the board of trustees of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors to be held here tomorrow morning it will be decided definitely as to what action the concern, which was organized at Spokane last Fall, will take as to handling of the Northwest fruit crop for the coming year.

The meeting was arranged for over the telephone today by H. F. Davidson, of this city, a member of the executive

committee of the distributors, and their treasurer, H. C. Sampson, of Spokane, secretary. Mr. Davidson says that a number of the Northwestern districts have passed resolutions asking that the distributors not disband for the year, as has been proposed, but that it continue its existence and handle their apple crop for them.

The distributors have had three different lines of action under consideration. First, to become inactive for the present year, merely keeping their identity for the purpose of coming together and discussing general conditions second, to carry out the original plans without the affiliation of Washington, many of the growers of this district being opposed to the plan; and third, merely to make the organization a medium of exploiting the Northwest box apple business by a wide campaign of advertising.

While J. H. Robbins, of Yakima, who has been proposed as manager of the distributors, has spoken in favor of the first-named plan, it is thought that the pressure that will be brought to bear by the various districts will result in the trustees going ahead with their plans as originally outlined.

A mass meeting of the Hood River Valley growers, at which representatives will be present from The Dalles, Mosier, Underwood, White Salmon and the Willamette Valley, will be held in the afternoon to decide whether the Hood River district shall affiliate with the distributors this year. Although the growers have never taken any definite action on the distributors, all of their utterances have been favorable to the new central selling agency.

EUGENE TO CELEBRATE

COMPLETION OF NEW LINE TO BE OBSERVED.

Picnic Suggested by President of Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad.

EUGENE, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—That the completion of tracklaying on the Portland, Eugene & Eastern line, between Eugene and Corvallis, will not go unmarked is indicated by correspondence with President Robert Strahorn, given out this morning by M. J. Duryea, manager of the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial Club. Mr. Duryea had communicated to Mr. Strahorn the wish of Eugene people to observe the event, reserving for the complete electrification of the system a celebration which shall rival that which greeted the Oregon Electric last October. Mr. Strahorn writes: "We have had this under consideration and beg to assure you we will take pleasure in co-operating with you to carry this out."

"It has been suggested that we might run trains from both Eugene and Corvallis, having the same meet where the rails are finally joined, and have a regular old-fashioned basket picnic there. Two work trains are now at work on



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Echo Rebekah Name Officers.

ECHO, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Henrietta Rebekah Lodge No. 36, Oddfellows, of this place, held its regular semi-annual election Wednesday night. Officers elected for the term beginning July 1 were: Noble grand, Mrs. Anna Young; vice-grand, Miss Nona Houser; secretary, Mrs. Minerva Schott; and treasurer, Mrs. Kate Gulliford.

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