

HAS BOARD PLAN Board Scheme Would Vitiate Proposition With Politics. Experience Shows One Man All That Is Needed. AN IDEA OF BRIBING. Three and Two on Commission Might Result to Suit.

Places for "Retired Statesmen" Also Are Considered.

Washington, Jan. 6.—One of the subjects that is now most seriously agitating the minds of legislators in connection with the tariff commission question is whether or not the proposed body shall consist of three, five, seven or nine persons. This is the familiar stage that is usually reached in any large federal undertaking which seems likely to afford a field for officeholding.

Composition of Tariff Board. The present tariff board, which was appointed by President Taft without the express permission of congress, consists of three members. In his annual message the president said that he did not know that an increase to five would be objectionable. This was not a strong endorsement of the idea of an increase.

Reason for Enlargement. The reason which is now confessedly put forward for the enlargement of the commission, is the fact that the three members of the present board are in political considerations. It is believed that by adding two members to the organization, and by specifying that these members shall be Democrats, there would be no field for the placing of Republicans in satisfactory appointments unless the total number were either seven or nine. Hence the demand for the creation of unnecessary places.

Misconception of Work. The whole tariff commission movement as observed here is based upon a fundamental misconception of what such an organization ought to do. Apparently, the idea is that by creating a large body, consisting of five, seven or nine members, a sort of tribunal will be established which will have some real authority beyond that which is definitely settled in everybody's mind that no such organization can have any functions other than those of investigation and for holding of stated sessions of a public nature.

Political Buncombe Real Object. About all that this means is that the fertility of the tariff commission idea is now thoroughly admitted by everybody who has looked into it, and that, as is admitted, the only object in adopting a bill of this kind is to get a public declamator and enable the conservative Republicans to claim that they have done everything they were asked to do in this connection. Further, that this no distinct object seems to be in the mind of legislators; yet it is now planned to establish a tremendously costly piece of machinery that can serve no very genuine purpose other than that of temporary political expediency.

CHINESE CAUSED OPERATING EXPENSES TO CAUSE PROFITS. THE MANUFACTURERS CLAIM THE MEN WERE GIVEN A 30 PER CENT INCREASE BY THE DETROIT SCALE LAST SUMMER. THEY AGREED TO A SHORT TIME TO LIMIT PRODUCTION AND MAINTAIN THE PRICES OF GLASS AND HAVE KEPT THEIR AGREEMENT FAITHFULLY. CALLED BY DEATH. L. H. Greenwood, Secretary of Washburn, Dies Suddenly.

Promising Young Lawyer a Victim of Apoplexy.

Lewis H. Greenwood, a well-known Topeka lawyer, secretary of the board of trustees of Washburn college, and professor of Domestic Relations in the Washburn Law school, died suddenly at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon of apoplexy. He was visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. G. Merrick, 1301 Harrison street, at the time of his death and none of the family was present. A little girl, daughter of a friend, was there, and ran for help.



L. H. Greenwood, Who Died Suddenly Last Evening.

Mr. Greenwood had met his class at the law college Wednesday evening and was in the best of spirits. Thursday morning, however, he complained of a headache and did not go to his office at 611 Kansas avenue. He also declined to attend a luncheon party which his sister gave for himself and a few friends. His wife and little son went while he remained at home, saying he would lie down. It seems he felt better soon for he got up and arrived at his sister's house before noon and in time for the luncheon.

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ARE NOT TALKING Advance Guard of the Legislators Strangely Silent. All Refuse to Discuss the Speakership Contest. STUBBS IS OUT OF IT. Governor Taking No Hand in the Fight.

Candidates for Legislative Positions Are on Hand.

There are about 40 members of the legislature in town today and more are coming in every hour. The members are more interested in securing quarters in discussing the speakership or legislation. Probably a hundred or more members will be here by tomorrow and the speakership question will be the chief topic of conversation in the corridors of the hotels and around the state house over Sunday. The caucus to select party candidates will be held Monday afternoon, and Mr. Ballinger, the speaker-elect, and Mr. Ballinger, the speaker-elect, and Mr. Ballinger, the speaker-elect, will be the chief topic of conversation in the corridors of the hotels and around the state house over Sunday.

Robert Stone of Shawnee and G. H. Buckman of Clay are the two candidates most talked about, but the caucus may result in a deadlock and a dark horse be selected at the last moment. Governor Stubbs says he is taking no part in the fight.

The new members are inclined to be close mouthed regarding their choice for speaker and their attitude toward certain administration measures. For instance, H. T. Laidlaw, new member from Woodson county, when asked about the speakership, declined to talk. He was asked about the speakership and whether or not he would support that measure, he said: "I have not read the bill yet." Laidlaw is a progressive. He used to put up more hay than go downtown to do some shopping and he carries himself like a man who might make hay in the legislature.

There is going to be a fight for secretary of the senate. Z. E. Wyant, who filled that place acceptably last year, is a candidate again. He is opposed by Walter Johnson, editor of the Lyons Republican. Walter was formerly editor of W. Y. Morgan's Hutchinson News, and is well known over the state as a good newspaper man. He has strong support from the Seventh and Eighth districts for the secretary's job. Johnson arrived in town today and was given the glad hand by his many newspaper friends in Topeka.

Earl Akers, editor of the Stafford Republican, is generally regarded as the winner in the fight for clerk of the house. He has been in town since early Thursday morning.

John W. Davis, of Kiowa county, who was re-elected without opposition, is one of the early arrivals. Mr. Davis was a leader of the last house and is regarded as the regular candidate for speaker. He will not talk about the speakership or administration bills, but he is expected to play a prominent part in the proceedings of the next session.

TO EXTEND MONOPOLY. Murdock Would Bar Express Companies From Competing With U. S.

Washington, Jan. 6.—To determine whether the government has the power to enforce its mail carrying monopoly so as to prevent express companies from the law and Mr. Pinchot said in brief, "I am aware of that, but the law is wrong and my theory is the only thing that will cure the evil."

Any person or firm is prohibited from competing with the government in this line, under heavy penalties. Former Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh in 1881 held that the word "packet" meant packets of letters; and under such construction the express companies have been allowed to carry everything except first class mail in direct competition with the government.

Representative Murdock asks that the house committee on judiciary conduct an inquiry to determine whether the government has power, under existing law, to extend its monopoly and to compel the transportation of the post office, third and fourth class matter through the channels of the postoffice judiciary. If it is not, he asks that the judiciary committee suggest legislation necessary to accomplish such an end.

STEAL DEPOSIT BOXES. Two Masked Bandits Rob an El Paso Hotel. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.—Two masked bandits entered the office of the Angelus hotel and robbed the safe of about \$5,000. The bandits were forced into the basement at the point of revolvers. Thirteen safety deposit boxes were examined and one of them was opened. The boxes were found in the basement of the Angelus theater, adjoining. All had been broken open. The money was left untouched. The hotel cash boy, aged 60, who was left behind in said to have contained \$6,000 in gold.

FIRE LOSS \$200,000. Kansas City's Manufacturing Suburb Scene of the Blaze. Kansas City, Jan. 6.—Fire which started in the packing room of the Kansas City Bolt and Nut Works, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning did damage estimated at more than \$200,000 before being brought under control at 11 o'clock. What started the blaze has not been learned by the officials of the company. The plant, which is located at Sheffield in the eastern section of Kansas City, and which covers an acre of ground, is controlled largely by eastern capital. The company was first organized in 1878 and four years ago started to make bolts and nuts. The plant increased to one and a half million dollars a year. The total value of the works is estimated at more than \$400,000.

SHOT GRANDMOTHER. Five-Year-Old Boy Then Ran Away to Escape a Whipping. Danville, Ky., Jan. 5.—After his father had been arrested in connection with the shooting of his grandmother, a five-year-old boy here confessed that he had shot the woman accidentally and had run away to escape a whipping. The victim was Mrs. Nancy Carter, 60 years old. Her body was found in her home at Junction City, four miles north of here. The woman's son, Clayton Carter, who had been making his home with his mother, was placed in jail. News of his arrest spread rapidly and rumors of a plan to lynch him began to circulate. Then Carter's little son was found. The boy said he had been playing with a shotgun and had pointed it at his grandmother in play. When it was discharged he fled and hid.

ALL PRICES DOWN Disappointing Cables Give Setback to Wheat. Free Country Sales Bore Down Corn Market. RALLY AT THE CLOSE. Provisions Eased Off in Sympathy With Grain. Cattle Steady to 5 Cents Higher at Kansas City.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—WHEAT—Disappointing cables caused a setback today in wheat prices here. Considering the big advance on this side and not overlooking expected lightness of world shipments the response at Liverpool seemed discouragingly northward. The opening weak and trifling gain. Furthermore, cash demand was reported slow, notwithstanding the advance on this side. The opening weak and trifling gain. Furthermore, cash demand was reported slow, notwithstanding the advance on this side.

Chicago Grain Market. Chicago, Jan. 6. Open High Low Close. WHEAT—50¢ 50 1/2 50 1/4 50 1/4. CORN—12 1/2 12 3/4 12 1/2 12 1/2. RYE—1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2. BARLEY—1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2. OATS—1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2.

KEEP AUTO PLANT. Plans on Foot to Organize a Million Dollar Company. Moneyed men of the city have expressed their approval of a plan looking towards the reorganization of the Smith Automobile company with a capitalization of a million dollars, and it looks as though the factory, which has been in operation for some time, will be retained in the city.

GOOD INDIANS FOUND. There Are 192 of Them Living Together in Texas. Washington, Jan. 6.—Indians that do not drink to any extent, that have abandoned tribal customs and adopted the white man's ways, that have built little one story houses for their residences and are self sustaining—these are the Alabama Indians in Texas, according to a report sent to congress today by Secretary Ballinger. The investigation of the conditions of the Indians was directed by congress. The interior department reports that there are 192 of them, that they have made marked progress in civilization, are peaceable and law-abiding, and have no claims on the government, but would like more land to cultivate and a school for manual training.

CHANGE WESTERN GOLF ASS'N. May Become a National Organization Soon. Chicago, Jan. 6.—That the change of the Western Golf association to a national organization is far from a dead issue, was made plain by a press release from G. A. official yesterday, who said would not be surprised if the movement, which started in the fall of 1909, would spring up at the meeting January 21. "There has been a lot more talk on this subject," he said, "and I think, 'I don't think it would take much of a breeze to make the change a national organization.' The association has a membership of 100 in the United States Golf association next week, look out for a warm time at the W. G. A. meeting."

TWO RANCHMEN BURNED TO DEATH. Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 6.—The ranch home of William Todd, eight miles south of Pinedale, this state, burned last night and two ranch hands, Chas. Netton and John McCune, were cremated in the ruins.

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