

NEW MEMBERS EAGER TO BE HEARD, RESULT IN DELAY IN CURRENCY

Verdant Congressmen Blamed
for Delay to Glass Bill in
Caucus.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Aug. 8.—The slow progress of the currency bill through the caucus has been due, in part, it is claimed, to the restiveness of younger members of the house, who feel that they are not accorded the recognition that they deserve from the older members.

There is something peculiarly foreign about a new member who has been in congress long enough to begin to realize that he is only a unit, and perchance a somewhat insignificant one, in the large lawmaking body where precedence is accorded almost wholly on the basis of seniority. He finds himself given the choice of the poorest office rooms, he is hardly consulted as to what committees he shall be put on, his requests for patronage are all but unheeded, the older members seem to take pleasure in asking who he is and what district he hails from; in short, he is made in various ways to feel like a very unimportant and really an almost unnecessary part of the legislative machine. Of course, if he possesses exceptional ability he soon forges to the front and commands attention. Any man will command attention in congress if he knows what he is talking about; but if he merely talks to make a noise he is pretty sure to find himself talking to bare benches. Pretense and fussian are recognized all too quickly for the comfort of the newcomer who has no ballast.

New Members Average Well.
Certainly it must be confessed that as a rule the new members average up as well as the old ones, but the seniors hold the power and they are not in any haste to yield it up to anyone. That is where the trouble over the currency bill came in. There has been a great deal of log rolling over it, nearly everyone wishing to get something that would commend him to his constituents written into it, or to have something taken out if it seemed to be objectionable to his particular state and locality. The squabble has been likened to the scramble for pork when an appropriation bill has been under consideration. But the new men have not been consulted to any great extent by the leaders. They have expected to be right in the thick of the debate, giving and taking counsel, but it would seem that their advice has not been valued.

When the new men have been here long enough to know how to make trouble things ease up a bit for them. They started to give that "old time ring" as they term the leaders, a few setbacks, and then they are given a little more consideration—but only a little, for of course the leaders have the advantage when it comes to making use of the rules to make anyone uncomfortable. But the malcontents gradually have to be taken into account, and they are likely to make themselves felt yet in the currency legislation.

Punishment for Malcontents.
The leaders are greatly annoyed over the actions of the malcontents, and there are whispers that the latter are to be punished. Perhaps it will be by keeping them from getting anything for public buildings in their districts, or for river and harbor work. Or they may encounter unexpected difficulties in getting small matters passed on at the various departments. There has been much complaint because the appropriations committee has failed to report out the deficiency appropriation bill, which carries items for public buildings authorized in the last public buildings bill. Getting a postoffice building authorized does not necessarily mean that it is going to be erected right away.

"In my state," remarked one of the new congressmen, "a postoffice building has been authorized in a certain town for four years. In fact, the lot has been bought for it. As I can't get an allowance to give him more draftsmen, I do not know when the building will be started. And as the government is paying high rent, it is losing money."

Then there is patronage. The house special committee on patronage is busy at work, it is said, trying to figure out how the patronage is to be divided, but it does not seem to get anywhere. The "boys" are chafing over the delays, and they have, in all probability, been taking some of their spleen out on the currency bill, which, nevertheless, will, it is predicted, emerge from the rough and tumble scrimmage in the caucus with little or no change. The senate is also giving the administration some worry on the currency question, but it is generally believed that the president's plans will be carried through with ease.

Child Dies at Father's Hands.

(Special to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 8.—The 20-month-old daughter of Ralph DeWitt Tappan, who was injured by her father several weeks ago, died at the county hospital. The father is now confined in the Siskiyou county jail. The offense was committed in California and Tappan was taken in charge by the Siskiyou county sheriff. Tappan also attacked his two other children, ranging in age from 6 to 9 years. The mother and the two small daughters are being cared for at the Klamath county hospital. It is very likely Tappan will now be tried on a murder charge.

Bound, \$600 in Jewelry Stolen.

Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 8.—The police are searching today for a pair of robbers who bound and stole Richard Place, University of California student at his parents' home here, and escaped with jewelry valued at \$600.

LOSS REPORTED SO FAR FROM ONE FOREST FIRE

Timber Patriots Appear Effective to Date This Year
in Oregon.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 8.—Only one forest fire, where any damage at all was sustained, has been reported thus far to the state forester. This was a small fire in Crook county, where \$50 damages was sustained.

With the forest fire protection forces in the state well organized, and practically every acre of timber under patrol, the state forester is expecting to go through the season with very light losses.

In Polk, Coos, Columbia, Clackamas, Marion, Clatsop, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Linn, Lane, Josephine, Union, Baker and Willamette counties forest fire associations are well organized and are patrolling all the timber in those counties. However, Polk county is the only one where all the timber owners have joined the association. In the others a percentage of the timber owners have thus far stayed out, but their timber is being patrolled by the association patrolmen and wardens. This is being done under the new law giving the state forester authority to provide patrolmen for the timber of any owners who neglect or refuse to provide them.

After the close of the season the state forester says he will give these owners an opportunity to pay their share of the cost on the same basis as the members paid, and if they refuse then the cost will be assessed against the property along with any additional cost that may be entailed by the extra procedure, and be collected with the regular taxes.

FERGUSON, OR., FORMS BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

New Community on P-E-E in
Northern Lane Eager to
Go Ahead.

(Special to The Journal.)

Ferguson, Or., Aug. 8.—Development of this new community on the line of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern is being pushed by the newly organized Commercial club, which is cooperating with the railroad company and with the Eugene Commercial club in advertising the advantages of the extreme northern portion of Lane county. Establishment of a church and a school are among the early objects to be attained. The club last week elected the following officers: President, J. J. Winn; treasurer, J. H. Ferguson; secretary, George V. Fletcher. There are 18 women members of the club at this time, but they expect to form an auxiliary organization as soon as their numbers justify. The following are now members of the club: J. H. Ferguson, William Leppert, Joel A. Pitney, J. J. Winn, George V. Fletcher, W. M. Worden, J. S. Ferguson, E. G. Buchanan, A. H. Slack, T. C. Baker, W. G. Aylesworth, E. Nough, S. D. Richardson, W. H. Maloy, Charles M. Maloy, H. R. Turnbow, A. W. Smith, Henry Moffitt, George Allen, Walter Wagner, J. B. Ferguson, E. Withan, J. A. Fannette, N. J. Harp, Mrs. W. G. Aylesworth, Mrs. G. V. Fletcher, Mrs. Mary A. Pitney, Mrs. Amelita Divvor, Mrs. E. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Bell Slack, Mrs. Josie Maloy, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. H. Moffitt, Mrs. N. J. Harp, Mrs. C. Zododsky, Mrs. L. Knebel, Mrs. J. A. Murphy, Mrs. E. G. Baker, Mrs. J. Strom, Mrs. P. Bogaard, Nell Bogaard, Paul Bogaard, Joe Strom, E. G. Baker, J. A. Murphy, M. G. Corey, P. Dyer, F. W. Eysenschütz, Jeff Cox, Lester Smith, Champ Smith, Nick Clegg, G. A. Volck, Charles Zododsky, Joe Zododsky, L. Knebel, H. C. Volck, Tom Bridges, Joe Herman.

BAND PLAYS TONIGHT

AT WASHINGTON PARK

Tonight the Portland Park band will play at Washington park. The concert begins at 8 o'clock. Last night the band played before several thousand people at South park, the concert last night being the best at that place for the season. Sunday afternoon the band will play at Washington park again and on Monday afternoon at Peninsula park for the children's play festival. Tuesday night the band will play at Lente, which is now a part of the city of Portland. The program for this evening's concert follows:

March, "Social Life".....Toban

Overture, "William Tell" (request).....Rossini

Waltz, "The Rose Tree" (request).....Hals

Baritone solo, "For All Eternity" (request).....Mascheroni

Eugene Cloffz

Grand selection, "Ottola".....Verdi

Intermission

Comic opera, "The Fortune Teller".....Herbert

Children's dance, "Manana" (request).....Missus

"Miserere" from "Trovatore".....Verdi

request

Messrs. Driscoll and Cloffz

Caprice Espanol, "Noraima".....Espinoza

American airs

Mrs. Phelps Buried at Lebanon.

Oreoc, Or., Aug. 8.—The body of Mrs. Betsy Ann Phelps, who died Wednesday evening of old age, was taken to Lebanon yesterday morning. Mrs. Phelps was 81 years of age and had been in ill health for nearly a year. She resided with her son here, the mother and son having come to Oreoc about three years ago. She leaves another son at Lebanon.

NEWS THAT BIG MILL WILL BE REBUILT IS JOY TO SPRINGFIELD

Oregon Electric Likely to Ex-
tend to Rejuvenated City to
Get Part Lumber Haul.

(Special to The Journal.)

Springfield, Or., July 8.—Coupled with the announcement made in an extra issue of the News, the local paper, that the Booth-Kelly company has determined to reconstruct at once the sawmill destroyed by fire two years ago, were the rumors that the Oregon Electric company is about to extend its line from Eugene to this place in order to get a share of transportation of the 30,000,000 feet of lumber which will be cut annually as soon as the new electrically operated mill is built. Rumors of the railroad construction could not be verified, but it was pointed out that the lumber company has long wished to have the benefit of competitive rates, and also it is recalled that President Young of the Oregon Electric has announced with emphasis that Eugene is not the terminal of the line. The Oregon Electric line in Eugene ends not far from the Willamette river, and it is believed an extension straight east from Eugene to a point north of Springfield will be laid, entering the city over a Second street, and two blocks distant from the Southern Pacific company's Woodburn-Springfield line.

News of the rebuilding of the Booth-Kelly mill is especially pleasing to the Springfield people, who have watched the great barren waste where the old mill stood, with much longing and interest. Every move has been considered as to what bearing it might have on the hoped-for reconstruction. Now it seems assured that 125 men will find work here, and that from \$8000 to \$10,000 a month will be paid out in wages in the mills here, to say nothing of a like amount that will be added through the increased forces in the timber beyond Wendling, tributary to Springfield.

The old Booth-Kelly mill was destroyed on the night of July 28, 1911, the fire starting in the main mill just before 7 o'clock, and spreading rapidly through the buildings, and thence to the yards.

In the plant of the Oregon Power company, across the mill race from the main mill, men worked feverishly to connect up the new pump for the city water system, but before the connection could be made the fire had taken out the dam, and the supply of water was gone in a twinkling. The walls of the power house became heated, and the glass in the windows melted in its frames, but the machinery was unharmed.

MUST BE COOPERATIVE IN MORE THAN NAME

Such Concerns Having Cap-
ital Stock Cannot Qualify
Under New Law.

Salem, Or., Aug. 8.—Cooperative concerns in the state are finding themselves in a complicated situation under the provisions of a new law which provides that cooperative companies or associations must be strictly cooperative or take the word cooperative from their names, according to Corporation Commissioner Watson.

The Northwest Butter and Produce company, of Portland, is the first of these concerns to straighten out its affairs with the corporation department. It was supposed to be a cooperative company, but it had no capital stock. It found a way out by dissolving its corporation and then reincorporating as a regular corporation.

Corporation Commissioner Watson says there are many presumably cooperative companies in the state that have outstanding capital stock and that cannot qualify under the new law. This is true of a number of cranberry companies in western Oregon. The new law states that companies using the word cooperative in their names must organize and operate as a strictly cooperative concern or take the word out of their names by August 4.

Under the law a cooperative concern is where five or more persons band together and take out memberships, each member having an equal voting power with every other member. There is no capital stock.

FIGHT BARK BEETLES IN OCHOCO RESERVE

Forest Service Takes Drastic
Measures to Eliminate
Dangerous Pest.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 8.—Oregon is one of the chief forest laboratories of the forest service. Its vast and splendid forests give scope for a great deal of practical and valuable work, and the forest service has just made announcement of its solution of what promised to become a source of much loss to the government's timber reserves. An apparently insignificant insect or fungoid growth often entails great damage to timber. According to the intelligence department of the forest service, by a prompt campaign against a flourishing colony of bark beetles on the Ochoco national forest in central Oregon, the government is eliminating a danger which threatened to destroy millions of feet of timber.

Some authorities claim that the amount of timber killed each year by insects is equalled only by the annual loss from forest fires. Among the most destructive of these insect enemies are the bark beetles, one of which, the mountain pine beetle, is responsible for most of the damage on the Ochoco forest. This deadly little beetle is less than a quarter of an inch in length, but bears the ponderous scientific name of dendroctonus monticolae Hopk, which, being interpreted, signifies killed of the mountain pine tree, discovered by Hopkins.

Its methods of operation are interesting. The mature beetle bores through the bark of the tree and excavates a gallery in the inner living bark and in the outer surface of the wood in which it lays its eggs. When hatched, the young larva, or beetle-grub, channels into this growing portion of the trunk, feeding upon the inner bark. When full grown the larva, after passing through a dormant, or pupal stage, becomes a beetle. This beetle then drills out through the bark in July, and, emerging into the world seeks a fresh tree and starts a new generation. With this "chain letter" method, it soon infests a large area. The galleries or channels of the larvae girdle the tree and kill it, and the beetle's presence is usually discovered, as it was in the Ochoco forest, by a patch of red brown dead pine trees in the midst of a mountain side of green.

In fighting this forest scourge, the method recommended by the bureau of entomology is followed. The simple removal of the bark of infested trees between October and July, while the larvae are still in the tree, is sufficient to kill them. The lumber may then be sold while it is yet sound. On the Ochoco forest, however, there was no market, and the forest officers found that the cheaper and more effective method of control was to cut the trees and burn them before the new broods of beetles could emerge. In 1912 the infestation was given a decided check by the cutting of 3500 trees. This summer the attack on the insects was resumed with renewed vigor and 42 laborers, in charge of a forest officer, cut more than 40,000 trees. As a result of these vigorous measures, the government apparently has the beetles under control.

UNDERWOOD SNIFFS AT HOOD RIVER GARBAGE

Hood River, Or., Aug. 8.—A large petition was presented to the city council Monday evening signed by the citizens of Underwood, Wash., praying for relief from the stench caused by the city of Hood River in using the ground along the roadway from the Underwood landing to this city as a dumping ground for garbage.

The city council tabled the ordinance proposing to muzzle Hood River dogs.

C. & E. Messenger Lucky to Live.

Newport, Or., Aug. 8.—F. O. Gray, Wells Fargo messenger on the Corvallis & Eastern railway, narrowly escaped drowning Tuesday night in a freak accident in which he did not even get wet. The steamer Newport was two hours late and Gray, anxious to get ashore, climbed the pile of baggage on the after deck, which tipped as he stepped toward the wharf, precipitating him head first between the boat and the piling. The boat, swinging in, crushed him between the stake and the piles with his hands and one foot in the water. Dave Harding of Newport quickly clambered down and supported Gray as the boat swung away. Quick work by Harding and the deck hands with their poles only saved Gray from being crushed to death against the piling or dropped into the water. He escaped with a severe shaking and bruises and the loss of one tin lunch bucket.

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