

## PORTLAND TANGLE TO BE UNRAVELED

Quarrel Over Postoffice Site in Indiana City Is Near-an End.

(Palladium Special) Washington, June 16.—Assistant Secretary Robert O. Bailey, of the treasury department expects to settle the matter of the Portland postoffice site before the end of this week. The indications at present are that this long drawn out fight will be won by Representative Adair, who recommended that a site offered to the government by his brother be taken. Following the usual course in such cases the department after bids for the site were opened, sent an inspector to look over the three offerings and report on the most desirable one. The inspector reported that a site offered by the estate of the late N. B. Hawkins and other owners was the most desirable. This report was made by Major Brackett, one of the treasury department's oldest inspectors, a man who has been in the service since the days of President Harrison and has probably reported on more building sites than any other inspector ever sent out by the government. Representative Adair's brother had offered a site and it was classed as the second most desirable in the competition. Besides the price of the Adair site was higher than that of the others offered. But Representative Adair was dissatisfied with the report of the inspector and entered his protest declaring that the Portland citizens wanted the Adair site. The treasury department was on the point of closing with the Adairs for the site offered by them and the papers passing title were actually drawn up when a protest was filed with the department by Morton S. Hawkins, of Indianapolis, son of N. B. Hawkins. He took the ground that the department should follow the recommendations of its special agent as a matter of good faith with bidders.

### Too Much Courtesy.

Mr. Hawkins came to Washington with other citizens of Portland and made his protest in person. He was told that it was a courtesy extended by the department to allow a member of congress to dictate where a public building should be located if the construction was to be in his home town. Mr. Hawkins thought this was carrying the matter of official courtesy too far and said so. As the result of his earnest protest a second inspector was sent to Portland. This man was Col. Low, chief of a division in the supervising architect's office and one of the oldest and most experienced of inspectors. He made a personal investigation of the sites offered and reported in favor of the Hawkins site as the most desirable and placed the Adair site third in the list of those offered, in point of desirability. When this report was laid before Representative Adair he was very mad and declared that he would wreak several kinds of vengeance on the treasury officers if they did not take his brother's site. The house of representatives is Democratic and Mr. Adair is a Democrat and a leading factor in the house. The treasury officers manifestly stood in awe of him. They tried to reason with him on the basis of the two adverse reports of the inspectors but he would listen to but one solution of the matter and that was to take the site offered by his brother regardless of what the inspectors reported. Then the treasury officials held their breath. The matter seemed hung up indefinitely. Finally Assistant Secretary Bailey, who came into office after the controversy arose decided to investigate the matter personally.

Mr. Bailey has had no experience in public building matters. In fact he was an Associated Press reporter when Secretary McVeagh appointed him private secretary and later advanced him to be assistant secretary to succeed Mr. Hilles. But Mr. Bailey thinks he knows a public building site when he sees one. Mr. Bailey went to Portland incog. and came back with the conclusion that Representative Adair's site is far and away the best and he is unable to understand how the treasury inspectors found otherwise. But he believes the price high. And he has concluded that if Mr. Adair will reduce the price of his brother's site to that of the Hawkins site he will accept the congressman's brother's land. Whereat Mr. Adair smiles. This may not end the matter for some of the other bidders are disposed to take the Democratic house which is investigating so many matters to give a hearing to the Portland case and ascertain just how far a congressman may go in a matter of that kind. There is a long political struggle back of the site controversy and a touch of pathos. N. B. Hawkins, formerly a senator in the Indiana legislature was the Republican nominee for congress against Adair in 1908, and was defeated. That has not served to soften the animosities of the fight. While Mr. Hawkins was making the rounds of Portland gathering signatures to a petition for his site he dropped dead. His son then took up the fight. The Portland postoffice site may be settled this week so far as the treasury department is concerned. It will probably be many a day before the Eighth district will hear the last of it. It is likely to play a part in the future politics of the district. Senators Shively and Kern have backed Mr. Adair in his demand that his brother's site be taken.

It is planned to establish a Japanese hydroelectric company to be named the Yokohama Sultryoku Denki Kaisha, with a capital of \$2,500,000. It is intended to obtain power from the rapids on the upper reaches of the Sakawa river, in Kanagawa prefecture—Denver Republican.

## COAST STATE FETES

Celebrate Opening of a Great Reservoir.

(National News Association)

Orland, Cal., June 16.—Orland is holding a two days' carnival and jubilee to deliberate the opening of the United States government's reclamation reservoir installed here to irrigate 14,000 acres in the Orland unit district in Glenn county. The festivities were ushered in this morning with the crowning of the carnival queen, followed by a street pageant and a program of speeches. Other parades, sporting contests and carnival attractions will carry the celebration over tomorrow. Many visitors are here from the surrounding country.

The great East park reservoir, in honor of the opening of which the celebration is being held, is 26 miles in circumference. The reservoir is created by a dam across Stony Creek. The dam is 249 feet long, 92 feet high and 86 feet thick at the base, and contains a total of 324,000 cubic feet of concrete. The water from the reservoir is to be distributed over 14,000 acres of land by means of a system of canals more than 100 miles in length. The entire project cost \$650,000, which sum was advanced by congress.

## HONEYMOON BEING SPENT IN HOSPITAL

Chicago, June 16.—The strangest honeymoon on record is being spent in Chicago. The bride occupies a cot in the Washington Park hospital, the groom occupies a cot in room 45 of the same institution, while the person who married them is being wheeled about in an invalid's chair.

The best man at the wedding, with the assistance of the two nurse-bridesmaids, performed operations on all three of them.

A white lacquered hospital stand was the improvised altar, beside bride lay on a cot and the bridegroom reclined on an operating table.

William Ringland, the bridegroom, was recently taken to the hospital after being smashed badly in a motor-cycle-automobile collision.

Miss Rose Spooner, his fiancee, was stricken with appendicitis a few days later and taken to the same hospital. Rev. G. S. Ohsund, who performed the ceremony, was convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. H. N. Bundeon, who operated upon all of them, and Misses Gruel and E. Atkinson, nurse-bridesmaids, assisted in operations and wedding.

## CHARGES INFORMER WITH MURDER

(National News Association)

Cincinnati, June 16.—Mrs. Mattie McDermott of Morrow, Ohio, testified in behalf of Edgar Street Cooke, former Chicago broker, accused of embezzling \$24,000 from the Big Four railroad. She said that Mrs. Jeanette Ford in discussing the case with her had declared she ("Mrs. Ford") could not swear Cook had ever stolen a dollar. Mrs. McDermott boasts that it was through her efforts that Frank M. Couden of Warren county, former cashier in the customs office at Cincinnati was deposed. She testified that Couden had killed her son and through a desire for revenge she testified for Cooke, who said he would have had Couden indicted. Couden was the informer in the Warriner embezzlement case.

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At Conkey's Drug Store

## DEMOCRATIC WOOL SCHEDULE UNJUST

Longworth Sees Injury to the Grower and Manufacturer by Proposed Change.

(National News Association)

Washington, D. C., June 16.—Declaring the Democratic wool bill is "founded on total ignorance" and that "it is improperly drawn," Representative Longworth, of Ohio, attacked the Underwood measure in the house today. His speech was the opening gun of the debate. Longworth said that it is no wonder the newspapers are paying so little attention to the debate on the wool schedule, since the Democratic plan has been cut and dried and there is no possibility to defeat the bill in the house.

Longworth criticised the Democrats for not wanting a report of the tariff board before attempting the revision of the woolen schedule. He also scolded Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood, because he said, they had permitted a filibuster to kill a permanent tariff board bill in the closing days of the last session.

Longworth declared that it is admitted that schedule "K" of the Payne law is not perfect but he asserted that the Democratic bill is even worse than the Payne bill and that it will work harm both to the growers of wool and to the manufacturer of woolen products. He characterized it as a clumsy effort "founded on vague rumor or total ignorance."

### Cullop in Support.

Representative Cullop, of Indiana, spoke for thirty minutes in the house today in support of the wool bill. He had a fair audience while on the floor and attacked ancient schedule "K" to succeed Andrew A. Adams of Columbia City.

On the Board of Veterinary Examiners O. R. Boor of Muncie was re-appointed and Chas. A. Fleming of Terre Haute succeeds G. F. Ferling of Richmond.

## IMPROVEMENT ASSN. TO BUILD STREET

Notice of the dedication of property

owned by the South Side Improvement association in the South End for the widening of three streets and the ap-

proval of the dedication by the board of works was filed with the county recorder Friday.

The property dedicated will pro-

vide for the making of the street paral-

lel and extending along the east right

of way line of the C. & O. railroad

from O street to Eighth street, 66 feet

wide, and the street extending from

Eighth street west of the park to

Eighth street east of the park, along

the east right of way line of the C. &

O. railroad, 52.8 feet wide.

Edna G. Weaver, twenty years old,

who took an examination for seven

different civil service positions open

to women at Kansas City, holds first

place in six of them and second place

in the other.

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## SUCCEEDS FERLING

Marshall Appoints a Terre Haute Man to State Board

(National News Association)

Indianapolis, June 16.—Governor Marshall today appointed Robert S. Kelly of Richmond as member of the state board of education for three years. C. I. Fleming of Terre Haute was made a member of the State Board of Veterinary Surgeons to succeed Dr. George Ferling of Richmond.

Trustees of Woman's Prison—Mrs.

Jacob P. Dunn and Mrs. Wm. J. Mc-

Kee of this city (both reappointed), Mrs. Poynter of Sullivan, and Etta Hauk Ossian to succeed Mrs. Dan

Waugh of Tipton and Mrs. W. Bent

Wilson of Lafayette.

Trustees of the Indiana Village for

Epileptics—L. M. Sniff, of Angola, suc-

ceeding George Nichols of Anderson.

Trustees for the Northern Hospital for

Insane—Moses Epstein of Frank-

fort to succeed W. A. Morris of

Frankfort.

Purdue University Board of Trus-

tees—Samuel M. Foster of Ft. Wayne

to succeed H. A. Miller of Montmorenci, and William V. Stuart of Lafayette to succeed Andrew A. Adams of Columbia City.

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## SUGAR TRUST PROBE FAVORS GOVERNMENT

Evidence of Watered Stock

and Stifling Competition  
Is Brought Out.

(National News Association)

Washington, June 16.—Further light on the watered stock of the American Sugar Refining company was furnished the house investigating committee today by Henry T. Oxnard, vice president of the American Beet Sugar company, who testified how he and his three brothers cleaned up half million in a transaction with the Havemeyer company in 1887, by selling his refinery, worth \$200,000, which they had established in Brooklyn to the Havemeyer combine for \$750,000 in trust certificates.

When the American Sugar Refining company was formed in 1891 the Oxnard brothers got dollar for dollar in exchanging their Havemeyer stock for that of the American concern.