

GOOD ROADS BILL WILL PASS MONDAY

COMPROMISE IS REACHED BY LEGISLATORS

Thompson of Lake Suggests Change Which Assures Passage of Bills— Hot Fight Takes Place in House— Everything is Rosy Now.

GOVERNOR WEST VETOES ANTI-WHIPPING POST BILL

Prospects Tonight Indicate End of Wordy War Over Measures for Better Highways.

SALEM, Feb. 11.—The house this afternoon fought out the last serious differences of opinion in regard to the good roads bills and smoothed the way for their passage next Monday.

The Gill bill provided originally that before the people of any county could vote on a bond issue for good roads purposes that it would be necessary to state on which roads the money would be spent.

As the bill was coming to a vote, Thompson of Lake poured oil on the stormy waters with a compromise asking that the bill be referred back to the committee to be changed so as to leave the matter optional with the people whether they or not they would vote to have certain roads fixed first.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11.—The famous Shiels whipping post law which provides corporal punishment for wife beaters will remain on the Oregon statute books.

House bill 320, introduced by Representative Sutton, for the appointment of judges and clerks of election precincts, passed the house this forenoon.

This measure will greatly facilitate the work of making early election returns, as the work of counting the complicated ballots under the present system takes considerable time and final results are not known for several days after an election is held.

The good roads squabble which consumed the entire day yesterday in the house, threatened for a time to break loose again when the session opened this morning.

McKinney's motion is in the nature of a compromise to withdraw opposition from enemies of the Mariner measure.

IF REBELS WIN FIRST BATTLE SUCCESS SURE

Much Depends On Outcome of Conflict at Juarez and Explains Why Orozco Is So Slow to Give Battle— Navarro Approaches from South

EVERYTHING STAKED ON REBELS' FIRST FIGHT

All Bridges Burned Impeding Progress of Federal Commander Who Is On Way to Relief.

EL PASO, Feb. 11.—Many rumors are afloat but not much is occurring in Juarez tonight.

General Canyo, the new revolutionary leader, with 100 men, also is awaiting Navarro.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—A staff correspondent of the United Press traversed the entire position of the rebels who are besieging Juarez today.

The correspondent found the Mexican Northwestern railway bridge, five miles south of Juarez, on fire, with seven rebels on guard.

"We have 1200 men waiting for Navarro," they said.

Reports that Navarro's force already has been destroyed are discredited even by the insurgents.

The correspondent's trip today disclosed no traces of any insurgents except those guarding the bridge.

"The war," he concluded, "might continue for a year as it is today with no damage except to the business of northern Mexico and southern Texas."

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—Hot fighting between the troops under General Navarro and numerous bands of rebels is in progress near San Jose, 73 miles south of Juarez.

Navarro sent word that at the head of 1500 troops he was fighting his way northward, repairing bridges on the Mexican National railway and beating off from time to time rebel bands.

Aviator Hamilton, who yesterday flew over Juarez at an altitude of 1000 feet, today discussed his feat.

Defying the Will of the People

In defiance of the expressed will of the people, in violation of campaign pledges and promises, spurning the principles they were elected to sustain a majority of the House of Representatives at Salem has shown its contempt of popular legislation by passing a bill nullifying the initiative bill passed by a majority of 16,315 at the last general election which closed the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

Such vociferous legislators as Senator Fouts, W. J. Clemens, James Cole, W. H. Chatten, James M. Ambrose, J. C. Bryant, of the Multnomah delegation, elected not because of merit, but because of their flatboat belief in popular government, and their statement I, direct primary and initiative and referendum platform, deliberately betrayed their constituency and repudiated their platform at the first opportunity.

The Rogue river fishing quarrel is no stranger to the people of Oregon. For a score of years, the conflict between the contending interests has waged at every session of the legislature.

Arguments for and against the initiative bill were made in the state printers pamphlet, sent every voter.

If this is a local measure, it should be left to the three counties affected, and the net majority for the initiative bill in Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties exceeded 2200.

Rogue river fish have yielded millions for the monopoly in control. These millions have been spent, not in developing Oregon, but in California.

The Rogue river is worth far more to Oregon commercially as a tourist attraction, as the finest angling stream in Oregon, than it is as a source of wealth to a monopoly and a shabby living to its half paid fisherman.

The Pierce bill is grossly defective. Drag nets and seines are permitted in the fall season. Gill nets can be stretched clear across the stream.

Will the senate listen to the lobby and override the expressed wish of the people? The next few days will tell the story.

TWO MILLION ARE FACING FAMINE

American Consul-General Wilder at Shanghai in Cable to Red Cross Declares That Two Million Must Be Aided at Once or Die.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Corroborating United Press despatches, American Consul General Wilder at Shanghai, in a cable received by the national Red Cross society today declares that two million persons in China will die of starvation unless given immediate aid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Loud howls of anguish resound in the offices of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad here today following a decision by the comptroller of the treasury, which as a method of protection against exorbitant freight rates, would put the interstate commerce commission out of business if it were generally adopted.

UNCLE SAM KNOWS HOW TO EVEN RATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Uncle Sam, after deciding that he had been charged \$26.52 too much by the Baltimore & Ohio, calmly deducted that amount from another shipment.

STATE TIGHTENS PURSE STRINGS

Appropriation Bill is Cut—Ways and Means Committee Have the Bills Ready for Introduction in the Legislature.

STATE CAPITAL, Salem, Ore., Feb. 11.—Carrying a grand total of \$1,019,965.49, the general appropriation and deficiency bills have been completed for submission to the legislature.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Andrew Carnegie today is out for the Taft policy of reciprocity with Canada.

ANDY CARNEGIE OUT FOR NEW TREATY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived today and attended the Lincoln banquet tonight.

SLUR HURLED AT STATE PRINTER

In Plea for Flat Salary Bill Miller Declares Office Pays Too Well—Dunnways Profit Huge—Barrett Speaks in Defense.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Ore., Feb. 11.—Assertions that the State Printer receives more in a year than the governor does in four, and a declaration that the late Frank Baker, former State Printer, had offered W. S. Dunnway, present incumbent, \$20,000 a year in exchange for an opportunity to do all of the state printing and was refused, marked the debate in the Senate today when the flat salary bill introduced by Senator Miller appeared for final passage.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 11.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived today and attended the Lincoln banquet tonight.

500 ACRES WILL BE SET TO APPLES SOON

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 11.—Five hundred acres of good fruit land, now covered with trees and underbrush, near Lorne, 15 miles southwest of Eugene, have just been sold by the Darling Land & Timber Company, of Milwaukee, to the Milwaukee Orchard company for \$50,000.

TAFT HAS QUIT REGULARS FOR PROGRESSIVES

In Speech at Springfield He Takes Radical Stand— Says Needless Tariffs are Bad in This Day of High Cost of Living.

RECIPROCITY MEASURE SURE TO PASS HOUSE

Speaker Cannon and Regulars Are Against Bill—Democrats Will Aid Its Passage.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—President Taft has broken with the "stand pat" element of the Republican party.

Following closely upon the news from Washington that the Canadian reciprocity bill had been favorably reported by the ways and means committee and the announcement that Speaker Cannon had written to State Senator Bailey of the Illinois legislature in opposition to the bill, the president took a radical stand favoring the abolition of all "unnecessary" high tariffs in these times of high prices where these tariffs are unneeded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In the face of Speaker Cannon's opposition and the desertion of the regulars, President Taft's reciprocity treaty with Canada is expected to pass through the house early next week, through the aid of democratic votes.

The reciprocity measure was reported favorably to the house today by the ways and means committee with six republicans and six democrats backing it, and with six republicans and one democrat against it.

The real contest will take place in the senate where the president will meet with various forms of opposition.

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FATHER OF GIRL WHO LOVED BARON, SHOCKED

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 11.—Dr. Rudolph Mann, father of the Chicago girl who was once engaged to Oscar Rothschild, said today of the death of the Austrian money king:

Cyclone Thompson Wins

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 11.—"Cyclone Johnny" Thompson, the American fighter, was given the decision on points over Billy Papke, the former middle weight champion of the world, in a 20 round bout here today.

CITY SHOWS IT IS ENTITLED TO LOWER RATES

Case of Medford Traffic Bureau Comes to an End as Far as Introduction of Evidence is Concerned—Railroad Witnesses Weak.

"EXPERTS" ANSWER QUERIES WITH "I FORGET"

Medford Merchants Make Good Showing in Fight for Better Freight Rates to This City

Special Examiner Ward Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission brought the hearing of the Medford Traffic Bureau's case against the Southern Pacific railroad to a close Saturday morning, following the introduction into the hearing by the railroad's officials numerous crafty and smooth endeavors to belittle the efforts of Attorney Frank H. McCune, the rate expert employed by the traffic bureau, by placing incompetent witnesses upon the stand to give "expert" testimony.

Lounsbury on Stand.

Attorney William D. Fenton, for the railroad, opened his case by placing H. E. Lounsbury, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific on the stand.

Rate Sheets Shown.

He introduced rate sheets showing the population of this city according to the last census, and also that of the county.

Questioned as to the prevailing rates and asked by Mr. Fenton to tell the commission what methods had been used in computing them he said:

"The rates at present in force from San Francisco to Medford and from Portland are proportionate. They are based on the same proportionate rate that affects every other town along the line.

"Population" he added "is one of the prime factors, and the greater the population the lower the rates."

Asked by what means the present conditions could be alleviated, he said:

"The complaint can get the relief sought by a readjustment of the present class rates. Commodity rates are unnecessary.

Avoided Question.

He avoided answering a question whether present class rates are unnecessary.

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