

MITCHELL IS DEAD

Oregon's Aged Senator Passes Away Suddenly.

DEATH DUE TO HEMORRHAGE

For More Than 40 Years a Leading Figure in Both Oregon and National Politics.

Portland, Dec. 8. — United States Senator John H. Mitchell died in Good Samaritan hospital early this morning, following a furious hemorrhage of the gums which began yesterday and which the doctors were unable to check.

Excessive loss of blood resulting from the loss of four teeth yesterday morning made it necessary that Senator Mitchell be removed to Good Samaritan hospital. He sank rapidly. The flow of blood was not continuously heavy, but came at intervals. The senator grew weaker after each hemorrhage.

Finally it was decided to use transfusion, the injection of a saline solution into the veins in order to furnish more fluid for the system and to stimulate circulation. Temporary relief was obtained in that way and the patient was apparently improved in condition for a brief time.

For some time Senator Mitchell has been a sufferer from diabetic trouble, and this, together with the severe mental strain which has been upon him for months past, have weakened his vitality and rendered his system exceedingly susceptible to any tax which is put upon it. His blood, too, has become thin and impoverished, so that it does not coagulate as that of a person in normal condition. To these facts is due the persistency of the hemorrhage and the inability of the physicians to stop the loss of blood by the usual means.

John H. Mitchell was born June 22, 1835, at Butler, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was 70 years, 6 months and 6 days. For more than 45 years he has been a resident of Portland. For more than 40 years he has been a leading figure in Oregon and national politics.

Oregon has known no other political character that occupied a prominent position in state affairs so long, nor who has been identified with the state's development in such a measure. No public enterprise since the year 1860 in behalf of the state has been without his aid.

PROVIDES FOR CANAL.

House Appropriates \$11,000,000 for Immediate Use.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was voted to the Panama canal by the house yesterday. The amount was a compromise between the \$16,500,000 carried in the bill under consideration and an estimate of something over \$6,000,000 recommended by Williams.

This was the only business transacted by the house, and at 3:35 adjournment was taken until Monday.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The subject of campaign contributions by insurance companies occupied the major portion of the time of the senate yesterday. It came up in connection with Tillman's resolution calling for an investigation of national banks' aid in politics, and was exploited by the South Carolina senator in a speech of some length.

The address dealt with the president's recommendations for the punishment of bribery in elections; with Senator Platt's testimony before the New York investigating committee and various pertinent matters. It was couched in characteristic language, and attracted much attention. The resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to report whether the reports of the national bank examiners show that the banks have made campaign contributions in recent years was adopted at the close of Tillman's remarks.

At 2:18 the senate adjourned until Monday.

Try to Check Emigration.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—The Catholic Bishops of Ireland are making another attempt to stem the tide of Irish emigration. A circular signed by Cardinal Logue and Bishop Sheehan, of the diocese of Waterford, has been ordered read in the churches throughout Ireland, warning the younger generation of the evils of emigration, appealing to the people not to be lured by the enticements held forth in letters from the United States and especially dangers that beset the path of girls emigrating to that country.

Estimates for 1907, \$622,723,151.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The annual book of estimates of appropriations required for the government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, was transmitted to congress yesterday by the secretary of the treasury. The total for all departments, including deficiencies, miscellaneous and permanent annual appropriations, for the current fiscal year were \$629,739,097, and the estimates were placed at \$691,669,852.

Turkish Trouble is Ended.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The foreign office here considers that the controversy between the powers is practically closed, and that only details remain to be settled previous to securing a satisfactory adjustment. The international fleet is remaining inactive pending the conclusions of these details.

SENATE IS PUZZLED.

Knows Not How to Act on Death of Senator Mitchell.

Washington, Dec. 9.—It is yet to be determined whether the senate will pay the same tribute to the memory of Senator Mitchell that has been paid to every other senator who died in office. Mitchell's death raises a very perplexing problem, which the senate itself must solve, for he died under circumstances never before recorded in the history of the senate. There is no precedent to follow, and whatever action is taken must form a precedent which will stand for all time.

It has been the custom, when any senator died in office, for the vice president to appoint a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of the senate, it has been customary for the senate, at its first meeting following the death, to immediately adjourn out of respect, and it has been customary for the senate, at some subsequent date, to hold eulogies, giving other senators an opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of their deceased colleague.

It is a fact that there has been most profound sympathy on the part of his colleagues, and frequent expressions of regret have been heard since his unfortunate overtook him. But some senators who sympathized with him deeply are among those who question whether the senate, under the circumstances, should strictly adhere to custom and pay the same respect to his memory as to others who died in good standing in the senate and before the country. For all his misfortunes, Mitchell had many friends in the senate, men who deeply mourn his loss.

HALF AN APOLOGY.

Taft Discusses Quarrel With Ex-Chief Engineer Wallace.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary of War Taft in his annual report presented to President Roosevelt today makes a tentative apology to ex-Chief Engineer Wallace for any injustice he might have done him in the indignant remarks he made at the time Mr. Wallace resigned from the Canal commission, having received an offer of more than double the salary the government was paying him to come back to this country. Mr. Wallace had been only six days at Panama when he resigned, as Secretary Taft says, greatly embarrassing the commission in forcing it to find another man to take his place. The secretary of war spoke hotly at the time, accusing Mr. Wallace of being "so subject to pecuniary motives that I did not think his continuing his relations with the commission would be of any service to us."

Since that time, it seems, Mr. Wallace has further explained his motives for resigning in such an untimely manner, but obviously in no satisfactory way to Mr. Taft, however.

ESTIMATES TOTAL \$804,296,415.

All Departments Except War Want More Money for 1907.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A statement was issued by the appropriations committee of the senate and house today summarizing the estimates for appropriations to be made at the present session of congress for the fiscal year 1907. The total for all purposes aggregates \$804,296,415.

These estimates are greater than the appropriations for the current year by \$19,170,155. The War department asks \$563,463 less than was appropriated last year, and the river and harbor item, which last year amounted to \$75,181,875, is omitted entirely. With these exceptions, every department of the government has asked for more money than the current appropriation. The two largest increases are asked by the navy, \$21,229,038, and the Post-office department, \$12,187,976.

All Cody's Horses Killed.

Marseilles, France, Dec. 9.—All the horses belonging to the Wild West show of Colonel W. F. Cody were killed here today. Although the government veterinarians had certified that glanders had been entirely eradicated from the band, Colonel Cody and his partner, James A. Bailey, decided on this radical measure in order to allay the fears of the farmers regarding the spread of the disease. The saddles, bridles and other articles of equipment, as well as the clothing of the stablemen, were burned.

Uncle Sam's Big Library.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The annual report of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, for the fiscal year 1905 shows that the library now contains 1,344,618 books, 28,744 maps and charts (pieces), 183,724 prints (artistic), and 410,352 pieces of music. The law library contains 110,978 volumes. These statistics of the copyright office show that 113,374 entries were made for copyright; 207,424 articles (books) were deposited and \$78,058 were received in fees.

Driven Into Bankruptcy.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 8.—Many of the smaller factories are going into bankruptcy because of their inability to meet the additional expenditures occasioned by the increase of wages which the strikers forced the owners to grant. Eight hundred men employed at the government's central alcohol store have struck for additional pay.

Approves Anti-Pass Order.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, today declared himself in favor of the action of the Pennsylvania and other railroads, which have served notice that after January they will issue no more passes.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

JACKSON TO FRONT.

Stands as Second County in Oregon in Assessed Wealth.

Salem — Jackson county has sprung to second place among the counties of Oregon in taxable wealth. Marion county, which has for many years occupied second place, has dropped to fifth place, and perhaps lower. Not all the assessment returns have been received yet, but it is already apparent that at least three counties have stepped above Marion in assessed valuation.

Multnomah county, of course, is still first, her assessment for 1906 not yet being definitely known. Jackson will come second with a valuation of over \$12,000,000. Washington probably third with \$10,660,000, Umatilla probably fourth with \$10,165,000, and Marion probably fifth with \$9,824,000. There are a number of wealthy counties yet to report, among them being Lane, Linn and Clackamas, any of which may surpass Marion and put that county still further down the list.

Jackson county's assessment this year shows an increase of about 200 per cent for last year the assessment was only \$4,650,000.

NO DELAY ON KLAMATH.

Bids Will Soon Be Called for on Two More Sections of Ditch.

Klamath Falls—Unofficial announcement comes from the officials of the Reclamation service here that the government is not going to cause any delay in completing the great irrigation project for Klamath basin.

A few weeks ago it thought, and, in fact, announced unofficially, that the government was not going to rush work on any of the Klamath projects very rapidly, save the first section, for which the bids for construction are to be opened in San Francisco December 29. This was said to be the wish of the officials, because it would not throw a large proportion of the surplus lands on the market at one time and thereby cause any glut in the land market, and would give private owners a better opportunity to realize the worth of their lands. Now the announcement that bids will be called for immediately after the opening of the bids for the first section for two more sections of ditch is evidence that Uncle Sam expects to lose no time in completing this great irrigation project. Just as soon as the other bids are opened bids will be called for these two second sections, and work will be commenced on them early in the spring.

Chautauqua Wants LaFollette.

Oregon City—Secretary Harvey E. Cross, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association, has gone to San Francisco where he will attend the annual meeting of delegates representing the various Pacific coast assemblies, when plans will be arranged for the co-operation of these associations in the holding of this year's Chautauqua assemblies. While the probable talent that will be engaged for this year's meetings has not been determined, it is understood that the effort to procure the services of Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, will be renewed this year. An unsuccessful attempt was made last year to engage this national celebrity.

Big Timber Tract Sold.

Medford—A deal has been consummated whereby C. C. Beckman, of Jacksonville, sold a timber tract of 1,640 acres on Butte creek, in Jackson county, to J. C. Dudley, of Michigan, the consideration being \$25,000. This tract is on the proposed Medford & Crater Lake railroad, which is now completed to Eagle Point, about 20 miles from the timber in question. There are other persons here now negotiating for the vast timber tracts that will be opened up by the Crater Lake railroad.

Wallowa Bridged.

Elgin — Word has been received in this city that the temporary bridge across the Wallowa has been completed. In the near future the new steel structure will be under headway, to unite permanently Union and Wallowa counties. This will be built about 700 or 800 feet above the old site, as the O. R. & N. Co. gave \$1,500 for this change. The company's surveyed right of way interferes at the old site. The old bridge collapsed while cattle were being driven across last summer.

War on San Jose Scale.

Salem—Fruit Inspector Armstrong has inaugurated a vigorous war on the San Jose scale, which threatens the destruction of most of the fruit and shade trees in this county. The mountain ash, of which there are many here set out as shade trees in this city, seems to be the most affected. Many residents have promptly cut down and destroyed the trees upon receiving notice from the inspector. Those who fail to heed the warning given will be prosecuted.

Ontario Values Advancing.

Ontario — David Wilson denies the truth of the report that he has sold his townsite property to J. P. Howard, of Sumpter, and he says further that he has no intention of disposing of the property at present. Howard had an option on the holdings, by which he was to pay \$30,000 for the property but the option has expired. Mr. Wilson's agents report that within the last month he has sold lots in the townsite to the value of \$18,000, and has contracts for \$16,000 in addition.

GRAZING PERMITS ISSUED.

Chief Ranger O'Brien Has a Difficult Task in Making Allotments.

Elgin—To issue 250 grazing permits to stockmen and sheepmen, whose combined herds number 280,000 sheep and 15,000 head of cattle, was the task that confronted Chief Ranger Howard O'Brien at Wallowa recently. The irreconcilable differences between these two opposing interests from time immemorial, made it a difficult task. The permits are for the Wallowa and Cheshinsum reserves. The grazing privilege accorded is good for the season, which lasts from three to six months, depending upon the climate. For this privilege the government collects from 5 to 8 cents on each sheep and from 20 to 35 cents on each head of cattle, more than \$20,000 in all.

A vast amount of work is involved in selecting these grazing lands. Not only must the chief ranger know which lands are suitable for sheep and which will best meet the wants of the cattlemen, but he must know the amount of land each owner will require. Boundaries must be marked, and various other details make the task anything but an easy one.

Booth-Kelly Sells Land.

Elgin—It has been reported here that a big land deal has been made whereby the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will part with the Oregon Central military wagon road grant, which comprises in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 acres and extends from the Willamette valley to the eastern borders of the state. The local officers of the company do not deny that such a sale is being negotiated, but say that no sale has been made. The names of the prospective purchasers are not given out, but it is known that they are heavy capitalists in New York.

Violate Factory Laws.

Salem—Labor Commissioner Hoff has returned from a five weeks' tour of inspection of the mills and factories in Jackson, Coos, Josephine and parts of Lane and Douglas counties. During his absence he visited 146 mills and factories and in most of them he found exposed shafts and parts of machines which are a menace to life and limb as long as they are neglected. The owners were notified in each instance to make improvements, which if made, will lessen the chance of serious accidents happening.

Polk Land is Active.

Independence—A. M. Bosley, of Missouri, has brought 145 acres of farm land west of Monmouth for \$3,000, and will make his home at that place. The Hill estate has sold 12 acres of land just west of town to M. Mix at \$110 per acre. R. J. Taylor has purchased the J. B. Johnson property in West Independence. W. H. Warner, of this place, has purchased property at St. Johns, Ore., and moved his family there.

Two Railroads for Wallowa.

Enterprise—While the Wallowa Valley people are rejoicing over the assurance of the extension of the O. R. & N. to Enterprise there comes the possibility of the county getting another railroad in the north end. Rogers Bros., of Astoria, are surveying a route of the Grand Ronde, with the intention of building an electric road from their townsite on the Snake. This will take a very fertile farming country.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c per bushel; blue-stem, 72c; valley, 73c; red, 66c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$26.50; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$22@22.50; rolled, \$23@23.50.

Rye—\$1.50 per cental.

Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$5.50@9.50; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; buckberries, 7c per pound; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; quinces, \$1 per box.

Vegetables — Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1.1/4c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@2.25 per crate; celery, 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; pumpkins, 1/2@1c per pound; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate; sprouts, 7c per pound; squash, 1/2@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions — Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes — Finny graded Burbanks, 85@75c per sack; ordinary, 65@60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; crates, \$2.15.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 35c per dozen.

Poultry — Average old hens, 11c per pound; young roosters, 10c; springs, 11@13c; dressed chickens, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@21c; geese, live, 9c; ducks, 14@15c.

Hops — Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11 1/2c per pound; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef — Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@7 1/2c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 7@7 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7 1/2@8c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

MESSAGE IN CONGRESS.

Both Houses Hear Annual Discussion of Nation's Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt's message to congress received the attention of the house for two and a half hours yesterday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion the document was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama canal and this matter will be the business for today. Should unanimous consent be refused for its consideration, a special rule for the committee on rules will be available which will put the bill on its passage after a limited period for discussion.

The house received an ordered referred to one of the regular election committees a protest from the Fifth congressional district of Illinois stating that Anthony Michalek, who was sworn in as a member of the house from that district, is not a citizen of the United States. The protest was presented by Mr. Rainey, of that state, who asked for consideration of the matter by a special committee. This point was the only one contested, it being suggested by Mr. Mann that it was a matter for the proper committee to consider and his amendment to this effect was adopted on a yeas and nays vote.

Upon motion of Mr. Goddole, of New York, a resolution was read expressing the sympathy of the American people for the distressed Russian Jews. The resolution was ordered printed in the record and referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

When the house met at noon there was a full attendance of members present, and the galleries were comfortably filled in anticipation of the reading of the message of President Roosevelt.

Representative Humphreys (Dem., Miss.) and Kitcher (Dem., N. C.) presented themselves and took the oath of office.

McCleary (Rep., Minn.) reported as chairman of the joint committee that President Roosevelt had been notified of the convening of congress.

Pending the receipt of the president's message, the house, after the reading of the journal, took a ten-minute recess.

The reading of the message was begun at 12:25, it having been delivered at that time by Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president. Printed copies were at once distributed to members, and the reading was followed with attentive interest.

Mr. Hepburn (Pa.) was recognized to ask unanimous consent for the introduction of the bill making an appropriation of \$16,500,000 for work on the Panama canal. Upon the statement of Mr. Williams (Miss.) that he would object, but might not today, it was agreed that the report should be made today.

On the announcement of the death of John M. Pinckney, late a member of the house from Texas, by Stephens of that state, the house agreed to resolutions to his memory and adjourned at 4 o'clock as a further mark of respect.

Senators Hear Message

Washington, Dec. 6.—The senate was in session for almost three hours yesterday, and gave practically all of its time to listening to the reading of the president's annual message. There was a large attendance of senators, and the galleries were well filled, most of the time with representatives of the general public. The document received close attention from both classes, many senators following the reading throughout with printed copies in their hands.

The document was delivered by Secretary Barnes, and followed upon an announcement by Allison (Rep., Ia.) chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the president and notify him that congress was organized and prepared to transact business.

In making the announcement of the committee's call at the white house, Allison said that the president had asked him to extend his greetings to members of congress individually and collectively.

The reading of the message was preceded by the swearing in of Brandegee (Rep., Conn.) and the retirement of Proctor (Rep., W. Va.) from the committee on military affairs.

For Relief of Land-Grant Retirees.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The president today transmitted to congress the draft of a bill prepared by the Interior department for the relief of certain entrymen and settlers within the limits of the Northern Pacific land grant. It extends the provisions of the existing law to include bona fide settlements or entries made between January 1, 1898, and May 31, 1905, to correct an error of the land office respecting the withdrawal of the general route of the Northern Pacific railroad between Wallula, Wash., and Portland, Or.

Slaughter of Jews.

Odessa, via Eytikhnen, Dec. 6.—The boogymen are murdering Jewish families by the wholesale and destroying their property. Jewish children are tortured in the presence of their parents and then killed. The parents are also massacred. Hundreds of corpses are lying in the streets. Even the nuns who have been offering help to the wounded have been killed. It is stated that many of the Russian nobility have escaped to Germany.

Scents Forest Reserve Scandal.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A resolution offered in the house by Representative Stephens, of Texas, requires the secretary of the interior to furnish full information concerning the San Francisco mountain forest reserve in Arizona. The resolution seeks especially to find who asked for the establishment of the reserve, and how many acres of scrip were located by J. J. Hagerman.

WORK OF CONGRESS

House Takes Up Emergency Appropriation for Canal.

SENATE RECEIVES MANY BILLS

Foraker Introduces Rate Measure to His Liking — Hayburn Would Annex Santo Domingo.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With an opportunity for unlimited debate on the subject of the Panama canal, the house exhausted its oratory on that subject in a session of four and three-quarters hours yesterday. The bill appropriating \$16,500,000 for canal work, which was the subject of discussion, will be read for amendment and placed on its final passage today. The feature of the debate was the criticism indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats regarding the incompleteness of the statement of expenditures and estimates furnished by the canal commission.

Townsend has redrafted his rate bill and introduced it in its new form.

Representative Humphrey introduced a bill to permit appeals from the Alaska courts to be heard in Seattle instead of San Francisco.

Senate Receives Many Bills.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate began business in earnest yesterday. The session was of only little more than two hours' duration, but in that time several hundred bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to committees. There were resolutions dealing with the question of national regulation of insurance companies, the incorporation of interstate railroad companies and the contribution of funds to political parties by national banks.

Foraker presented his railroad rate regulation bill, calling for his merchant marine subsidy bill, Lodge a bill providing for a maximum and minimum tariff schedule in the interest of reciprocity, and Colburn a bill making it a penal offense to use the money of an insurance company in politics.

Senator Heyburn introduced a resolution providing for the annexation of Santo Domingo and Hayti to the United States.

Senator Fulton presented bills for a United States District court in China, and prohibiting aliens from fishing in Alaskan waters.

A bill by Ankeny provides for a public building at Walla Walla to cost \$350,000.

Heyburn has asked, through a bill, for 96,000 acres of land to aid in construction of a new Idaho capitol building. Idaho's grant was only 32,000 acres, while neighboring states received grants ranging from 80,000 to 100,000 acres for their capitol.

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT.

Washington Members Ask Fair Share of Irrigation Fund

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Washington delegation called on the president today to interest him in Washington irrigation projects. They explained the situation fully, showing that Washington, after contributing \$3,000,000 to the reclamation fund, had received no benefit as yet, and had a mere promise of the expenditure of \$500,000 for construction of the Okanogan project.

They said Washington should not be restricted to the benefit of 51 per cent of the amount contributed to the reclamation fund, inasmuch as the Reclamation service has recommended the adoption of the Tietan and Sunnyside projects.

The president said he had a very kindly feeling for Washington, and was much interested in some things he was told. He promised to go over the matter with the director of the geological survey tomorrow, and the delegation is hopeful that as a result of that conference the president will direct the approval of these two projects.

The delegation wants \$1,000,000 for the Tietan, and at least \$750,000 to start the Sunnyside project.

Mitchell Resigns Chairmanship.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Vice President Fairbanks today received from Senator Mitchell a telegram announcing his resignation of the chairmanship of the committee on interoceanic canals. It was the only course for Senator Mitchell to pursue under the circumstances, for, had he not voluntarily relinquished this office, it would have been taken from him. Because of the immense amount of work to be done by this committee this winter, it was out of the question for Mitchell to retain the chairmanship when he could not serve.

Sure Statehood Bill Will Pass.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A canvass of the senate to ascertain the sentiment regarding a statehood bill, indicates, says Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, that a bill will be passed this session with a good majority. He thinks the measure will be the same form as reported last session, which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as a state and New Mexico and Arizona as a state.

Proposed New Judicial District.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Clark, of Montana, introduced a bill to create the Tenth judicial district, to include Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Indian Territory and Arizona.