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**Washington News**

The interstate commerce commission has made a reduction in rates on all transcontinental lines operating between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The Sixty-first congress adjourned its second session at 11 o'clock at night Saturday, June 25.

President Taft has moved to his summer home at Beverly, Mass.

The department of justice announces that it is not taking any part in the Oklahoma state capitol fight.

J. F. McMurray, an Oklahoma lawyer, has written to the members of congress denying that he ever made any overtures to Senator Gore or to any other public official and asking for the opportunity to make a statement.

John W. Daniel, senior senator from Virginia, died at Lynchburg June 29. He had been ill since last October. He was the oldest democrat in the senate in point of service. He was a major in the confederate army.

Richmond dispatches say that in due time Governor Mann will appoint former Governor Swanson to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Daniel. Mr. Swanson would serve until January 1912.

It now develops that in appointing a committee to investigate Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery no provision was made for paying expenses of the investigation. As a result it is probable that nothing will be done until congress meets again in December.

Now is Senator Lodge's time for trouble. A Washington dispatch says: "Representative Butler Ames of Massachusetts publicly announced his candidacy for the United States senate in a formal statement embodying an exceptionally bitter attack upon Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. Mr. Ames in his statement says he becomes a candidate after having failed to induce anyone else to take up the fight against Boss Lodge and his political machine. These are some of the things Mr. Ames says of the senator and what he ascribes as the Lodge machine. 'This machine, backed by all the large corporations and all the state and federal patronage at his command, has for many years been a ready and efficient tool to crush out all political ambitions, endeavors and opinions not sanctioned by Mr. Lodge. His orders have gone out to crush not only for his own political end, but to advance the selfish schemes of the large railroads, banking and manufacturing interests he serves in the halls of congress as well as in the Massachusetts legislature. It is reported that in his present extremity, fearing to seek re-election on his long public record in congress and in the state, his one hope is that Mr. Roosevelt, may create new confidence in his behalf by speaking for him as an old friend. It is hard to believe that the former president would lend himself to the political support of one, even though a friend, who has consistently violated all the moral teachings of which he is the great exponent. With direct primaries it is universally admitted that Mr. Lodge would have no possible chance of re-election. The Lodge machine and lobby worked in the senate (Massachusetts) again

this year to successfully defeat the direct primary bill which had passed the house. The defeat of Mr. Lodge and the termination of this machine will tend more than anything else to party success not only in the senate, but in the nation. It will restore confidence in the republican management by divorcing the legislative lobby from the political machine and by defeating a public official who has so long served the private interests rather than the public good." Mr. Ames says he expects Lodge men will try to prevent pledging of candidates in the hope that they may be controlled later. To prevent that he says he will try to compel every candidate in Massachusetts at the coming elections to pledge himself to the issue he has raised."

Speaking to a representative of the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Senator Cummins said: "Every republican congressman need not be ashamed to face his constituents and stand on the record made by congress. The railroad bill as finally passed suits me entirely. I believe it is a movement forward. On the statehood and conservation bills there were practically no fights. Everybody wanted them. I do not want to be understood as saying that the administration is entitled to all the credit. The administration deserves some credit, and so do the progressives. There is glory enough for all." He declared that in his belief the postal savings bank bill passed by congress was only passed after assurances had been given to New England bankers that no postal savings banks would be located in that section of the country. "The one real bad piece of legislation is the postal savings bank act," said the senator. "There are three strong objections to it, any one of which, I think, are sufficient to have caused its defeat. I believe that as time goes on the bill will lose what friends it has. It means, in my opinion, constant warfare among communities to prevent the establishment of these banks in their cities."

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**MR. BRYAN AND OHIO**

Says the Waterloo Times-Tribune: "Mr. Bryan's influence is recognized. His right to be consulted, in view of his three times leadership, is granted. But his right to threaten Governor Harmon and to tell him point blank that if Ohio does not endorse his senatorial nomination plan, Governor Harmon shall not be a national leader, is challenged. Mr. Bryan has no justice on his side in this. He can not say Harmon shall surrender his right and class as a national figure if the democrats of Ohio do not do as he wishes. Such spirit is not the spirit of democracy; such spirit does not appeal to the great majority of democrats. Ohio democrats have shown that they will not tolerate it and Nebraska democrats have shown the same spirit within the past few weeks. We presume there may be some feeling now, between Mr. Bryan and some Ohio democrats, but it can not develop in

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