

CONFERENCE ON IDE CASE

Senator Foster and John L. Wilson Meet.

DE VISITS SECRETARY SHAW

Makes Statement Regarding Charges Filed Against Him—B. D. Crocker Due in Washington to Push His Candidacy.

Selection of a man for collector of customs for the state of Washington will probably be made at the meeting of the Senate committee Thursday. A new charge against Asaph Clarence W. Ide is that while serving as United States Marshal he looted for the removal of the state capital from Olympia to Tacoma.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Foster and ex-Senator John L. Wilson, of Seattle, had a long and animated conversation after the Senate adjourned today. While both are rather reticent as to what they said, it is well known that the situation in Washington regarding appointments was the sole topic under discussion, and the main topic was the Collectorship. It is evident that Wilson has come here for the purpose of using his influence to the greatest extent to secure the confirmation of Clarence W. Ide. He will leave nothing undone to carry his point. In a few days B. D. Crocker, of Walla Walla, Senator Foster's choice, will be here to present any facts he may have, and the impression now seems to be that the whole matter is going to be fought out before the commerce committee at its next session.

Senator Foster is not at all alarmed at the appearance of Wilson and Ide on the scene, and is willing to let the facts speak for themselves, which will be fully investigated. Ide's friends allege that the Hutchinson charges do not amount to anything, but that will remain for the committee to decide. It is not yet known that the special agent has reported any such fact to the administration, and until he does so the committee will hold that the Hutchinson charges must be considered. In addition to this, Ide must face allegations concerning his connection with the lobby for the removal of the State Capitol from Olympia to Tacoma. It was while he was United States Marshal, and it is doubtful propriety for a Federal officer to be engaged in any such scheme. Ide has also to answer the charge that he built a steam launch for his use, while he was Marshal, and that Federal prisoners on McNeill's Island were utilized in its construction. It is said he paid for this launch out of his own pocket, but the fact that the prisoners did have something to do with it before it was finally launched is known, and he will have to explain these allegations. There is in prospect a lively session of the committee on commerce when these Washington state matters are being aired.

Ide left for home tonight. During the day, he called on Secretary Shaw and the chief of special agents, and was permitted to make statements regarding the charges relative to lobbying and the launch. Neither he nor Wilson called on the President. Wilson today had conferences with many Senators, and expects to leave for home tomorrow.

HOMESTEADER WINS

Important Decision in Coos Bay Wagon Road Company Case.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, today decided an important case, which affects the grant of public lands to the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road Company. The grant was made by act of March 3, 1889, and a withdrawal was ordered March 3, 1891, and the lands being listed last in 1894. John F. Bullock, a homesteader settler, made his entry on March 3, 1898, upon an odd section within the company's grant, and the Commissioner decides that while this tract would ordinarily inure to the grant of the railroad company, yet, as said company has received an excess of lands, more than sufficient to satisfy the grant, the company has no further claim to lands within that grant, and its listing of this homestead tract is held for cancellation. He therefore approves the homestead entry.

To Bring Up Irrigation Bill. Representative Mendell, of Wyoming, who, by vote of the committee, is to have control of the irrigation bill when it is considered in the House, is attempting to secure a special rule to permit the consideration of the bill for three days, commencing May 12. He thinks this will be ample for both sides, and will give all opponents of the measure time in which to set forth their objections fully. He is confident the bill will pass on final vote.

To Give More Veterans Land. Senator Gibson, of Montana, today introduced a bill extending the privilege of making soldiers' additional homestead entry to veterans of the Civil War who had served less than 30 days, and had been discharged from service by reason of wounds received in action, or to remain in this privilege to widows and orphan children of soldiers killed in action before completing 30 days' service.

LONG ON NEXT PRESIDENT. Ex-Secretary of Navy Commissioned. Roosevelt Will Be Re-nominated.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Ex-Secretary Long is out in an interview saying he has no doubt but what Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee in 1904. The Secretary mentions the fact that the friends of Hanna are very active. The ex-Secretary also says that Hay and Root will probably remain in the Cabinet, which by inference would mean that he expects other members of the McKinley Cabinet to resign, although every body knows that Knox and Wilson are expected to stay. Hitchcock still holds on, and, except for the remarks that connect his name with retiring from time to time, there is no indication of his going.

TO CHANGE GRAZING RULES.

Clark Wants Permits Left in Hands of Government Agents.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Clark, of Wyoming, intends offering an amendment to the sundry civil bill requiring the Interior Department, in granting permits for grazing on forest reserves, to place the disposal of such permits into

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LODGE'S "MUST" BILLS.

Says Congress Must Act on Cuba and Philippine Measures.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Lodge, who is very close to President Roosevelt, declares that before Congress adjourns a bill granting concessions to Cuba and also a Philippine government bill must be passed. This was to deny some stories that have been circulated and are quite generally believed, that both these measures might be shelved because of the long debate they occasion. The Republicans feel that in any long discussion of the Philippine situation they will make fully as much capital as the Democrats. They have refrained from entering the debate heretofore because they did not want the discussion prolonged, but, having determined to answer the Democratic charges, and to stand up for retention of the Philippines and expansion, they feel that they can make a better issue than their opponents.

SORROW IN THE HOUSE.

Resolutions on the Death of Amos J. Cummings.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The death of Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, in Baltimore last night, caused general regret and sorrow in the House of Representatives today. Above the hall the flag fluttered at half-mast, and on the floor the old familiar desk in the center aisle, near the front row, which Mr. Cummings occupied for so many years was draped in black and covered with a profusion of purple orchids and Spring flowers. Mr. Cummings was one of the most universally popular members of the House, and his death seemed to come as a personal loss to all the members.

The blind chaplain, Rev. Dr. Couden, in his invocation, made a touching reference to Mr. Cummings' death, his great service to his country, as a journalist and statesman, and prayed for those who had been nearest and dearest to him by the ties of kinship.

An order was made to give a day to claims after the disposition of the statehood bill, and then Payne, the head of the New York delegation, and the floor leader of the majority, arose and in simple but fitting words made the announcement of Mr. Cummings' death. He then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the House has heard with deep regret and profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. Amos J. Cummings, late a Representative from the State of New York.

To an order of the House of Representatives, that the House of Representatives, in long distinguished term of service rendered in this body by Mr. Cummings, that appropriate service be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, May 4, 1902, at 3 P. M.

Resolved, That a committee of the members of the House, with such members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to take action concerning the funeral.

Resolved, That the clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate, and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and at 12:15 the House adjourned.

Representative Cummings' Funeral.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—The body of Representative Cummings was today removed to an undertaking establishment, whence it will be taken to the union station to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives tomorrow. The body will then be taken to New York, accompanied by a committee, and funeral service will be held there tomorrow. The public funeral ceremony in the House is an unusual tribute to the deceased member.

SMALL ORBIT OF COMET.

Computations at Lick Observatory Show It is Nearer Sun Than Earth.

BERKELEY, Cal., May 2.—Professor Armin O. Leuschner, director of the Lick Observatory at the University of California, has made the discovery that the Brooks comet, first observed two weeks ago, revolves about the sun in one quarter the number of days required by any comet ever before recorded. As soon as the discovery of the comet by Brooks was made, the Lick Observatory began at the Lick Observatory. The astronomer's computations show that the comet is nearer the sun than the earth, revolving around it in 80 days. It is supposed this is the comet observed in 1744 for three days only, and never seen again since that time.

Society of Californians.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The California Society of New York State was organized last night at a meeting held at the Waldorf-Astoria. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Dr. Robert MacKenzie, D. D., pastor of Rutgers Presbyterian Church; first vice-president, William Parmenter Martin; second vice-president, Robert W. Dickson; secretary, John E. Van Eaton; treasurer, Charles G. Brooks; trustees, J. O'Hara Cosgrove, Edward Payson Crichton, Howard P. Taylor, Harvey W. Corbett, Edward J. McManney and Eugene J. Clegg.

California Prisoners.

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 2.—Judging from inquiries received by the fruit men of this city from dealers in New York City, some one has circulated the news that the prison crop of this county and considerable of the state has been partially, if not entirely destroyed by frost. There is absolutely no truth in the report, no damage whatever having been done by frost. The outlook is for a heavy crop.

Good for Rheumatism.

"Last Fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism, which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several remedies, I decided to use Chamberlain's Kidney and Bladder Remedy, which I had seen advertised in the Boston Herald. After two applications of this Remedy I felt much better, and after using a bottle more completely cured."—Edith Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by all druggists.

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