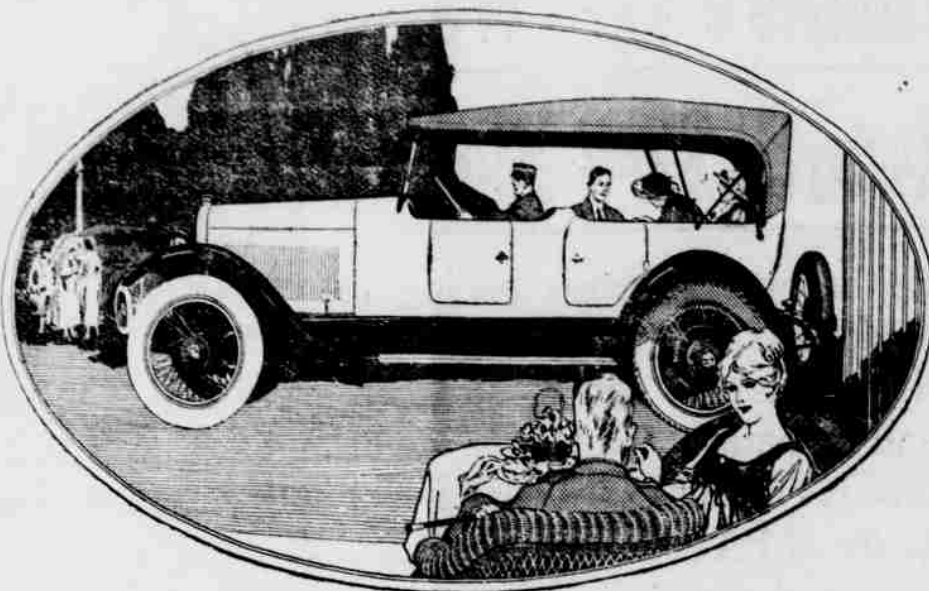


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chance to win, for it is there that bills are whipped into shape for consideration by the Senate and House. Sure, he has another chance in open session, but he has discarded his best cards. It's like drawing to a deuce.

How did Oregon fare in the Military Committee? In no way that you could notice. Yet that committee considers every particle of army appropriation and army expenditures. An Oregon Senator is chairman of it. Yet Oregon got no military post and no army cantonment. There is no better place on the Pacific coast for a great military post than Fort Stevens, or, passing the deal, Vancouver, Wash., near Portland. Oregon offered several splendid sites for army cantonments; it got zero.

In a special sense the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry looks after the interest of the farmer, but I notice that, while the farmers of the South were well taken care of by this committee, the Oregon and Western farmer generally is overlooked. This committee also deals with Forestry matters. A little action by the Oregon member might have brought the state's forest reserve timber largely into use for shipbuilding and airplane manufacture. Nothin' doin'.

From the Appropriations Committee Oregon got a little "small change" for Crater Lake Park, its two fish hatcheries and its two life-saving stations. Looks like this committee had declared a moratorium on Oregon payments.

Coast defenses? There is where we do not shine. We still have one coast defense left, Fort Stevens, supplemented by two forts on the Washington shore of the Columbia. A single super-dreadnaught of the type of the four that Germany is about to "borrow" from Russia could reduce all the coast defenses of the Gateway of the Columbia basin without at any time being in danger itself. I'm telling no secret, for this situation is as well known to our enemies as to ourselves.

River and Harbor? Appropriations for this service, as well as for waterways in general, are handled by the Commerce Committee in the Senate. How we have fared in that bill I have already pointed out in a former article. We got \$350,000 out of twenty millions. We should have two millions.

What are our members on the Public Lands Committees doing? We certainly got a rotten deal on the Oregon & California Land Grant Bill, and that's about all that's been doing in that committee of late, affecting Oregon. The committee room has the air of a cemetery; but I suppose the clerks draw their salaries as usual.

The Irrigation question I dealt with in my last article. Our representatives stood pat on a pair of trays. Montana walked off with over twelve million and Arizona seventeen. We got less than five million, though we put in over ten. The difference was in the kind of representation Montana and Arizona had.

Indian Affairs? We haven't even been able to get appropriations for improvements and needed new buildings for the largest modern Indian school in the Northwest, Chemawa. Our Indian Affairs representation is "cultus."

I will pass up the Ways and Means Committee of the House, because our member there only took his appointment at the beginning of the present session. If the chance is offered, he should work and vote to remedy the iniquitous burden of taxation imposed on the North and West by the Kitchen bill.

I will speak of the Naval Affairs Committee, however. The Congressman who represents us on that committee is supposed to be a "live one." But I've not noticed that he got us any naval base appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia. That's the thing he should work on now, if he's working this year. We may seriously need that naval base if the scene of naval activities is transferred to the Pacific ocean on account of the Russian situation.

By the way this Congressman and one of his colleagues were offered a place on the River and Harbor Committee of the House, and both turned it down, though it is the most important committee, from Oregon's standpoint, in the list. Why did they do it? If there is any voice coming from the tombs, perhaps we shall have an answer later. But it looks to me that a very great opportunity to serve our state was thrown away by these gentlemen.

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THE QUICK AND THE DEAD

By F. C. Harley, Mayor of Astoria. Washington, D. C., March 26.—I have been making a "little journey," as Elbert Hubbard used to call it, to that mammoth marble pile, the abode of the "quick and the dead," the National Capitol.

I acknowledge obligations to Hon. Alvan T. Fuller, Congressman from Massachusetts, for some of the inspiration for the excursion. Being President of the Packard Motor Car Co., of Boston, and accustomed to doing business according to the American method, Representative Fuller, having been an official occupant of the south wing of the Capitol for a few months, has made a discovery. First, he discovered he was a member of a committee (Expenditure in the Interior Department) which, as he expressed it, had "no public business to justify its existence," and, second, discovered there were sixty standing committees of the House, "more than half of them as useless and unnecessary" as the one mentioned. Fuller tendered his resignation as a member of the committee named, in a letter to Speaker Champ Clark, Feb. 25th. Incidentally, in this letter, he handed the House of Representatives a package of hot stuff. He raised a ruckus. The "dead" began to resurrect and walk about in their grave-clothes, talking incoherently. Fuller laughed; so did all Washington.

I immediately wondered, what about these "quick" and "dead" committees, and how fares it with our Oregon Congressional delegation in this line-up? I made a hasty survey of the situation, with the following results: Oregon has memberships in the senate on these committees all active and important: Military Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry, Appropriations, Coast Defenses, Commerce, Indian Affairs, Irrigation of Arid Lands, Manufactures, and Public Lands (two members on last named). It has membership on five other committees, but, as they are practically "dead ones" it is unnecessary to name them. In the house it has representatives on Ways and Means, Naval Affairs, Public Lands, and Irrigation of Arid Lands, all alive and kicking.

With this bunch of picture cards in their mitts, you'd fairly expect the Oregon Congressional delegation to win a few "pots," wouldn't you? Let us analyze the game.

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