

BRIEF REPORT OF THE DAILY WORK OF NATION'S LAWMAKERS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Victory is in the air and California's poll of the house gives record proof.

The margin is small, however, and contingencies remain that would seem to make it the better part of wisdom to withhold the shouting until after the roll call tomorrow.

Representative Broussard, of Louisiana, and M. H. DeYoung met at the hearing before the senate committee this morning.

"We are absolutely confident that we will have a majority in the house," said the New Orleans man.

"We already have it," was the Californian's answer. "Your looks belie your feelings, then," added Mr. De Young.

"I am not feeling very good today," admitted the representative.

The Southerners freely declare that the fight is close. The Westerners accede to this. Tonight both sides say they may be no more than 20 votes to the good.

The house of representatives passed the tariff commission bill at 10:30 tonight by a vote of 185 to 93, a large number of Democrats, including Champ Clark, voting for it.

The first test vote was taken at 7:40 P. M., when a motion to strike out the enacting clause was rejected by 116 to 96. The final vote was delayed by Democratic efforts to amend the bill, but all amendments were voted down.

Doubt as to whether President Taft would veto a general pension bill complicated the situation in the senate committee on pensions when this proposed legislation was considered.

There are two measures before the committee, the Sulloway bill, which passed the house and which would add about \$45,000,000 annually to the pension rolls, and the McCumber bill, which would add about \$15,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 28.—To carry into effect the terms of the reciprocity agreement, concluded by representatives of Canada and the United States last Thursday, the first move was made today when McCall of Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee of the house, presented the administration bill on the subject. The bill was referred to the committee on ways and means, which will take it up next week.

The introduction of the bill by the Massachusetts member instead of by Payne of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, occasioned some comment. It is interpreted to indicate that McCall will take a leading part in engineering its progress on the floor of the house.

A resolution was introduced today by Mr. Wilson of Pennsylvania, calling on the secretary of state, if not incompatible with the public interests, to furnish the house of representatives with complete information as soon as possible regarding the number of citizens of Mexico, or other persons, who have been arrested and detained by the United States government during the last year on demand of the Mexican government for their extradition. The resolution calls for many details, including final disposition of all such cases.

Senator Flint gave positive assurance today that, if San Francisco wins in the house, no serious difficulty will be encountered in the senate over the adoption of the exposition resolution in the senate.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Cole today introduced a bill providing that where development of power is necessary for irrigation of lands under the national reclamation act, the secretary of the interior may lease for not exceeding ten years any surplus power, giving preference to municipalities.

The senate today passed the Nelson bill authorizing sale to the highest bidder of burned timber on unreserved public land that was damaged or killed by the forest fires of last summer.

The bill provides that burned timber on land filed upon or entered may be sold in like manner and the proceeds paid to settlers upon preemption of title. Where settlers fail to perfect title, the money is to go into the reclamation fund, as will receipts from sales on unreserved public lands.

Senator Jones today introduced a bill extending the provisions of the eight-hour law to clerks in first and second class postoffices.

More than \$5,000,000 was added to the aggregate appropriation bill by the senate committee which today completed its amendment of the measure as it passed the house. The house bill carried \$29,262,938, and to this was added \$1,795,461 in cash appropriations and \$3,389,282 in continuing contracts. Among the items of increases are:

Lower Columbia river, Ore., \$200,000 cash and \$320,000 continuing contract.

Willapa river and harbor, Wash., \$50,000 cash and \$118,112 continuing contract.

Bellingham bay, Wash., \$25,000 cash and \$52,250 continuing contract.

Olympia harbor, Wash., \$43,000 cash.

Washington, Jan. 26.—At the instigation of Hitchcock of Nebraska and criticized the "unexplained" delay, which Speaker Cannon resented implied criticism of himself, the house today adopted almost unanimously a resolution by Hitchcock of Nebraska ordering an investigation by the committee on rule of the 49 days' delay in getting the reports of the Hallinger-Pinchot investigating committee printed and into the hands of members of the house. The resolution requests a report within one week.

A former resolution by Hitchcock stated that three reports were received from the committee on investigation December 7 last and sharply criticized the "unexplained" delay, doubt and mystery in referring said report to the committee on agriculture. The resolution set forth that the reference was not made until December 19. The committee did not receive the printed reports until yesterday.

This amendment, which was drafted by the committee, authorized the construction of two dredges, as was recommended in the recent report of the army engineers, to cost not exceeding \$520,000. The bill will carry \$200,000 cash, an authority is given to expend an additional \$320,000, sufficient to complete both dredges. In addition to these amounts, the \$150,000 which was provided in the original house bill for continuing operations between Portland and the sea under the old project is retained, making a total for the Willamette and Columbia below Portland of \$670,000.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house committee on public lands today favorably reported the Hawley bill for the relief of the settlers on the Siletz Indian lands.

The senate today adopted the Chamberlain amendments to the Indian bill appropriating \$50,000 for irrigation in the Klamath Indian reservation under the Modoc Point Project, and \$15,000 additional for a wing for the Chemawa Indian school buildings. The house committee on territories decided to lay on the table for this session of congress the Wickersham bill to change Alaskan fishing laws and regulations.

The house committee on public lands favorably reported the Mondell bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to sell fire-killed or damaged timber from the forest reserves.

Carl Spohn and M. G. Munly of Portland have induced the house committee to defer action on the Alaska fisheries regulations until next year. This postponement was desired by Portland owners of Alaska plants. Spohn left for home today.

Chairman Frye, of the commerce committee, introduced a bill today to take such appointments as that of Collector Malcolm out of senatorial influence. It provides that when the President considers the positions of Collector of Customs the advice and consent of the senate should not be necessary for appointment or removal.

Charges that President Taft is using his influence unofficially against the retention of William Lorimer as United States senator from Illinois were vigorously scouted today by Senator Paynter of Kentucky.

Washington. — The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying about \$257,000,000, with no negative vote.

The postoffice committee of the house, the Postmaster-General and "others higher up," including by inference the President of the United States, came in for a scoring at the hands of members of the house in the consideration of the bill. The debate reached its height when Sisson of Mississippi said with vigor:

"The mail service all over the United States is in a h—l of a fix—to use a strong expression—and this house should fix the responsibility where it belongs. Some say it is the committee, some say it is the department, and some say it is the President. The department has declined to spend the money appropriated for additional rural free delivery routes, and is going to turn back a surplus of \$1,700,000 from this service."

As soon as the rural free delivery paragraph in the bill was reached, several members were on their feet offering amendments to increase the pay of the rural carriers from \$900 a year all the way to \$1200. Chairman Weeks, of the postoffice committee, attempted to limit the debate, but the house would not hear of it.

Chairman Weeks said unquestionably some of the rural carriers on the harder routes were underpaid. Others, he thought, were receiving all they deserved.

"However," added Weeks, "the committee is now willing to have the salaries of the rural carriers increased \$100 a year."

The house then passed an amendment providing that after July 1, 1911, the carriers should receive a salary not exceeding \$1000 a year.

An attempt to substitute official postage stamps for the franks now used by members of Congress and Government departments was defeated.

COAST APPLE MEN COMBINE

Growers of Northwest Meet at Portland—Committees Named.

Portland.—Representing an aggregate capital of \$50,000,000, invested in apple orchards and an output of 10,000 cars yearly, having a value of from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000, more than 100 apple growers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho gathered in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium for the purpose of forming a National selling agency of sufficient breadth and width to control and dispose of the apples produced in the three states mentioned.

A committee of 15 was appointed at the close of the day's work to prepare a working plan for the consideration of the convention tomorrow morning.

Leading apple culturists from the three states took part in the proceedings. Ex-Governor Miles C. Moore, of Washington; Judge Fremont Wood, of Boise, Idaho; Miles Cannon, of Weiser, Idaho; E. C. Benson, of Prosser, Wash., ex-president of the Washington State Horticulture Society; C. E. Whisler, of Medford, representing the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association; H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, Or., president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society; J. N. Stone, of Milton, Or.; H. C. Richards, of North Yakima, Wash.; A. P. Bateman, of Mosier, Or., and C. H. Sprout, of Hood River, Or., were among the more active spirits of the enterprise.

The only opposition to the plan proposed came from the pessimistic tone that prevailed through the talk of E. H. Shepherd, editor of Better Fruit, published at Hood River. Although the discussion lasted throughout the day and the speakers were numerous, Mr. Shepherd could not see the light as advanced by the more hopeful in the plan of creating a central distributive agency for the output. He maintained that there was no way for an organization—at least he had heard of no plan—which would equalize the values between the apples produced in the various districts. He was certain that there was no chance for over-production. That he regarded as a bug-a-boo created by the railroads and the press.

"All Government statistics," said the speaker, "that I have been able to get hold of, all the information that I have gathered and all of the interviews with old-time nursery men go to show that over-production is impossible, in apples at least. There is no such thing as over-production in this country in any food product. There may be faults of distribution for a continuous number of years—that has never occurred and cannot occur in any known food product."

Regardless of Mr. Shepherd's views, the apple growers continued in their deliberations and appointed the following committee to draft a plan: H. W. Otis, of Wenatchee, Wash.; H. C. Sprout, of Hood River; H. C. Lamb, of Milton, Or.; John Forbis, of Portland; C. F. Whisler, of Medford, Or.; A. P. Bateman, of Mosier, Or.; Miles Cannon, of Weiser, Idaho; C. L. Smith, of Lewiston, Idaho; Will F. Ritz, of Walla Walla, Wash.; W. M. Nelson, of North Yakima, Wash.; George C. Eaton, of Granger, Wash.; C. H. Clark, of Wenatchee, and G. H. Sprague, of Cashmere, Wash.

The convention was called to order by President Atwell, of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, Frank W. Power, of Portland, was made secretary. A committee on credentials was selected and they made a report in the afternoon. The call of the convention specified that the object of the meeting was to form a co-operative selling agency and to provide some means for apple box legislation. Suggestions were tendered as to the best plan of procedure and discussion disclosed the fact that the appointment of a committee should be made to work out a plan.

C. E. Whisler took the lead in the debate and contended that the difficulties of the undertaking were, first, the method of establishing grades and, second, what should be done with regard to the division of the receipts of the selling agency. Should there be a "jack-pot" created, as the speaker called it, in which all should be given an equal share of the proceeds, or should values be placed upon the apples of each district and division of the receipts be placed on this basis? In this debate George Aggers, of White Salmon; A. F. Heilwell, of White Salmon; J. G. Tate, of Hood River; C. B. Clark, of Wenatchee; J. N. Stone, of Milton; W. K. Newell, of Gaston; C. L. Dick, of Salem, and others took part.

Jap Socialists Hang.

Tokio.—Disregarding a stream of protests from all over the world, the Japanese government wiped out by means of the gallows the lives of Denjiro Kotoku, his mistress, Suga Kanno, and 19 other Japanese Socialists convicted in secret sessions of the court, of having conspired against the life of the mikado. The hanging of the 12 victims of the government's fear of Socialism began at 9 o'clock in the morning in the central prison and the trap was not sprung for the last one until 1 p. m.

Gaynor's Foe in Prison.

New York.—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor and Street Commissioner Edwards on a steamship on a dock at Hoboken last August, was taken to the New Jersey State Prison to serve 12 years at hard labor.

DAILY DOINGS OF OREGON STATE LAWMAKERS AT SALEM

Salem, Jan. 30.—Superintendent Steiner, of the Oregon Insane Asylum and State Treasurer Kay came to the bat for their innings in the asylum controversy tonight when they appeared before the ways and means committee.

Superintendent Steiner entered into a general refutation of the charges made against him on the senate floor and in the report of the legislative committee and left \$1500 with the ways and means committee to be given to the Young Men's Christian Association if a penny's waste in his management of the asylum is proved.

Even in far-off Norway interest is being taken in the spiritual welfare of the Oregon legislature.

This afternoon members of the senate all received a consignment of appropriate scriptural quotations, the communication being anonymous, but the postmark was dated at Stordale, Norway.

What proved to be the most decided contest of the morning in the senate developed over Bowerman's bill to create the office of Assistant Secretary of State and empower that official with all of the duties, privileges and powers of the Secretary in the absence of his superior.

Frequent clashes between Senators Kellaher and Malarkey, intimations that the members of the Oregon Railroad Commission were taking unusual interest in the subject and charges that if the bill were enacted it would prove unconstitutional marked the initial public hearing before the senate railroad committee tonight when Senator Malarkey's bill providing for a State Public Service Commission was considered. The committee will hold further hearings before reporting the measure to the senate.

Salem, Jan. 28.—Conspiracy on the part of a number of members of the house of representatives to prevent a session today was followed this morning by issuance of warrants for the arrest by the sergeant-at-arms and an assistant, of seven missing Multnomah county representatives and any others he might find in Portland.

The action taken this morning was approved by the 37 members who gathered in the assembly hall and who found that they lacked three of a quorum. It is the first time since the famous "hold-up" session of 1897 that such a course has been followed.

Good roads won a third victory in the senate yesterday when the bill providing the method for bond issues by counties making effective an amendment to the constitution adopted by the people last November, was passed by a vote of 20 to 8.

Only one other good roads measure is left pending in the senate. This is the bill which provides for working city and county prisoners on the roads, senate bill 72, which was found to be improperly printed and had to be sent back to the printer.

Senator Joseph's naval militia bill, which continues the organization already formed and retains the present officers in command, went through the senate yesterday with 21 affirmative votes and seven in the negative. Although Barrett of Washington made a hard fight for his bill reducing the license for country peddlers, the senate yesterday turned down the bill by 16 to 11. The bill would have cut the license for peddlers on foot from \$25 to \$10, one horse and wagon from \$100 to \$25 and made the rate for two horses or auto \$50, instead of \$150 for two horses and wagons and \$300 for automobiles.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27.—With only ten dissenting votes, the house today passed Buchanan's bill abolishing the whipping post. By the provisions of the bill, wife-beating is made punishable in the same manner as other aggravated cases of assault and battery. The debate on the bill, which was defeated in the legislature two years ago, was brief. Buchanan argued that the law was a blur on the statute books of the state, while its enforcement did not deter any man from beating his wife.

Recommendations that the house joint memorial to congress asking for \$250,000 for the Roseburg federal building and a memorial asking for the passage of Hawley's bill in congress for the support of the Indian war veterans, received favorable consideration in the senate today.

A move for a joint committee between Oregon and California to pass on game laws and a resolution for a statement of increasing and continuing appropriations were given unfavorable consideration by the committee.

The house today defeated Bigelow's bill authorizing the governor by special proclamation to create bird and game refuges on state or private lands. This measure was objected to from fear that the game warden, in recommending the creation of these refuges, might trespass too much on the privileges now enjoyed by sportsmen.

Civil war veterans will continue to pay the required peddler's license, the house today killing by indefinite postponement Representative Jones' bill exempting old soldiers from the operation of this statute.

Salem, Or., Jan. 26.—Place all convicts on the roads when not needed for other purposes at the State Penitentiary and create a State Highway Commission. These are the moves carried in two bills that passed the senate this afternoon after a prolonged fight.

Something of the conflict was pre-arranged when McCulloch of Baker, objected to creation of a State Highway Commission, as Joseph's Senate Bill No. 42 came up for consideration. This bill was passed upon favorably by the senate, Tuesday, while sitting as a committee of the whole to hear the pleas of men representing 300 leading Portland citizens. Then only eight votes were recorded against it. Passage of the measure was thought to be comparatively easy today until unexpected opposition appeared.

McCulloch declared that from the sagebrush country in Eastern Oregon there had come down the line the word that they do not want the Highway Commission, and that he would be compelled to vote against it.

Rigid and thorough investigation of the affairs and management of the Oregon State Insane Asylum was ordered by both the senate and the house in resolutions adopted today.

The senate adopted a resolution providing for a committee of five members, three from the house and two from the senate, while the house provided for a special committee of five of its own members to conduct the inquiry.

Both resolutions instruct the investigating committee to make a report of their findings to the legislature prior to adjournment.

Unless the two houses get together and decided on a joint committee it is possible an investigation may be conducted by two separate committees.

Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—Sale of the state pilot schooner San Jose was authorized by the house yesterday afternoon. The bill presented by Leinenweber of Clatsop, was unanimously passed after the author had explained that the ship was a dead weight upon the hands of the pilot commission.

Clatsop county now awaits only the signature of the governor to sanction the proposed two and a half mill tax to raise funds for the Astoria centennial celebration. Senate bill No. 61, authorizing the tax, was approved by the house, following brief explanations by Representatives Leinenweber and Belland of Clatsop.

The proposal to construct a bridge across the Columbia river at Portland to connect Oregon and Washington, which was killed at the last session, has been revived. Bigelow of Multnomah presented a resolution in the house, appropriating \$5000 for an investigation by the state engineer to learn whether or not the project is feasible. The bridge would form a connecting link for the proposed Pacific highway between the two states.

Peterson of Umatilla withdrew house bill No. 49, permitting any person to serve summons in a legal action. Members of the revision of laws committee refused to approve it on the grounds that it might be used as a medium of fraud by unscrupulous persons.

Bigelow of Multnomah presented a resolution asking the five Multnomah county circuit judges to appear before the committee on judiciary and discuss the bill to increase the bench to seven.

Abrams of Marion would have the government set aside 30,000 acres in the Klamath Indian reservation and Crater Lake national forest for permanent use as grounds for maneuvers of the United States troops and militia.

Salem, Or., Jan. 24.—Although both houses of the legislature worked industriously this morning, little was accomplished beyond the passage of a few bills of little general importance. The good roads enthusiasts will have their innings in the senate this afternoon, the bills on that subject being made a special order.

A new resolution calling for an investigation of affairs at the state insane asylum was introduced by Dimick in the senate and went to committee. It directs particular inquiry as to the number of employees and the necessity for their employment and gives power to compel attendance of witnesses for taking of testimony on all phases of the situation.

Verbal clashes of rival interests came last night in committee meetings over the sailors' boarding house bill, the eight-hour bill and the naval militia bill. The latter will come from the senate committee with a provision retaining present officers of the reserve in office.

The senate passed one bill and killed another this morning, but the session was featureless. Committees are slow in reporting out their bills. The house passed four bills.

The legislature was stormed today by 300 Oregon advocates of the Good Roads movement. Two-hundred came from Portland urging that Multnomah county, by the terms of the five highways bills framed by the Oregon Good Roads association, is presenting the state with road making funds for the direct benefit of every other county but with indirect benefit, only to business interests.