

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

What Our Lawmakers Are Doing and Other Interesting Events.

Washington.—The constitutional amendment providing for direct election of United States senators is in danger of going to wreck through the injection of the race issue of the South into the debate in the Senate.

The controversy has arisen over the control of elections for the choice of senators. As reported from committee, the resolution authorizing the submission of the amendment to the states includes in the amendment a provision that the state legislatures shall fix the times, places and manner of holding the elections, but Sutherland moved an amendment giving Congress power to regulate the elections. This has aroused the opposition of the Democrats and, though the Republicans are strong enough in numbers to secure its adoption, as a bare majority suffices, they would thereby imperil the adoption of the resolution itself as this requires three-fifths majority, which cannot be secured without the aid of Democratic votes.

The conservative Republicans, who are at heart opposed to direct election, but fear to show their true colors, have seized this opportunity to defeat the amendment by indirect.

Will Increase Committees. Large committees will be the rule in the lower House of the sixty-second Congress. Under a resolution offered by Representative Covington, of Maryland, and carried by the caucus of the Democratic representatives-elect, the important committees will have a membership of 21 each.

There is no disposition to cut down the minority representation on these bodies and it is felt by Democratic leaders that some time in the future the numerical strength of the House will be augmented.

High Assignment for Fitzgerald. Democrats in the House, led by Champ Clark, are apparently preparing to bring down wrath on their heads by appointing Congressman Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, chairman of the appropriations committee. Fitzgerald was the leader of the 23 Democrats who at the behest of Tammany Hall deserted the allied Democrats and progressive Republicans last March and went to the rescue of Speaker Cannon. He is regarded as a dangerous tory and the progressives are seeking to arouse public sentiment to protest against Fitzgerald's elevation to a position of such power that he would be able to punish all progressives.

Stormy Debate on Irrigation Report. The Senate committee on irrigation, behind closed doors, has been holding heated sessions over the attempt by Chairman Carter to use the committee to injure Director Newell and the friends of conservation. Carter had withheld for more than a year the report of the committee on their tour of western irrigation projects, taken in the summer of 1909. He finally wrote a report in full, and asked the committee to sign it. He met with refusal, with the result that the issue still stands, and Carter, who hates Newell, Pinchot, Garfield and all conservationists, may yet be balked of his plan.

San Francisco May Lose. "Fisgat to the finish" is the slogan of the California delegation in the House, which is engaged in a contest with New Orleans for the location of the exposition to be held in 1915 in celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal. San Francisco lost the first round by the adoption of a majority report by the committee in favor of New Orleans, but the real battle will come in the House when the reports of the majority in favor of New Orleans and the minority in favor of San Francisco will come up for adoption.

National Capital Brevities. Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, Democratic leader of the House and receptive candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, was nominated by acclamation for speaker of the House in the sixty-second Congress by the Democratic caucus.

Reciprocity between Canada and the United States has been agreed upon. The state department announced that a satisfactory agreement between the two countries had been reached. The terms of the agreement will be given out simultaneously at Washington and Ottawa.

Acrimonious criticism of parsimony on the part of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, carried to the extreme of actually crippling the railway mail service, caused a lively debate in the House.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

Fire of unknown origin caused \$12,000 damage in North Bend. Governor Oswald West has set apart the last day of every month for the purpose of hearing petitions for pardons.

Every circuit judge in the state will receive an annual salary of \$4,000 if a bill by Representative Thompson, of Lake, is enacted.

Retail hardware dealers of Oregon and Washington are in session at the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association at Portland.

Commissioner Valentine of the Indians gives Oregon 3,447, Washington 3,425, Idaho 3,388 out of the country's total of 304,950.

Efforts to secure funds for the completion of the Klamath and Umatilla projects are embodied in a Senate joint memorial introduced by Senator Merryman.

Leonard Bronson, manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, who is viewing conditions in Portland, declares that lumber prices are lower than in 13 years.

As a result of a gunshot wound, at first thought trivial, Fred Jacobs, of Enterprise, is dead at La Grande. The shooting took place last December at Enterprise.

Flax of the highest grade, with long, silky fiber, and of great commercial value, can be raised in Oregon. Thus is the opinion of Eugene Boss, of Salem, and H. B. Miller, ex-American consul at Belfast, Ireland.

Five stage loads of laborers for the jetty at Florence are held up in the Coast Range 30 miles from Eugene by floods. The road in places is washed completely away and travel is impossible, even on horseback.

A society to collect and tabulate the history of Linn County and to preserve historical mementos of the development of the county is being formed in Albany. It will be known as the Linn County Historical Society.

Constituting in the opinions of railroad men the largest party of its kind ever recruited in a city of its size over 100 Medford business men with their wives left for a 30-day excursion to Los Angeles and other southern points.

While crossing a footlog over McConnell's Creek on her father's premises, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ferguson, well known residents near Scott's Mills, slipped and fell into the swollen stream and was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

The tailoring department of the Chemawa Indian school, under John F. Enright, instructor of the department, gave an industrial demonstration of what is being done in that department of the school. The industrial advancement of young Indian boys from 14 to 18 years of age was shown.

Undisputable facts and figures regarding the Umatilla irrigation project are set forth in a memorial drawn up by the Oregon Development league and the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial Club that is being forwarded for the consideration of Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger.

George J. Cameron, district attorney of Multnomah County, says that the dropping of the proposed legislative investigation into the office of State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Balley will not detract in the least from the thoroughness of the county grand jury's probe into the same office.

An enthusiastic meeting of members of the Commercial Club and sportsmen of Baker was held to prepare a bill to be presented to the Legislature asking for the establishment of a trout hatchery for eastern Oregon to be located at Olive Lake, in Grant County.

The report of the United States land office for the Lakeview district, comprising Lake, Klamath and a portion of Crook counties, for the year ending December 31, 1910, shows that there have been a total of 1,340 applications for land in the district during that time for 381,017 acres. This is the largest number of applications in the history of the Lakeview office.

With the entrance of two new railroads into the Tillamook Bay region the residents of that section are making renewed efforts to secure a government appropriation for a channel to connect the local harbors with deep water and with that end in view the citizens again are promising to provide \$850,000 of the \$1,700,000 requisite for the work.

Pendleton is the latest community to object to the railroad commission establishing commodity rates for other points in Eastern Oregon and in a complaint filed with the railroad commission sets forth that the rates asked for by Baker cannot be established without rendering grave discrimination against Pendleton. The complaint is filed by the Pendleton Commercial Association.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

Teachers Plan Pensions. Salem.—To provide for the payment of annuities to teachers in school districts in Oregon having more than 10,000 children of school age, a bill has been presented to the Legislature authorizing the incorporation of a retirement fund association. The bill provides that the association "shall receive at the time of the annual apportionment of the irrevocable school fund a sum equal to 2 per cent of the amount of the said funds which shall be apportioned to the district in which said association is formed."

Joint System Proposed. Albany.—Salem and Albany may co-operate on a plan to establish a joint municipal water system, to supply both cities with pure mountain water. The plan is to run a pipeline from the Breitenbush River down the mountains, following the course of the North Santiam River to a point east of Jefferson and then run one line northward to Salem and another southward to Albany. The pipeline from the Breitenbush to Jefferson would be owned jointly by both cities.

Mad Coyotes Invade City. Baker.—A band of coyotes afflicted with rabies charged into the village of Durkee near here. Several persons were attacked and many dogs bitten by the brutes.

Fearing that the dogs would go mad citizens armed themselves and a battle on coyotes and dogs was waged, resulting in the annihilation of every dog in the village.

Mad Animals Terrorize Cities. Wallawa.—Rabid Coyotes are running amuck among bands of sheep, rabid cattle are pawing the sands and driftwood on the banks of the Snake River and rushing madly into the deep, swift waters of that stream to end their lives, while rabid dogs, muzzled and unmuzzled, are terrorizing towns of this county.

Fortune for Entrymen. Siletz Sale Made.—Timber Deal Means \$10,000 Each for Settlers. Portland.—Some 75 persons who went down in the Siletz country a year and a half ago and took up timber claims are about to receive in the neighborhood of \$10,000 each for their holdings. A majority of the entrymen are from this city and the land is held in one piece. It comprises about 10,000 acres in Lincoln County. Estimates based on cruises place the amount of timber on the land at 700,000,000 feet, and the sale is on a basis of \$1 a thousand feet, so the amount of money involved in the deal is \$700,000.

Partiality Rates Barred. Salem.—Rate discrimination by railroads must cease in Oregon, if a bill prepared and introduced by Senator Von der Hagen passes. It is provided that there shall be no special rate, rebate, drawback and that there shall be no greater or less compensation exacted from one person than from another by means of any false classification, false weighing device or other device on any transportation company operating as a common carrier in this state.

A penalty of a fine ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 is exacted by the terms of the bill.

Logan for "Wet" Cities. Portland.—An opinion that upsets all previous legal expressions upon the application of the home rule bill to cities that voted "wet" in counties that voted "dry" at the last election, was given by John F. Logan, and places the issue so squarely before each municipality so affected that there is no longer ground for quibbling outside of the courts. In the opinion of Attorney Logan, cities that voted "wet" in counties that voted "dry" have the right to issue liquor licenses, if the city council is so disposed, without calling an election in such municipality.

War on Rabbits Begun. Merrill.—War has been started here on the jackrabbits which infest the flat regions south and east of this town around the Bohemian colony recently established. At a recent meeting of the farmers of that district a committee was appointed to purchase wire netting with which a corral will be erected and wings thrown out for several hundred yards into which rabbits will be driven and trapped for the slaughter.

BARNES MADE CHAIRMAN

Roosevelt's Enemy Promoted to Head of State Body. New York.—The Republican State Committee elected William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, the bitterest foe of Colonel Roosevelt in the recent party dissension, to the state chairmanship to succeed Ezra P. Prentice, the representative of the Roosevelt forces for whom Timothy L. Woodruff was ousted.

In accepting the chairmanship Barnes bitterly assailed Roosevelt by inference. He pleaded for recognition of the fact that the "extent of the United States is sufficient for its people," and declared "that unrest cannot be mistaken for progress."

NOTED AUTHOR SHOT

Six Bullets Fired Into Graham Phillips, and Assailant Suicides. New York.—David Graham Phillips the novelist, was shot six times as he approached the Princeton Club by Fitzhugh Coyle-Goldborough, a Harvard man, who immediately afterwards committed suicide. Phillips is in a critical condition, but, as relatives express it, "with a chance for life."

There you go," said the assailant as he opened fire, "and here I go," he echoed as he sent a bullet into his own brain. He used an automatic pistol and all six shots aimed at Phillips took effect. One penetrated the abdomen, another pierced the right lung and came out at the back, a third shattered the left wrist and a fourth drilled the right thigh. Two of them dropped from the wounded man's clothing as he was being undressed at the hospital.



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VOTE-BUYING IN JOE CANNON'S HOME CITY

Danville, Ill.—Mayor Louis Platt, whose election is under investigation by the grand jury that is trying to break up vote-buying and selling here in "Uncle" Joe Cannon's balliwick, came out heartily in favor of an "experience meeting," at which vote-buyers and vote-sellers, worked up to a fever heat by reform speeches, might get up and make a clean breast of the manner in which the ballot has been dragged through the mire of corruption in Vermillion County.

City Attorney Frank Jones, who was reported to have made a confession that he had bought votes at the last election, entered a denial, saying he had not only had not confessed but had nothing to do with vote-buying. Jones will go before the grand jury and said he expected to tell all he knew, adding that he thought he knew enough to make things mighty unpleasant for some vote-buyers and sellers in Vermillion County.

Jones said he did not believe it was possible for any candidate for any office, high or low, in Danville or Vermillion County, to be elected without the use of large sums of money.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Track prices: Club, 83c; bluestem, 86c; red Russian, 81c. Barley—Feed, \$24; brewing, \$27.50. Oats—No. 1 White, \$28.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$14. Butter—Creamery, 35c; ranch, 26c. Eggs—Ranch, candled, 32@33c. Hops—1910 crop, 18@c; 1909, 13c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12@18c lb.; Valley, 17@19c lb. Mohair—Choice, 30@31c.

Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, 85c; Club, 83@c; red Russian, 83c. Barley—\$23 per ton. Oats—\$28.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$18 per ton. Butter—Washington creamery, 38c; ranch, 28c. Eggs—Selected, local, 24c.

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From Independence to Airlie. Train No. 61 leaves Independence daily at 7:00 a. m. and Monmouth at 7:15 a. m. and arrives at Airlie at 7:50 a. m. Train No. 73 leaves Independence daily at 2:30 p. m. and Monmouth at 2:50 p. m. and arrives at Airlie at 3:25 p. m.

From Dallas for Independence. Train No. 65 leaves Dallas daily at 8:30 a. m. and Monmouth at 8:55 a. m. and arrives at Independence at 9:15 a. m. Train No. 69 leaves Dallas daily at 1:00 p. m. and Monmouth at 1:15 p. m. and arrives at Independence at 1:40 p. m. (This train connects at Monmouth for Airlie.)

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