

## LUMBER INDUSTRY SAVED FROM INJURY BY OREGON SENATOR

Chamberlain Shows Unfairness of Department Rulings Concerning Income Tax.

### FACTS BACK ARGUMENT

Canadian Competition in Salmon and Halibut Fishing at Expense of American Ports Given Attention.

Washington, Aug. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Department rulings concerning the application of the income tax to surplus and undivided profits are knocked out for good by amendments made to the revenue bill by the senate finance committee as the result of a "display of teeth" by Senator Chamberlain.

Senator Chamberlain held that the house bill, following the line of the department rulings, would inflict unwarranted injury in many cases, particularly to the lumber industry in the northwest.

One of the provisions objected to provided for income taxation from dividends of business, and undivided profits as any distribution ordered to be made of its earnings or profits, whether in cash or in corporation stock.

**Limits to Life of Law.**  
Chamberlain pointed out that in the case of some of the lumber companies surplus was allowed to accumulate through a term of years while the business was being built up, without declaration of dividends. If no limitation of time be now made, the tax must be levied on such accumulations made many years ago, before the present income tax became a law or was in prospect.

The amendment secured by Chamberlain limits the tax to earnings or profits accrued since March 1, 1913, when the income tax first became a law, and will not allow the tax to reach back into years before.

**Market Price Is Basis.**  
A second provision objected to, which Senator Chamberlain terms still more unfair, was that taxation should be levied on a proportion of gain derived from sale of real estate, stocks, bonds, or other property acquired before March 1, 1913, if not bought and sold in the course of trade.

The Oregon senator urged as an example under this head the purchase of stumps many years ago, which has since increased largely in value. He secured as a substitute the adoption of a provision reading as follows: "For the purpose of ascertaining the gain derived from the sale or other disposition of property, real, personal or mixed, acquired before March 1, 1913, the fair market price or value of such property as of March 1, 1913, shall be the basis for determining the amount of such gain derived."

In other words, as the bill first stood, a company having acquired stumps at \$2.50 or \$3 an acre, say in 1900, a proportion of the increased value at the time of sale would be computed on the basis of the increase over the low purchase value. Under the bill as amended, the fair market value on the date the income tax bill was enacted becomes the starting point from which to increase to the time of sale is computed.

**Deals With Competitive Fisheries.**  
Senator Chamberlain also had written into the bill a new title, or section, dealing with the Canadian competition in salmon and halibut fishing which has grown up at Prince Rupert. That city is said to have thrived mightily at the expense of Ketchikan and other American ports.

Fishermen operating out of Prince Rupert lack certain restrictions imposed under American regulation, but have enjoyed the American market by shipping over the Canadian Pacific to cities on this side of the international line. The Chamberlain amendment prohibits such importations from north Pacific waters except in bond from an American port.

**Must Use American Port.**  
This will make it necessary for fishermen desiring to use the American market to make Ketchikan or some other American port the base of their operations.

The revenue bill situation is still much tangled, and threats of Democratic opposition unless further changes are made are still heard. Southerners, led by Underwood of Alabama, are dissatisfied with the extension of the munitions tax to all materials entering into the manufacture of explosives, because this catches cotton.

In the numerous and protracted Democratic conference dealing with the final report of the revenue bill Senator Lane did not participate. He followed his usual course of refusing to enter into party deliberations that might embarrass him afterward. This leaves him free of obligation as to the vote he will cast on final passage of the bill.

## WESTERN STONE WOULD INCREASE COST OF NEW PORTLAND POSTOFFICE

Washington, Aug. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—In the case of the Portland postoffice the treasury department has had before it the same questions presented in numerous instances where local bids and bids on local material are higher than bids made by firms far away, on far away material.

Local interests universally contend that local firms and material should be favored, even at somewhat higher cost. The department has in many cases made concessions on that account, but has found it impossible to adopt any certain standards for such action, or to agree that concessions should in all cases be made.

In the Portland example, Grant Fee, a San Francisco contractor, came low under the wire by over \$27,000 on a design material, Bedford, Ind., limestone. On the same material a New York bidder came next, the New York or still more than \$2000 under the Dinwiddie Construction company of Portland.

Awarding to Dinwiddie meant \$30,000 over the lowest bid, and further disregarding of another lower bid.

If a switch were made to Boise stone, a western material, the New York bidder was still over \$2000 under the Portland offer, with a difference of over \$27,000 between the lowest offer on the western stone and the lowest offer on the Indiana product.

So, if western material were chosen,

the choice would involve rejection of a bid over \$27,000 lower, and if further preference were given to a Portland firm the difference widened to over \$30,000. It may be said that serious consideration is not likely to be given to Tenino, Wash., stone, when Bedford limestone or Boise sandstone is offered at anywhere near the same price. Tenino is not highly regarded because it is stated, it has had to be "doctored" in many instances where it has been used in the past.

Boise stone, on the other hand, is held to be satisfactory material. Wilkeson, Wash., sandstone is considered the best of the western sandstones, but the bids on that are so much higher than it was scarcely in the running. These are the considerations offered at the treasury department for hesitation in complying with local requests for use of local material or favor to local firms. It is pointed out that if such a course were universally pursued, the cost to the government in a year would run into large figures, and severe criticism would be forthcoming for permitting such influences to prevail.

**Nomination for Midshipman.**  
Washington, Aug. 22.—Representative Hawley has been notified that he will be entitled to nominate a midshipman for the Annapolis academy, who will enter the training school next March. He will make the appointment from candidates entering a competitive examination, which will be held at some city in the First congressional district of Oregon in February, 1917.

**Sweet Wine Costs More.**  
Washington, Aug. 22.—Oregon senators have received several protests from drug dealers against proposed taxes on proprietary medicines, contained in the revenue bill passed by the house. Changes have been made in the bill reported to the senate, which

cut in two the amount to be paid where the compound contains no sweet wine. The bill, as reported into the senate, provides for a tax of 1½ cents on each half pint bottle or smaller bottle containing liquors, cordials or similar compounds, if they contain sweet wine, fortified with grape brandy, and three-fourths of a cent on each bottle not containing sweet wines.

## Death Due to Pneumonia.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The death of Representative Sinnott's baby girl in New York was due to a sudden attack of pneumonia. Sinnott has returned to his office here.

## Have Narrow Escape As Auto Runs Away

**Brake Broken, Pendleton Auto Party Dashes Down Steep Grade, Two Jump; Two Stay With Car Until It Stops.**  
Pendleton, Or., Aug. 22.—Word was received here Monday of a harrowing ride in an automobile taken by a Pendleton party en route to Bingham Springs Saturday night. The car was driven by Roy Alexander and the other occupants were his wife, Fred Bloch, Carl Feringer and Marshal Spell. In descending a steep hairpin curve, the shaft housing broke, rendering the brakes useless, and the car dashed down hill at top speed. Bloch and Spell jumped and escaped with slight injuries. The other three stayed with the car until it struck a log and were not hurt. Had the accident occurred on any other part of the grade a serious outcome could not have been avoided.

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## REPORTS SHOW THAT LUMBER BUSINESS IS BETTER THAN IN 1915

Increase in South American and California Orders Mitigates Foreign Losses.

### WAGE REPORT IS MADE

**Skilled Workmen Averaged \$2.86 Per Day and Unskilled \$2.04; Men in the Woods Averaged \$2.50.**

Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—Conditions in the lumber business have been better so far this year than in 1915, reports to Labor Commissioner Hoff from 13 sawmills of Clackamas county, for his annual report show. There was a large falling off in foreign trade but South American and California orders increased over those in 1915. Skilled workmen averaged \$2.86 per day and unskilled \$2.04, while the office forces, with the exception of proprietors and firm members, averaged \$2. Wages of men in the woods averaged \$2.50, the highest being \$3. The highest wages paid in mills was \$4 and the lowest \$1.50 for a day of 10 hours.

**Articles of Incorporation.**  
Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—The following

articles of incorporation were filed here Monday with Corporation Commissioner Schuldermann: Dundee Woman's club, Dundee, Jerome Herring, Bertha W. Shamadan and Eva Bailey, incorporators; Oregon Retail Grocers' association, E. S. Larsen, A. S. Harrison, A. W. Anderson, Adam Emig and J. M. Burroughs, incorporators.

**Wife Would Divorce Convict.**  
Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—Mary Hunicutt started suit here Monday for a divorce from Harry Hunicutt, who is serving a term of from one to 10 years in the state prison for grand larceny. They have three minor children.

**Money Stolen From Trunk.**  
Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—The Salem police have been unable to locate the person who made off with \$100 in gold Mrs. J. E. Steen, 700 North High street, had placed in an overcoat in the bottom of a trunk.

## Aged Aurora Doctor, Pioneer of 1855, Dies

**Dr. Martin Gieff, 83 Years of Age, for Many Years Sole Democrat in Locality, Goes to Last Rest.**

Aurora, Or., Aug. 22.—Dr. Martin Gieff, an Oregon pioneer of 1855, died here Monday at the age of 83 years. He settled in Aurora in 1856 and for many years was the sole Democrat in the locality. He retired from practice 20 years ago.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Gieff's son, Grover, a musician in the Third Infantry band, now on duty at the border, is on his way home to attend the funeral.

## COOS BAY ALL READY FOR RAILROAD FETE; COMMITTEES HUSTLE

Meals and Accommodations to Be Plentiful for Visitors; Train Service Is Promised.

Marshfield, Or., Aug. 22.—The Coos bay cities are all ready for the entertainment of the visitors to the railroad jubilee. Although the celebration does not open until Thursday morning, both Marshfield and North Bend have already taken on a carnival spirit. The city is being elaborately decorated. Telegraph, telephone and electric light poles have been painted green. Scores of hawkers are arriving seeking concessions of all sorts.

Local committees have matters well in hand and state that there will be no trouble about giving accommodations to all who come. There will be plenty of eating places provided.

**Ready for Specials.**  
The Southern Pacific has made all arrangements for handling the special trains and apparently every provision possible has been made for the entertainment and accommodation of Coos bay's guests.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce special train arrived at 8 o'clock last night. All of the whistles in Marshfield and North Bend, including the fire sirens, were sounded

when the train approached. Vessels in the harbor took up the salute. A large delegation of business men met the train and escorted the visitors to the Millicomma club.

At the Millicomma club the San Francisco visitors were welcomed by J. Albert Matson, who said that it was the San Francisco people who discovered and developed Coos bay. The response for the visitors was made by F. H. Dohrmann Jr.

**Business Visits Today.**  
C. R. Peck of Marshfield, attorney for the Port of Coos Bay, spoke about the local harbor and said the bar was the same depth as that of San Diego. He said that if San Francisco business would recognize Coos bay as the southern Oregon harbor and send their goods here for distribution to points south of Eugene they would get business here. This morning the San Francisco visitors made calls upon the Marshfield merchants, and they will visit at North Bend this afternoon. Wednesday they will go to Coquille valley points and return to take part in the opening of the jubilee at North Bend Thursday, leaving that night.

## Rogue River Fishing Dispute Is Settled

**Carl D. Shoemaker, Representing Fish and Game Commission, Establishes Dead Line 1500 Feet Inside Mouth.**

Gold Beach, Or., Aug. 22.—Carl D. Shoemaker, representing the fish and game commission, after a two days conference with the fishermen here, has established a dead line on Rogue River at Doyle's rock, about 1500 feet inside the mouth of the river. Notice has been given that the line would be strictly guarded and any infractions severely punished.

## Senator May Oppose Promotion of Reber

**Robinson, of Arkansas, Likely to Wage Fight on Floor Against Man Moved as Aviation Corps Head.**  
Washington, Aug. 22.—(P. N. S.)—Confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber as a colonel will be fought determinedly by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, according to best informed political belief here today. Reber's nomination to a colonelcy was made by President Wilson July 21 and sent to the senate committee on military affairs immediately.

Senator Robinson, whose charges resulted in Reber's removal as chief of the aviation corps, wrote to the committee opposing the nomination. It is believed, however, that the committee shortly will recommend that the appointment be confirmed and that Robinson will carry his fight to the floor of the senate.

## Grain Broker Climbs Mountain Peak; Dies

**Central City, Colo., Aug. 22.—(U. P.)**—Charles G. Burton, a wealthy grain and stock broker of Kansas City, dropped of heart failure while trying to climb James Peak Saturday. He came to Colorado to look after some mining interests.

Accompanied by his daughter he set out to make the ascent of the mountain. He had reached an altitude of 12,000 feet when he complained of feeling ill. A few minutes later he dropped dead. The body will be sent to Kansas City.

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