

DRAWN UP WITH CARE

Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill Well Considered.

CONTAINS VERY LITTLE PIE

Former Recklessness and Inconsistency of Congress in Appropriating Money for Improvements Has Been Deplaced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Two new records were established in Congress this week when the Rivers and Harbors bill was reported out of committee. In the first place, the measure carries close to \$80,000,000 for waterway improvements, the greatest amount ever appropriated by any Congress for this work, and second, its construction proved conclusively that the day is gone when this legislation can be considered in the light of a "pork" measure. Of all the appropriation bills offered at the present session, none has been drawn up with such painstaking care or with such searching inquiry into the merits of each particular scheme to be benefited. The history of the labors of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, with its sub-committees would fill volumes, and thousands of pages would have to be devoted to the expert testimony given on the various improvement projects.

Naturally, in the apportionment of such a large sum of money, there is considerable discontent in certain sections. Congressmen who always have been remembered by a slice or the rivers and harbors fund, are worth because their districts are not sharing in the present bill. In the past it has not been an unusual thing for Congress to vote money for the "improvement" of creeks and mountain streams navigable, as a Congressional wit puts it, only for "light draft water fowl, flounders and flat fish." It is being borne in on the complaining ones that commerce has taken the rivers and harbors measure out of the realm of party politics.

The present measure carries for improvements in every section of the country. The important commercial ports on the seaboard are given big slices for betterments, while increased sums are to be expended upon the rivers of the interior. Provision, too, is made for betterment work in the past that they saved in the last shipping season upward of \$205,000,000 in freight charges to shippers. This vast sum is the difference between what shippers would have been compelled to pay in tolls to the rail lines and the transportation tolls by boat.

Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, who as president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has led the fight for proper recognition of the importance of waterways improvement, is being congratulated on his success by his fellow members. His organization has urged, in season and out, that an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 be made, so that the work of developing the rivers and harbors of the country may go forward steadily. It is recognized that spasmodic efforts in making navigable the rivers and harbors will be of little benefit to commerce, and that funds must be appropriated to permit of a steady and intelligent prosecution of the important work. The fact that the railroads have confessed their inability to keep up with the transportation demands of the country has shown the government the logic of the demand.

The necessity, however, for keeping this great question alive and forcing it upon the attention of Congress has caused the Secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, to issue a call for greater membership. This call has been received by government officials here and the organization has their heartiest endorsement.

Have you got your \$1400 in personal property and cash, and your \$800 worth of real estate? If not, you have either been cheated, have been profligate, or else the bulbous-browed statistician in the United States Census Bureau has slipped a cog somewhere in his figures. This government statistician has figured out, to his satisfaction at least, that the United States is the wealthiest country in the world, and in consequence the people are the most prosperous and the happiest.

According to the census returns for 1904 it was shown that on June 30th of that year the total wealth of the United States was \$107,104,211,917, an increase since the census of 1900 of \$18,592,905,142. On this basis the ratio of increase during the six years and six months from June 30, 1900 to December 31, 1906, is approximated at \$30,225,000,000. There are some 61,000,000 people in this country and it may easily be seen that the individual wealth should be in the neighborhood of \$140 including real estate.

REAL BARGAINS

The man with the money laying idle in the bank bringing him no income is making a sad mistake. It is a safe proposition to buy property from us. We have hundreds of good things that will almost double your money in six months. Look over this list. We have good farms, business chances, Astoria and Warrenton property that are real bargains.

BUY DIRT NOW

—\$11,500—
will buy one of the best dairy farms in this section of the country, well located, modernly improved and paying now about \$2,500 a year net profit. For sale for a limited time only. Terms reasonable.

\$5,500.
For a fine business lot near waterfront on 6th street. A very valuable piece of ground and a good investment.

\$500 Each.
Four fine residence lots on Jerome Avenue near 17th. A fine view of the whole country. These lots will be worth \$1,000 each in less than six months. Will sell one or all. A fine chance to get a choice residence lot at a low price.

\$2,000.
A fine business chance for a couple of young men. Good paying, well established cigar store and pool room. Present owner's health so poor he is forced to sell and leave this country. You'll have to hurry.

\$3,000
for two fine residence lots 50x100 near Senator Fulton's home. These lots are easily worth \$2,000 each. If you want a first class home site, this is your chance. Will sell one or both.

\$400.
We have for sale one lot right at the depot at Warrenton, that will be worth \$1,000 in less than 60 days; \$300 cash, balance to suit. Now if you are awake grab this.

\$5,500.
A great bargain, 100x100 feet, corner 3rd and Bond, with two story building on it. This is a piece of property that will bring big profits in the near future.

\$3,000.
Corner lot, 50x100, with new two-story building with twenty rooms, all furnished with store room on ground floor. Building cost \$2,750 without furniture or lot. This piece of property is worth \$4,000 at the lowest estimate. Good side walks, basement, electric lights and near car line in Alderbrook. This is a good bargain for some one. Easy terms.

—\$3,850—
A choice piece of property well located, modern flat, 9 rooms, hot and cold water, three lots 50x150 on corner, improved streets; also small house on property. This property will net 10 per cent on the investment. What better do you want? For full particulars call at our office.

—\$1,500—
for a well established and prosperous drug store. Present owners must sell at once. This is a chance for some young man with a small capital to make a start. Good location, everything new. Further particulars furnished at this office.

—\$1,500—
will buy one of the choicest residence lots in the city of Astoria, located in the best residence district with a fine view of the whole surrounding country. This is a rare bargain for some one. A corner lot and is easily worth \$2,500.

—\$6,500—
Corner, 100x100, with four new five-room modern cottages on it, monthly rental of \$64; one-half cash, balance to suit. Room on ground to build more houses. Corner 12th and Franklin.

\$1,650.
Modern 9-room house, lot 50x100, in Alderbrook. Easily worth \$2,000.

\$2,150.
Beautiful residence lot corner 12th and Grand, opposite Presbyterian church, 100 feet on 12th, 50 feet on Grand.

\$350 Each.
Two fine lots within two blocks of Depot at Warrenton. Lots that will increase in value 100 per cent in less than 90 days. Cash.

\$2,500.
Well located timber claim in this county, spruce and fir. Cruises three million feet.

An Extra Good Bargain.
A little over 100 acres on the beach near Warrenton, right in line with the proposed railroad down the beach. This tract will be worth double the present price in 30 days; \$100 an acre. You'll have to hurry; \$7,000 cash, balance to suit purchaser. This is a chance for some one to make some money.

\$400
for a fine residence lot in Alderbrook. On improved street. Easy terms.

\$25,000
will buy one of the best pieces of water front obtainable. Good location and lots of room for a good big enterprise.

The F. N. Clark Company,
REAL ESTATE, INVESTMENTS.
495 Commercial Street, Near 11th. Phone Red 2241.
ASTORIA, OREGON. ||

Figuring on the same plan the statistician finds that in 1904 there was in gold and silver coin an increase in four years of \$1,677,379,829, a sum sufficient to let everyone on New Year's morning in 1907 jingle \$25.00 in his pocket. In the same way this man of figures found that, because in 1904 the value of real estate and farm property was \$62,341,492,134, everyone in the United States should be possessed of realty to the amount of \$800, provided an equal distribution could be made.

While this juggling with figures is interesting and undoubtedly affords much amusement to the statistician, it is of real value in proving that the country's prosperity is established on a firm basis. The enormous gains in values, it is recognized, are due to the reorganization of business methods. This reorganization brought in its train many economic evils that have had to be dealt with. Great consolidations of business interests, in some cases, feeling their newfound power, exerted this power along lines that aroused popular discontent. Happily this tendency has passed away with the reorganization days.

The chief danger seen now to a continuation of the present era of good times is the tendency of the American people to wreak tardy vengeance on all forms of corporations because of the action of the few mentioned. Men of discernment in public life and these include President Roosevelt, Secretary Shaw, Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, Archbishop Ireland, and scores of others, have joined in urging that this spirit of unrest be curbed. The foreign trade of this country has been developed to a point

where it offers almost certain assurance of the maintenance of prosperity, because it provides a market abroad for the surplus products of American farms and overproduction of American factories. Thus the tendency to enact legislation that will cripple the business men who have developed this foreign market is highly dangerous.

Despite the criticism aroused by Secretary Root's speech in favor of great powers for the Federal government, there is little doubt but that his contention is being received each day with greater effect. This is due entirely to the fact that the legislatures of many States are at present engaged in the consideration of bills that, if enacted into laws, will do much to embarrass the national government in the supervision and control of the big commercial organizations, and at the same time will cripple the corporations in their profit of trade.

CHRONIC CONSTIPATION CURED.
One who suffers from chronic constipation is in danger of many serious ailments. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation as it aids digestion and stimulates the liver and bowels, restoring the natural action of these organs. Commence taking it today and you will feel better at once. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is very pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

BLOCKADED.
Every Household in Astoria Should Know How Best to Resist It.
The back aches because the kidneys are blocked.
Help the kidneys with their work. The back will ache no more.
Lots of proof that Doan's Kidney Pills do this.
It's the best proof for it comes from Astoria.
D. E. Duncan, who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets, Astoria, Ore., says: "I had been troubled with a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was constant dull aching in the loins and a numbness of the back, often extending through the whole muscular system as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache, but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and used them. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses I felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same good results."
For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.
Doan's Little Liver Pills thoroughly clean the system, good for lazy livers, makes clear complexions, bright eyes and happy thoughts.

ASTORIA IRON WORKS
JOHN FOX, Pres.
F. L. BISHOP, Secretary
Nelson Troyer, Vice-Pres. and Supt.
ASTORIA SAVINGS BANK, Treas.
Designers and Manufacturers of
THE LATEST IMPROVED
Canning Machinery, Marine Engines and Boilers,
Complete Cannery Outfits Furnished.
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.
Foot of Fourth Street.

First National Bank of Astoria, Ore.
ESTABLISHED 1886.
Capital \$100,000

Oregon Restaurant
Is now open as an up-to-date house. Serves the best meals in the city. Everything strictly first class.
REGULAR HOME DINNER, 35c.
SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER A SPECIALTY 50c.
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
Wm. G. PATTERSON, Prop.
NINTH AND ASTOR STREETS.