

HOW OXNARD WORKED

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF BEET-SUGAR DICTATOR.

Story of His Mastery of the Sugar Business and His Unprecedented Fight in Congress.

The following graphic and interesting picture of Oxnard, the beet-sugar king, and his exploits at Washington, is drawn by the Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle:

Way back in 1882 a young man of small stature and with a quick, nervous manner was frequently to be seen passing by the old office of Nebraska, he took up lower Fulton street. He was known about town in those days as Henry Oxnard, the son of the big sugar refiner, whose factory was located at the corner of Dock and Water streets, near the Fulton Ferry.

His friends then little thought that young Oxnard was destined to become known throughout the length and breadth of this country as the beet-sugar king, a dictator of National politics, the creator of a new industry and the organizer of one of the most remarkable legislative contests ever known in the history of the American Congress.

Young Oxnard's parents came to Brooklyn in 1825. Henry was at that time a student at Harvard College. He spent a year at Cambridge in 1852, came at once to Brooklyn and entered his father's refinery, beginning the practical study of the sugar refining business. His three brothers, Robert, Benjamin and James, worked with him in the factory at the time, and all four became experts in everything connected with the refining of sugar.

In 1887 the great sugar trust was formed. The trust purchased the Oxnard plant for something over \$1,000,000, the Oxnards selling all their stock and receiving their payment in cash. Henry Oxnard was struck by the fact that the United States was annually importing over \$100,000,000 worth of sugar, and made up his mind that with the varied climate and soil of the country he ought to be able to produce our entire sugar supply. He heard of the wonderful beet-sugar industry of Europe and went abroad to investigate. He spent a year traveling through France, Germany and Austria, went through all the principal factories, became thoroughly acquainted with the methods of cultivating the beet and the sugar-making process, and returned to the United States to start the industry here.

He made several experiments which convinced him that the beet could grow here as well as abroad and formed a company with the Messrs. W. Bayard and R. Fulton Cutting. Ninety per cent of the machinery for the first factory was purchased from Europe. The latest factory erected recently by Mr. Oxnard's firm in Colorado, is composed entirely of American-made machinery. It was found that the soil and climate of Nebraska and Colorado nearly resembled those of Germany, where the beet reaches the highest stage of cultivation, and the first factory was erected in that state. Later the results in California gave better success. It being discovered that the beet which gets the most sunshine contains the greatest amount of saccharine, which, of course, is the great factor in the sugar-making process.

Strength of Beet Sugar Shows Itself. As the committee hearings progressed the secret of the radically changed beet sugar movement gradually came out. It was revealed to the various Western members through the letters they received from day to day. Every mail brought progress against any action by Congress to lower the tariff on sugar. The proposition to lower the tariff on Cuban sugar was condemned in the most vigorous terms. Resolutions came in from various granger associations and agricultural societies, while the individual protests of the farmers were without number. The West was thoroughly aroused and lost no time in letting its Representatives in Congress know how it felt. Gradually the members from the different Western states took sides, one after another announcing himself as opposed to Cuban reciprocity. Before the President was aware of the matter more than a hundred Republican Representatives lined up against him, headed by the resourceful and watchful Tammey of Minnesota. While the administration forces were content to rest on the moral obligations of this Government toward Cuba, and rely on the message of the President to Congress to bring about a reduction in the tariff, the beet sugar contingent had been at work for months.

As early as last May Henry Oxnard called on Chairman Allison, of the Senate appropriations committee, and laid before him the wishes of the interests that he represented. He told the Iowa Senator that the beet-sugar industry wanted tariff protection against outside competition for another 10 years, saying that it had been established with which to pay bounties on the two-thirds that was so exported, so that its price could be lowered to undersell the producers of any other country. He said that the beet industry, and the growers of any nation, and Cuba's interests have been materially injured in this way. The Brussels agreement will do away with the tariff on sugar, and the natural result will be that the other countries will have a chance to produce on more equal terms. Mr. Oxnard believes that this will have the effect of raising the price of sugar to the consumers.

Sugar Association, they proceeded to explain to Chairman Payne, his associates on the ways and means committee and the other members of the House, that to reduce the duty on Cuban sugar would mean the death of the beet-sugar industry, pledges to protect which for a stipulated number of years had been made in the past by the Republican party. With this subject for a text various agents besieged the ways and means committee, and for a couple of weeks argued against the relief of Cuba at the expense of the Americans who had invested their money in beet-sugar factories.

Most of the beet representatives were from the West. They were full of vigor and were shrewd and convincing talkers. They also understood all about legislative lobbying, in its higher and legitimate meaning. Their direct and forceful methods at various times irritated the members of the ways and means committee, who wanted to lower the tariff on Cuban imports. One of these members complained in this way about the actions of the beet-sugar men:

"In all my experience in Congress," he said, "I have never seen a set of people more determined to win their point than these beet-sugar agents. They have simply taken possession of the ways and means committee-room. They pack the room during the hearings, applying every telling point that is made for their side, and laugh out of countenance witnesses who take the other side. They have evidently made the committee-room their headquarters. They come here the first thing in the morning, have their

WRIGHTMAN IN THE RACE

Expect Anti-Geor Anti-Simon Support for Attorney-General.

F. T. Wrightman, of Marion County, who made the fight against the Geor-Simon faction in the recent primaries, was in the city yesterday, and announced that he was still in the race for Attorney-General, and expected to come before the convention with a strong following. The fight in Marion was made largely a local issue, as to whether Wrightman or Geor should have a place on the state ticket, and there was disposition to eliminate Mr. Wrightman from the race when Geor won by a decisive majority. But Mr. Wrightman takes a different view of the situation, and in speaking of his candidacy secured on the premises:

"It was the fight we made in Marion that threw the Geor and Simon people together, and proved to the state at large that the interests of the two candidates were identical, and that the two were all for the purpose of combating my opposition that might arise. Even if we were beaten, the service rendered in demonstrating the existence of the Simon-Geor alliance certainly entitles us to recognition, and will aid us in the fight for nomination for Attorney-General, and I think the support I will have will be sufficiently strong to place me in an excellent position to win out."

GERMAN MEAT EXCLUSION

Berlin Government Says It Is Not a Tariff Question.

BERLIN, March 22.—The German Government's contention on boric acid meat, it is said, is that it is a protective-tariff question, but is simply in the interests of health. Its exclusion rests with the Reichstag, and not with the Imperial Health Office. If the United States Agricultural Department will demonstrate to the Imperial Health Office that boric acid meat is not deleterious, no political objection will be raised in the way of admitting it from America. Even some of the opposition newspapers assume that the government takes this stand purely for health reasons.

PASSED FOR A MAN.

Woman Who Mystified New York Community.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., March 22.—A person who was known here for five years as William C. Howard died suddenly Wednesday night, and autopsy showed that the supposed man was woman. Howard, who was about 50 years of age, and who was employed as a farmhand, came here five years ago with a woman who was known as Mrs. Howard. A child was born to the supposed wife. Howard worked for farmers in the neighborhood, and those most intimately acquainted with the family never had the slightest suspicion that the woman was a man. Wednesday night she took two tablets for a throat ailment, and was dead in 10 minutes. The medicine was sent from Wellsville, this state, where relatives reside. Two men, claiming to be half-brothers, attended the funeral, but refused to divulge any information. It further developed tonight that her real name was Alice Howard, and that she went through a marriage ceremony in 1892 with Edith Dyer.

Chile's Finances Good.

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 22.—According to public documents, the finances of Chile are in the condition. The government has sufficient funds to meet the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the administration without being obliged to resort to the loan of \$2,000,000 authorized by the Congress. The ordinary and extraordinary expenses in Europe are placed at \$2,000,000, while the total for the year is \$2,200,000, leaving a surplus. The salt-peter duties will give \$250,000, and in addition there will be remittances from Europe of \$200,000. The government, it is announced, will practice economy. The bid gets proposed the sale of the saltpeter and guano fields and grounds on the Straits of Magellan, which will render it unnecessary to have recourse to the proposed loan.

A POPULAR CANDIDATE.

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The Best Dressmakers.

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TO WELCOME TRAVELERS

LOCAL MEMBERS OF T. P. A. PLAN GREAT RECEPTION.

When the National Convention Assembles in June Complete Programme Will Be Ready.

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Afternoon—Carriage ride for ladies, visiting Portland Heights, City Park and Southern Pacific people want to get the best part of the Nevada and Utah finished by the end of the year. The cut-off across the northern end of the Great Salt Lake will require a longer time. Work on the first 10 miles of the cut-off west from Ogden has been commenced.

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Robert Walker, 26 East Fourteenth street; scarlet fever. Jennie Favelius, East Flinders and East Twenty-ninth streets; scarlatina. Three cases smallpox.

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Isaac Pearson, two-story house, corner Hawthorne and East Thirty-ninth street; \$1400. Harry Joy, barn, Tillamook street and Rodney avenue; \$400.

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Business Items

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