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## THE LEAST FOR THE LONGEST

Mr. Powers Calls Attention to Injustice in Missouri River Improvement.

## WORK OF WESTERN MEMBERS.

**Dakota Men Very Much Elated—Van Wyck Aims to Protect Honest Settlers—No Land Rings in Utah—Capital Notes.**

## Sails Into the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Special Telegram.—To-day Representative Murphy of Iowa sent to the house committee on rivers and harbors a letter from T. C. Powers of Chicago, formerly of Dubuque (Iowa), now general manager of the Fort Benton Transportation company, calling attention to a matter of much importance to steamboatmen on the upper Missouri and the people of Montana and Dakota that of improving the Missouri river from Sioux City to Fort Benton and asking appropriations therefor. Mr. Powers says that the Missouri river commission, in its estimate to the secretary of war, recommends an appropriation of \$100,000 for the lower Missouri, 1,300 miles, and \$162,000 for 1,500 miles, and that the unfairness of the commission in making its estimates be brought before the committee on rivers and harbors, and that when making further appropriations for the Missouri it be stipulated that at least one-half shall be expended on the upper portion of the river which exceeds the lower both in distance and commerce, and at the same time offering greater obstacles to navigation, there being rocky sections which he says are susceptible of permanent improvement, and the necessity of larger appropriations. He says that the engineer who is to take charge of the work be stationed at Bismarck, the engineer who has had control of it having heretofore been stationed at St. Paul, 450 miles distant.

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Surveyor General Dement, of Utah, now in Washington, says the assertions about a great ring in Utah were all “bosh.” There were land frauds in Utah, but there were worse frauds in other territories.

Commissioner Sparks also denies the story of tremendous alleged land frauds in Utah, as published in the New York papers and elsewhere. He says there are some land frauds in all the territories, but that the story is so great an exaggeration as to render it absurd.

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**DAKOTA MEN OVERJOYED.**

The Dakotamen who have been here for some time working for the Dawes bill to open a portion of the Sioux reservation to settlement, are very much elated to-night over the fact that the bill passed the senate to-day without a dissenting vote. They say that it will certainly pass the house with almost equal facility. If it can ever be reached, and this they expect at an early day.

**PROSPECTS OF TARIFF LEGISLATION.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—[Special Telegram.]—There isn’t the least particle of doubt,” said a member of the house committee on ways and means, “about there being a good deal of tariff discussion in congress during this session. A bill will be reported to the house before March, and it will get into the senate before the appropriation bills come up for discussion.”

“You seem to take it for granted that the bill will pass,” said I.

“Yes,” replied the member, “it will pass the house. I am not prepared to state the exact character of the bill, for to be frank, I do not know just what it will be as it has not been made public yet, but it will be more reasonable than the last one. It will be of the horizontal variety, however. Mr. Randall will not lead an organized host against it as he did the other one. It is hardly probable that it will go through the senate, though; in fact I think there is no probability that it will pass the upper branch of congress, and there need be no fear about it by the business interests of the country. It will fulfill the mission, however—it will make a campaign test.”

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