

# WILL EXHIBIT

## Washington Is To Be Represented at 1905 Fair

### FINE BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

Efforts Will Be Made to Expend At Least \$75,000 on Exhibit of Oregon's Sister State.

Portland, Dec. 9.—The Washington state commission for the Lewis and Clark exposition will ask the Washington legislature for an appropriation of \$75,000 to carry out Washington's participation in the Portland world's fair.

This was decided upon by the commission last evening after a day spent in inquiring into the scope of the exposition and inspecting the exposition grounds.

The commission agreed that not a dollar less than \$75,000 will be sufficient to make a suitable Washington exhibit, and immediately upon their return to their state the commissioners will commence their campaign for the appropriation, which they anticipate no great difficulty in securing.

The commission, four strong, reached Portland yesterday morning for the purpose of making an official investigation. A meeting was held at exposition headquarters during the forenoon, at which H. E. Reed and D. C. Freeman, representing the exposition, explained existing conditions. Upon learning that the exhaustive drains upon exhibit space have left no great surplus for late comers, the commission at once decided that a separate state building will be required in which to house the Washington exhibits.

President Peaslee stated that the low railroad rates and other conditions tending to induce travel to the West are such that there will undoubtedly be a tremendous attendance at the fair. In consideration of this fact he felt that Washington's interests demanded a full representation of the state's resources. An adequate exhibit cannot be made without a fine state building in which to house it. This idea was afterward embodied in a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the commission.

After deciding that a separate exhibit building was a necessity, the commission adjourned to the exposition grounds for the purpose of securing a suitable site. In company with Mr. Freeman they visited every portion of the exposition, being offered their choice of any of the unclaimed building sites. A broad strip of land a short distance south and east of the Agricultural palace, fronting on Lewis and Clark boulevard, was finally decided upon.

### Vessels to Return to Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—It is reported here that the contract for the British steamship line between British Columbia and Mexico has been awarded to Andrew Weir & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. The agreement calls for first-class steamers capable of carrying 4500 tons of freight each, 50 first-class passengers and from 300 to 400 steerage passengers. The line will be subsidized, and will receive \$50,000 from the Canadian government and a like amount from the Mexican government. It is thought that the first boat will sail from Vancouver January 14, 1905.

### Sultan Changes His Mind.

London, Dec. 14.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard telegraphs as follows: Charles R. Flint, of New York, while here had an interview with the Sultan's secretary, who declined to entertain a suggestion looking to the purchase of Argentine warships. Mr. Flint left on board a Russian steamer for Smyrna. After his departure Palace Ministers sought him everywhere, and finally telegrams were sent to Smyrna offering him substantial pecuniary inducements to return on business connected with the sale of ships.

## TO RUSH LAND FRAUD CASES.

### Nation Asks Appeals of Hyde, Benson and Dimond be Heard.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Solicitor General Hoyt, on behalf of the government, today filed a motion asking the supreme court to advance for hearing the appeal taken by Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond from the decision of Judge Morrow, of San Francisco, who directed that they be brought to Washington for trial on indictments for conspiracy to defraud the government out of large tracts of public lands. In his petition the solicitor general states that the appeals were "taken for purposes of delay and to prevent the appellants from being removed to the District of Columbia for trial."

A similar motion was also filed in regard to the appeal of John A. Benson, also alleged to be a member of the San Francisco land ring, who was arrested in New York on a Washington indictment charging him with bribing officials in the general land office.

Benson is out on \$10,000 bail and trying to escape trial in Washington.

The solicitor general expects to be given a hearing today in support of his motion, and if the court advances the cases there is every prospect that the famous San Francisco land ring will be placed on trial in this city during the present winter.

## DECREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE.

### Department of Agriculture Also Reports on Condition of Crops.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The crop report issued today by the department of Agriculture says:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of Statistics of the department of Agriculture indicate that the newly seeded area of winter wheat is about 31,155,000 acres, a decrease of 1.6 per cent from the area sown in the fall of 1903, as finally estimated. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 82.9, as compared with 86.6 in 1903, 99.8 in 1902, and a 10 year average of 92.1. The acreage as compared with last year is 98.4 per cent. The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 96.7 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1903. The condition of winter rye on December 1 was 90.6, as compared with 92.7 on December 1, 1903, 98.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 96.2 the mean of December averages of the last ten years.

The percentage of acreage sown to winter rye this fall as compared with that sown last year is 86.7, the average condition December 1, 1904, was 90.5. Corresponding averages for 1903 and 1902 were 92.7 and 98.1, respectively, and the mean of the December average of the last ten years 96.2.

The final estimates of the total acreage production and farm values of the principal crops for 1904 will be issued on December 28 at 4 o'clock P. M.

### Statehood Bill Safe in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate committee on territories will take up the statehood bill presented to the house last session for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico and of Indian territory and Oklahoma as two states. Chairman Beveridge expects that the bill will be perfected in time to take it up after December 16. The fact that the bill is recommended by the steering committee to be made the unfinished business insures the passage of the bill without opposition, if the states concerned accept the plan.

### Good Roads Bill is Reported.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Latimer, from the committee on agriculture and forestry, today reported favorably on the bill known as the Latimer good roads bill. It carries an appropriation of \$24,000,000 to be available in three annual installments of \$8,000,000 each for road building in the states. Under the provisions of the bill states are to do the work and pay one-half of the cost, the national government paying the other half.

## DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

### Monday, December 5.

The short session of the 58th congress met at 12 o'clock. No business was transacted in either house excepting the usual routine work of opening day. Both houses adopted resolutions of respect to the late Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, and their adjournment was a further mark of respect.

### Tuesday, December 6.

President's message read. A number of resolutions have been introduced in the house looking to a change in the tariff laws.

The president sent a large number of appointments and nominations for promotion in the army and navy to the senate.

A bill has been introduced in the senate providing a pension of \$15 a month for the widows of Union soldiers, sailors and marines.

### Wednesday, December 7.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$28,838,709, was reported to the house today. This is \$846,498 less than the estimate and \$235,881 more than the current appropriation.

Platt, of New York, caused a stir in the senate by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states, on the ground that many of the citizens of these states are deprived of the right to vote.

Senator Hale introduced a bill to require the employment of vessels of the United States in the transportation by sea of all supplies of every description for use of the Panama canal commission or the contractors in the construction of the Panama canal.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, declares he will oppose to his utmost the proposed change in the Panama canal from a lock to a sea level canal. He says it is a scheme of the transcontinental railways to delay the construction of an isthmian waterway.

### Thursday, December 8.

The senate held only a short session and adjourned until Monday.

An attempt to secure consideration of the pure food law by Senator Heyburn was defeated.

Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man nominated for collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the committee on judiciary as to the status of recess appointments.

In the house the civil service commission was attacked because of a proposed increase of 23 employes to constitute the rural examining board.

The pay of stenographers to the house committees has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 per annum.

A proposition to increase the salary of the secretary of the civil service commission was defeated.

### Friday, December 9.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill almost as it came from the committee and adjourned until Monday.

Throughout the session today the policy of retrenchment held full sway, and all attempts to increase salaries failed.

The house passed a resolution to adjourn December 21 until January 4 for the usual Christmas holiday.

### Monday, December 12.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has taken up the Smoot case. Three witnesses were examined and several new points brought out.

Senator Stewart has introduced a bill to raise the salary of the president to \$100,000 a year, of the vice president and speaker of the house to \$20,000 each, and each senator, representative and delegate to \$10,000. It is provided

that the bill shall take effect March 4, 1909.

The house passed a bill to give the agricultural department control over forest reserves.

The senate discussed the pure food and Philippine government bills.

## WAR CRAFT TO GO ON LINER.

### Torpedo Boats for Russia Shipped from New Jersey Yard.

New York, Dec. 13.—Nine torpedo boats, built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government, have been completed, and left the yards today. They were loaded on a barge and towed to New York. They will be shipped as merchandise on a liner.

The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power. Two six-cylinder gasoline engines have been installed. Each is expected to develop a 300-horsepower, and drive the little boat at a speed of 20 knots. The crew of eight men is already aboard the boat, which is 80 feet long. Below deck it is not possible to stand erect, for there is only a five foot space. Should the passage be stormy, the crew will be almost as effectually bottled up as it is in a submarine. The only entrance to the compartments below deck is through a conning tower, from which the boat is navigated.

Each boat will carry one torpedo tube. One of the five watertight compartments into which the hull is divided will contain the spare torpedoes.

## Sensation in Panama Matters.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representative Shackleford, of Missouri, who has a resolution in the house calling for an investigation of the Panama railroad company acquired by the United States government, is determined to force through an investigation, if it can be done. Friends say he is collecting evidence to show that a member of the canal commission was a member of the railroad company. It is understood that some sensational charges will be made in demanding a reorganization of the present canal commission.

## Experts Examining Ballots.

Denver, Dec. 9.—The ballot box from precinct 6, ward 5, was opened today by order of the supreme court, in the contempt proceedings against officials of that precinct, and its contents were turned over to two handwriting experts, who were directed to examine the ballots and report their findings to the court tomorrow. The court adjourned until tomorrow without its decision on the question of rejecting the entire vote of precincts in which its injunctive order was violated. This would change the result of the election.

## Reckless Target Practice.

London, Dec. 14.—Captain Mills, of the American Line steamer Philadelphia, has ordered a protest against reckless target practice carried on off Plymouth. He says that as he approached the harbor with nearly 1000 passengers on board, their safety was endangered by a gunboat which persisted in firing even after the patrol launch apprised the gunboat of the liner's approach. Captain Mills adds that he was obliged twice to stop and go full speed astern to avoid disaster.

## Kuropatkin Reports Encounters.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—General Kuropatkin reports some unimportant encounters during the night of December 8. Russian sharpshooters reconnoitering south of Bentsiapu, attacked a Japanese post, bayoneted a number of Japanese and took 11 prisoners, of whom only four were wounded. The same night a number of Japanese attacks were made on Russian advanced intrenchments near the railroad. They were all repulsed.

## Will Prevent Running Blockade.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—According to a dispatch from Tokio to the Lokal Anzeiger, the placing of heavy cannon on 203-Meter hill will enable the Japanese to fire on and sink junks and other craft bringing supplies for Port Arthur from Chefoo.