HOUSE PASSES RIVER BILL

Measure Carries '\$83,000,000 for the Improvement of Waterways.

SURVEY OF THE MISSOURI AUTHORIZED

Amendments Providing for Larger Sums for Work on Mississippi River Defeated-Burton Replies to Critics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-The house today completed and passed the rivers and harbors appropriation hill, carrying more than \$82,000,000, with sundry amendments, all of which were suggested by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Burton of Ohio. Among the important amendments adopted were: For continuing the improvement and for

the maintenance of the Chicago river, \$200,000, being an increase of \$180,000. The paragraph in relation to the Calume river, Illinois and Indiana, was amended so as to authorize the secretary of war to enter into a contract to complete the project, for which \$181,600 is appropriated. The aggregate cost is limited to \$170,000, exclusive of the amounts heretofore ap-

A survey of the Missouri river was an thorized from its mouth to Sloux City.

The naval appropriation bill was taken up and made the continuing order. During today's consideration in the ho of the rivers and harbors bill Mr. Ellis of Missouri was given fifteen minutes to further present the views of friends of the Mississippi river project.

Mr. Bartholdt of Missouri relating to the Mississippi, and increasing appropriations for that fiver, which were pending yesterday, were all defeated today. Incident to their defeat Mr. Burton, chairman of the criticised the "campaign of abuse and villification," as he called ft, which had been in progress against himself as well as the cities in which unscrupulous villification Tillman. had been going on, and added with much emphasis that St. Louis was one of the three. He remarked that the house had gone on record during the consideration of the bill against such a campaign of vituperation and he wanted it distinctly understood that the misrepresentation could

Not Interested in Other River. committee and charge that he is interested in a waterway other than the Mississipp river they say what is not the fact."

Those who were backing the Mississippl river project came into the house and charged that a wrong had been done. These persons ought to go into Statuary joyment of the marble figures there as-

He said the Mississippi river received a larger individual appropriation than any river in the country.

An important amendment, looking to a deep water scheme on the Mississippi north of the mouth of the Missouri was adopted on motion of Mr. Burton. The amend-ment provides that appropriations shall be made in accordance with the report of the engineers on the river between St. Paul and St. Louis. It is estimated that the cost of a six-foot waterway between the two cities will be about \$30,000,000. The project is to be a continuing one and additional appropriations may be made.

Denatured Alcohol Act Amended. The house today passed the bill amending the act relating to the withdrawal from rendered unfit for beverage or liquid medical uses by mixture with suitable enaturing materials. The bill provides for the establishment of central denaturing bonded warehouses, other than those at distilleries, to which alcohol of the required proof may be transferred from distilleries distillery bonded warehouses without payment of the internal revenue tax. Speeches on the bill were made by Rep-

resentative Marshall, North Dakota; Mann, Illinois; Marlin, South Dakota, and Gros-The bill was passed without division.

INDIAN BILL IN THE SENATE

Nearly All Committee Amendments Are Stricken Out. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-The Indian appropriation bill received rough handling by the senate today. The amendments of

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by the special committee which went to the Indian Territory last summer to vestigate conditions, were nearly all sected on points of order,

The provision which allowed full-blood Indians of the Indian Territory to sell their surplus lands was defeated by a vote of 31 to 22, which leaves in force the provision of law known as the McCumber amendment, probibiting the alienation of

such lands for twenty-five years. The defeated provision has been the sub-ject of debate for the greater part of the last two days. After it had been disposed of late today the other committee amendments were defeated on points of

order. The coal land amendment, allowing the surface of the coal lands in the Indian rivers and harbors committee, bitterly Territory to be sold, and which was regarded as of equal importance with that providing for the removal of the restrictions on alienation, was ruled out of the

committee. He said that there were three bill on a point of order made by Senator Among these defeated amondments were

the following:

Allowing city and town officers in the Indian Territory to hold over until the fate of the new state legislation should be decided; requiring the recording in the courts of all Indian leases; authorizing the court of claims, to adjudicate private Indian claims, allowing the surface of coal lands to be sold in the territory of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; allowing the cancelling of certain Indian silotments in Nevada in furtherance of reclamation projects; appropriating \$15,000 to investigate the legality of certain land transfers by the Mexican Kickapoo Indians of Oklahoma and authorizing the attorney general to make such investigation.

Among the committee amendments ac-

Among the committee amendments accepted was one authorizing the survey of additional towns in the coal and asphalt land region in the Indian Territory; provision for the continuance of a pending suit affecting the distribution of the tribal funds of the Cherokee nation, and a provision for opening the Blackfeet Indian reservation in Montana.

But one contested amendment in the bill remains to be disposed gf, that pro-viding that the court of claims shall decide the right of the Colorado Utes to about 2,000,000 acres of land which has been taken by the general government for a forest reserve. Senator Lodge has indieated his vigorous opposition to this claim and Senator Patterson is supporting it on behalf of himself and Senator Teller, who is absent on account of lilness. This amendment will be considered tomorrow. The debate on the bill today was confined to the amendment allowing land allenation. Senator Stone made the principal speech for the amendment and Senator St the principal argument against it.

Miss Hattle Goff, infants' wear buyer for Benson & Thorne, recently had a letter from a friend in Oklahoma telling of balmy weather and buds and blossoms. This all seemed good to Miss Goff, so an early train Tuesday took her south for a two weeks' vacation.

DIAMONDS-Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Nominations by President. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The president sent to the senate today the following

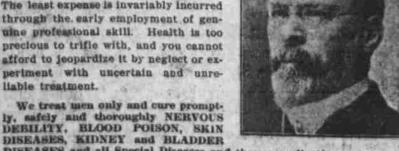
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the committee, especially those suggested Musicians' Ball, Auditorium, Feb. 11.



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STRONG PLEAS FOR MISSOURI

Congressmen Kennedy of Nebraska and Hubbard of Iowa Address House.

REASON FOR THE DECLINE IN RIVER TRAFFIC

Rebates Formerly Given by the Railroads to the Heavy Shippers in Years Past Killed Freight Traffic on Rivers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Missouri river was the subject of two very interesting speeches today while the rivers and harbors appropriation bill was under consideration by the house, Representative Kennedy Nebraska and Representative Hubbard of Sloux City being accorded very earnest attention by the house during their presentation of the Missouri river's right to consideration

Mr. Hubbard remarked that he had prepared several amendments to the bill, but he was admonished by the fate of the various gentlemen who have run into contact in head-on collision with the machine that there was but little object of purpose in offering such amendments, and he therefore did not propose to cast

himself before the wheel. "The Missouri river," he said, "is navigable and has been since Lewis and Clark pursued its pathway across the continent for 2,400 odd miles." He said in the past it had carried great commerce and the things which have caused the diminution of that commerce was any lack of the navigable quality of the river, but it was the result of the diversion of commerce from east to west instead of from north to south along the natural line of flow.

Speaking of the appropriation, which is intended expressly for dredging and for the removal of snags, Mr. Hubbard thought that the improvement contemplated would scarcely last until the boat passes by that makes them. as well attempt to dredge a channel for the north wind," he said. "As a boat goes by a bar forms. One way of improvement is by means of protecting the banks, and that is expressly desied in this bill. The only method is, when erosion begins on the bank of the stream, to put in a dam temporarily to divert the flow. It is true," he said, "that in boats coming down that stream but few tons of freight are carried, but it is also true that on that stream annually goes freight as precious as the coal mines of Pennsylvania. In my district alone thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of real estate are freighted down that river every year."

Kennedy Injects New Idea. It was, however, reserved to the con gressman from the Second Nebraska district to inject new thought into the debate on the river and harbor bill, when he said that the sudden country-wide interest in appropriations for rivers and harbors grew out of the fact that these rivers-meaning the Missouri and Mississippi-would have been used more largely for transportation of freight had it not have been for the common custom of the railroads in paying rebates to large shippers throughout the

"The large shippers in the cities of the United States," said Mr. Kennedy, "have not been interested in years gone by in reducing rates; they have not been interested in cheap transportation; they have been interested in getting an advantage over their competitors.'

Mr. Kennedy told of his the recent Mississippi river improvement congress held in this city, and noted the large business interests of the country represented urging additional appropriations for rivers and harbors. He then said, "h d it not been for the passage of the rate hill those powerful influences would not have been in that congress and you would not now have behind this bill the united business interests of the country. I believe that the future will justify me in the statement that I make, that with rebates prohibited the large shippers of the country will bestir themselves to obtain, not advantage over their legitimate work to their advantage and to the advantage of the whole country."

Mr. Kennedy, after reviewing the provisions of the bill, said that instead of re- Point Fred S. Swanson of Aberdeen, S. D. ceiving \$100,000 for the Missouri river from \$2,000,000. He reviewed the jobbing trade Burke appointed as alternate to West Point of Omaha and South Omaha and said the James F. Halloran of Spearfish, S. D. In South Omaha was over \$90,000,000. He kotans and bright and promising. told of the grain handled and stored in Omaha and said that the manufacturers, packing houses, amounted to about \$300,000,-

River Easily Navigable. work. I take issue with some of the genlemen with reference to the result of dredging the Missouri river, although I believe that the most effective method of dredging that river is by contracting the channel and letting the water do the

"During the summer months we have organized in the city of Omaha a company which is now arranging to place on the river during the coming season boats and barges for carrying freight.

"When we have demonstrated that those boats and barges can ply on the river. that freight can be carried on the Missouri, we will be back here asking from you a liberal appropriation for river improvements and will then be satisfied not with thousands, but with millions to restore the Missouri to the map for commer-

cial purposes." Mr. Kennedy received an ovation when he concluded, friends from both sides of the chamber desiring to express their appreciation of his presentation.

Under the provisions of the bill as introduced the expense of the survey provided for the Missouri would have been met out of the specific appropriations for that stream, but on the solicitation of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Ellis of Ransas City Mr. Burton accepted an amendment in-cluding the survey for the Missouri with others to be paid out of the general appropriation, the amendment reading as foi-"For the Missouri river from its mouth to Kansas City and from Kansas City to Sloux City, provided the secretary of war may in his discretion cause to be made only such further general instrumental survey as may be deemed neces

effort may be made by the Nebruska delegation to increase the salary of the United States marshal for the district of Nebraska from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per ann The larger salary is paid in both the Daketas, both districts in lows, both districts in Missouri and Minnesota, Kansas and Colorado. The matter may be taken n connection with the judicial division Mr. Alexander of New York, chair-of the subcommittee having that bill

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competitors, but cheaper rates, which will and he had no objection to providing for the increase in the judicial division bill.

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Cadets for West Point. Congressman Martin appointed to West as principal, and Henry H. Gantz of Dead-Kansas City to Sloux City, it ought to be wood, S. D., as alternate. Congressman aggregate value of the live stock received These boys are all native born South Da- matter before any recommendation was

Two Experimental Farms Mr. Martin arranged with the Department including the output of the South Omaha of Agriculture for the establishment of two experimental farms in the western part of South Dakota, one under the national irrigation project, near Belle "We have the freight and we have the Fourche, Butte county, and the other for Missouri river and, notwithstanding all the purpose of showing what can be done statements to the contrary, the Missouri under what is known as 'dry farming.' river is more easily navigable today than which will be established in the vicinity it was in the early days when it was con- of the Cheyenne river, in Fall River county stantly used for freight transportation pur- The purpose of the experimental work poses. I base that statement not only under the irrigation project is to give pracupon my own knowledge, but upon the tical assistance to settlers who shall make pinion of engineers who are familiar with their homes on government irrigated lands, the river and who have had charge of that and to aid in bringing about the best re

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in charge, stated to Mr. Kennedy this sults by irrigation. The "dry farming" afternoon that Nebraska should be placed experiment work is to demonstrate wha on the same basis as surrounding states are the best methods and crops to be grown under these conditions.

Wood Selected by Kinkaid. The recommendation of Judge N. W Wood of Rushville to be register of the Alliance land office, vice Bruce Wilcox. resigned, was made at the instance of Judge Kinkaid, the senators in all but two exceptions having consulted with Judge Kinkaid and ascertained his wishes in the made for any of the land offices located in

the Sixth district. Minor Matters at Capital, Representative Burke of South Dakots had a hearing today before the committee on Indian affairs on his bill opening the Rosebud reservation to white settlement He presented to the committee the general subject of opening the reservations to white settlement, with particular reference to the Rosebud reservation. It was learned tonight that Major McLaughlin is en route to Washington, and is expected to bring with him the treaty with the Sloux of

all concerned. Senator Burkett is booked for a speech on Lincoln's birthday at East Orange, N. J. Senator Burkett's amendment appropriating \$140,000 for the purchase of additional land for Fort Robinson has met with favorable consideration at the hands of the military affairs committee of the senate which has sent the amendment to the appropriations committee, of which Senator Allison is chairman, for insertion in the sundry bivil bill, should the item not be contained in that bill when it leaves the

Tripp county which will be satisfactory to

The following postmasters were up pointed today: Nebraska-Canton, Box Butte county, Charles W. Lockwood, vice C. A. Lockwood, deceased. Iowa-Chillicothe, Wapello county, James A. Sweeney, vice A. E. Bellman, resigned. Rural free delivery has been established on the following routes: South Dakots-Bonesteel, Gregory county, route 1, 103 families: Fairfax, Gregory county, route 2,

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