

TAFT AROUSED TO DRASTIC ACTION

Forest Service Members May Be Removed for Attacks on Ballinger.

SHAW AND PRICE SLATED

President Said to Favor Congressional Investigation if Probe Can Be Made With Fairness—Senator Jones May Ask Action.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Renewal of attacks upon Secretary Ballinger in magazines, newspapers and on the floor of the House of Representatives has angered President Taft, as it is apparent these attacks, like others in the past, emanate from the Forest Service sources, and information is given in official circles today that the President proposes at an early day to take drastic action.

Word is passed out that he proposes removing from office E. W. Price, Assistant Forester, and A. C. Shaw, Law Officer, of the Forest Service, who are shown by evidence now in the President's hands to have been active in instigating many of the attacks upon Ballinger.

It is also learned that the President is favorable to an investigation of the Pinchot-Ballinger affairs by a Congressional committee, if assurance can be given that such an investigation will be fair and thorough. Among Ballinger's friends it is conceded the resolution proposing this investigation should be presented by Senator Jones, of Washington, thus establishing the willingness of Ballinger to have his department investigated.

HAWLEY FEELS ENCOURAGED

Harbor Committee Members Favorable to Oregon Projects.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—During the past week Representative Hawley has been doing missionary work among members of the river and harbor committee in behalf of Oregon projects. He finds a very friendly spirit prevailing and individual members of the committee are inclined to abide by recommendations of the Army engineers. They are particularly impressed with the necessity for doing something at Oregon City to open the Willamette to free navigation.

SILETZ BILL HANDLED EARLY

Interior Department Gives Assurance to Congressman Hawley.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Hawley has conferred with members of the public lands committee with reference to his bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for the Siletz reservation who have resided upon and cultivated their lands and who have submitted final proof showing compliance with the law.

OREGON'S CLAIM IS PRESSED

Tawney Favors Payment of \$193,000 Civil War Expenditures.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Oregon's claim against the Federal Government on account of the expenditures incurred in raising and equipping troops during the Civil War, amounting to \$193,000, will be pressed before the House next month.

POSTMASTERS WILL GET MORE

Many in Northwest Advanced to Presidential Grade.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—On January 1 the following fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the Presidential grade, and the salaries of postmasters fixed as indicated: Oregon—Hermiston, \$1100; Sherwood, \$1000; Walla Walla, \$1200.

MVEAGH FAVORS POSTOFFICE

Bill for Portland Building Will Ask for \$1,500,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Secretary of the Treasury has reported favorably upon Bourne's bill for a new post-office building in Portland. The report recites that an adequate postoffice building will require an expenditure of \$1,500,000.

BALLINGER PROMISES TO AID

Paisley Settlers Demand Action on Lake County Withdrawal.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Hawley today laid before Secretary Ballinger considerable correspondence from residents of Paisley, Lake County, protesting against further continuance of withdrawal of a large tract of land in that vicinity which was segregated under the Carey act in 1903.

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Strike of Fern Hill Against Extra Nickel Continues Until Noon.

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IDAHO BANK IS SOLD

SPOKANE FIRM ACQUIRES LEWISTON NATIONAL.

Transaction Involves Consideration of \$250,000—Prominent Men in Deal.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A sale of 99 per cent of the stock of the Lewiston National Bank was made today to the Union Securities Company, of Spokane, the consideration being approximately \$250,000. The sale carries the entire interests of President F. W. Kettnerbach and W. F. Kettnerbach, the former having been recently indicted by the Federal grand jury in connection with the defalcation of \$127,000 of the bank funds, while the latter was involved in the land-trust cases instituted several years ago by the Government, and which are now in the Federal Court.

The Union Securities Company was organized in Spokane several months ago with a capitalization of \$600,000, but steps have been taken to increase this capitalization to \$1,000,000. Since its organization the company has acquired 22 banks in the inland Empire. The trustees are S. A. Blackwell, of the Panhandle Lumber Company; J. A. Caughren, of the railroad contracting firm of Caughren & Wolfson; B. F. Graves, builder of the Spokane & Inland Electric Railway; T. J. Humbird, general manager of the Humbird Lumber Company, and identified with all of the Weyerhaeuser interests; T. L. Greenough, of the railroad contracting firm of Wren & Greenough; John D. Porter, of Porter Bros. & Co., general contractors; B. B. Grinnell, J. D. Bassett, president of the First National Bank of Ritzville, and D. W. Twoby, of Twoby Bros., railroad contractors.

CONGRESS HAS BEEN ACTIVE

Prophecies of Lazy Session Not Fulfilled by House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Far better progress is being made with legislation in the House than was anticipated. Before Congress convened, little or no activity was expected for the holiday adjournment was expected and that the session to do but a small amount of business would probably characterize the entire session.

Since the House convened, December 4, many very important bills and resolutions have been introduced; two important measures have been reported and many others have been reported and many are under consideration in the House. To all a total of 1,085 House bills, 188 House resolutions, 20 House joint resolutions and 28 concurrent resolutions have been introduced. Two measures for railroads regarding bearing the name of Representative Esch of Wisconsin have passed the House. Two omnibus pension bills, carrying a total of 467 claims, also have passed the House.

WOMAN, AGED 115, IS DEAD

Jewish Home Inmate Had 19 Children; Eldest Grandchild Is 70.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Brayne Makendensky died at the Jewish sheltering home here early today, aged 115 years.

Mrs. Makendensky, who was born in Kiev, Russia, had 19 children, several of whom are still living. She is survived by about 150 descendants scattered over the world, most of them living in the United States. The oldest grandchild is 70. Her husband, Abraham Makendensky, of New York.

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G. A. Ufford, an aged man, had come to town from Parkland to get medicine for his wife. He was unable to get home all night, his wife being compelled to remain alone. This morning he walked four miles home.

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