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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Change in Wool Schednle to be Fought by Wool Manufacturing Association

Washington.—A virtually undisturbed tariff on the variety of articles in the flax, hemp and jute schedule was indicated at the tariff revision hearing before the house ways and means committee. No action will be taken until the committee considers the schedule in executive session next month, but members have indicated that they considered most of the duties as already highly competitive.

The committee, which heard the testimony of many manufacturers and importers on the flax, hemp and jute schedule of the tariff, was not disposed to question the competitive character and luxury classification of many of the laces, embroideries and other articles in the schedule. This indicates that the committee favors retention of approximately the same rates on many items.

The schedule is one of the most profitable of the whole tariff scheme, and produced last year more than $49,000,000 of revenue, with duties averaging above 45 per cent ad valorem. Some of these articles will be reduced to stimulate competition and bring revenue.

Wool Schedule Under Fire

The Wool schedule will be under fire this week, and it is expected that the woolgrowers and wool manufacturing association will present an unbroken front in their fight against any change in the present rates.

The expectation, however, is that the democratic majority both in the committee and house in the next congress will favor the same revision as incorporated in the Underwood bill that passed the house at the last session of congress.

Knox Sends England Note on Panama

The next move in the diplomatic skirmish between Great Britain and the United States over the former nation's objection to the clause in the Panama canal bill, which exempts American shipping engaged in coastwise trade from the payment of tolls, must come from England.

Until that time, state department officials declared, they must refrain from a discussion of Secretary Knox's note to Secretary Grey to the effect that there is no basis for the British protest. It was admitted, however, that at least two or three additional notes must be exchanged before a basis for an understanding could be reached. This makes it practically certain that Woodrow Wilson will be called upon to make final disposition of the question, as it is considered impossible that the Taft administration can effect a settlement before March fourth.

Monopoly in Money Denied.

Accepting as an "argument" a long statement by Henry P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan & Co., denying the existence of a money trust and attributing the co-operation among financial interests to the "weak banking law," the house money trust investigating committee closed for the time being its financial probe. The committee will begin within a week consideration of its report, which will recommend changes in the national bank law and legal control of various financial agencies.

Mr. Davison's statement was an analytical argument based on the tables and charts presented to the committee purporting to show control of $25,000,000,000 of resources by 180 directors.

The statement denied this conclusion and set forth specifically that the firm of Morgan & Co. "believes there is no such thing, either in form or fact, as a money trust."

National Capital Brevities.

President Taft refused to dismiss the criminal anti-trust suit against the so-called "bathtub trust."

Democratic managers in the senate have agreed that no bill having any reference to the Sherman anti-trust law shall receive consideration during the remainder of this session of congress.

Democratic senators in caucus reaffirmed their determination to permit none of President Taft's nominations to be confirmed at this time, with the exception of army, navy and diplomatic appointments.

A dry inauguration will mark President-elect Wilson's induction into office if a petition presented in the senate by Senator Gallinger, on behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is acted upon favorably by congress. The petition urges closing of all saloons in the national capital on March 4.

Prediction that one of President-elect Woodrow Wilson's first requests to congress would be to repeal that part of the Panama canal law which grants free tolls to American ships engaged in coastwise trade was made by Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, in a formal statement.

by Representative Latourette, of Multnomah. If it becomes a law, circuit courts and county courts will be abolished, and their places will be taken by superior courts.

Under the terms of the bill, there are to be no judicial districts in the state, but in each of the organized counties of the state there shall be a superior court for which at least one judge shall be elected by the voters of that county, or group of counties.

Bar Outside Money From Campaigns

It will be a felony for any person, firm, association or corporation within the state of Oregon to receive either directly or indirectly any pay, compensation or reward of any kind from any person, firm or corporation from outside the state of Oregon for the purpose of assisting in the adoption or defeat of any measure proposed under the initiative, if a bill in the senate by Thompson becomes a law.

The bill is framed with the purpose of striking at such organizations as the Fels fund commission.

Will Investigate State Institutions

The membership of various committees of investigation of state institutions authorized by the Lewelling resolution, consisting of two from the senate and three from the house, was provided in a joint resolution introduced in the house by Representative Lewelling of Linn.

The house passed the resolution, but the senate voted it down. By special request of Governor West, however, this action was reconsidered and the resolution adopted.

Widows' Pension Passes House

The house passed by unanimous vote house bill 169, which provides for financial assistance from the various counties for women with one or more children who are unable to work, and whose husbands are dead or inmates of some Oregon institution.

By the provisions of the bill, the county is to pay $10 a month to dependent women having one child under 16 years of age, and $7.50 a month for each additional child. Women only partially dependent are to be paid enough to bring their incomes to the same figure. Administration of the act is to be under exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

Provides Recall From Congress

To make it possible to recall United States senators and representatives in congress from Oregon is the purpose of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Lawrence of Multnomah. The bill requires that any person who shall be a candidate for the United States Senate or for Congress shall, at the time of filing his declaration of intention to become a candidate, sign one of two statements. If he signs one he agrees that if at any election a majority of those voting on the question of recalling him shall vote for his recall, he will resign the office within 24 hours after he shall receive the official returns of the recall election. If he signs the other statement he plainly says that he will not resign in case a majority of the voters shall vote for his recall.

Marriage May Be Easier

Instead of having his operations confined to one county in the matter of uniting two souls with but a single thought, a regularly accredited preacher will be able to perform marriages in any county in the state, if a bill introduced by Representative Howard, of Douglas, himself a minister, becomes a law. The bill also provdes that county clerks, on issuing a marriage license, are to obtain from the applicants certain information which preachers ordinarily desire before performing a marriage ceremony, which is to be attached to the license.

Legislative Brevities

A bill to create a state fire marshal, carrying with it an appropriation of $15,000, was presented in the house.

The state senate adopted a memorial addressed to President-elect Wilson, asking him to appoint a man from the Pacific coast as secretary of the interior.

Bills to appropriate $371,000 for the University of Oregon and $317,833.73 for the Oregon Agricultural college were introduced in the house by the ways and means committee.

No more will the traveler by train or steamboat go thirsty for lack of a drinking cup, if a bill introduced in the house by Representative Belland is passed. He would compel steamship and railroad companies carrying passengers to furnish sanitary drinking cups free.

With the passage of Senator Wood's bill for the creation of new counties, which has become a law without the approval of the governor, the way has been opened to the formation of new counties without a vote by the people of the state, and without a fight in the legislature.

A bill that proposes every pound of meat offered for sale in the state of Oergon, and not subject to government inspection, shall be subjected to an inspection to determine its wholesomeness for food, was introduced in the house by Representative Westerlund, of Jackson county.

At the close of the second week the appropriation bills proposed amounted to $3,422,081, to say nothing of numerous minor demands for per diem and expenses which probably will figure an easy $100,000 more.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Yamhill county now has a realty board.

Eugene is going to have a new high school building in the near future.

H. N. Foster, a well known citizen of Corvallis, committed suicide Saturday.

The third annual show of the Oregon Cat club was held in Portland last week.

February 12 has been designated as "Earth Education Day" for the schools of Oregon.

The state railroad commission has ordered a new railroad station for Monmouth.

Charged with killing an aged trapper in his cabin, 35 miles from Burns, Robert Shieze was arrested.

Movement is under way in the treasury department to abolish the office of tea inspector at Portland, transferring this work to Tacoma.

The best quality show yet held by the Umatilla-Morrow county poultry association was brought to a close Saturday after running a week.

Representative Hawley has secured an appropriation of $6000 in the river and harbor bill for making a correct survey of the Coquille river.

Monroe celebrated Saturday because of the actual laying of steel rails through the city by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway company.

William D. Haywood, former president of the Western Federation of Miners, and at present one of the big organizers of the I. W. W., was in Portland Sunday.

The chamber of commerce of the United States has elected as director for Washington, Oregon and California, A. H. Averill of the chamber of commerce, Portland.

The senate public lands committee has reported favorably the house bill to adjust conflicting claims to lands within the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Military Wagon Road grant.

The new year is only a few weeks along, but Klamath Falls already has two elections in sight. The first will be to adopt a new charter and the next to vote on the wet and dry issue.

Daniel Bruhn, superintendent of the Porter Brothers' railroad construction gang at Mapleton, was beheaded by a flying rope. The body was hurled into the Siuslaw river and carried away.

Hop-growing will be a course of study to appear in the 1913-14 catalog of Oregon Agricultural college for the first time. The subject will be handled in the department of agronomy.

T. E. York, an inmate of the Oregon penitentiary, has absolutely refused to accept a pardon at the hands of Governor West. The refusal baffled federal officers who were waiting to arrest him on a government charge.

All road supervisors of Lane county have been invited by the county court to attend a convention in Eugene February 8, when problems of road construction and repair will be discussed by men expert in road building.

One hundred and thirty business men of the state, who were attending the seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association at Albany, came to Corvallis Friday morning on a special train to visit the college.

The German Consolidated societies of Oregon held their sixth annual convention in Portland Sunday. These societies are composed of 17 different organizations located in various sections of the state, with a membership of nearly 7000.

The F. P. Mining company of Oakland, Cal., holders of an electric interurban franchise at Medford, has closed a deal for the purchase of the F. W. Waite tract, 1½ miles from Ashland. The tract consists of 2000 acres and the price paid was $400,000.

With authority given by Attorney-General Wickersham, District Attorney McCourt at Portland dismissed the indictments against A. R. Downs and Ed R. Downs. These were among the indictments returned under the direction of Francis J. Heney during 1905 in the famous land fraud cases.

C. G. Hodes, a well known business man of Oregon City, who has been missing since January 19, was found a hundred yards off the public highway leading to Willamette, about a half mile from the Willamette Falls railway depot, as West Oregon City. He was lying face downward in a crevice between two large boulders on a rocky cliff, which overhangs the public highway.

During the year 1912, according to official figures made public by the department of commerce and labor, Portland exported 6,810,206 bushels of wheat, valued at $6,273,825, as compared with 7,703,061 bushels in 1911, representing a total valuation of $6,570,095. These statistics show that Portland ranks fourth among the wheat exporting districts for the past year.

The secretary of state has been furnished by the national government with figures showing the exact distribution of the timbered area of the state by counties. The data are obtained by the national forest service, and are used in figuring the apportionment of funds accruing to the various sections from the administration of the forest lands. This sum totals $42,559.52.

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