

OPPOSING PORT BILL CAMPS SET FOR WAR

Measures Are Special Business of Senate Tomorrow.

EASTERNERS GIVE AID

Pledge of \$250,000 to Improve North Portland Harbor Is Point Gained That Turned Tide.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Forces are being lined up for and against the Port of Portland bill, which is a special order of business in the state senate Monday morning.

Senators from east of the Cascades have been withholding support until they were given assurances that an appropriation of \$250,000 would be incorporated in the emergency bill for improvement of North Portland harbor. Assurances were given verbally, but the half dozen senators wanted something concrete, not that they questioned the promise, but they wanted the promise in black and white. This guarantee was made during the past week.

Having gained this point, the next demand of the eastern Oregon senators was that they have on the port commission a man closely identified with eastern Oregon. They are now advocating the selection of Thomas J. Mahoney of North Portland, a successful Harry Sargent on the commission, on the commission.

Houseer May Resign.

In Salem it is rumored that the situation may be solved by the voluntary resignation of Max H. Houser from the commission. Mr. Houser has been so occupied with his own affairs that he has not been able to give to port matters the attention desired. If Mr. Houser should resign the way would be clear for the appointment of Mr. Mahoney.

Now, however, comes a new rumor that in addition to Mr. Mahoney, there is a movement to also seat a second man, with eastern Oregon interests, on the commission.

Members of the port commission have stated they are willing to start dredging Oregon harbor, but have considered the speculation of volunteer cabinet makers. There is nothing in the career of Mr. Robinson that would appeal to a man of the type of Senator Harding, but there is much that would have the opposite effect. He has drawn to himself the pale of socialism to fit into a cabinet, which has as one of its chief duties to steady the course of the American ship on seas made stormy by the winds of radicalism. His visit to Russia and interference with the course of the accredited American representative there would be enough to disqualify him for a cabinet position, notwithstanding that representative was sent by another administration, of another political party than the one which is soon to be in power in Washington. Sympathy with bolshevism, even if not carried to the extent of endorsement, is not a qualification for the national councils of the United States.

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PORTLAND - ASTORIA INLAND LOOP ASSOCIATION READY.

Highway Via Cedar Mills, North Plains, Banks, Buxton, Vernonia, Olney to Astoria Idea.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Should any change be made in the present highway road programme, the Portland-Astoria Inland Loop Highway association will ask for the designation by the legislature of a road from Portland via the towns of Cedar Mills, North Plains, Banks, Buxton, Vernonia and Olney to Astoria.

This road not only constitutes an inland loop route, but will serve as an outlet to one of the richest portions of the state of Oregon. The proposed road will connect with the Cornell road leading into Portland. The county commissioners of Multnomah county have signified their willingness to have the Cornell road up to the county line. Clatsop county has already expended large sums of money in permanent improvements, and the intervening road districts have levied special ten-mill taxes to be used in connection with the highway construction.

The Romanian government has adopted the Gregorian calendar. The ecclesiastical authorities in Romania continue, however, to use the Julian calendar.

We're on our way to—



Use My Stairway—Save Dollars

JIMMY DUNN

HOKE SMITH OF OREGON GETS MIXED WITH GEORGIA SENATOR

Name, However, Plus Gall, Secured Him Good Job With Great Northern Railroad.

SENATOR HOKE SMITH of Georgia, frequently receives mail intended for an entirely different Hoke Smith, who dwells in Oregon. Like-wise, the Hoke Smith in Oregon gets a lot of the senator's mail.

The Oregon Hoke Smith is press agent for a railroad. He got his job through the fortunate circumstance of being named as he is.

A few years ago he was working on a Chicago newspaper, but desired to break into the railroad business and ride about on passes in private cars and have his own stenographer. No sooner thought of than he resigned his newspaper job and started out. He never stopped going until he found himself in the waiting room outside of James J. Hill's private office. Handing his card to the office boy, he asked to see Mr. Hill.

"Nobody else but," replied Smith; "certain-lee not! I came to see Mr. Hill."

"He hasn't been seeing anybody today," said the boy.

"I think he'll see me," remarked Hoke Smith, confidently. "Just show him my card."

James J. Hill looked at the card intently.

"Is Hoke Smith of Georgia?" he asked the boy.

"Don't know, sir."

"A tall, massive, elderly man?"

"No, sir; just a young fellow."

Hill decided he ought to see him. It might be a son of the Georgia statesman.

"When he learned that it was merely a young man hunting a job, Hill was somewhat vexed."

"Why didn't you explain who you were?" he asked.

"I knew my name would get me in, and I wanted to see you, Mr. Hill," said Hoke Smith.

"What? Chump? I would have been, now wouldn't I, to give you any more particulars?"

"So Hill was forced to admire the fellow's gall, and he hired him."

Ever so often young Hill sends out boastful circulars lauding the northwest and beginning, "Hoke Smith says."

Some of these were reprinted in Georgia once, and there was the very old Hoke Smith.

To know what Hoke Smith meant by boasting a state so far away. Why didn't he devote himself to saying pleasant things about his own state?

It took the Georgia senator several months to get it all squared.

The suggestion that Raymond Robins become a member of Senator Harding's cabinet when he becomes president shows how wild and unconsidered are the speculations of volunteer cabinet makers.

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The effect of the world war on the economic status of women was another subject extensively read up on by members of the house and senate.

After military affairs and addition, congressmen read assiduously on public finance and diplomatic relations with foreign countries.

Almost every big national woman's organization in the country will participate in the memorial services to pioneer suffragists to be held here February 15. Miss Alice Paul returned today from completing arrangements for the participation of large delegations from New York and Pennsylvania. District branches of 16 organizations have agreed to send representatives.

Thirteen of 30 members of congress have agreed to represent the women of their states. The presentation of a statue will be the principal feature of the memorial exercises.

Miss Hazel Mackay will have charge of the memorial ceremonies. Mrs. Marie Moore Forrest is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Ohio may boast of being "mother of presidents" in rivalry to Virginia, but Louisiana, Va., claims an unprecedented record in furnishing the man to take charge of the inaugural festivities. It holds the position in that the last three inaugural chairmen have been from that county. First was William Corcoran Eustis, chairman for the first Wilson inaugural; then Robert N. Harper, chairman for the second Wilson inaugural, and now Edward B. McLean, chairman for the induction of Senator Harding.

The incoming president is proud of the fact that one of those who helped to elect him traveled so far to cast his vote that it cost him more than \$8000. Dr. James P. Kelley journeyed from Buenos Aires to Boston to help elect Harding. He has made the same trip nine times to vote for a president, and says it was well worth the cost in money and loss of time.

Dr. Kelley of Rosindale, Mass., and every where, was once a factory hand and semi-professional baseball player.

A new motion picture film prepared at the instance of the United States public health service vividly presents the life history of the mosquito, especially of the kind that transmits malaria germs and costs the United States people about \$200,000 a year by doing so. Part of the film is "animated" and part taken from actual life. It is likely to be popular.

Most realistic are the views showing how the female mosquito absorbs the malaria germs with the blood of a malaria patient, how the germs increase and multiply and pervade the salivary glands of the mosquito; and how the mosquito passes them on to the next human host, by means of a promptly fatal bite.

Thomas B. Reed once went into an unfamiliar barber shop to be shaved. The negro barber began to try to sell a hair tonic.

"Hair tonic, huh," he said, "won't that wig long, huh?"

"I was born that way," replied Reed. "Afterward I enjoyed a brief period of hirsute efflorescence, but it did not endure."

The barber gasped and said no more. Later someone told him he had shaved the speaker.

"Speakah!" he exclaimed. "Don't I know dat? I should say he was a speakah, sure 'nuff!"

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson during the waning days of her regime has been giving a few very cozy and informal luncheons at the White House, in which has often been included the "court painter," Mr. Seymour Stone, who for some time has been doing a life-sized portrait of the lovely lady.

Mr. Stone has painted the likenesses of numbers of the officials of the administration and their wives. The secretary of state is booked to be another of his sitters.

Mrs. Marshall, who has resumed her hospitable custom of being at home on Wednesday afternoon, when she is always greeted by a representative company genuinely sorry to say good-bye to this particular hostess and her popular husband, wore for her first day a black satin dress, with a row of diamonds on the shoulders, in which she looked no older than at her first reception nearly eight years ago.

The official social season, regardless of politics, comes to an end February 8 with everyone, regardless of religious opinion or practice, quite ready to welcome Ash Wednesday and a short period of rest with or without sackcloth and ashes.

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O. A. C. SLASH PROPOSED

One or Two Members of Body Are Inclined to Deny Request for \$425,000 for Extension Work.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—How to lop off more than \$450,000 from the budgets of estimated expenditures presented by the several state institutions and departments for consideration of the legislature, was the question that today was puzzling the members of the joint ways and means committee who have this problem in charge.

While there was noted an inclination on the part of one or two members of the committee to deny the proposed request of the Oregon Agricultural college for an appropriation of \$425,000 to carry on the extension work of the institution, other committee members were of the opinion that at least a part of this amount will have to be allowed. These committee members charged that, in refusing to appropriate any money for the agricultural college for extension work, the legislature would cripple that department of the institution, and the action would not be in keeping with the demands of the farming and fruit-growing interests of the state.

Progress Noted in Work.

The work of the ways and means committee has progressed to the point of indicating that considerable money will be lopped off the budgets of the various institutions, although the exact amount has not yet been determined. In a few instances the reductions will affect the maintenance figures, but in a majority of cases will be directed at contemplated improvements.

It is also likely that there will be some cuts in the appropriations sought by the various educational institutions which, added to approximately \$225,000 soldier, sailor and marine educational aid money now on hand, will allow the state to keep within the 6 per cent tax limitation statute.

With the great majority of bills introduced and in the hands of committee for consideration, members of the senate today discussed informally at some length the question for elimination of unnecessary expenses and appropriations.

Salary Rise Unlikely.

From statements made by a number of the senators it is evident that with one or two exceptions, bills providing for increased compensation for various officials of the state are unlikely to pass.

The salary of the state land board, state superintendent of schools and a number of districts attorneys and other district officers. In addition to these, bills have been introduced in the senate eliminating from the statutes those sections fixing the salaries of the superintendent of capitol buildings and grounds, warden of the state penitentiary and state parole officers.

If the latter three bills pass, the salary of the superintendent of buildings will be left to the discretion of the state board of control while the compensation of the penitentiary ward and parole officer will be placed in the hands of the governor.

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