

BILLS FOSTER WILL HAVE

MEASURES WHICH HE WILL INTRODUCE IN CONGRESS.

Appropriation for Improvement of Columbia Near Vancouver, Also for Puget Sound Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Among the bills, resolutions and petitions which Senator Foster has prepared for introduction immediately after Congress convenes are the following:

Providing for a life-saving station in the vicinity of Cape Flattery. Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to fix the duties of Deputy Collectors of Customs at Tacoma and Seattle. Under an old law these positions are specifically provided for and the salaries cannot be changed except by act of Congress.

Providing for additional buildings at McNeil's Island Penitentiary. Extending to Sumas the privileges of a sub-port and the benefits of the immediate transportation act with reference to dutiable merchandise.

Public building at Walla Walla, appropriating \$250,000. Allowing the United States Commissioners fees in Chinese deportation cases.

Authorizing the appointment of a Commission of five to investigate the relations of the United States with the Orient. Providing for a public building at Tacoma, \$350,000.

Providing pensions for the survivors of the Indian wars. For additional aids to commerce in Alaska. \$200,000; for lighthouses and fog signals in Washington; at Semiahmoo Harbor, \$25,000; at Burrows Island, Horrtle Straits, \$15,000; for Brown's Point, at the entrance of Tacoma Harbor, which was provided for at last session of Congress, the construction of which was delayed by a land contest, \$200,000; at the Battery Point for a fog bell, suitable building and grounds, \$50,000.

For a naval training-school at Gig Harbor, \$50,000. Providing for the assignment of the necessary detail of troops to prevent trespassers and intruders from entering Mount Rainier National Park and also appropriating \$20,000 for building roads, bridges and trails through the reserve.

Improving the harbor of New Westminster, \$50,000. The establishment of a military post near Tacoma.

Also a number of private claims and pension bills in addition to asking for an appropriation of \$1,150,000 for the improvement of the harbors of Puget Sound and Gray's Harbor including the opening of the channel of the Columbia between the mouth of the Willamette and the City of Vancouver. All the appropriations provided for in the bill are reported in the Senate at the close of the last session will again be taken up with very good prospect of securing their recognition.

Among the petitions to be presented by Senator Foster is an exhaustive statement and memorial from the various commercial bodies of Gray's Harbor. This statement shows the desirability of expending \$500,000 in continuing the jetty work and for the inner channel of the harbor \$200,000. For the improvement of the rivers tributary to Gray's Harbor, an appropriation of \$15,000 is asked. This memorial is signed by the following commercial bodies of Chehalis County: Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, Hoquiam and Ocooch Commercial Clubs, Montesano Business Men's Club, Comanich Improvement Club and Westport Board of Trade.

Another petition asks for a public building at Olympia. Representative Jones will present the North Olympia public building bill and Senator Turner will probably introduce the Spokane bill on the same subject. It is believed the larger cities, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma will be provided with public building first, Seattle having already been provided for.

A large number of petitions will be presented on behalf of the various Trades Councils and the members thereof throughout the State urging that a suitable appropriation be made in the Naval appropriation bill authorizing the construction of war ships in the Navy-Yards of the United States.

A number of G. A. R. posts throughout the State have sent to Senator Foster petitions which will be presented praying for legislation that will stamp out anarchy. The Senator has also received and will present to the Senate a number of resolutions adopted by Trades Councils urging the re-enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Law, and the passage of a law that will rigidly exclude Chinese from this country.

Among the concurrent resolutions Senator Foster will present is one directing the Secretary of War to immediately survey the mouth of the Nooksack River with a view to removing the obstructions to navigation. Senator Foster hopes to have this resolution acted on as quickly as possible in order that the survey may be made in time to provide in the river and harbor bill for the removal of the obstructions from the river and for the opening of the new channel. During the past season, owing to the obstructions at the mouth of this river, the surrounding country has been overflowed by water and much damage to property has resulted.

Senator Foster has also prepared for introduction immediately after Congress convenes a bill providing for an Alaskan cable which will probably cost upwards of \$300,000. It is impossible to give exact figures owing to the fluctuation in the price of materials. Twenty-five miles in the distance could be covered by stringing the cable east of Queen Charlotte Island, thus laying it in foreign waters. This will probably not be done.

The question of securing cable stations to Siberia and Japan has been earnestly discussed with General Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and it is believed by him that rights already secured will prevent foreign companies from laying lines in either Siberia or Japan for 10 or more years. In order to construct a cable, therefore, by way of the northern route, it would be essential to have an international agreement whereby stations could be built in foreign countries. It is admitted, however, by many who have made a careful study of the subject that the northern route is more desirable. The chief arguments in favor of the southern route, Senator Foster states, has been the desirability of connecting San Francisco with Honolulu. This connection, it is now stated, is probably to be made by way of the new British cable to be built from Vancouver to Australia, which connection could be made satisfactorily from the Hawaiian Islands to Fanning Island, the approximate distance being 1200 miles.

There is considerable brisk competition reported among telegraph and cable companies to secure advantages in laying cables from the Pacific Coast to the Orient. It is admitted that a cable of this nature would prove a paying investment, and as a commercial proposition, it is fully warranted. It is also probable that should Senator Foster's bill providing for an Alaskan cable be passed and the canal laid by the Government, that the same could be sold on satisfactory terms to a commercial company desiring to have a through line to the far East.

RELEF FOR STRANDED MINERS. McCulloch Held in Readiness to Proceed to Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The United States Government is preparing to send relief to the 115 Nome miners who are said to be stranded at Unalaska. Captain Healy, of the revenue cutter, today has received orders to hold himself in readiness to proceed at once to the far North in command of the McCulloch. The McCulloch is provisioned for the trip, and the Government is only awaiting more specific information concerning the

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H. J. Bigger appears as attorney for Mr. Dunlap in the writ of review proceedings, and in the petition alleges that the court erred in the following particulars: By exceeding its jurisdiction; in overruling the petitioner's demurrer to defendant's complaint; in sustaining the demurrer of Bruce to the petition; in entering judgment against Dunlap without hearing evidence in support of the issues raised by the pleadings; that the pleadings in the case were wholly insufficient to sustain said judgment.

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SALEM, Nov. 30.—An important case was decided by Circuit Judge Boise this afternoon, that of the guardianship of William Joseph, in which Dr. M. S. Skiff, of Salem, was appointed guardian for a spendthrift. The case involves the title to 270 acres of timber land located near Salem, that is valued at \$7000.

WOMAN HELD UP AT SALEM

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SALEM, Nov. 30.—The preliminary census report on the manufacturing industries for the State of Washington, and the Cities of Seattle,