

NOTHING GAINED BY PETITIONING CHANGE IN POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Chamberlain has been in consultation with the treasury department regarding the desire of certain people in Medford to have the question of the location of the prospective public building in that town reconsidered. An appeal has been made to the Oregon delegation by Mayor Mahlon Purdin and others, to abandon the site which was conveyed to the government on payment of \$1 to the property holders, and select another site in what they consider a more central and advantageous location. There is a strong disposition in Medford, as voiced by A. E. Reames and others, to let well enough alone, and their position receives very material support from the treasury department which informs Senator Chamberlain that to make a change in the location selected would necessitate an act of congress, which would inevitably occasion much delay.

The petition was headed by Mahlon Purdin, mayor of Medford; J. W. Mitchell, city councilman; J. T. Summerville, president of the city council, and George W. Porter, city councilman, who used their official positions to lend the petition the appearance of an official protest.

Reames and those who take the same view of the question as he does, believe that it would not be for the best interests of Medford to demand a change in the site now. He asks rather sarcastically why those who profess to be dissatisfied, did not show some enterprise and public spirit when the matter was still open, instead of putting up the price on property that might have been considered available.

It seems useless for the Oregon delegation to take any steps to reopen the question of the site. This position is strengthened in view of the growing difficulty of securing appropriations for public buildings. It is pretty well understood here that there will be no pork barrel, or "omnibus" public buildings bill, at this session, and the public buildings committee has notified members that appropriations for public buildings will be taken up on their individual merits and only on the score of urgent necessity. It is hardly probable that this edict will be withdrawn, and the main question will be, therefore, what constitutes an urgent necessity.

WORKS, SAYS MYERS BROKE FAITH ON BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Speaking on the floor of the senate, Senator Works of California this afternoon charged Senator Myers, of Montana, chairman of the public lands committee, with a breach of faith by reporting out the Hetch Hetchy bill while a number of its opponents were out of the city. Myers replied, saying that every agreement in connection with the bill had been strictly observed.

CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF MEDFORD AND POWER CO.

A plain statement of facts published so that all citizens and voters will have a thorough understanding of the question.

On June 4, 1907, at a regular election of the city of Medford, an ordinance was passed granting a franchise to the Condor Water & Power company for twenty-five years the vote being 171 for and 155 against.

On the same date, a charter amendment limiting the life of franchise to thirty-years was defeated by a vote of 172 against to 171 for.

On June 5, 1907 the mayor and recorder of Medford issued a proclamation which was published in the Medford Tribune June 6, 1907, giving the Condor Water & Power company a lease of the Electric lighting plant of the city of Medford for twenty-five years with an option to purchase said plant within five years for \$20,000.00.

This lease and option covered all poles, wires and machinery then owned by the city of Medford and a lot forty-feet wide, north of the city pumping plant.

This lease and option further provided that the electric company should furnish free of charge to the city during the life of the agreement (twenty-five years):

10 arc lights for a population of 4000, 30-32 candle power incandescent lights for a population of 4000, and a pro-rata increase in arc and incandescent lights for each 1000 increase in population.

The city is now being furnished said free light on the above basis, amounting to \$272.00 per month at present and \$3264.00 for the past year, also free light for city hall which further increases above figures.

This lease also provided that the electric company should pay to the city five per cent of its gross earnings until the option of purchase was exercised.

On June 4th, 1912, the California-Oregon Power company, successors to the Condor Water & Power company, tendered the city of Medford \$20,000.00 the purchase price of the city plant according to lease and option entered into between their predecessors and the city of Medford, but the city council at that time refused to accept the \$20,000.00.

The California-Oregon Power company still holds itself in readiness to pay to the city of Medford the \$20,000.00 due to the city on account of option for city plant and the matter has been referred to the voters of Medford by the city council for the purpose of approving an amendment to the charter which will give this council the right to ratify the old contract and franchise for the twenty-five years, the length of time provided for in the original contract as voted upon and carried on June 4th, 1907.

(Signed)
CALIFORNIA-OREGON POWER COMPANY.
(Adv.)

FILTHY CUSTOM OF POULTRY DEALERS

To the Editor: There is a custom among poultry dealers to put poultry on the market with the entrails in. Where such a filthy custom originated and for what purpose I am unable to say. To me it seems filthy and unsanitary, for to let the entrails in any carcass after it is dead for any length of time it will pollute the whole carcass. I think the health officer should take some action to stop it. If people would refuse to buy a fowl only partially dressed dealers would not handle them. Some people seem to take a delight in torturing the fowls by a slow death by cutting an artery instead of cutting the head off. But as long as we are only half civilized, half Christianized and slaves to fashion and worshippers of Mammon, we will be barbarous and heinous.

W. J. DRUMHILL.
Medford, Dec. 22.

WILSON SIGNS CURRENCY BILL

(Continued from page 1.)
"The great republican state of Minnesota," he said, "was disfranchised by the democrats, so far as a voice in shaping this conference bill is concerned."

Nelson also objected to the elimination of the provision forbidding a director of a member bank being a director of the federal reserve board.

Republicans for the Bill
Several republicans, however, voted

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ed for the bill. These included Senators Jones, Norris and Weeks. Those who voted against the measure were Senators Borah, Bradley, Brady, Brandagee, Bristow, Burton, Catron, Clapp, Dillingham, Gallinger, Goff, Gronna, Kenyon, La Follette, McCumber, Nelson, Page, Perkins, Root, Sherman, Smoot, Sutherland, Townsend, Warren and Works.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo declared this afternoon that his department is flooded with telegrams from banks wishing to become members of the reserve system. He announced that charter No. 1 will go to the Batavian National bank of La Crosse, Wis.

Signed by Champ Clark
Senator Poindexter of Washington also supported the bill.

As soon as the bill had passed, Senator John Sharp Williams introduced a bill which provided for the guarantee of bank deposits. The senate then went into executive session to confirm nominations.

It was announced that President Wilson will use two pens in signing the bill. One will be given to Senator Owen and the other to Representative Glass.

The engrossed bill reached the house at 2:47 o'clock and was immediately signed by Speaker Champ Clark.

BRAND WHITLOCK'S FATHER DEAD AT SEVENTY

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—The Rev. Elias Whitlock, aged 70, father of ex-Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo, O., died here today of pneumonia. He had been visiting in Cleveland.

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