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EXPERTS TALK OF THE SEA WALL

Think It the Best Possible Plan for Starting Growth of the City.

BUSINESS MEN ENDORSE IT

Get the Bill Through on a Broad Basis and Be Prepared for Any Emergency.

Not one of the most skeptical and pessimistic residents of Astoria or Clatsop county or the state of Oregon will gainsay the proposition that the building of a seawall along Astoria's water front means the beginning of a new era for the city and that it is one of the improvements which must be made sooner or later. The only question is how much "sooner" can this improvement be secured.

Those who have studied the question say that it would be a comparatively easy matter to pass an act at the present session of the state legislature appointing a board of public works with authority to construct the seawall, levy the necessary tax for the funds with which to carry on the work, and that now, while the railroad work is progressing, is the time to push forward the seawall. If the railroad is ever going to benefit the town one-half as much as its most conservative supporters anticipate, there can be no question as to the growth in population and increase in business importance. Given these facts as assured—and no one would like to deny them—ample means for the construction of the seawall can be easily provided, even though it should cost \$500,000 per mile.

The engineer who has drawn the plans for this work and made the estimates showing that the maximum cost would be \$80,000 per mile, has had great experience in this kind of construction work and is supposed to know whereof he talks. But even if he should be mistaken as to the cost, the very prosecution of a work of this magnitude, it is thought by the progressive property owners of the city, would be the most effective advertisement the city could possibly have and would give it a standing in the world over, insuring the investment here of unlimited capital.

The workingman is in favor of the proposition because it will not only make more wages, but would have a tendency to raise the rate of wages. The real estate men are in favor of the proposition because it will at once create a market for the sale of property.

The real estate owners are in favor of the seawall because it will increase the population and the number of renters. Every business man favors the seawall enterprise because it will increase his customer.

THE DEADLOCK STILL CONTINUES

Fight Has Apparently Settled Down to a Question of Endurance.

WHAT ARE SPEAKER'S POWER

To Compel the Attendance of Members in the House—First Shaking and Disgraceful Scenes.

Special to the Astorian.
Salem, January 13.—There is no change in the house deadlock tonight. Benson's followers claim there are indications of weakness in the opposition line. On the other hand the Bourne men say they will stay out all session unless Bourne is assured of election as speaker. No steps toward a compromise are being taken, and the fight has settled down to a question of endurance. The contest for United States senator which has been thrown in the background by the fight for speaker, is the subject of revived interest tonight, for the reason that tomorrow night is the time set for the Republican caucus. At Senator Mitchell's headquarters it is confidently asserted that he is sure of the caucus nomination and consequently re-election. It is claimed that forty-nine signatures have been secured to the caucus call and that fifty will go into the caucus, four more than a majority. Mitchell's opponents claim that the call for a caucus is signed by forty-seven only, and that some of them will refuse to enter the caucus, or if they do they will make their position so plain that they will not be bound by its actions.

The house spent another day in a fruitless attempt to organize. Thirty-four members assembled at 10 o'clock, but as it requires two-thirds, or forty members, to constitute a quorum, nothing was done and adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock.

The house assembled at 2 o'clock and, as usual, found no quorum. Bilyeu, of Lane, started to go out when his name was called on roll call. Somers, of Linn, insisted that he be enrolled as present, although he did not answer to his name. Speaker Davis ruled that members must be enrolled present if found inside the house when their names were called. This decision evoked great applause at Bilyeu's expense. There were several roll calls, and at one time thirty-four members were enrolled as present. The house remained quiet until 4:30 p. m., when Crawford, of Douglas, arose and asked the chair to direct the temporary sergeant-at-arms to compel the attendance of absent members. Crawford maintained that it was within the power of the chair, under the constitution, to require absent members to attend. Bilyeu, of Lane, objected, maintaining that there was no way for the chair to enforce any decree. He said there were in the contemplation of the law no members of the house until they were sworn in. After a spirited debate the speaker stated that he wanted time to look into his powers as to compelling the attendance of absent members; meanwhile he would request the temporary sergeant-at-arms to use due diligence to secure a quorum tomorrow. The house then adjourned.

The legislative hold-up is still on and the house is in its disorganized state yet. The morning session brought out some grandstand talks that have been the features of the show. Somers, the Mitchell men, and Uren had their daily fight, which consisted principally of loud words and the shaking of fists.

Tomorrow the house will be called to order by Temporary Chairman Davis, who still holds the seat. What the outcome will be is merely conjecture. That Bourne and Mitchell are fighting it out is an old story and as both are great political generals the finish is anxiously awaited by the "First Dayers," who have been here for a week.

That Simon is on the inside of the hold-up is not conceded by old politicians, but it is thought that he is encouraging the fight with the hope that it will bring about the defeat of Mitchell.

That the Mitchell men will remain loyal to their leader is an assured fact and the prominent leaders say there will be no compromise. Mr. Barkley, the gentleman who delivered such an erratic address in Astoria for Bryan, is one of the Bourne lieutenants, and tonight in the hotel lobby is frequently using the terms of revolutionists to all that can hear.

The senate goes on serenely and a large number of bills have been introduced. The Mitchell men claim fifty votes for their candidate on the first ballot.

ARMY RE-ORGANIZATION.
The Hull Bill Reported to the House Unchanged.
Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative Hull's bill for re-organization of the line of the army, which is practically based on Secretary Lamont's recommendations, has been under discus-

AND IT IS NOW "GOV. ROGERS"

Populist Nominee in Washington Daily Inaugurated at Olympia.

A SENATOR NOT YET CHOSEN

Squire and Turner Both Claim to Be Still in the Race—Situation is a Very Complicated One.

Olympia, January 13.—The Populist nominee of the fusion party for governor was this afternoon inaugurated as chief executive of the state. He took the oath of office before the joint session of the legislature without preliminary ceremony, and then delivered his inaugural address. As leader of the reform movement which places the state administration in the control of the Populist, Democratic and silver Republican fusionists, he took occasion in his address to recommend to the legislature many important changes in state affairs. He advised the abolition of the land commission, and land commission, dairy commission, and believes that the different penit and reform institutions, insane asylum, and soldiers' home should be under the management of one board, composed of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor and one appointee. His gesture for the state to supply free school books to school children, and have them manufactured by convict labor at the Walla Walla penitentiary, created surprise and subsequent criticism by representatives of labor unions. Wild cheering followed his advice to the fusion members of the legislature to settle their disputes before balloting begins on next Tuesday for United States senator, so as to bring about immediate election. Cries of "That's good, hurrah for Rogers," punctuated many of his addresses. Recommendations for a law reducing passenger and freight rates; for a law prohibiting the use of free passes by state officials; for a law prohibiting fish traps and wheels, and for the exemption of homes from taxation, were also features of the address.

The senatorial situation is yet too complex to venture to make any reasonable forecast about the final result. Senator Squire and Judge Turner each claim their respective forces have suffered no disintegration and that converts are being made each day. Meanwhile Populist leaders say one of their faith is certain of election, but are divided as much as ever so far, on the centralization in their forces upon one candidate. Further than the introduction of numerous bills in the house today, nothing of importance transpired in either branch of the legislature.

All the state officers were installed. Tonight the inaugural ball was held at the Olympia Hotel, and visitors were present from all parts of the state.

COXEY'S CONVENTION.
St. Louis, January 13.—Coxeyite reformers at today's session of their conference, formulated and adopted an address "To the people of the United States." The document is signed by Jacob S. Coxey, president, and Carl Brown, secretary.

DEADLOCK IN IDAHO.
Boise, Idaho, January 13.—The ballot taken in joint session for senator today, resulted: Wm. H. Clegggett, Populist, 23; F. T. Dubois, silver Republican, 3; J. W. Jones, Democrat, 14; T. F. Nelson, Populist, 8; R. Z. Johnson, Democrat, 9; scattering, 3; necessary for choice, 56. The Clegggett men moved.

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MR. HAMMOND'S MONEY.

District Clerk Hoffman, of San Francisco, Will Pay It Over.

San Francisco, January 13.—Judge Morrow today handed down a decision in the matter of the mandamus issued against Southard Hoffman, clerk of the district court by the superior court of San Francisco. The district court's former case had ordered Col. Hoffman to pay over the surplus in his hands remaining from the sale of the ship Willamette Valley, to the Oregon Pacific Railroad, and to Chas. Page, of Ellis & Page. The total surplus amounted to \$24,000, of which \$20,000 was to go to the railroad and \$4,000 to Attorney Page. Before Col. Hoffman, in obedience to an order of the court, had mailed the checks for the amounts decreed to the Oregon Pacific and to Page, he was served with a writ of mandamus issued by Judge Sewall out of the superior court of San Francisco, in the case of W. A. Swinerton against the Oregon Pacific. Swinerton obtained two judgments in the superior court for about \$16,000 and sought satisfaction for his debt out of the funds of the company in the hands of the clerk of the district court. Hoffman denied the jurisdiction of the superior court in the premises and applied to Judge Morrow for relief. Judge Morrow decided that Hoffman held the money not as an individual, in which capacity he would be subject to a writ, but as clerk of the district court. While it was in Hoffman's custody, the money was really in possession of the district court and continued subject to its order of disposal.

Col. Hoffman will pay the \$24,000 to the Oregon Pacific and to Page.

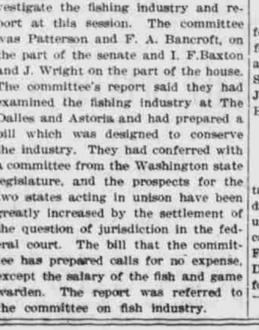
FISHING INDUSTRY.

Committees Appointed at Last Session Make Their Report.

Special to the Astorian.
Salem, January 13.—The senate was in session all day and a number of bills introduced and several resolutions passed. Patterson, of Marion, presented the report of the joint committee appointed at the last session, to investigate the fishing industry and report at this session. The committee was Patterson and F. A. Bancroft, of the part of the senate and I. F. Baxton and J. Wright on the part of the house. The committee's report said they had examined the fishing industry at The Dalles and Astoria and had prepared a bill which was designed to conserve the industry. They had conferred with a committee from the Washington state legislature, and the prospects for the two states acting in union have been greatly increased by the settlement of the question of jurisdiction in the federal court. The bill that the committee has prepared calls for no expense, except the salary of the fish and game warden. The report was referred to the committee on fish industry.

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