

CONGRESS THINKS IT NEEDS PRESS AGENT

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FIELD HELD NOT COVERED

Washington Correspondents Declared to Neglect What Happens in Committee Meetings.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—

There is only one thing the matter with congress, it seems. It needs a press agent. The question of hiring one has received earnest consideration of late but no one knows just how to go about it.

It has been generally supposed that with the congressional record always available and "leave to print" rather generously given in debate, congress had a most enviable means of publicity. To say nothing of the scores of accredited Washington correspondents who visit the press galleries of the house and senate from day to day.

The contention now is made that the real work of congress is not done upon the floor of the senate and house but in the committee rooms. The record, of course, takes no heed of committee proceedings. It is a verbatim account of what takes place on the floor with an awful lot of "extended remarks" thrown in. Representatives are claiming now and will tell the folks back home that the Washington correspondents are almost as negligent of the congressional committees as is the record itself.

They are claiming that Capitol Hill tonight that this has been a wonderful session of congress—but the people don't know it. The public doesn't know what has gone on in the committees.

Representative Fess of Ohio, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, is one of those who have suggested that there ought to be some way of congress issuing an abstract of its work day for general distribution.

War Work Is Frained.

He has even gone so far as to say that the much-maligned committee on public information "did a commendable piece of work" during the war and that its official bulletins constitute a source of valuable information as to government activities during the period of its existence.

Every time, however, the suggestion of a congressional bulletin comes up on the floor some unregenerate democrat arises in the senate and wants to know if that is not the suggestion that William J. Bryan made some time ago only to have it scooped by the American public as a non-partisan paper telling all that goes on in the departments and in congress presenting both democratic and republican sides to a controversy but by expressing an opinion thereon.

Committees Held Neglected.

It has been charged upon the floor of the house that the newspapers of the capital are not doing enough to enlighten the American public as to what congress actually is doing—especially in committees. Even so good a democrat as Representative Griffin of the Bronx and New York city has declared that the correspondents seldom touch upon the work going on in committees, the hearings of which, he says, are often illuminated by flashes of humor "and by the clash of mental combat."

"The newspapermen," he complains, "do not go into the work that members do—I mean that silent, unobtrusive work without display—the hard, tedious work in the sanctum of the committee room, but they phrase the flash work or the sensational things that happen on the floor. If I were to get into a controversy with one of my friends and say in a loud voice: 'Come outside and settle our dispute,' you would find that the newspapermen would make for the front rail of their gallery and tomorrow morning the papers would publish the episode on the front pages with a large headline. Such news-mongering culture is a contemptuous attitude toward congress."

Work Held Misrepresented.

"I venture to say that if you were to take a poll of our citizenship tomorrow they would say that representative government in the United States is a failure. Why? Because the work of congress is misrepresented or ignored and that accounts largely in my opinion for the growth of the bolshevistic spirit. Indeed, I have heard speakers on the stump declare that even the American newspapers themselves admit that the American congress is a failure and that representative government is a thing of the past."

The poor, hard-working Washington correspondents had to stand many a hard knock in his day but to have the entire failure of congress laid at his door and his door alone is a little more than most flesh is supposed to bear. The general impression through the country is that the correspondents have been rather kind to congress than otherwise and that as a plain matter of fact they have not told all they could. As for the committee work the public very often would love to know just what has transpired behind the closed doors of constant executive sessions. Even the reporters have worked diligently and often in vain to find out.

But it appears the members of congress have not to have some one to blame it on when they go home and they have picked upon the newspapermen as the best available goats.

What a life! what a life!

TWO STEAMERS CRASH

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was surmised that the boilers had exploded.

It also was said that as soon as the flames could be put out the Iowan would proceed on her way to Portland. This report was not accompanied by any explanation of the earlier messages that the Iowan was badly damaged and was slowly sinking, but it was thought that the crew had managed to repair the damage and that the pumps were keeping the water out of the holds.

Another message picked up at North Head was as follows:

"In collision with Welsh Prince in Columbia off Altona head."

"Welsh Prince sunk. Iowan's bow damaged. Taking water in fore peak. Holds dry. Now lying alongside attempting to put out fire on Welsh Prince. Will proceed to Portland when fire is out."

The message was unsigned, but was apparently from the Iowan.

FOLLIES BEAUTY WHOSE MARRIAGE TO SON OF RICH PARENTS IS REPORTED TO HAVE RESULTED IN BRIDE-GROOM'S DISINHERITANCE.



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MRS. BRADISH JOHNSON CARROLL JR.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson Carroll Sr., according to reports, have definitely disinherited their son because of his marriage to Miss Ziliani. Love for the junior Carrolls divorced wife, Mrs. Mary Eunice Clapp Carroll, is said to have inspired the parents in cutting off their son.

Society is querying right now if young Carroll will keep his bride or his family fortune.

HANGING OF '77 RECALLED

MAN CUT DOWN BEFORE DEATH THOUGHT IDENTIFIED.

Worker, Accused of Killing Employer to Get Money to Wed, Declared Yet Living.

ENID, Okla., May 28.—A recent report that a man who had been hanged near Joplin, Mo., in 1877, but cut down before he was dead, is probably a fabrication, the Enid Star-Gazette says.

The man, a man named Parrish, then 25 years old, worked for his father on a farm near Paola, Kans. He later went to Missouri where he was accused of murdering his employer there and robbing him of \$3,000. It was said he committed the crime to obtain money to marry. A vigilance committee caught Parrish, hanged him to a tree and left him for dead, but his sweetheart is said to have cut him down and helped him to escape.

While in Washington, 11 years later Mr. McKen met a man in a lumber camp on the Colorado river who, upon learning Mr. McKen had lived at Paola, asked him a number of questions concerning the hanging.

This is the man who Mr. McKen believes is Parrish. He would be over 70 years old now, Mr. McKen said.

LANE VOTE TABULATED

Official Figures Show Hall Ahead for Governor.

EUGENE, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The official figures on the vote for the republican candidates and some of the democratic candidates at the primaries were announced yesterday by County Clerk Bryson. The count has been very slow on account of so many names having been written in for different precinct officers.

Few figures were added until the count of all votes was completed. The official vote on republican candidates follows:

Governor—Hall, 1472; Bean, 1107; Oicott, 1059; Patterson, 404; White, 422; Lee, 42; State treasurer—Hoff, 1884; Ryan, 2370; Justice of supreme court—Hess, 3302; McCourt, 2917; Rand, 2024; Shepherd, 448; State superintendent of public instruction—Churchill, 3725; Labor commissioner—Daisiel, 1767; Grant, 2101.

Public service commissioner—Campbell, 1004; Layman, 878; Tillehoff, 1025; National committee—Fithian, 1759; Williams, 2167.

For recall of Williams, public service commissioner—Yes, 3781; No, 1720. For recall of Buckner—Yes, 3836; No, 1728. For Buckner, 1359; McCay, 1668; Ostrander, 1172; Kerrigan, 2383; Williams, 1742.

For representative in congress—Fisher, 810; Hawley, 2345; Norblad, 1403. For state senator from Lane county—J. S. Magladry, 5092; Walter B. Jones, 1742.

For state senator from Lane and Linn counties—B. D. Cusick, 2235.

For representative from Lane county—Robert Bede, 1873; F. L. Chambers, 1900; Ernest Howard, 1808; Neelmin, 1742.

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POULTRY BUSINESS BIG

Average of 63 Chickens to Each Farm Owned and Egg Production Grows Rapidly.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—Washington's agricultural and dairying state, had 54,513 farms reporting a total of 572,644 head of cattle, according to figures compiled by J. S. McIntosh, deputy commissioner of the state bureau of statistics and immigration in the office of Secretary of State Hinkle from 1920 farm census statistics just received.

The average is 10.5 head of cattle to the farm or two head less than the average for all farms in the United States. In the state 11,775 farms made no reports as to cattle.

Yakima county reported the largest number of cattle of any county in the state with a total of 50,734. Spokane and Okanogan second with 42,820. Spokane county was third in Eastern Washington with 32,877 cattle on 2599 farms. Asotin, one of the smallest counties in the state, reported 444 farms with 11,656 cattle, the average of that county being nearly two and one-half times the state average.

Lewis County Is Leader.

In Southwestern Washington Lewis county leads in the number of cattle with 25,156 on 2,867 farms. Clark county had 2,553 farms, nearly 600 more than Lewis, but reported only 2,499 cattle. Pierce county had 2,451 farms and 19,239 cattle, and Cowlitz 969 farms and 11,738 cattle.

In Northwestern Washington King county reported 24,452 cattle on 323 farms. Skagit, 24,774 cattle on 2183 farms; Snohomish county, 28,394 cattle on 2757 farms, and Whatcom county, 30,729 cattle on 2028 farms. Whatcom was first in the number of farms, but second to King in the number of cattle.

In the state 25,715 farms reported owning swine and 20,573 farms reported on swine owned. The total number of swine in the state was 204,747, an average of 7.4 to the farm. Eastern Washington leads in swine production, the reports of the leading counties being as follows: Whitman, 31,014; Yakima, 28,851; Spokane, 19,238; King, 14,883; Clarke, 12,526; Pierce, 8,910; Thurston, 4,891.

2541,004 Chickens Owned.

On 56,724 farms in the state, or 85.6 per cent of all farms reported, the total number of chickens owned was 2,541,004, an average of 63 to the farm, with 9,564 farms reporting no chickens owned. King county leads in the poultry field with 249,826 chickens reported. Other leading counties were Whatcom, 278,306; Pierce, 265,729; Yakima, 227,593; Spokane, 217,387; Clarke, Lewis, Snohomish, Skagit and Whitman ranged in number from 125,000 to 200,000.

Eggs produced in the year 1919 as reported in the 1920 census returns totaled 20,117,449 dozen, on which was based an estimate of the total state production for the year of 21,335,875 dozen. The number reported was an increase of about 5,000,000 dozen over 1908. Chickens reported raised for market, not included in reports of chickens owned on farms, totaled 2,824,122, on which is based an estimate of 4,880,217, about 1,200,000 more than in 1919.

SHOTS FIRED AT SUSPECT

Alleged Moonshiner Caught After Chase and Liquor Seized.

HAINES, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Jim Shanklin, suspected moonshiner, living in the Pocatonton section west of Haines, was captured Friday by Deputy Sheriffs McCullough and Toney, following a chase in which shots were fired at him. More than six gallons of liquor found in his motorcycle sidecar was confiscated.

A still on the Cleve Coles ranch was destroyed, together with several gallons of mash last week. Coles was assessed a fine of \$200 and released.

Academy to Graduate Three.

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Telephone Connections Made. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—J. E. Smithson, president and manager of the Oregon-Washington Telephone company, which serves this valley and fruit districts of White Salmon and Underwood, Wash., and adjacent sections, announces that direct connections have been made between Glenwood and White Salmon.

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