

SENATE MAY BUILD TABLES IN HOUSE

Underwood Threat Against Pension Bill Shows Purely Political Aim.

CHOICE MAY BE REFUSED

Democratic Sop to "Old Soldier" Vote Never Intended to Result in Substantial Advantage—Bluff to Be "Called."

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 20.—Representative Underwood, of Alabama, Democratic leader in the House, started something when he issued his ultimatum to the effect that there would be no river and harbor bill and no public building bill passed by the House before the holidays, because a law. For it is to be presumed that the Democratic leader would have taken no such stand unless he felt confident the House would back him.

Therefore Congress, and particularly the Senate, is in a position where it must choose between the pension bill on the one hand and river and harbor and public building bills on the other. For if the House is to back up Leader Underwood, the Senate must make a choice.

New Projects Threatened.

Underwood, in his ultimatum, expressed a willingness that Congress should provide for those projects now under the continuing contract system, but there are few such projects and they are cared for not in a river and harbor bill, but in the sundry civil bill. Congress is really obligated to make these appropriations, for under authority granted by the last Congress, much work has been undertaken on these projects which must be paid out of appropriations to be made this session. Otherwise the Government would be left in the position of ignoring its debts, contracted by specific authority of Congress.

The significance of Mr. Underwood's threat lies in the fact that he would cut off all appropriations for new projects and also all appropriations for projects that are under course of construction, but which have depended upon annual appropriations by Congress to keep work going. The great bulk of river and harbor work comes under this classification and all this work would have to be suspended for a year or 18 months if there should be no river and harbor bill this session.

Delays Add to Cost.

Experience has demonstrated that cessation of work in this manner adds enormously to the ultimate cost of improvements, due to deterioration, etc., but this fact is ignored by Mr. Underwood, who asserts that he is trying to ward off a demand by the Treasury.

The country can get along without a public building bill better than it can without a river and harbor bill, but the refusal to pass a building bill would prove a detriment to many cities, where adequate quarters for postoffices, customs-houses, etc., are lacking. In these cities have managed to get along in the past and they would be compelled to get along for another year if the public building bill is blocked. It would prove a hardship to many large cities and would prove a great disappointment to innumerable smaller cities and towns. It would mean shutting on public buildings in the near future. For it is a well recognized fact that Congress no longer passes public building bills, but that they are individual cities. A great number are grouped together under what is known as the omnibus public building bill and all are included in it. The Senate does pass individual bills, but the House never.

Democrats Playing Politics.

At the time the Democratic House passed the Sherman bill, it was suspected that there was some "nigger in the woodpile." Democrats in the House have heretofore been strongly opposed to a dollar-a-day pension bill and their sudden conversion to the cause aroused natural comment. It was not difficult to figure out that the Democrats, believing 1912 to be their year, decided to throw the road politics to throw some sop to the old soldier vote by passing the Sherman bill through the House. The Republican House, in Cannon days, had refused to pass this measure. It now appears that the Democrats, having put the dollar-a-day bill through the House, which they control, are seeking to put the Republican Senate in a hole by forcing it to kill off this Democratic pension bill or else pass the pension bill and go without appropriations for rivers and harbors.

Chairman Underwood well knows the general demand for river and harbor appropriations and in the campaign last year he recognized the desire of every member of the House and every Senator for public building appropriations. He also is aware that Senate Republicans and Representatives are not keenly interested in pension legislation. Therefore he executed a distinctively clever "sop" when he put it up to the Senate to choose between river and harbor and public building appropriations or increased pensions.

Old Soldier Vote Needed.

There are some Senators who prefer a pension bill to the appropriation bills; most of them prefer river and harbor and public building legislation. But it remains to be seen how they will express their preference publicly. The old soldier vote is still a big factor in American politics and both parties want it this year. If they can get it, the Democrats need it to carry such states as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and some states in New England. It would also be worth much to them in New York. By the same token, the Republicans need the soldier vote if they are to carry these same states. Temporarily, then, it would seem that Underwood has put the Senate in a hole.

But There is a Way—An Unusual Way.

It is true—by the Senate can reverse the order of things. The Senate has the initiative, can frame and pass a river and harbor bill and an omnibus public building bill and put these two measures up to the Democratic House. Then the Democrats of that body would have to decide whether they would be willing to reject river and harbor and public building appropriations merely because the Senate may deem it wise to pass a pension bill which previously received the stamp of approval of this same House. There are few Democrats in the House who would personally benefit through the passage of the dollar-a-day pension bill; that measure was passed to make Democratic votes in Republican and doubtful states.

Most every Democratic member, however, is interested in river and harbor and public building appropriations; his

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district wants them and his constituents are clamoring for them. And the House, having already passed the pension bill, cannot publicly go back on it, or admit having passed it with the expectation that it would be killed by the Senate or by the President.

It is the almost invariable rule that river and harbor and public building bills shall originate in the House, though there is no constitutional requirement to that effect. Taking advantage of this fact, the Senate can, and undoubtedly will, call Mr. Underwood's bluff and force through river and harbor and public building bills, and also make the Democratic House take responsibility for their defeat.

National politics, truly, is a great game as played in Congress.

LEGALITY OF TAX IS ISSUE

Residents North of Lebanon Want Justice of Road Levy Decided.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Eighteen taxpayers of Road District No. 18, lying just north of Lebanon, filed a suit in the State Circuit Court here last evening to enjoin County Clerk Marks from extending a special road tax of five mills voted in that district for extension to the requirements of law.

The suit is in the name of the plaintiffs, who are the taxpayers of the district. It is alleged in the complaint that the meeting at which this tax was voted was not held or conducted according to the requirements of law.

No injunction was issued to prevent the extension of the tax but a stipulation was made and filed whereby the clerk may extend the tax and the sheriff collect it and the money will be held by the County Treasurer without disbursement until the final disposition of this suit. If the plaintiffs win, the money collected on this tax will be refunded to the respective taxpayers, but if the legality of the levy is upheld the money will then be expended on the roads of the district.

The tax voted in District 18 is the highest special road tax voted in Linn County for collection this year and is the only special road tax higher than three mills.

William Reid Files Declaration.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—William Reid, Republican of Portland, has filed his declaration of intention to run for nomination for Circuit Judge in the fourth judicial district in department No. 4. "Just decisions, speedy trials, equality of all before the law" is his slogan. W. A. Bell, of The Dalles, also filed his declaration as a candidate for nomination for District Attorney in the seventh judicial district, including the counties of Crook, Wasco and Hood River.

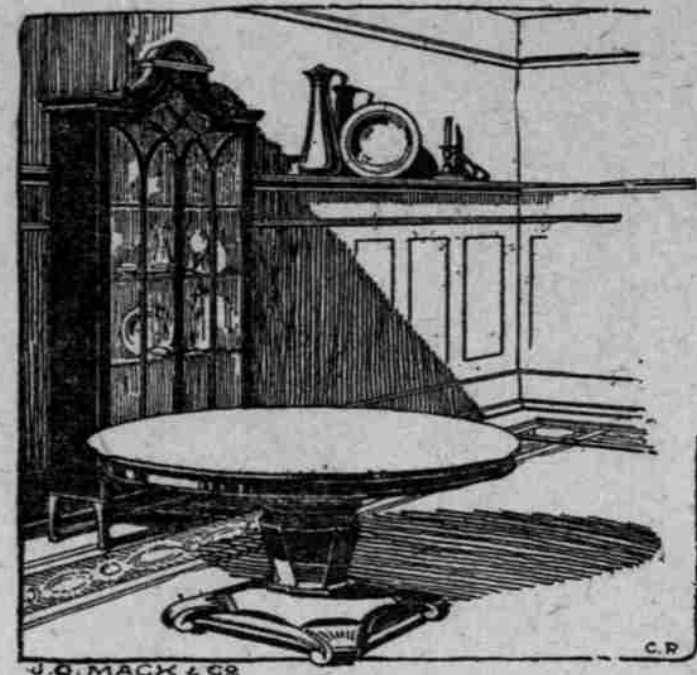
ANOTHER YAMHILL COUNTY PIONEER PASSES AWAY.

John B. Forrest.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The funeral of John B. Forrest, who died Monday, marks the passing of another of the Yamhill County pioneers. Mr. Forrest was born in Bluff County, Missouri, January 21, 1828, and came with his parents to Oregon in 1846, over the old Oregon Trail. His father, John M. Forrest, was captain of the train in crossing the plains. The family went to California and remained two years, returning to Yamhill County in 1852 and settling on a farm near Dayton.

Mr. Forrest was married October 4, 1847, to Miss Julia M. Hutson, a daughter of Dr. Hutson, a pioneer physician of Oregon. The couple made their home at Wheatland, and resided there continuously for the past 45 years. He is survived by his wife and three children, namely: Mrs. E. V. Littlefield, of Portland; Mrs. W. A. Gowersox, of Albany; and Dr. Meigs Forrest, of Wheatland.

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Sheraton—Two suites of beautiful designs; by the Royal Furniture Co.

Sheraton—In mahogany, finely inlaid.

Colonial—Several suites in mahogany, by Berkey & Gay and Cowan.

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\$60.00 Buffet cut to \$40.00

\$90.00 Buffet cut to \$65.00

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\$45.00 China Cabinet cut to \$33.50

Golden and waxed oak extension tables:

44 in. by 6 feet, from \$90.00 to \$22.50

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44 in. by 8 feet, from \$33.00 to \$23.50

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SCANDAL HUNT ON

Graham's Committee to Make Tour Despite Protest.

PAST RECORD IS SCORED

Representative Humphrey, of Washington, Points Out Failure of Same Committee in Controller Bay Inquiry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Jan. 20.—The House of Representatives has given permission to Representative Graham to take his committee all over the West in search of Indian and public land scandals. This is the same Mr. Graham and the same committee that undertook to investigate the so-called Controller Bay scandal in Alaska.

The Republican members of the House tried to prevent this committee from going into action again, but the Democrats outvoted them. Before the vote was taken several Republicans frankly expressed their opinion of Mr. Graham and his work among them. Mr. Humphrey, of Washington, who said:

Committee's Record Shows.

"Mr. Speaker, one reason why I am opposed to this resolution is because it is the same committee that had under investigation the Controller Bay matter. They had the witnesses before them in regard to the Dick-to-Dick letter, that reflected on the character of a President of the United States, and the chairman of this House that those witnesses should be called upon to testify; that it was not true that they were going to abandon the investigation."

Little Confidence Expressed.

"Now, Mr. Speaker, the reason that I am opposed to the further power being given to this committee is that, in view of their action on the Controller Bay matter, under the statements made by the chairman of the committee on the floor of this House, I do not believe any member of this House would have any confidence in any report that came from that committee."

"They said that the reason they abandoned that investigation was because they discovered that the Secretary of the Interior had changed his position. The reason why they abandoned it was because the testimony of the witnesses was not what they wanted. That is the reason they did not permit them to testify. Do any man in the House believe that if the testimony in regard to the Dick-to-Dick letter had shown what the majority of the members of the committee wished that those witnesses would not have

been permitted to testify? In any event, they should have laid before the committee and this House and the country the testimony exposing these men who were making a business of assassinating the character of men in public life."

Miller Is Cautious.

"I was a little surprised when Mr. Graham frankly admitted to this House that the only purpose in securing the passage of this resolution was to go on a practical cruise throughout the United States looking up Indian affairs. In his object it is as clearly defined in respect to all the instances cited as he has just indicated it to be in reference to the White Earth Indians. I think we ought to pass this resolution, enlarge its powers, give the committee an unlimited supply of cash, and let them proceed, in order that the country may have presented to it the supreme demonstration of how a committee without knowledge of or information about the work of the White Earth reservation, when the testimony was in the judge said, 'Is that all the evidence you have?' They said, 'Yes.' Then he said: 'I direct a verdict of acquittal for each and every one of the defendants, because of an absolute failure of anything like evidence to sustain the allegations.'"

Charge Stirred up Things Generally and Determined to Enlarge the Operations of the Committee.

"As a result of these operations they indicted quite a number of individuals out there, and their trial was recently had. The information presented to the committee that desires to go out and make this investigation all came from the one man who secured the indictments and has endeavored to procure the convictions. Those cases were on trial for six weeks, involving all the questions that the gentleman desires to investigate in reference to the White Earth Reservation."

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Ferry to Replace Old Bridge.

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PICKED MEN THEY WHO WIN

University of Oregon Professor Draws Conclusions in Research.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 20.—The interesting conclusions reached by Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the department of history at the university, in his address before the associated students in assembly Friday on

"Who Should Go to College, and Why?" were prompted by extensive statistical researches made into the records of the men who have graduated from the University of Oregon in 20 different classes.

Listing those of the graduates who have won acknowledged success in the professions, thorough scrutiny was made of their records while in college and the interesting fact was revealed that in a great majority of cases, those who won marked success in later life stood high in scholarship while in attendance at the university.

Professor Schafer concluded from these facts that the men who are winning their way in the learned professions, law, theology, higher teaching, journalism, medicine, engineering, science and literature and who won success in their classes while in college, were the picked men; that is, men of much more than ordinary intellectual power.

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