

SOLONS PARTICIPATE THREE BIG DEBATES

Fliny Gray Always Favors Free Distribution of Seeds When Bill Is Reported in.

DEBATE IS AMUSING

Naval Increase Bill Annually Causes Members to Indulge in Long and Tiresome Discussions.

WASHINGTON. March 28.—Three verbal battles, always over the same topics, take place annually in the house of representatives. They concern mileage, the freed distribution of garden seed, and battleships.

The garden seed scrimmage for the year 1914 has taken place, and as usual, the members of congress retained in the agricultural appropriation bill the provision authorizing them to continue to distribute free to their constituents packages of seed furnished by the department of agriculture.

Year after year hundreds of thousands of seed packets go through the mails bearing the frank of members of congress. Year after year an effort is made to strike this item from the agricultural budget, but the legislators from the rural districts bowl over all such amendments. Flinny Gray, of the Sixth Indiana district, believes in seed distribution as a vote getter.

The debate over the seed distribution always is heated and frequently amusing. The opponents of the authorization assert that it is petty graft and that seed are distributed for vote catching purposes. Rural members hotly refute such suggestions, and paint glowing pictures of the joy that comes to the farmer, his wife and his daughter when the packages of government seed arrive.

Meat Problem.

Second in intensity to the fight over garden seed is that centering in the annual proposal to abolish the mileage allowances of senators and representatives. The mileage bill for Uncle Sam's legislators now amounts to more than \$150,000 each year.

In the early days of the republic members of congress received 20 cents a mile each way to pay the expenses of the journey to and from the nation's capital. In those days the statesmen came by stage coach and on horseback, and the amount was not unreasonable. In these days of swift trains, with their parlor coaches and Pullmans, the mileage allowance remains the same, and all efforts to cut it down to the actual expense incurred by the traveling members have been unavailing. Some members, living at great distances, receive as much as \$1,000 to \$1,200 for mileage.

Fight Naval Increase.

The battleship fight in the house likewise is an annual affair. There is a "no battleship" group, which will strike from the naval bill any authorization for a navy increase. There are other factions known as "one battleship," "two battleship" and "three battleship" groups. Representative Hobson of Alabama stands practically alone in the demand for anywhere from four to six new dreadnaughts.

A sample of the debate on the garden seed distribution privilege was furnished recently with the passage of the agricultural appropriation bill. Mr. Summer, a Texas Democrat, wanted to strike from the bill the clause permitting members of congress to send out seeds under their frank. He proposed that the department of agriculture might confine the task of testing, propagating and distributing vegetable seeds and plants, but he asserted that the time-honored practice of distributing garden and flower seed under the congressional frank ought to be abolished.

Representative Page, of North Carolina, declared that "for five campaigns in my district I have consistently voted against congressional distribution and made it an issue in the district I represent. I never yet mentioned it to an audience of agriculturists that they did not agree with me. There is not a newspaper in my district that is not opposed to this congressional graft, because it is that and nothing else."

LATE MARKET NEWS

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CHICAGO GRAIN WHEAT

	Open	Close
May	93	43 1/4
July	88 1/4	88 5/8

CORN

	Open	Close
May	65 5/8	68 1/4
July	60 1/4	69

OATS

	Open	Close
May	35 1/2	36 1/2
July	40	40

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

Am. Con.	29	28 3/4
Amal. Cop.	75 1/2	75 1/2
A. Smelt.	68 3/4	68 7/8
U. S. Steel.	63 1/2	63 1/2
Atchison.	96 1/2	96 1/2
St. Paul.	99 1/2	99 1/2
Gt. No. pf.	126 1/2	126 1/2
Lehigh V.	143 1/4	143 1/4
N. Y. Cen.	90	90
Nor. Pac.	112	112
Pennsy.	118 1/2	116 1/2
Reading.	165 1/2	165 1/2
So. Pac.	92 3/4	93 3/4
Mis. Pac.	158 1/2	158 1/2

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO. March 28.—Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; market strong; top price, \$8.70; bulk of sales, \$8.50 @ \$8.65. Cattle—Receipts, 200; market steady; beef, \$7.60 @ \$9.60; calves, \$6.00 @ \$9.00. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; natives, \$6.50; lambs, \$8.25. Hogs—Receipts, 1,500; market slow; prime

C. P. TAFT REFUSES FORTUNE FOR CLUB



FLOOD CONDITIONS REPORTED SERIOUS

Mohawk and Hudson Rivers in New York State Are on a Rampage Now.

ALBANY, N. Y. March 28.—Flood conditions in this state became serious today. Heavy rains are swelling the Mohawk and Hudson rivers which are spreading over the valleys.

The Hudson is 6 feet above normal high water mark. Residents of the valley were warned today to move their household goods.

Many bridges along the Mohawk have been swept away. Joseph Gray, aged 13, was swept away and drowned at Turin. Hundreds of families around Utica and Schenectady have fled to the hills.

ISSUE FLOOD WARNING. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.—The state water supply commission issued a special flood forecast today for the Susquehanna valley. Flood stages are predicted for tonight and tomorrow all over the Susquehanna watershed.

DEATH RATE LOWER

State Board Makes Report On Wayne County.

The month of January was marked by a decrease of fourteen in the death rate of Wayne county. The report of the state board of health shows that for January, 1914, the number of deaths in the county were 51, while in the previous year the number totalled 65.

The January death rate per 1,000 population was 13.2 and the corresponding month in 1913, registered 17.0.

The classification according to age of death shows that there were 22 deaths of persons above the age of 65 years, 5 infants, and 4 from 5 to 14 years of age.

Pulmonary tuberculosis claimed five persons, diphtheria was fatal to two, broncho-pneumonia took away five, and eight deaths were in institutions.

In Richmond alone the death rate decreased from 16.7 to 12.4 for the month of January in previous and present year. The records show that in January, 1913, there were 33 deaths while this year the number was lowered to 25.

Among the deaths the majority were persons of more than 65 years of age.

MATSON FACES GRAVE CHARGE

CHICAGO. March 28.—The police here today were holding a man who gave the name of F. C. Matson, president of the New York Concrete company, pending an investigation by federal authorities of a charge of white slavery. Matson, according to the charge against him, advertised for a stenographer, and when a girl applied for the place, he took her to Kansas City. The name of the girl is being withheld, and the police refuse to tell whom what city she came.

Members of a board of health of a Canadian town visited the slaughter houses the other day and straightway announced that they would become vegetarians.

CINCINNATI LIVESTOCK

CINCINNATI, March 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; choice steers, \$8.30; calves, \$9.25 down. Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; top prices, \$8.90 @ \$8.95. Sheep—Receipts, light; prime steady; lambs, steady.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28.—Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market generally steady; tops, \$8.80; bulk of sales, \$8.75. Cattle—Receipts, 150; choice steers, \$8.00 @ \$8.50; other grades, \$7.00 @ \$7.90. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, light; market higher; prime sheep, \$6.00 down; lambs, \$8.00 down.

TOLEDO GRAIN

TOLEDO, March 28.—Cash Grain: Wheat 98 3/4, Corn 69 3/4, Oats 42 1/2, Clovers, cash \$8.20.

RICHMOND MARKET

LIVE STOCK

(Corrected daily by Anton Stolle, Phone 1316)

HOGS

Primes (average 200 lbs.) per 100 lbs., \$8.65; heavy mixed, per 100 lbs., \$8.25; roughs, per 100 lbs., \$7 @ \$7.75.

CATTLE

Choice steers, per lb., 7c to 7 1/2c; butcher steers, per lb., 7c; cows, per lb., 5c to 6c; bulls, per lb., 5 1/2c to 6c; choice veal calves, per lb., 9c.

GRAIN MARKET

(Corrected daily by Richmond Roller Mills, Phone 2019)

Wheat, per bu. 93c

Oats, per bu. 40c

New Corn, per bu. 65c

Rye, per bu. 60c

Bran, per ton \$28.00

Middlings, per ton \$30.00

PRODUCE

(Corrected daily by Ed Cooper, Phone 2577)

Old Hens (live weight) per lb. 12c

Old Chickens, dressed per lb. 15c to 20c

Young Chickens, dressed, 1b. 20 to 22c

Country Eggs, per doz. 15c

Country Butter, per lb. 20 to 25c

WAGON MARKET

(Corrected daily by Omer Whelan, Phone 1679)

Oats, per bu. 40c

Corn, per bu. 65c

Timothy Hay, per ton \$15 to \$16

Straw \$5.00

Bran, per ton \$30.00

Middlings, per ton \$39.00

MARKET REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28.—Hogs

—There were less than 1,000 fresh arrivals of hogs, but enough were carried over from yesterday to make the supply on sale close to 3,200. This, however, was not enough to supply the pretty good demand, both from local and outside sources, and in a general way prices were five cents higher.

Cattle—There were not enough to attract attention from the leading buyers. Sales to other states, however, were at steady prices, compared with yesterday, and most of the fat cattle are around 25 cents higher than a week ago.

Sheep—The few fresh arrivals included lambs as high as \$8 and sheep as high as \$6, which is as high as any sold this week and probably 25 cents higher than the low time last week.

REVISE PLAT BOOKS

Plat books of the city of Richmond on file in the record room of the auditor's office at the court house are being revised. There are about six-five plats and several new ones are being added. Every piece of property in the city is marked with the name of the owner, and when the work is completed the plats will be kept up to date by changing the name on every property sale recorded. It will take several weeks to complete the work, which is being done by the auditor's deputies.

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PITTSBURG LIVESTOCK

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