

# CONGRESS WILL DO WORK ON TARIFF AND FINANCE BILLS

### Revision of Tariff Downward Said to Be Plan of Leaders in Both Branches; Uncle Sam Has Large Payroll.

(Published From Leased Wire.) Washington, Oct. 7.—Unless present plans are changed before congress meets on time will be lost in getting at work on the tariff immediately after the first Monday in December.

The ways and means committee of the house, at least the Democratic members of it, will present new tariff bills along revenue lines as rapidly as possible, and it may be said this will be pretty rapid, regardless of the report of the tariff commission or of President Taft. They have been called upon by the criticism of the president on the wool and cotton bills and the manner in which they were prepared, and are ready to go before the country with a number of other revised laws (tariff bills) if the president's veto pen is still working. If the tariff commission reports in time, well and good, if not there will be no delay on account of it.

### Uncle Sam Will Get Busy.

An old leading Democrat remarked to me this week, "The constitution places upon the house of representatives the duty of preparing revenue bills—and this house of representatives, at least, has no idea of whirling the duty. The tariff commission is all well and good. If it has gathered any data which is of real value it will be considered for what it is worth, but it will not prepare tariff bills."

### Immense Payroll.

Uncle Sam is a large employer of labor. He has on his payroll outside the army and navy nearly 40,000 men and women. The civil service commission takes care of the employment of 341,658 persons who work for the executive branch of the government in various ways. Of this number 222,274 hold office as a result of competitive examinations held by the commission, and their tenure is not subject to the whim of a statesman or politician.

The army of 344,088 does not include all of the persons who serve the government. This number has to do with the executive employees. In addition, there are 215 employees of the senate and house and 484 men and women who serve in the congressional library. Then there are 4299 employees of the judiciary, including judges, attorneys and marshals, and their clerical assistants and messengers, referees in bankruptcy and United States commissioners.

### Diplomatic Service.

Then the army has 80,521 officers and enlisted men; the navy 40,832. To these must be added 1413 consuls, interpreters, secretaries and clerks in the diplomatic and consular service. The result is a grand army of federal employees numbering 513,354 persons.

### GOLD HILL WILL SOON HAVE NEW POSTMASTER

Gold Hill, Or., Oct. 7.—The resignation of Postmaster J. L. Hammersly, who has removed to Portland to practice law, leaves a vacancy in the local postmastership, and Congressman Hawley is said to have several applications from those ambitious to serve Uncle Sam in the local stamp store.

The most prominent candidates are J. B. Hammersly and R. B. Hammond, the former a brother of the late postmaster. He is said to be relying on a pre-election promise made him by Congressman Hawley for the appointment. Hammond, however, circulated a petition, which was signed generally, and has forwarded it to the congressman.

# Great Empire of Central Oregon Not Overlooked by Nature, but by Man

Visitors See and Learn That Country Has Room for Thousands of Prosperous Homes—That It Is Better than It Is Bad—Towns Meet Excursionists With Warm Welcome



Picture on left side shows James J. Hill addressing crowd on his trip last week to Bend to drive golden spike in Oregon Trunk line in central Oregon. In the other cut he is standing beside his son, Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad.

By Marshall N. Dana.

This is not so much the story of a central Oregon trip as the chronicling of an Oregon epoch.

Not a man in the wide representation of the Portland business excursion that ended last Friday returned unimpressed with the tremendous potentiality of the 20,000,000 broad acres simultaneously penetrated through the 110-mile-long Deschutes canyon by the nation's two greatest railroad systems.

Whatever may now be said of the interior Oregon country these men know from seeing that it is better than it is bad, that there is room for thousands of prosperous homes and food-producing land enough to abundantly supply all the Pacific northwest.

### Grasses Flourish.

They have learned that the soil is sullen and unresponsive to the seed-planting of many crops; they have discovered that livestock and the grains, grasses and roots with which to feed the animals flourish greatly.

They have commenced erecting barriers across the canyon mouths to store the melted snow of the peaks and are seeing this water color the brown sage brush reaches with the vivid green of great crops.

### Wonderful Scenery.

It was long and very crooked. The mingling of lights and shadows in its depths produced indescribable color tones. One group of brown rocks jutted up like a dozen elephants performing

in a circuit. Another ledge was like a great face. A lizard that looked inquisitively out like a prehistoric reptile was but another weathered rock.

A lonely figure like a woman shawled or a silent, blanketed Indian that stood a thousand feet above the train was only a crag.

Progress was like passing into an enchanted land through a weird hall. The canyon shut in behind like doors closing and opened out in front like doors unfolding to the touch of the magic key. And perhaps the figure is not far fetched, for until the key of development turned back the lock of the long canyon there was no entrance and no railroad where now there are two.

Redmond jubilated. A band met the train and blared out the joy reflected in the shining faces that peered out of the night in the light of blazing juniper trees. It was the first train past Opal City and a little woman who for eight long years had been slaving in the desert to make a home for her children came down and looked at the train and listened to the engine's bell and she cried. "Two little boys edged through the door of the temporary station and looked wonderingly at the clicking telegraph. A rancher tapped the spring on one of the coaches admiringly. 'It'd make a dandy for my wagon,' he said.

### Bank Full of Money.

The bank at Prineville, first stop on the automobile portion of the journey, is said to have \$1,000,000 in deposits with \$600,000 in bullion in its vaults. Could there be testimony more convincing to the prosperity of the country when it is said the ranchers left the money there, while they go gather more from the land?

A leap to Burns, 150 miles from Prineville without mention of way-side incidents would be unfortunate. All night the rain had been dripping, dripping on the hotel roof. Sunday morning and it rained still. The auto drivers consulted, and nearly decided to join the Harriman line in a strike. The start was late and the country traversed sad with mud in the road and weeping hills. Over at Myers the most wonderful lunch had been prepared by the rancher and his brood. Hungry satisfied, breaks repaired and gasoline fed to the machines, then another start. Night came with nearness to Buck mountain, that dread of all travelers. Altitude brought snow. Soon it was a blizzard of pellets, whipping through lap robes and garments, swirling in the path of the auto lights, making the road seem everywhere and nowhere.

### Ill Luck Predominates.

Rocks seemed to leap out of the darkness to dash savagely against wheels and fenders. The mingled mud and snow made even chain-protected tires buzz hopelessly. An effort to change gears on a steep slope and control of the car in which the writer rode was lost. Down the mountain side backward we dashed, trying to think thoughts proper to the soon-to-be extinguished, but falling in the confusion. The car slipped into one smooth place provided by Providence, and another beginning brought us up with the car in which C. C. Chapman had been riding, and this car had deliberately jumped into a gully ten feet deep. At another place the bridge was broken and a long detour over rough ground averted accident. Meanwhile the car bearing the Harriman party struggled along behind trying to keep up to schedule with tires out and oil exhausted.

This is the place for blessings upon the head of one William O. town, rancher. Twenty-six years before he had come into the country from California, a school teacher with \$1200. Now he has 12,000 acres; his horses are past his numbering, but he nets \$30,000 a year from their sale, and he drives, besides, 16,000 sheep, and an unbeliever in the profits of steers, but 400 head of cattle.

### Reason of Light.

But how glad we were that he had stuck with the country and prospered. For at his ranch house was a light and a welcome, and food to feed all and blankets enough to cover all, prepared to give comfort where the prospect had been a chill, teeth-chattering night in the mountain desert.

Help came from Burns. A rescue expedition in charge of Archie McGowan reached us early the next morning. There was gasoline and oil and food and an escort into the Harney city. During Monday the sky cleared, the sun shone. The wonderful Silver Creek valley was succeeded by the more wonderful Harney valley. Past fat cattle we sped on a smooth road. Burns presently appeared in a cove at the edge of the valley. Perhaps nowhere else in the world could there have been such a sight. Burns is the mill city. There is a windmill for every home. Together they are a forest. Their vanes caught the red sun and they gleamed like banners of welcome.

May Burns never be forgotten in memories of hospitality, or when there

are thoughts of an uncommon people who vied each to do most for the town's guests, whose women spread such wonderful lunches and a banquet without precedent. There the people coming, some of them across 200 miles of desert, crowded the meeting places and applauded the expressions of the new spirit as expressed by their own people and the visitors. And this new spirit is that all shall work together, united in strength, for the upbuilding of Oregon, working for the common good in order to realize individual benefit, and applying the immense strength of modern development, machinery to the development chain whose links are population, education, transportation, irrigation and perspiration.

### Harney To Be Heard From.

Burns is capital of Harney county and Harney has 10,000 square miles with 5000 people. Harney has land that produces as high as 60 bushels of wheat to the acre and other good things in proportion. They have been holding grain production down, because they have no transportation, and to produce more than is locally needed increases cost of production and decreases per bushel prices in sales. But now that Hill says he will build to this Harney country, and that it was to get to Harney and William Hanley that he started up the Deschutes canyon, nothing will be able to stop development. "The bread basket of the northwest when the railroad comes," is what they call Harney county.

A new road from Bend to Burns through the country the railroad will be built into, carried the party of business men and railroad men westward. It, too, is a long road, but smooth. The journey was but seven hours long in "The Journal Special," that bore Phil S. Bates, H. W. Mitchell, Paul de Haas, W. K. Newell, The Journal representative, and Driver Collins, who took as much pleasure in the new record on the new road as did any one else.

It was charming to see those hopes of the desert, the unpainted homes of homesteaders, dotting the vast valley. It was pathetic to see evidences of the struggle they make to succeed. Here and there bands of wild horses snorted at the machines and dashed madly away through the sagebrush. One black stallion played with "The Journal special. He looped easily in the road before us, keeping up the pace with greatest ease until we reached 30 miles an hour. When a muddy place compelled reduced speed he turned and waited inquiringly as if to ask, "Aren't you ever coming?"

### Burns Must Be City.

Bend, where James J. Hill drove the golden spike and made golden promises concerning immediate railroad extension and where R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, struck a keynote when he said the development partnership must have complete harmony and cooperation or fail, was decorated for the occasion. But Bend does not need decoration to show well. The Deschutes carries in the vicinity of 250,000 unused electrical horse-power that inevitably must make Bend the manufacturing center of central Oregon. There is the great pine forest and the agricultural land to give weight to the promise that Bend must be a city.

It was 5 o'clock of Thursday. Hill had gone. The Harriman party impatiently waited at the Bend depot. All were aboard. The train puffed slowly

down the new track. The sun dropped lower and shone from behind the mountains. The roses of sunset bloomed pink on old Mount Hood away to the north. Mount Jefferson, Three Fingers Jack, and the Three Sisters were thrust out in bold relief. Through the jagged summits of Broken Top, Squaw Mountain and Diamond Peak the red rays reached upward fan-like. Black Butte was black no longer but gold in the sunset glow. The white moon came suddenly up from the eastern desert and left behind a darkening ribbon that shaded into blue to the horizon's edge. A coyote lifted up his voice in evening song. Other-wise it was very still. "It is as beautiful as the new spirit," said William McMurray, speaking softly.

Conclusions from the central Oregon trip are inevitable. No one must go into the country who is unprepared to work hard for large rewards. Conditions must be patiently studied and soil tested before production problems can be permanently solved. The two demonstration farms provided for will be highly important. Union of legitimate development forces must be concentrated against land speculators and land sharks. Authority should be had as to

prospects for profits when settlement is contemplated.

### Future Is Rosy.

Central Oregon contains in Lake, Klamath, Malheur, Crook and Harney counties millions of rich acres, but it contains other areas that never will be productive. In this respect it is like any other land. With railroads, telephones, automobiles, irrigation and better dry land farming, combined with the same persistent faith and magnificent patience that has brought development to the turning of the lane there can be no question that central Oregon will be source of wealth to its farmers and to Portland, its supply city. The business men who took the trip, among them A. C. Callan, G. F. Johnson, L. Allen Lewis, H. W. Mitchell, S. C. Pier, F. A. Freeman, D. O. Lively and C. C. Chapman, believe in central Oregon's future, and their faith with that of the Hill and Harriman systems and other business men who have now seen, portends much to the country.

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# RECTOR HAMMOND QUICKLY HITS BACK

### Applies Some of Own Medicine to Fire Chief Campbell of Eugene.

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Oct. 7.—Charging violation of the city's sidewalk ordinance, which provides that cement walks inside the fire limits shall extend from the property line to the curb, Rev. P. K. Hammond, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, yesterday swore to a warrant for the arrest of R. Caldwell, who had been employed by W. T. Campbell, chief of the fire department and city fire warden, to lay a six-foot walk in front of the latter's property in the fire limits where there is a 42-foot space from the property line to the curb. Campbell appeared for his employers in the municipal court and will have a hearing next week.

Rev. Mr. Hammond complains that his church was ordered to put in a 7-foot walk adjoining Mr. Campbell's property and not in the fire limits and that it is not fair to allow Campbell to lay a 6-foot walk inside the fire limits.

# GIRL POISONS FOUR BY MISTAKE, ALLEGED

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Orleans, Oct. 7.—The chemical analysis of the stomach of Elsie Crawford, the young woman who is said to have been one of four poisoned by her sister Annie, shows the presence of six grains of morphine. In a confession stating she administered the drug by mistake Annie says she gave her sister one and one-half grains.

# REVOLUTION GETS AID FROM UNITED STATES

Washington, Oct. 7.—That the new revolution in Mexico is receiving support from sympathizers in the United States is revealed in an order issued by the government here today to the custom officers of ports near Mexico to seize a steamship loaded with arms and ammunition, said to be shipped from San Francisco a few days ago, destined for distribution to the Mexican revolutionists.

# LANE COUNTY JURY LETS THOMSEN GO

### Killing Peter Hebert by Auto Not Manslaughter; Larceny of Auto Next Charge.

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Oct. 7.—The Lane county grand jury completed its labors for the adjourned term of circuit court this afternoon. It reported a not true bill in the case of Paul Thomsen, the Portland man, who a week ago ran over Peter Hebert, a Hazel Dell farmer, with an automobile and killed him. He has been charged with manslaughter. It will be taken to Portland to answer to a charge of grand larceny in the alleged theft of the auto which belonged to Dr. Homer I. Kerner, of that city. Indictments were returned against Harry Love, charged with assault and battery, and H. M. McCoy, for obtaining money under false pretenses.

# TAX DELINQUENTS UNUSUALLY SMALL; PAYMENTS EXTENDED

During the month of September the tax collecting department took in approximately \$122,000 in taxes for the second one-half period, in which the same can be paid. The tax paying period closed October 2, and the members of the department are busy extending the payments. Taxes can be paid, however, but a penalty of 10 per cent on the original and 1 per cent a month interest is charged. The last six months of the tax paying period, the department took in approximately \$138,000. Portland property owners have been generous this year in meeting their tax installments, and the number of delinquents this year will be unusually low. The certificates of delinquency are now being issued against all property upon which taxes have not been paid.

# Building For Sale Price \$400



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