HEARING ON TOURIST RATE CASE IS SET FOR MARCH 13, SEATTLE

Testimony Will Be Taken From Persons Representing Northwest Interests.

WOULD AMEND I. C. C. ACT

Desire Is to Place Commission in Unquestioned Power to Adjust Discriminating Tourist Rates.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Otto Case, secretary of the Seattle Commercial club, received a registered red letter from the Interstate Commerce commission today, fixing the date for the hearing of the northwestern tourist rate case, in which the railroad companies are alleged to discriminate against the northern routes in eastern tourist travel, at the federal building here, March 13.

Special Examiner Watkins will represent the commission and will take testimony from persons representing every line of business in the northwest.

Meanwhile Chairman Reynolds of the public service commission, and the citizens' committee, will endeavor to have the interstate commerce act amended so as to place the commission in unquestioned power to adjust discriminating tourist rates, by fixing a minimum rate.

At a meeting of the committee with Reynolds yesterday afternoon, it was agreed to send letters to every representative in congress from Washington, Idaho and Oregon, asking their support in passing the proposed amendment.

Letters have been received by Chairman Reynolds from Senator Poindexter and Representative Humphrey of Washington, stating that they are in harmony with the attitude of northwest business men in the fight to equalize the tourist rates to the coast.

High School Pupils Attend Rehearsal

Portland Symphony Orchestra Host to 1700 Young People From Jefferson and to School Musical Bodies.

Haydn's symphony, "The Farewell," the fourth number on the Portland Symphony orchestra's program for Sunday with its realistic setting impressed the 2000 invited guests at the Heilig theatre at the final rehearsal at the Heilig this morning.

If Claude DeBussy's prelude "A L'Apres-Midi D'Un Faune," the second number on the program, is "futuristic" it is the futurism triumphant, for it is melodious throughout. Conductor Bayley held his orchestra to the necessary pianissimo.

The student body of Jefferson high school, 1700 of them, were guests at the rehearsal along with the orchestras of the city schools and the music students of St. Mary's academy, filed into the theatre in 15 minutes this morning. The close attention accorded, received the congratulations of the management of the orchestra.

Farmers' Irrigation Delegates Named

Names of Farmers' union delegates to the Oregon Irrigation, Drainage & Rural Credits conference at the statehouse in Salem, March 9, were received today by J. W. Brewer, president of the Oregon Irrigation congress. They are: J. D. Brown, Arlington, president; J. A. Smith of Blalock; A. R. Shumway, Milton; W. W. Harrah, Pendleton; T. A. Logsdon, Corvallis.

Strawberry Stamps Unnecessary.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 18.—The fear of the strawberry growers of Hood River has been allayed by a decision of the secretary of agriculture ruling that the strawberry hallocks will not require a stamp as to the contents thereof. It was reported that it would be necessary this year for each strawberry hallock to have stamped upon it the number of cubic contents which would have been a heavy expense to the growers as about 1,700,000 hallocks would have to be stamped.

Duty Calls

Do you have eye trouble of any sort? If so, it should be your sacred duty to have them attended to at once. Many errors of vision are very dangerous and should not be neglected.

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Funds From Flax Return to Fund

Attorney General Brown Holds That Proceeds From Prison Plant Should Be Used to Defray Plant Expenses.

Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—Attorney General Brown holds in an opinion for the board of control that money derived from the sale of flax seed will go back into the prison flax fund and not into the general fund of the state. A few weeks ago flax seed was sold for $1950 and a question arose as to whether it should go back in the general fund of the state or would be available to finance the flax plant's operations.

The decision of the attorney general means that the money will be available this year to pay for flax raised by farmers and in the payment of other expenses in connection with the industry. Sales of excelsior, tow and fibre will also provide funds to be returned to defray expenses of the prison plant.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN SINGLE TAX GAINING, ASSERTS BENGOUGH

Canadian Artist Says People of Vancouver, B. C., Are Pleased With the Plan.

"There is a widespread and growing interest in the whole question of economics and a growing hospitality to single tax philosophy," declared J. W. Bengaugh of Toronto, Canada, today.

Mr. Bengaugh, who is a chalk artist and platform lecturer, is known in Oregon, as he spent several weeks campaigning in the state in 1912 for an initiative single tax measure. He gave chalk talks in many parts of the state. He is now in Portland with Mrs. Bengaugh to fill a lecture engagement at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, while on his way to southern California.

"Single tax is commending itself to the general mind as a reasonable and effective proposition," he said. "I just came from Vancouver, where it is in effect, and the people there told me they would never go back to the old conditions."

Since last September Mr. Bengaugh has been campaigning in Massachusetts, Manitoba and at Vancouver for prohibition, while he spent some time at Chicago giving chalk talks on single tax before the high schools, colleges and universities.

"It is a notable fact," he said, "that as a representative of the single tax line of thought I was heartily welcomed on the platform at those universities. I do not doubt that this would not have been the case a few years ago. This indicates a broadening of the views of the heads of the schools."

Theft of Wine Is Being Investigated

Some of Employes at Courthouse Are Called Before the County Grand Jury Today.

The basement of the courthouse this morning moved to the sixth floor of the building. That is, a majority of those employed in the basement took the elevator skyward and then waited for their turn before the grand jury.

The grand jury is investigating the theft of wine from barrels of confiscated liquor stored in the basement. The result of the inquiry will not be known until tomorrow or Monday.

Lawyers do not concur with the theory advanced by District Attorney Evans in that, even if the thieves be caught, they cannot be prosecuted. Mr. Evans holds that the seized wine is without commercial value, and that to justify a charge of theft the commodity stolen must be of some intrinsic worth.

McGettigan's Sketch Scores at Premiere

"Wife-Saver" Makes Hit in New York, According to Advices Received by Portland Author.

Frank McGettigan, publicity man of the Orpheum theatre, received word by telegram from New York this morning that his vaudeville sketch, "The Wife-Saver," had had its first performance at the Palace theatre, and had "gone well."

"The Wife-Saver" was first tried out in Portland last May, when it was played by Mary Edgett Baker and Walter Gilbert, of the Baker Players, as an added attraction to a weeks' bill at the Empress. It made a decided hit, and was seen by Franklyn Ardell, who was appearing in a sketch. Ardell was so taken with it that he bought it outright from Mr. McGettigan, and has made it his vehicle for the next swing around the circuit.

Council Session Set For This Afternoon

Owing to the funeral of Mrs. M. R. Johnson, eldest daughter of Commissioner Daly, being held this morning, the council meeting scheduled for 10 o'clock was postponed until this afternoon. The auditorium bids are to be opened this afternoon. All offices in the city hall in charge of Commissioner Daly were closed during the funeral, as was the office of the mayor. The commissioners attended the funeral in a body.

Police Car Nearly Burns.

Waste packed around the gasoline tank in the police touring car was the cause of that machine catching on fire and almost blowing up at 11 o'clock last night. Captain C. A. Inskeep was returning with some officers from a run to Grand and Hawthorne avenues. At Front and Morrison, he noticed smoke curling up from under the car, and turned in an alarm. The blaze was extinguished by the chemical truck from Engine 21. The car was not badly damaged.

Typist Speeds Up.

In a demonstration before a group of courthouse stenographers today, Ernest G. Wiesa gained a speed of 148 words a minute on the typewriter. He also demonstrated ability to converse in French, English and German while he was fingering the machine and turning out errorless work.

BEASTS AND BUDS IN CITY ZOO ROUSE UP AT SPRING'S ADVENT

Animals in Washington Park Awake From Winter Lethargy Under Sun's Spur.

CROCUSES RAISE HEADS

Snakes Wriggle and Bears Beat Each Other in Token of Nature's Reawakening to Life.

The animals in Washington Park zoo, believing that spring has arrived, are sitting up and beginning to take notice of their surroundings. Even the flowers are feeling the effects of the sunshine, and in many of the parks are beginning to bob up. The first to show are the crocuses.

The big bears, loafing lazily on the job during the cold weather, woke up this morning, stretched their legs and playfully pounded one another with their huge paws. Nero, the lion, also stretched himself, but did not feel in the mood for any big roars, and kept strictly to himself.

Monkey Life Stirs.

Even the monkeys, living in a glass enclosed house all winter, began to chatter, and awoke the coyotes next door. The steady patter of the coyotes' feet on the wooden floor woke up the hyenas, and before the sun was fairly up the zoo was wide awake.

Even the snakes, crocodiles, gila monsters and ordinary lizards that have been sleeping soundly for many weeks are beginning to show signs of life.

"Nothing to it," said Park Superintendent Convill this morning, "the animals think that spring has arrived. The bears were fighting one another at a lively rate, and all the animals appear alive and well.

Park Activities to Begin.

"With the advent of the warmer weather, the park activities can begin in earnest, and work which we have been holding back can start at once."

It is probable that the entire park force will be at work within a few days, as it is planned to have all improvements made in time for the summer season. The large lake at Laurelhurst park is to be completed if possible in time for the Rose Festival.

TO INTERPRET JITNEY RULE

Certain Hours of Service to Be Considered.

City Attorney La Roche has been called upon to interpret the provisions of the city ordinance to determine whether or not jitneys are to run between 6 a. m. and 8 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. every day.

Complaint has been made that the jitneys are not in continuous operation during these periods and the police want to know whether or not to require them to maintain service.

SCHOOL FOR THE POLICE

Men to Be Informed on City Ordinances, Etc.

Portland's patrolmen are to go to a school of instruction in police court procedure under a plan outlined at a conference of police officials with Mayor Albee, City Attorney La Roche and Deputy City Attorney Stadter yesterday afternoon.

The men are to be informed on city ordinances and state laws, how to gather evidence and how to present the facts.

New Suits for Bathers.

Park Superintendent Convill is making preparations for the swimming season. A number of new bathing suits are to be purchased for use by the public. An ordinance authorizing the purchase is to go before the council this afternoon.

Machine Receipts Bills.

The first machine in operation on the coast to receipt several bills at the same time is in use in City Treasurer Adams' office. The machine automatically performs six operations at once. It is used for receipting bills for street and sewer improvements.

City Wants a Share.

As the state prohibition law allows the state the money collected in fines for violations, the city is to have a prohibition ordinance of its own, that it may get a percentage of the fines imposed on bootleggers in the police court. City Attorney La Roche is to draft the new prohibition ordinance.

Use of Concrete Urged.

Believing that concrete for paving city streets should be given more consideration, Aman Moore, vice president of the Oregon Portland Cement company, with its new plant at Oswego, has written the city commissioners, asking that paving specifications be changed to provide for the use of concrete for paving purposes.

Steel Company Buys Bonds From British

New York, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—First mortgage five per cent bonds of the United States steel corporation, amounting to $22,800,000, were sold by J. P. Morgan & Co. on British treasury account today, to the steel company. This is the first instance in which an American corporation has taken back securities which Europe was ready to unload, with the intention of retiring the issue.

The bonds comprise part of the foundation of the Scottish universities Andrew Carnegie established. Consent for their disposal was given under the scheme of British mobilization of American securities.

The corporation is retiring them because it requires no new financing, as it has $100,000,000 in cash deposited.

From Hawthorne School.

The pupils who challenged Dr. Edmund Myers to a spelling match before the Progressive Business Men's club yesterday were from the February class of the Hawthorne school. They were from the class which Dr. Myers gave a "test" and thereafter declared that they were ignorant of the fundamentals that ought to be taught in the public schools. The pupils were: Alice Abbott, Peggy Levinson, Margaret McDaniel and Elmer Clark. All but Peggy Levinson are 13 years old and she is 11. Dr. Myers did not take up the challenge.

Women Will Control New Trust Company

Chicago to Have First Organization of Kind, in Which All Officers Are Women; Man to Manage.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—A trust company, in which all the officers are women—the first institution of its kind in the country, probably—has been organized by Chicago business women. It is incorporated as the Woman's Trust Company of America, and has a capital stock of $1,500,000.

Mrs. Martha E. Abt, formerly of the city public welfare department, is president of the company.

The only men connected with the company are Henry R. Baldwin, counsel, and O. C. Pixley, general manager.

The new company will do a general trust business. It was incorporated under the laws of Arizona. Stock subscriptions will be accepted from men and women alike. When $300,000 has been subscribed, the new company will open for business.

WOMEN ASSISTING IN PROJECT TO ERECT PIONEERS' MEMORIAL

Old Fort Dalles Historical Society Gets Behind the Vista House Fund.

The Old Fort Dalles Historical society has been enlisted in the effort to build Vista House on Crown Point along the Columbia river highway as a memorial honoring the memory of Oregon pioneers, as well as being an observatory and a public comfort station.

"It seems most fitting that this organization of 50 women who are giving their time and means to preserve the pioneer history of the northwest should have some small part in this movement," writes Sylvia M. Thompson, treasurer of the association, from The Dalles, inclosing also a check.

"Our society is a branch of the Oregon Historical society and is doing much to perpetuate the memory of those who shaped the destiny of this western country. Its purpose is to collect and preserve all material of historic interest bearing on this period which was so replete with mingled romance, tragedy and pathos."

Through the work of Miss Elva Apperson three different towns and five individuals are represented in contributions to the Vista House. She is a member of a pioneer family. Her grandparents, A. J. and Eloise Apperson came to Oregon in 1847. When the Vista House was proposed as a memorial she wrote and secured contributions from A. B. Apperson of Omaha, E. C. Apperson and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Conner of McMinnville and Losiri A. Taylor of Portland, added her own contribution and turned all the amounts over to Adolphe Wolfe, treasurer of the Vista House association.

The following contributions to the Vista house fund were acknowledged today:

Auto owners (cash)—Previously acknowledged, $1699.35; Fred Smith, Troutdale, $5; J. A. Baker, Salem, $5; C. B. James, $5; R. D. Fontana, $10; L. Varley, $5; A. Varley, $5; F. L. Chambers, Eugene, $5; E. H. and S. S. Logan, $2.50; Frank C. Riggs, $5; Kelley-Springfield Tire company, $10; L. C. Lomser, $5; Joseph N. Teal, $5. Total, $1766.25.

Pledges—Previously acknowledged, $1092.25; L. Soldern, $5; R. F. Wassell, $5; W. J. Harbke, $5; John C. Stratton, $5; Dr. Ralph C. Matson, $5. Total, $1117.25.

Pioneers—A. B. Apperson, Omaha, Neb.; E. C. Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Conner, McMinnville; Elva Apperson, Lesira A. Taylor, Mrs. M. D. Clark, Jane Kellogg, Portland; Old Fort Dalles Historical society, The Dalles; M. G. Wills, Los Angeles. Total, $40; previous, $212.60. Total, $252.60.

Miscellaneous — Underwood Typewriter company employes, Irwin-Hodson company employes, Bank of California employes, Seeley & Co. employes, Knight Shoe company employes, department of public works employes, total, $44; previous, $33.60. Grand total, $3214.20.

Mystery Is Solved; Pretty Girl to Wed

Tall Young Man Applies to Cupid Cochran for Authority to Possess Young Woman in Clerk's Office.

The mystery is solved.

The young pretty woman who has been copying names at the county clerk's office of persons who have sent out of the state for liquor since prohibition went into effect, is Evangeline Downer.

Miss Downer is 18 years of age, and copies the names for a multograph company. She will be married tomorrow night.

Yesterday afternoon while Miss Downer was copying names, a young tall man entered the clerks office and applied for a marriage license.

He gave his name as Warren J. Sheppard and his address as Broadway apartments, his age as 21.

"And who is she?" whispered "Cupid" Cochran, official dispenser of licenses.

"Miss Evangeline Downer," replied the applicant.

Then Miss Downer told it all to Miss O'Brien, stenographer in Clerk Coffey's office.

Peace Between Pope And France Possible

Rome, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Negotiations between France and the Vatican, looking toward a rapprochement, are progressing favorably, according to persistent rumors here, these rumors becoming generally current, despite the reticence of the Vatican.

Pope Benedict gave an audience last evening to Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium. The audience, which lasted two hours, was not announced officially, since it was connected with Cardinal Mercier's conference with Premier Briand, of France.

This morning the Pope gave an audience to Paul Albert Besnard, head of the French academy at the Villa Medicia. M. Besnard has been painting a portrait of Cardinal Mercier.

Says Lumber Market Is Active.

Duval Jackson of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company at Enterprise, Or., and head of a string of retail yards in the middle states, is in Portland today, from his headquarters in Kansas City. He reports the demand for lumber increasing. The mill at Enterprise is to resume operations soon. Mr. Jackson is at the Imperial.

DIRECTORS OFFER TO COMPROMISE IN C., R. I. & P. RECEIVERSHIP

Deny Liability for the Loss in Stock Manipulation but Tender $750,000.

LITIGATION NOT DESIRED

Court Takes Petition of Receiver for Authority to Accept Settlement Under Advisement.

New York, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Judge Julius M. Mayer, in the federal district court yesterday, heard arguments on an appeal by ex-Judge Walker C. Noye, as receiver of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co., for an order approving a settlement agreement with Daniel G. Reid, W. H. Moore and others, in respect to certain claims against them.

Under the terms of the settlement, Reed, Moore and their associates had to pay over to Receiver Noye $750,000. Charles E. Rushmore, the receiver's counsel, said the acceptance of this money would be of great advantage to the estate of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway.

Judge Mayer took the application under advisement.

Stocks Is Sold at a Loss.

Reed and Moore, in 1903, while directors of the Rock Island company, a holding company which controlled the majority of the stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, secured the purchase of the majority of the stock of a competing line, the 'Frisco company. While acting as directors in December, 1909, the application asserts, they caused the stock of the 'Frisco company to be sold at such a loss that the receiver upon investigation was led to believe the transaction was illegal and void.

In 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad paid dividends aggregating $545,000, despite the loss through the sale of the Frisco company stock, the petition continued.

Dividends Not Justified.

On the assumption that the loss impaired or diminished the capital stock of the defendant corporation, the dividends were apparently declared and paid without justification.

The directors denied any liability and asserted that if there were any it had been wiped out under the statute of limitations.

Counsel for the receiver and railroad company advised action by the receiver for the money paid out in dividends.

On learning of this move the directors, while continuing to deny they were liable, offered to pay $750,000 in settlement of all alleged claims against them, rather than litigate the matter in court.

Attorney Rushmore told the court he considered the proposed settlement the best outcome possible.

Woman Lured Bridge Carpenter to Death

Money and Watch on Person Show Robbery Not Motive—Unsigned Letter From Woman Gives Clue.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—That W. C. Chambers, the Southern Pacific bridge carpenter, whose body was found floating in Morgan channel, was lured to his death by a woman, and that he was not murdered for his money, is about all the local police have been able to make out of the mystery which now confronts them.

Chambers, of whom little is known excepting that he worked here for several months, was found with two hatchet holes in his skull. On his person was an unsigned letter written by a woman, asking him to meet her at Main and Commerce streets at 2 o'clock in the morning. She warned him not to approach her, "as the police have ordered street-walkers out of town."

Chambers was told to follow at a distance to the Santa Fe depot, where they were to board an early train for San Francisco.

A gold watch valued at $30, and $29.69, was found on the corpse. Three pay checks, uncalled for, awaited Chambers at the Southern Pacific office.

Two Are Injured in Seattle Collision

Thomas H. Edwards and Thomas Blair, His Father-in-Law, Hurt When Their Automobile Meets Street Car.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—One man is believed to be dying and another is seriously injured as a result of a collision this morning between an automobile and a Mount Baker car.

Thomas H. Edwards, manager of the Western Printing company, is at the Seattle General hospital suffering from a fractured skull, a broken arm and a broken leg. His injuries are believed to be fatal.

His father-in-law, Thomas Blair, who was in the automobile with him, was seriously bruised about the face and body.

Dalles Reports First Arrest During Year

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 18.—The charm is broken. J. C. Sullivan, sheepherder, came to town, imbibed freely of alcohol, was arrested for drunkenness and fined $5. This was the first arrest here on any charge this year, which broke all local records. Sullivan told the police he purchased the alcohol to rub rheumatic joints.

Burglars Eye Fairmont.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Making his rounds early today, Special Officer Lodge captured an armed man near the Fairmont hotel and later discovered two burglars trying to pry their way into a hotel window. The two escaped, after returning Lodge's fire.

Fined for Applauding Verdict.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.—(P. N. S.)—For shouting approval of a verdict of not guilty, D. Martowitz, on trial for mistreating a young girl, and six friends were each fined $10 for contempt of court by Judge Willis, yesterday.

Chinese Rebels Win Battle at Pah Kong

Dispatches Say Engagement Bloodiest of Revolution; Ruse Gains Control of Situation for Rebels.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—The bloodiest battle of the Chinese revolution, raging for several days at Pah Kong, has been won by the rebels, a cablegram from Shanghai to the Chinese World here said today.

The battle started when a Yuan Shi Kai division was hurled at 2000 rebels at Pah Kong. The rebels surrounded the government troops by a ruse and turned several batteries of machine guns on them.

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to the lands by the government is also largely accepted.

Differences will come as to what should be done afterward. Senator Chamberlain's bill is framed on the theory that the object should be to settle the lands that are actually agricultural without delay, while proceeds from the lands chiefly valuable for timber should go in the main to the state of Oregon for its schools, its roads and other public purposes.

Probably the department of agriculture, which is interested through the forest service, will want part of the lands for the national forests. This is something the Oregon delegation will unitedly oppose.

Doubts of Representative Hawley.

Congressman Hawley, who has a bill directing the railroad to sell the land to "actual settlers," contends that if the government ever resumes title to the land, it will be turned into the forest reserves by the votes of eastern congressmen. He thinks that if Uncle Sam again gets his "mitts" on the land, it will be hard to shake him loose.

Senator Chamberlain's position is that, however strong the sentiment may be for turning the land into the reserves, it is the duty of Oregon's delegation to do the best it can for Oregon. He believes there are good prospects for a bill that will deal liberally with Oregon, in view of the treatment the state has already had from the railroad in connection with this grant, and in view of the recommendations received from the departments.

There will, no doubt, be those who will contend that if the government regains title the lands should be administered as a national asset. This is the extreme view, just as extreme views are found on every large question that arises.

So, if legislation is shaped along the lines of the Chamberlain bill, it is probable that some middle ground will ultimately be chosen that will concede something to the state of Oregon and something to the national government.

Even then, it is felt, there will be further litigation, instigated by the railroad. The railroad attitude of defiance is not making a good impression in Washington, and its threat of further obstruction is not gaining friends for its contentions.

VESSELS FROM PORTS IN U. S. MUST DECLARE EACH ARTICLE CARRIED

Washington, Feb. 18.—The department of commerce is now able to stand back of its figures of foreign trade which have been admittedly incomplete and to that extent inaccurate.

Under regulations that became effective the first of this month, no vessel may clear from American ports without filing a declaration for every shipment on board, or giving bond to produce the missing invoice within a reasonable time.

These regulations were the subject of criticism on the part of many large exportors and some commercial bodies. The Oregon delegation received protests from some of the big Portland firms, who alleged that the regulations involve inconvenience and added expense to them. On the other hand, the government statistics of trade were being "roasted" by officials of the National Chamber of Commerce for inaccuracy.

Secretary Redfield, in addressing the National Chamber of Commerce, called attention to the fact that he has adhered to the regulations, in spite of the protests made by many large exporters, and expressed the conviction that hereafter the statistics of trade will be found reliable.

EXTRA CLERK ASKED BY SENATOR M'CUMBER FOR IDLE COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 18.—Although the committee of which he is chairman has held no meetings and has had no bills referred to it, Senator McCumber of North Dakota asked the senate by resolution to provide the committee on transportation routes to the seaboard with an additional clerk, or four in all.

Most of the working committees of the senate have four or five clerks. The committee on transportation routes to the seaboard is a relic of the past and is of so little importance that McCumber, a Republican, was left at the head of it.

McCumber said that these are busy days for his committee, but was forced to admit that it has no bills and has had no meetings. There is a suspicion abroad that the political campaign out in North Dakota, where McCumber is a candidate for re-election, may have some connection with his "need" for another clerk.

Bryan of Florida blocked the immediate consideration of the resolution. He said that if McCumber would state to the senate that he needed another clerk to perform his work as senator, no opposition would be offered, but he was opposed to making new jobs on committees that everyone knows are performing no work. McCumber said he would decline to accept such an amendment to please the "whim" of the Florida senator.

McCumber is the author of the resolution to give preference rights to Oregon & California land grant lands to all claimants who intervened in the government suit.

Want Experiment Station.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Fortified with data supplied by A. P. Bateham, members of the Oregon congresional delegation are urging upon the department of agriculture the establishment in the northwest of an agricultural irrigation experiment station of large scope, to test out new crops or those not largely grown.

Some work along this line is done at Hermiston, Or., but Mr. Bateham says the experiments there can only be typical for a comparatively small territory. What is wanted is a station suited to the development of crop diversity on a comprehensive basis.

Japanese Oak Dutiable.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In a case before the board of general appraisers in New York it is held that importations of Japanese oak, either of logs or lumber, are subject to duty of 10 per cent as "cabinet wood." Mitsui & Co., and George S. Bush & Co., who had entered Japanese white oak at Portland, Or., claimed it was free of duty as "sawed lumber."

Judge McClelland, who made the ruling, sustained an earlier decision, holding such woods subject to the tariff law in whatever form imported.

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