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WILL REDUCE

Proposed New Schedule W Existing Duties One-Half.

PINCHOT CONTINUES BASS

Chief Forester Prepares Figures Show That It Should Be Free.

Say Duty Is Necessary to Enable Them to Compete With Canada,

HIDES ON THE FREE LIST Hide and Leather Schedule Will Probably Result in Xxtended Dis-

cussion on Floor in Earls

House.

WASHINGTON, March E-A cut of onehalf in the duties on lumber and manufactures of lumber is understood to be one of the changes provided byo the new tariff 4 is final revision by the republican mem- track of prices. It was five minutes after Pherson of Bed Cak, In. As a result it is according to information from reliable the end. sources, is that hides have been placed on

During the hearings of the lumber schednie the testimony was of such a character as to lead to the impression that lumber would be put on the free list. It was said that the forests of the county could only be conserved by admitting foreign lumber free of duty. It is understood that Gifford Pinchet, chief forester, is preparing figures for the committee in a further effort to have lumber placed on the free But. Champ Clark declared at the hearings that the large. Representative Fordury of Michigan. mber of the mountities, has champloned the cause of the lumber men and contend that rates of duty should be increased in order that American industry may compete with the cheaper labor employed in Canada and because of the better facilities of transportation afforded in not necessarily drive them from the state. the proximity of the Canadian lumber camps to waterways.

The effort to obtain free hides is being Steel Trust made principally by the Ne wEngland shoe and leather manufacturers., and is strongly opposed by the cattle men of the west. It is said that the tariff framers have agreed to a material reduction on leather manu-

An impression prevails that the plan is to have the hide and leather schedule fixed in conference after the questions have been thoroughly threshed out on the floor of the house, in the senate finance committee and to the fleer of the senses. Champ Clark, the News from Houghton, Mich., says. democrat on the ways and means commit-Responsible Enderwood in laving out the plan to be followed by the minority in its fight on the floor. It is understood that cise the republican bill and offer amendments to it. They will follow a tariff for revenue rather than a free trade policy.

Weather Man Makes Apology

Chief Moore Asserts "Highs" and "Lows" Never Before Acted as on Inauguration Day.

weather bureau. Prof Moore admitted he tions would show an improvement, he said. had waited for several days in some timidity before attempting to "pay his RYAN WILL NOT RETURN TO respects" to Mr. Taft. Mr. Moore had an explanation, which he brought to a climax with all sorts of proof that no such "highs" Alleged Swindler. Held at Little and "lowg" ever before produced such a soon storm.

Thee "original Ropewelt club," from St. Paul, under the guidance of Hugh T. Haffert, seventy-five strong, was accorded a warm reception by Mr. Taft in the cast

The British ambassador and Mrs. Bryce paid their respects to the president and was today held here by the county court true valuation. My opinion is that while Mrs. Taft today, as did Governor lde of

President Taft was at his desk and occupied the first hour of the day in dictating letters. During this time the office building was filled with callers.

MacVeagh, the latter with Postmaster General Hitchwork, were early callers at the White House.

HELD CHILD ON HOT STOVE BECAUSE HE WAS UNRULY

Housekeeper for Boy's Pather Says She Did Not Intend to Hurt Him.

The accused woman said in court that the child was unfuly and she had threatened to set him on the stove, but had not in-

COAL LAND CASE SETTLED Covernment Compromises Suit In-

volving Union Pacific Properties in Wroming.

WASHINGTON, March &-A settlement has been effected by the secretary of the che court. He followed it with an order fendants began to look for a cause, for an interior of the government suit against the that no more should be admitted no mat- excuse. And what did they find? That Pacific Railway company involving her who they were. coal lands in Wyoming estimated as worth

TARIFF ON LUMBER and Chicago Pit

May Declines Suddenly to \$1.13 1-2 After Publication of Reserve Report of Government.

HICAGO, March &-Wheat prices at board of trade here today dropped ply. May declining Fur to \$1.15% amidm from of turnoull rare oven no the easily ARGUMENTS OF LUMBER MEN existed board. Levings sold beavily on the EFFECT MAY BE FAR REACHING government report of unexpectedly large

buil campaign has been the belief in most quarters that farm reserves were as low as 5 per cent. The government report, placing the reserves at 21.6 per cent, burst MISSOURI WILL CONTINUE FIGHT like a bomb in the wheat pit. May wheat, which a week ago sold at \$1.3% and opened today at 136%, was thrown on the murket in immense quantities, much of it, according se popular belief, coming from the trader who has ruled the market for months. At El Ille the decline was checked on buying by jubilant shorts, who were apparent in the closing quotations, which showed a range of \$50 on final trades. At the close May wheat was quoted at \$1.14 and freight laws were nullified by a decito \$1.16%. The keen-eyed reporter for the sinn handed down here today in the United mill, which is being printed preparatory to ticker found it all but impossible to keep States district court by Judge Smith Mobers of the house ways and means commit- the closing gong had sounded before he ee. Another change that has been made, could state the exact figures quoted at

the free lint. There has been much one. Octopus Hard Hit By Kansas Bill

Stringent Measures Provided for Corporations That Refuse to Produce Books in Court.

TOPEKA, Kan., March &-The senate today passed the two companies antiprofits of the lumber interests were unduly trust bills prepared and introduced by the senate judiciary committee. The first of these bills provides that if a corporation on trial dues not produce withcases and the latter have been working energetically books when ordered to do so by the courts to prevent the free entry of of lumber. They six pleadings may be stricken out and judgment be rendered by default. The secand bill, especially recommended by Gevernor Hadley of Missouri, provides for severe punishment for the trusts, but need

Report Asserts Corporation Has Purchased Isle Royale in Lake

DETROIT, Mich., March &-A special to The United States Steel corporation ha bought like Royale in Lake Superior. The deal was concluded in London F. W. Nichols of Houghton and Oscar J. Larson of Duluth, the latter the agent for the United States Steel corporation.

The island is the largest in fresh water n the world. In the copper country it is believed that the steel corporation intends to not the timber from the island and probably to expioit apew its abandoned copper workings, these latter being the Island mines

of Sinbowit bay and the Minong mine at

McCarges onve. for Big Blizzard STEEL RATES TO COME DOWN IS PREDICTION OF SCHWAB

President of Trust Says Bethlebem Company Will Not Cut Wages of Its Workmen.

NEW YORK, March 8-Charles M. WASHINGTON, March &-Just how it Schwab, prosident of the Bethlehem Steel happened that there was such a bliggard corporation, said today that although it Washington on March 4 and in the face was his belief that steel prices would work of his telegrame to Mr. Taft on the night lower before a thorough adjustment of conof the 3d that the weather would be clear, citions was reached the Bethlehem Steel was explained to the president today by corporation did not propose to cut the Willis L. Moove, chief of the United States | wages of its workman. Beentually condi-

COUNCIL BLUFFS FOR TRIAL

Rock on Charge of Intent To Kill.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March & George foot racers, charged onth wholesale swindling operations. will him go to lows in custo answer to a disargle of assault with it-

Wheat Prices Drop COURT VOIDS TWO. CENT FARE LAW

is Wildly Excited Judge Smith McPherson Holds Missouri Statute Reducing Passenger Tolls Is Confiscatory.

FREIGHT RATES ALSO NULLIFIED

Extended Opinion Says They Are Too Low To Be Compensatory.

One of the most potent factors in the Attorney Says Decision Will Invalidate Laws in Other States.

Attorney General Will Take an Appeal to Supreme Court and Legislature Will Pass Law Thrt Will Stand Test.

KANBAS CITT. March &-Missouri's 2-cent passenger and maximum passenger believed there will be a quick return in Missouri to 3-cent fares, and Frank Hager man, for the eighteen companies involved. asserts today's decision sounds the death knell of the 3-cent rate in every state in

Judge McPherson held that both the con modity and the passenger laws were confiscatory and unconstitutional, and Mr. Hagerman declared that it is not conceivthis that if the 2-cent rate is confiscatory in Missouri it can be compensatory in other states.

The state, on the other hand, declared emphatically that Missouri's fight for ower rates would continue. Elliott W. Major, the newly-elected at torney general, who succeeded Herbert B.

Hadley to that office and was in court today when the decision was read, said an appeal would be taken and that the present legislature would be asked to pass new rate laws that would stand the test of the ocurts. Governor Hadley made a similar statement at Jefferson City. Trini Lasts Several Months.

Judge Smith McPherson, who rendered today's decision, is presiding judge of the United States circuit court for the southern district of lows. He sat through the lengthy trial of the case that has opvered several mosths' time and had worked on his opinion for a month past. He left to-Buys Island hight for Council Bluffs, Is., to open court

There was a notable array of corporation torneys in court today. They included Frank Hagerman, Kansas City, special O. M. Spencer, St. Joseph. Chicago, Burlington & Guincy: A. G. Briggs, St. Paul. Chicago Great Western.

Reasons for Decision.

the decision says: "Most of laymen and many lawyers believe that the question is whether the ralllaw is invalid. And if the rallroad evetem ministrative functions. make the corrections.

"The supreme court, during the present Tork decided that 6 per cent was fair and partment of health. andy of officers at the present time. Ryan right to be given to the owners upon the

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the President Sherman and Franklin Attorney Calls Col. Cooper Lobbyist and Embezzler

may have caused interest to lag during the last few days in the Cooper-Sharp murder trial that cause had evidently been removed today. An immense throng gath- mid: ered suriy and there was quite the nid NEW YORK, March &-Marjorle Miles, time rush for seats when the coors opened business, but he pressed the business or a house-keeper for William Johnson, a cab- at 7 s'clock. A local lawyer says that all the side and revealed what was in his inct maker of Williamsburg, was held Tennesseans are either amiors or love black heart. He owed his friend Craig without built to await the action of the oratory and the only regret expressed was money-he owed all his friends money, and grand jury by Magistrate Higginbotham that only three autorneys on such nide be never bothered about money owed. This in Brooklyn today on a charge of having were to speak. Fully half the audience did not bother him. But he broke out and caused the death of Johnson's 2-year-old was composed of women and many of soid: "If my name appears in the Tennes-Arthur, by holding him on a but stove. them, as well as many of the men, brought seean again, Carmack or I must die. their hinches.

Judge Hart warned the audience against any demonstration. "I have been told," charged by reputable men with having be said. "that some people have been brought here to express approval or dis- this man, whose name had been bundled approval. I can scarcely believe it. But I about the state; this man, whose dark and want to say that any one who applauds or devious ways have now been uncovered trimes or comments upon the argument will dared to send to an housest and upright wish he or she had never done it."

Most of the spectators itside the bar were admitted at the request of counsel, them must die. Their number finally frew a protest from

Mrs. Carmack was in her usual seat-a headed angel, Dunc Cooper,' had asked, number. The land was acquired by the huge leather arm chair, with her sen, did the angel come from above or below? company through what are known as Ned, on its arm. With the defendants and 'was there the smell of supplur on his were Mrs. Burth, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Brad- wings?"

NASHVILLE. Tenn. March &-Whatever | ford and Mrs. Sharp, besides a score or more women friends of the ladies me tioned.

argument to the jury for the state. He "Colonel Cooper met Craig an persona This man, who is a self-confessed lob

embeggled money intrusted to his care jeurnalist the threat that if his name up peared in the Tennessean again, one of

"And when the tragedy was over, the de Carmack had referred to 'that little bald



From the Daily Pioneer Prace.

SPRING STYLES IN AFRICA.

NEW CHARTER FOR NEW YORK Two Men Found Proposal to Increase Salary of Mayor

to Twenty-five Thousand.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ABOLISHED

Men Eligible for Mayor Most Have Been Residents of City for Ten Years-Coroner's Office

Abolished. Francisco; M. L. Ciardy, St. Louis. Mis- ceding his election," and that the salary souri Pacific; J. L. Minnis, St. Louis, Wa- be increased to \$5.600 a year. The revision bash; S. W. Moore, Kansas City, Kansas committee provides for a uniformed super-City Southern; E. L. Scarritt Kansas City, intendent of police, appointed from the Chicago & Alton; John H. Lucas, Kaneas ranks of the force and the age limit for City, Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield, entering the police department is raised to 25 years.

It is proposed to abolish the Board of Aldermen and in its place create a countil of thirty-nine members to serve without In giving the reasons for such conclusions pay. The council will have large ordinance-making power, but will have no control over the administrative business of the city or over franchise. It will have the seized a revolver from his deak drawer way company as a system is earning suffi- right to veto specific appropriations in the cient revenue upon the value of the prop- budget and will make the tax levy. Altoerty of the system. They believe that if gether a much broader grant of legislative the Burlington, Santa Fe, Wahash, or any power is vested in the council than the other railroad system, is earning such Board of Aldermen enjoyed. A good drail mey as will pay all charges and expenses. will be accomplished, the commission including taxes and interest, with reason- thinks, soward simplifying the complex able dividends to the stockholders, that financial system of the city and do away state rates for state business must stand, with much entravagant and unnecessary Of course no one believes this who has expenditure by making the Board of Estigiven the slightest attention to the ques- mate and apportionment the great business That precise question was before, and executive committee of the city with con was decided by Justice Brewer, and af- plete control of the city's financial affairs firmed by the supreme court in the Ne- The board will continue to be made up brasks case of Smyth against Ames. The with the same official members as before only question is as to Missouri rates, less including a borough president to be elected expenses properly charged against the fro each borough, but a marked change in same. And if this balance does not leave the existing system is made by withdrawsufficient to pay a reasonable return, the ing from the borough presidents all ad-

of any company is earning more than a The department of street cleaning will reasonable return by reason of interstate be abolished and the entire control of the raics, which affect the people many times streets and sewers and street cleaning. more than local rates, and if such inter- will be vested in a department of street state rates are too high, congruss, either control, for which the mayor will be acting stone or through a commission must responsible. The Board of Education will ! cease to be a separate corporation and will be reduced to fifteen members. The office Ryan, the alleged member of a gang of year, in the case of City of New York of coroner is abolished and all the duties against Consolidated Gas Company of New he performs now turned over to the de

> Pretender Ceases to Pretend. LARBON, March 1.- The Steculo states

that the pretender. Don Miguel, has declared his intention of renouncing all claim to the throne or Portugal out of sympathy for King Manuel, who had been so tragiis understood, according to the paper, that mayor." Don Miguel will reside in Portugal and take part in the work of regenerating the dountry.

Bargains-bargains, bargains! The best bargains in the paper are on the Want Ad pages. Look under the heading "Offered For Sale."

It you don't find what you want today, it will be there tomorrow or the next day. In the course of a month, most everything under the sun is "offered for sale" there. People don't expect big prices for

the things they want to sell. Usoally it is money found and they sell at astonishing low prices. Have you looked at the want ada

Dying in Pools of Own Blood

Discharged Railroad Employe at Devil's Lake Kills Station Agent Jeweler Gets Entire Reward. But Diand Then Eimself.

DEVIL'S LAKE, N. D., March 8-0. J. Hospiner, station agent of the Great North-NEW TORK, March &-The report of the ern railway here, and former Cashler E. Prink Happerman. Range City, special control of the commission made public commission made public in the commission made publi cago. Milwaukee & St. Paul: George P. B. most interesting in the recommendation that Jackson. St. Louis, and James Hagerman, "no person shall be a grade for the office. St. Louis, Miss part. Kan as & Texas. W. of mayor unless he sink, have been a residue. P. Evans. St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Louis, Miss part. St. Louis, Miss part. Was found bying on a table. These were the developments of Months and Charles of the property of

There were no witnesses to the shooting, police and authorities. but Ticket Agent Martin was attracted to the freight station by hearing shots in

that building Hospiter discharged Bryant yesterday and when the latter arrived at the office ard of the Great Northern there to check him out. Bryunt, on seeing the auditor, and fired at Hospner, who dropped to the Both men were married and leave large

SPOKANE MEN WANT REBATES Jobbers Planning to Sur Railroads

for Quarter Million of Alleged

Overcharges.

SPOKANE, Wash, March &-Plans are being considered here for a suit by Spokene jobbers to secure relates on freight charges. which, it is thought, may approprie \$350,000. The claim is based on the recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission, do claring freight rates to this city were "in herently unreasonable'e' and ordering reductions. The theory is advanced that rebates may be demanded on excess charges paid since the suit was filed two years ago.

HEINZES CET THE PEARLS

New Yorkers Recover Necklace and Turn Greek Free.

EDHOLM AND POLICE REWARDED

vides With Police and Contributes to Relief Fund

is that Bryant shot Hospiner and then necklace to their home by express and himself. Bryant was discharged from the leaving on an evening train, both being position of cashier at the station Saturday extravagant in their praise of the good treatment accorded them by the Omaha When the question of the reward was

brought to Mr. Heinne's attention, he decided at once that the money belonged to Mr. Edbolm without question who taxes than other property found the necklace the Greek had found this morning he found Auditor W. W. How- and evidently did not intend to return it for so small a reward as \$500, if he really knew a reward was offered for it

The \$500 was accordingly paid to Mr. Edbolm, who promptly paid \$50 to the police relief fund, sent Captain Savidge a check for \$150. Detective Murphy one for \$50 and Patrolman Unger realized a similar amount from Mr. Edboim and Mr. Heinze.

Another \$500 in Sight

When this little distribution of the taken down after several months passed without finding the necklace, during constitutional convention when it should which time Mr. and Mrs. Helme had one be called or two exciting times when word came from a custom house in Europe that the neckiace had been found. So thoroughly did the detective agencies look for the

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Council Has No Use for Occupation Tax Ordinance

the passage of those occupation tax ordically called upon to assume the crown. It mances I will withdraw from the race for

This proposition was made by Barry B. Zimman, the republican member of the city the whole Monday afternoon, butt he coun- that he would ask for more time, cil would not listen to him and adjourned Mr. Zimman also called up his ordinance

until the supreme court catches up with realty, however its work and hands down an opinion on a cilman Brucker moved to adjourn and second streets. J. W. Orr. attorney of the title deliar and the state board raised them Councilman McGovern, occupying the chair, Missouri Pamfic, which owns the Belt line, only to 66 cents. he continued. fore the chair put the motion to adjourn. "You are fariad to vote on this question have measures of this character in force as it uses the staduct more than any inand that they have proven good things diivdual. for these cities, urthermore, I intend to

have to vote one way or the other."

mdjourned.

Ordinances Up Tonight.

dictary committee in charge of the proposed in it and merely an insult to the people occupation tax ordinances, later promised council and one of the candidates for Mr. Zimman that he would report at tomayor, in the meeting of the committee of hight's meeting of the council, but added

while he was attempting to talk on the to narrow Jones street between Bighth the declaration of Senator Miller that the and Ninth etreets, but it was placed on bill would permit each county to make its Councilman Bridges made a motion that file. Councilman Johnson voting against the shelved ordinances be brought up and it for one. After he had voted, Mr. Johnsome action taken one way or the other. son stated that he did not know whether Mr. Zimman seconded the motion and then O. W. Butts, who wishes to erect a large Councilmen Punkhouser and Johnson talked warehouse adjoining the street if it is naron them, both against bringing up the rowed, owns the abutting property, and stitution," said Senator Miller, "we won't question before election. Mr. uFnkhouser was forced to confess that he had made have the spectacle of the most important contended that action should be delayed no effort to find out. Mr. Butts owns the county in the state not paying more than

The committee recommended the adopseconded the motion. However, Mr. Zim- appeared before the council in an effort twenty-two trains a day on an average would not affect the rest of the state." pass along the main track of the line and other cities that occupation taxes are gross tended that the street car company should bill was postponed. Senator King's amendinjustices. But I prepared to show you be compelled to help pay for the con- ment was as follows: that twenty-five cities in twenty-five states struction and maintenance of the vinduce

bring this up at every mosting until you for two councilmen and the street com-

DOUGLAS COUNTY MADE A TARGET

Lancaster County Member Rakes Up Old Cry of Alleged Tax Shirking.

PROPOSED REVENUE LAW CHANGE

Motion to Reconsider Anti-Treat Bill Is Defeated.

LOCK HORNS ON PRIMARY BILL

House Kills Senate Measure, But Has One of Its Own.

COUNTY OPTION DEBATE TODAY

Several Amendments Likely To Be Proposed, Among Them One by Ketchum, the Prescher Member.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March &-(Special.)-The taxation controversy that is always brought upby Lanuaster county against Douglas. county at the annual fraing of assessments ercaped out today in the senate when that hody was considering S. F. 28, by Miller of Lancuster, providing for an entirely new system of invation for the state.

The proposition was borhodted in a constitutional amendment that would change taxation by values to taxation by special note of the legislature on all charges of property the legislature might desire to ter, tangible and imangible. Finally, Service Miller declared, after the Douglas county senators had strongly opposed the bill, that if the measure were enacted into law it would prevent the taxpapers of the must important county in the state from paying personal taxes on a valuation of to cents upon the dellar while the remainder of the state or some portions of it were paying on a cash valuation or if it permitted this Dooglas county alone would be affected. The hill was not definitely acted

ipon and will come up again soon. The new system proposed is contained in the following section of the bill:

Section 1-All property, except as berein after provided shall be taxed; all tax whether state, local or municipal, shall be uniform upon the same mass of subjects within the territorial limits of the authorities letying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws. In discussing the measure Senator Miller declared the existing system of taxation was a failure, thasmouth as money, mortgages, notes, jewels and bank deposits were admittedly not assessed with any uniformity throughout the state. He declared The Heisse pearl necklace is rectored the man in the morigage business evades county to derive its revenue under its own valuations so there would be no further contention as to inequalities as between counties. He urged the bill as a step already taken in Minnesota, Pennsylvania,

Douglas Senators Oppose.

New York and Wiscomsin. Many classes

of property, he thought, should pay more

Serators Howell and Ransom opposed the bill and Senator King was mellined to behere the system a good one if modified to provide there should be an doubt that all clames of property, tangible and intangible, might be assensed.

Senator Howell of Douglas objected strenuously, because he thought the amendment would take the place of that provision in the present constitution which permits the imposition of an occupation tax Heinze wealth had taken place, the gen- He cited the experience of the Douglas tleman from New York City was re- county delegation already upon the normal minded that he offered another roward tion tax and was willing to let well enough of \$500 to the jewelers of New York and alone without courting further trouble by other cities for the necklace. He said frying to change the taxing system. He that this was up for a short time and was declared there was "a mager in the woodplie." He advocated submitting it to the

Schalor Ransom declared the bill was one of the most radical departures from the present system of procedure on one of the most vital positions to the people of the state that has yet come before the legislature in that it was intended to give the "politicians elected to come down to the legislature" the right to fix the taxes every two years which should be charged the people of Nebraska. He defended taxation by valuation as the only equitable system and he thought the spirit of the times was to bedge public hodies about to prevent them from securing more power, "You call it politics, but I will tell you as to withdrawing his filing as a candidate get anyway. Under the law the legislature what I will do to show you that it is not for mayor if the council would pass the could secure all its taxation from land politics. If you councilmen will you for ordinances, but the democratic members or it could secure it all from corporate inrefused to take any action either way and terests, depending on the temperament of the body doing the taxing and the eveters would be open to revision and disturbance every two years. He could see no good in asking them to give such unlimited

power to their legislative body. It was here, after Senator Ransom had declared the measure moguitable, that the meat in the concanut was made visible by own assessments and derive its taxes is

such manner as it might see fit. Slap at Douglas.

"If this bill becomes a part of the conso cents on the dollar on its personalty. "The county assessed of Douglas county similar case taken up from Lancaster tion of an ordinance ordering the countries appeared before the state board," continued county. Mr. Zimman then arose to speak, tion of a viaduct over the Belt line at Mr. Miller and admitted the largest owners but before he could address the chair Coun- Dodge street, from Thirty-eighth to Porty- of property were assessed at 40 cenus on

"Under this law, this would be normis man managed to speak a few minutes her to postpone action. He contended that but situe if Isongias county wanted it, but it Senator (Kng suggested an amondment to before election," said Mr. Esmman, "and that a studuct is not as necessary at Dodge the bill to obvials any possibility of amyou think you have secured regirts from street as at some other places. He also non- biguity and the further consideration of the

as it uses the viaduct more than any in-dividual. The committee world \$150 expense money for two controls and pattern of the authorities levying the same and shak he levied and collected under

Auti-Treat Bill Dead Agute the councilmen then made his proposition. Louis to inspect street cleaning machinery.

Anti-treet bill this afternoon. The bill was