

ON SIDE OF FAIR

House Committee Favors '05 Exposition.

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OREGON MEN AGAIN SPEAK

Washington and Wyoming Congressmen Make Public Declarations of Their Hearty Approval of the Exposition Bill.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.
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William A. Rodenberg, Illinois.
Joseph Howell, Utah.
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James R. Williams, Illinois.
Malcolm B. Patterson, Tennessee.
James M. Robinson, Indiana.
Wilson B. Hill, Mississippi.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 16.—The hearing before the House committee on international expositions today developed the fact that the committee is in favor of recognizing the Lewis and Clark Exposition by Government participation, and an appropriation, which will aid in commemorating the wonderful expedition of the explorers who made the wonderful overland journey to the Pacific Northwest.

Chairman Tawney of the committee said to the Oregonian correspondent, after the hearing:

"The Lewis and Clark expedition was of sufficient importance to warrant a celebration and the participation of the Government of the United States."

Statements were made before the committee by President Scott, of the Exposition; Jefferson Myers, president of the State Commission, and Representatives Williamson and Hermann, of Oregon, and Humphrey, of Washington. Representatives Cushman and Jones, of Washington, and Mondell, of Wyoming, were present to give assurances of their hearty approval of the Exposition.

After the statements had been made Chairman Tawney made some suggestions as to amending the bill. He pointed out that the Oregon act for the Exposition gave the state control of it, and the bill creates a Government commission which would also have control. He suggested that the bill be drawn so as to provide that the Government be asked to participate in the Exposition, with a provision for invitations to foreign governments, especially those in the Orient, to make exhibits.

It developed during the discussion that followed that nearly all the members of the committee were favorable to Government aid and participation in the Exposition, but to what extent as regards the appropriation was not developed. From the favorable expressions heard, the Oregon people were very much encouraged, and expect favorable action in the House.

The programme now is to have the Oregon Exposition committee, the delegation and a subcommittee of the House committee confer and draft a bill which will meet the approval of the House committee, and secure a report upon it at an early day.

It is fully understood that to secure favorable action in the House the bill must conform to the ideas of the committee, and though such a bill may not be all that is wanted, it is desirable to get a report and action by the House as soon as possible. Representative Tawney will consult the State Department regarding the form of the bill in reference to foreign exhibits. He has taken hold of the matter in earnest, and at the hearing today Representative Williamson thanked him for the interest he had shown.

The Oregon men feel that substantial progress has been made by the meeting today. The Portland committee finds it necessary, in view of the suggestions and developments, to remain in Washington a while longer, in order to confer with the House subcommittee upon the draft of another bill.

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Hon. Jefferson Myers, President Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 24, asking for an estimate of the Oregon crop and its probable value, I am pleased to inform you that the crop of Oregon for 1903 amounted to about \$2,500,000, weighing about 15,000,000 pounds, the value of which would be averaged at 20 cents per pound, or the aggregate of \$3,000,000. Very sincerely,

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Mr. Jefferson Myers, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Referring to your letter of December 2, the nearest estimate we can make on the product of the Northwest is about 1000 cars, and the average value of the product here should not be less than 35 to 4 cents per pound. This estimate is based on the fact that a pound of wheat in the Northwest is worth 35 cents, and a pound of wheat in the Northwest is worth 4 cents.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PRUNE ARSEN.
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Mr. Jefferson Myers, President Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of the 24, in regard to an approximate estimate of the value of the produce of the State of Oregon for the past year, your estimate is as follows:

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 8, 1903.
Mr. Jefferson Myers, President Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 24, asking that I give you an approximate estimate of the quantity and value of the 24th product of the past year in the State of Oregon. Supplying therewith I beg to report that from the figures that I have been able to obtain, and which I rely upon as being very correct, I figure that the entire salmon product for the Columbia River, Oregon side, this past season has been 27,500,000 pounds, and that on the other Oregon streams, I estimate the value of the product at \$1,000,000. The Coast streams, 4,000,000 pounds, making a total for the whole state of \$1,000,000.

You can place the value of the Columbia River product at an average of 35 cents a pound to the fishermen, making their share amount to \$1,250,000 for the raw product. I consider this a fair estimate at 20 and 7 cents, and even as much as 8 cents, were paid to the fishermen at times. If the 27,500,000 pounds had been put into cases, it would make 482,143 cases, four dozen one-pound cans to the case. If the fishermen averaged 85 a case for this product, it would mean \$41,000,000.

The salmon caught on our Coast streams did not average the fishermen near as much, but I should say that they probably got 2 cents a pound for the raw fish, which would mean \$550,000 paid to them for the 4,000,000 pounds. This Coast product, if put into cases (four dozen one-pound cans to the case) would mean 67,000 cases, which, if sold at 44 per case, would realize \$2,948,000.

STATEMENT OF MR. MYERS.
Facts and Figures as to Why the Fair Deserves National Aid.
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GEORGE A. STEEL—There is no ground for placing Oregon in the doubtful column. Oregon is a Roosevelt state.

C. H. CAREY—Oregon will give President Roosevelt an enormous majority.

FRANK C. BAKER—The sentiment for Mr. Roosevelt in Oregon is almost unanimous.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS—The Republicans of Oregon will vote unanimously for the President's election, and the people of the entire country will see him elected and be glad of it.

Twice recently have Eastern political prophets placed Oregon in the doubtful column. Once when the Brooklyn Eagle stated that some uncertainty existed as to whether Oregon Republicans favored the candidacy of President Roosevelt to succeed himself; and again when the World's Work actually stated, with the aid of a map, that this state might go Democratic.

In view both of the overwhelmingly Republican sentiment now existing in Oregon, and of the fact that the state has gone Republican in every National election since 1898, the classification made by the World's Work is scarcely worth criticism. Equally as absurd, though perhaps less obvious to an Eastern observer, is the doubt expressed by the Brooklyn Eagle as to Mr. Roosevelt receiving the support of the Republicans of Oregon at the National convention.

Did any opposition to Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy exist, it might reasonably be expected to be found in the ranks of the Simon faction, but not even in this quarter can any evidence of a storm cloud be found. Leaders of both the Mitchell and the Simon forces laughed when shown the printed doubts of the Eastern prophets. More than that, they all made unequivocal and direct statements of their anxiety to endorse Mr. Roosevelt's candi-

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Japanese Minister Sees No Other Way.

IF NOT NOW, LATER ON

He Has Small Hopes of Russia Making Concessions.

STRUGGLE TO THE DEATH

Baron Hayashi Intimates His Government Will Be Beaten—Intervention by the Powers is Declared to Be Impossible.

SUMMARY OF SITUATION.
RUSSIA—Japan's proposal cannot be accepted in its entirety. Army and navy circles continue pessimistic.

JAPAN—While it believes it is fighting a diplomatic battle for America, and Britain, it realizes if war is the only solution, no aid is forthcoming.

BRITAIN—Ministers have given up hope, despite the fact that the King continues to use his good offices for peace.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—In particularly frank language, Baron Hayashi, after consultation with the Foreign Office tonight, summed up the situation for the Associated Press as follows:

"I only hope the Czar will give us peace, but my hopes are not strong. If we go to war, it will be for issues for which both America and England have insisted diplomatically. We have received no pledge from any country that in the event of defeat it will step in, and save us from being absorbed by Russia. We cannot count even in extremities on the armed support of any nation in the world. It would be a struggle to the death. Perhaps we are not strong enough to fight Russia. There are two opinions about that."

Baron Hayashi intimated he thought Japan was bound to be beaten in the end.

"If we were beaten," the Minister resumed, "Russia would take Corea and Manchuria by right of conquest and possibly Japan. No power on earth could then dislodge her from Central China and all the Far East. I am sure it is better to go to war when you know you are right, even if defeat is possible, than to see your independence submerged under a continual aggression that is bound to absorb you eventually."

"Nothing can avert war between Russia and Japan in future years, even if peace is procured now, so long as Russia pursues her present Far Eastern policy."

"The American Nation, in enforcing the opening of the power on earth, and all the splendid example of honest diplomacy. It was a straightforward step which commended favorably with Russian methods. No other nation, except Great Britain, when the British admiralty bought the two Chilean warships, has taken any practical step to live up to its diplomatic demands upon Russia against the Far East. We believe we are now fighting a diplomatic battle in behalf of America and Great Britain, but if only war can settle it, we know we shall receive assistance from every power. We are prepared to fight our own battles and take the consequences."

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LONDON, Jan. 16.—In the opinion of the British government the end of this week does not mark any change in the Far Eastern crisis, which more than ever keeps diplomatic circles in London in a state of anxiety.

The latest, and if it had been true, the most serious statement, namely, that Russia intended to risk sending her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles, received today a positive denial from the Foreign Office. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, visited Downing street, and was told that after making minute inquiries the British authorities were convinced the report was unfounded.

Regarding the main issue, Baron Hayashi and the Foreign Office had no information. Neither at the Japanese Legation nor at the Foreign Office is it expected that any trustworthy indication of the Russian action will be obtainable for several days.

The excessive apprehension prevailing in the best-informed quarters here that Russia's answer will precipitate war is based more upon knowledge of the attitude Russia has taken during the previous phases of the controversy rather than on any definite information of Russia's intentions under the present acute circumstances. Not even the Czar's pacific utterances, however, can dispel the fear which pervades British officials that Russia will not give in.

King Edward continues to use his personal influence to an almost unprecedented extent to persuade the Czar to maintain peace, but the King's Ministers appear to have practically given up hope that a resort to arms can be averted, though the most pessimistic persons do not look for any culmination of the crisis within three weeks. The suggested intervention, in the shape of tendering their good offices, on the part of the powers, is

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