

FORESTRY OFFICIALS CREATE IMPRESSION THAT IS UNFAVORABLE

Critical Report on O. & C.
Land Grant Bill Is Felt to
Be Ill-Conceived.

HARMONY EFFORTS MADE

Desire to Bring Views of Depart-
ments Together and Avoid Antag-
onism to the Passage of Bill.

Washington, April 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Officials of the forestry service, speaking officially through the secretary of agriculture, have not created a favorable impression with members of the public lands committee of the house by the critical report returned to the committee when asked for comment on the Oregon & California land grant bill.

While the tension may be relieved by developments of the next few days, or prior to the time the bill comes up for debate in the house, some members of the committee feel that part of the comment coming from the department of agriculture was ill-conceived, and are inclined to express their feelings in a public way.

No Taxes for Long Time.
Forestry officials, in their presence at meetings of the committee when the land grant bill was under consideration is any measure, were more interested in the legislation than any other department of the government. The plans they offered contemplated the holding of the timber until it could be sold under marketing conditions approaching those under which timber in the national forests is sold.

This plan did not command the support of the committee, since it would have held the timber out of taxation for a long period of years, and would have lacked the feature of providing for settlement as soon as may be practicable. The bill as framed by the sub-committee and re-introduced by Chairman Scott, Ferris contained few of the recommendations made by the forestry people, and placed sales of timber under the secretary of the interior, leaving little "say" to the officials of the department of agriculture.

Monstrosity Criticism Extended.
As a matter of courtesy the amended bill was sent to Secretary Houston as well as to Secretary Lane and Attorney-General Gregory for a final opinion, since all three of these department heads had been asked for advice in framing it. Justly or unjustly, there is a feeling that failure to adopt more of the ideas of the department of agriculture introduced an element of pique into the report that came back from Secretary Houston.

While the attorney-general and Secretary Lane took up the bill, the forestry people, and placed sales of timber under the secretary of the interior, leaving little "say" to the officials of the department of agriculture.

It may be that the adverse sentiment toward the department of agriculture will not find expression in the efforts are under way to harmonize the views of the departments more closely and to avoid any antagonism that will make the pathway of the bill more difficult.

Hawley Has Amendments.
Representative Hawley, whose bill to have the land sold off at \$2.50 an acre in small tracts without regard to timber value failed to make headway in the committee, is preparing to place his views before the house. He will have amendments to offer, and will revert the bill into his theory, and will urge that as the representative of the district in which most of the grant lands lie, he is entitled to a full opportunity to extend his remarks in the Congressional Record. He had been accorded 15 minutes in which to debate the bill, stating he had intended to use it to set forth his views concerning the land grant, but would not do so then, because the Chamberlain-Ferris bill had not yet emerged from committee.

Mr. Hawley may yet deliver his remarks in the house, instead of in the committee.

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As the president and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were leaving D. A. R. hall, in Washington, where the president had addressed the daughters of the American Revolution, secret service attendants relaxed their vigilance for a brief moment. This made possible the first snapshot of the White House couple since their marriage last December.

serting them in the Record under leave to print, if opportunity is offered after the land grant bill is in final form. It is his desire to have his views appear in advance of the time the Chamberlain-Ferris bill comes up for debate in the house, thus gaining the advantage of an advance presentation of his argument in opposition to it.

His argument will proceed along familiar lines, made familiar by A. W. Lafferty during two previous congresses. He will contend that strict enforcement of the grant will involve the least litigation and that the greatest value to the state would come from having all the lands sold at once to "settlers."

HARDING HOLDS CHANCE TO WIN CHICAGO PRIZE

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political manager for many years, is one of the delegates at large. He has a plurality of 1884, and Governor Philipp, leader of the reactionaries, topped this plurality by just two votes. Of the district delegates, La Follette won five districts, his opponents four, and two districts returned divided.

Good Roads Legislation Pending.
While the big appropriation bills are lumbering through the house other legislation is practically at a standstill. With the passage of the agricultural bill, however, the way is opened for several measures of large interest to the west.

Until this bill was disposed of the committee was unwilling to take up the Taylor bill providing for the advancing federal funds in aid of road building through the national forests. It is conceded that individual appropriation bills for such projects will not go far, and hope is confined to the Taylor bill, backed as it is by the department of agriculture, representing the forest service.

The Taylor bill proposes to advance \$1,000,000 a year for ten years for the construction of roads.

The bill providing a plan for guaranteeing the bonds of irrigation districts is another western measure that will be advanced to consideration within a short time. Hearings have been held upon it by the senate committee on irrigation.

Marshall Sure to Be Renominated.
The indications in Washington are that Vice President Marshall will again be the nominee of the Democrats for a place on the ticket with President Wilson. While Governor Major of Missouri and Governor Morehead of Nebraska are entered in the primaries in a few of the states, it does not appear that they are making any great headway.

It is usually difficult to predict concerning a vice presidential nomination, because this is always secondary to the presidential, and has depended more than once upon factors arising at convention time. In the present case there is no question who will be named for president by the Democrats, and the prevailing sentiment seems to be that the party will best its best by naming Marshall along with Wilson, in the absence of any particular reason for selecting some other.

At present, the state of Marshall, is one especially coveted by the Republicans, for in close elections it has always been closely figured, and this year, in

FISHERIES COMPACT RATIFICATION IS STILL BELIEVED POSSIBILITY

Washington, April 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Friends of the Oregon-Washington Columbia river fisheries compact believe ratification of the compact can be won, despite the check given by the tie vote in the senate committee. It is asserted that the full committee will act favorably if the matter is taken up again. Senators Burleigh, of Maine, and Martin, of Virginia, who were absent, are being counted upon for ratification. The issue may be created either by the committee reviving the subject, or by the expected passage of the ratification resolution by the house.

AGRICULTURAL BILL GIVES HOUSE CHANCE FOR FACETIOUS TALK

Washington, April 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Discussion of such a bill as the agricultural appropriation measure brings out many congressional fancies. Almost every item has critics, just as it has friends. Various branches of activity of the department of agriculture come under fire, and practically every section of the country has interests to be promoted.

One congressman wanted to abolish the weather bureau; the office of farm management came under fire for its usefulness; the appropriation for investigation of clearing logged-off lands came in for ridicule; free seed distribution was a subject of animated debate; quarantine regulations were criticized, while the large items providing for such matters as control of hog cholera and eradication of the boll weevil and the citrus canker, were the subjects of vigorous attack.

The appropriation of \$5000 to complete the study of methods for clearing logged-off lands was adopted with only facetious criticism. How large a stump must be to be a large stump was half seriously discussed. How large a Georgia stump it is, often ten inches or more in diameter. This moved Hawley of Oregon to state that stumps of that size are not called stumps in his country, and are removed with a corkscrew.

It was brought out that with the present appropriation the investigation of the clearing problem will be completed and the principal work remaining to be done is to collect the information gathered and publish it. This is to be done during the present year.

It was Howard of Georgia who desired to do away with the weather bureau. He said that down in Georgia is a man named Snyder with a forecast of the weather for the next day. He asserted that the government weather prophet is a mere guesser, and the work of no value. His motion to strike out the appropriation for the weather bureau for the coming year was lost by a vote of 41 to 21.

In debate on the quarantine question, McArthur of Oregon declared that all

movement of cattle from state to state should be under control of the federal authorities, as tuberculin test certificates issued by veterinarians in some of the states cannot be accepted as reliable because of the incompetence of deputies who give them.

"I believe this entire matter ought to be handled by the bureau of animal industry rather than by the state veterinarians in the various states," he said. "If this whole thing could be transplanted to the jurisdiction of the bureau of animal industry, I do not think you would find any of those western states rising up and putting a quarantine against stock imported from any other state."

"What we want to see in my part of the country is the putting of this whole question under the federal government, so that the matter will not be hampered by the state veterinary surgeons or deputies in any state whatever."

Security for Bills of Lading.

Washington, April 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, with the backing of President Wilson, is urging enactment of legislation establishing the security of bills of lading. A bill by Senator Pomeroy has passed the senate and is pending before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The Pomeroy bill makes the forgery of bills of lading, representing that they cover interstate or foreign shipments, a crime punishable in the federal courts. It is declared by the sponsors of the bill that railroads alone of those who issue instruments of credit or title, can escape liability to innocent purchasers when an agent issues a bill of lading without actually receiving the goods declared to have been shipped.

Small dealers in grain and other commodities would be greatly benefited, it is declared, because bankers would then discount drafts accompanying bills of lading without the annoying delays now caused.

Representatives of the interstate commerce commission and the railroads will be heard before the hearings are closed.

Halibut Boat Is Refused.
Washington, April 22.—Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce, writing to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in reference to a suggestion that a new boat be put in service for exploration of halibut banks off the Pacific coast, says this is not regarded as a praiseworthy suggestion for asking for an appropriation for a new boat, desirable as that would be.

The Albatross is doing work along this line, it is stated, and will be continued in service, the department desiring to do everything it can to assist the development of the industry.

Portland Cement Specifications.
Washington, April 22.—New departmental specifications for Portland cement used in government work are under consideration, that are expected to meet objections raised by the Oregon Portland Cement company of Oswego, Or., says E. B. Rosa, acting director of the bureau of standards, in a letter to Senator Chamberlain.

While it will be some months before the change can be adopted into the specifications, says Mr. Rosa, it is proposed to allow the use of any cement established as of high grade, but not to require it to have been in use for any established period of time.

STATE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE FORMED TO TACKLE BIG ISSUES

Constitutional Amendment to
Limit Increase for State
and City Is Planned.

PIERCE MADE PRESIDENT

League Goes on Record Against Any
Tax Plan That Might Tend to Re-
tard Legitimate Development.

Initiation of a proposed constitutional amendment limiting increase in taxation for state and municipality is to be the first step in the program of the State Taxpayers' League of Oregon, formed in Portland yesterday at the Imperial hotel, as the result of a statewide conference called to discuss the problem of taxation in Oregon.

The amendment will be prepared by the league's legislative committee, and its executive committee will see that it is on the ballot next fall. The measure will be similar to the Birmingham bill, which limits increases in county taxation in Oregon.

Resolutions Are Adopted.
Winding up its work last night after an all-day session, the convention adopted resolutions opposing taxes which would disturb property values, retard development and make for unequal taxation burdens; favoring the reduction of useless commissions and public extravagance; endorsing good roads and new railways and other enterprises for development of natural resources.

The league's legislative committee was directed to work with other bodies in framing a system of consolidation of state commissions and offices to be submitted to the legislature.

On motion of C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, the league went on record as favoring wholesale buying of highway materials by the state instead of counties, a system employed in California.

Resolutions were passed respecting the disposition of taxes paid on O. & C. lands in Oregon and urging that the money from sales go to the people of Oregon.

Legislative Committee Named.
At the next session of the legislature interests of the taxpayers of the state will be cared for at Salem by instructed lobbyists of the State Taxpayers' league, resolutions to this effect being passed last night.

A number of resolutions affecting county courts and road construction were referred to the league's legislative committee.

The legislative committee was named to consist of C. E. Spence, chairman; Senator Johnson, J. F. Daly, of Portland; Robert E. Smith, of Roseburg, and George Miller, of Union.

Finances for carrying on the work of the league will be collected by R. N. Stanfield, of Stanfield; A. L. Gilkey, of Josephine; F. L. Chambers, of Lane; William Hanley, of Harney, and a fifth member from Multnomah county, to be appointed from the legislation and tax-

ation bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Debate In Future.
Most extended debate of the convention was on a resolution introduced by John Hodgess, of Union, calling for the consolidation of the boards of regents of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college and the State Normal school.

Mr. Hodgess argued for the consolidation in the interests of efficiency. Walter Pierce and C. E. Spence, regents of O. A. C.; Tom Richardson, Senator C. L. Hawley and others rallied to the defense of the present system and Oregon's institutions.

On a vote, after 45 minutes' discussion, the Union man was swept off the floor.

To wrestle with the problem of excessive taxation in Oregon a statewide taxpayers' organization grew out of the conference.

Its object, as shown in the preamble of a constitution adopted during the course of the afternoon, "is to promote economy and equality in state, county, municipal and school district taxation, and investigation in making public matters pertaining thereto; to secure the enactment of legislation beneficial to the taxpayers of the state and to co-operate with state and county officials wherever possible in their labors."

Walter Pierce President.
Walter Pierce of La Grande, former state senator, who was permanent chairman of the conference, was elected president of the newly formed league.

Other officers chosen were: C. H. Hawley of Polk county, first vice president; J. A. Westerlund of Jackson county, second vice president; A. M. La Follette, of Marion county, third vice president, and Robert E. Smith, of Douglas county, secretary-treasurer.

The league is intended to embrace all the county taxpayers' associations of the state and others as shall be formed in the future. All taxpayers are eligible to membership.

In conventions of the league each county will be allowed three votes and the annual meeting is set for the second Saturday in April. It is proposed, however, to hold a meeting in January at Salem to lay before the legislature such matters as the taxpayers of the state believe the lawmaking body of the state government should take up.

Aim Is Stated.
Delegates at yesterday's conference expressed the opinion that a league embracing the great majority of taxpayers of the commonwealth would be able to restrain irresponsible legislatures and extravagant officials.

"Every interest is represented at Salem but the taxpayers," declared L. A. Farnsworth of Washington county. "We should have our lobbyists there as well as the commissions and private corporations."

John T. Dougal, representing Multnomah county, urged that the operations of the league must be on a business basis, and Roger B. Sinnott, although not a delegate, told how taxpayers of Multnomah county successfully fought to secure payments of taxes in semi-annual installments.

"If you are going to accomplish anything in this state," he told the delegates, "you must employ the methods of the crusaders of old, of the campaign preachers. You will need the strength of numerical numbers and an adequate treasury for the sinews of war."

Roads Are Discussed.
A discussion as to good roads and a debate between John B. Yeon, roadmaster of Multnomah county, and C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange,

occupied the major portion of the afternoon. In fact, the conference wandered over the whole gamut of public questions and issues, Roger Sinnott noting that everything has been discussed, "from heaven to hell."

Marked differences of opinion were brought out on the advisability of bonding.

Tom Richardson, formerly connected with the Commercial club, undertook to take those opposed to bonds to task. "Why is everyone opposed to getting good roads bonded?" he asked. "Now is the time to bond; never has the interest rate been so low. Banks are full of money awaiting investment in this form of security."

"Use Common Sense."
"What is the matter? Why this nasty Oregon temperance that seems to overlay the whole state? Everyone talks of Oregon having a sore toe, sore head or a bellyache. Don't be afraid of Oregon, or what is coming to us. The market is low, use your common sense and get busy."

"That man has something to sell on the bargain counter," said Mrs. Mildred J. Watts of Scappoose, the only woman to take the floor.

"He wants us to buy something we don't want because it is cheap." John B. Yeon and C. E. Spence sparred with one another as to who should take the floor first. Mr. Yeon lost and in his talk warmly eulogized B. Benson and his associates for the good roads work being carried on by them in Oregon.

He professed inability to understand why Mr. Spence was opposed to the effort to bond Benson and to the Columbia highway.

Speaker Defends Benson.
"Anybody who says that B. Benson has not the best of motives, steps on my toes, and steps hard," said he. He has done great things, but what he has done will not be a marker to what he intends to do. He has told me, and I know."

"I believe we must get the trunk roads out of the way, and then the laterals are bound to come of themselves. We must have trunks to have something to lead into."

"The Pacific highway is a state road. It is a state's road. The Columbia river highway is not a joyriders' road. It is a great asset for the state; it will prove of immense advertising value to Portland, and to Oregon, and to the northwest."

"I am opposed to scenic highways as against roads leading to markets," said C. E. Spence, in reply. "I, personally, and the grange believe in good roads; we will go to the limit for good roads. But good roads themselves will not pull out stumps or rocks. We need a little rural credits mixed in. Let us have business, not pleasure, roads for Oregon first."

Interest Tended Burden.
"In the Columbia highway Yeon and his good roads boosters induced the people to spend money for a road running parallel to the river and the railroad, instead of going back into the stump country."

"Portland bonded itself for \$1,250,000 last year and King county, Wash., is bonded for over \$2,000,000. Why are King county and Seattle in the condition they are? Interest is eating them up."

"We have gone too fast in road building; we are building faster than we can pay for them."

"Some roads cost more than they are worth; others more than they should. We must cut out graft and royalties. I want \$1 worth of road for \$1 worth of taxes. I am concerned about the fellow in the foothills, the question the benefits derived from tourists; all they will leave is a smell of gasoline and a cloud of dust."

"It is a better investment to build

up the country, not tourists. After the war they won't come out here; they will all run to Europe.

"Cut out the gingerbread, I say, and let us get out of the mud."

Tries to Make Peace.
O. W. Taylor tried to pour oil on the troubled waters and pleaded for a medium ground looking toward the common good.

Rufus C. Holman, county commissioner from Multnomah, stated that the people of this county approve the Columbia river highway, and as they are the ones who are paying for it that should be sufficient.

President Pierce appointed the following committee on good roads: O. W. Taylor, Clatsop, chairman; H. A. Darnall, Lewis; John B. Yeon, Portland; Leslie Butler, Hood River; W. J. Fullerton, Columbia; Benton Bowens, Jackson, and C. L. Hawley, Polk.

Ex-Governor West and C. P. Strain, assessor of Multnomah county, were among the speakers of the afternoon.

Those Present Named.
Following is the list of delegates present: Farnhill—B. Y. Rowe, John U. Smith, Gilliam—George B. Duke, Douglas—W. E. St. John, Robert E. Smith.

Clatsop—Mannuel Friedly, C. P. Strain, R. N. Stanfield, Marion Jack, Multnomah—John F. Daly, John T. Dougal.

Jackson—John A. Westerlund, Benton Bowens, J. H. Calkin, E. M. Williams, Baker—William Pollman, F. B. Mitchell.

Shannon—W. F. Jackson, Otto Peltz, Benton—Victor Moses, M. W. Peltz, Marion—P. H. D'Arcy, A. M. LaFollette.

Hood River—Walter Kimble, Leslie Butler.

Yamhill—F. L. Chambers, Elbert Beda, Union—John Hodgess, Walter Pierce, J. T. Williamson, George Miller.

Yallowa—Colley, George Craig, Columbia—J. G. Watts, W. J. Fullerton.

Clackamas—P. W. Meredith, R. Scheubel, C. E. Spence, Klamath—Benett, Clatsop—W. E. Logus, Coos—W. J. Conrad, A. E. Adelstein.

Curry—Roderick Macleay, Morrow—W. F. Dutton, J. F. Hynd, Wasco—R. Kelly.

Polk—C. L. Hawley, W. G. Vassall, Josephine—A. J. Gilkey, Robinson, Jefferson—J. Holcomb, Harney—William Leonard, Crook—W. C. Saunders.

Clatsop—W. E. Schrimm, Murey Wheat, Washington—Sam Palsley, L. A. Farnsworth.

Lincoln—C. H. Kable, Wheeler—George McKay.

Letter Is Attack on David Lloyd-George

Alfred G. Gardner Says Man Attacked Seeks to Oust Premier and Inspire Campaign.

London, April 22.—(I. N. S.)—Alfred G. Gardner in an open letter in the Daily News makes a sensational attack on David Lloyd-George.

He accuses Lloyd-George of seeking to oust Premier Asquith and inspire the Northcliffe campaign against the government and forcing compulsory service on the country.

Gardner says:

"In the heated and overwrought atmosphere of your mind you honestly believe you are a man of destiny."

He declares that throughout the press attacks Lloyd-George has been the friend of Lord Northcliffe and the other assailants of the government and suggests that he supplied them with inside information.

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