

SMOOT COMING TO FRONT

After Desperate Fight Utah Senator is on Solid Ground.

BUSINESS MAN OF GOOD JUDGMENT

South Dakota Senator Seeking the Sculp of Auditor Person, Long a Fixture in the Interior Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(Special.)—Ordinarily when a new man is sworn in as a new member of the United States senate it is expected that he will not be conspicuous for at least two years and sometimes four years elapse before it is expected that he will make his appearance as a debater. Of course, there are exceptions to this general rule. If Uncle Joe Cannon, for instance, should be chosen to succeed Mr. Hopkins as a senator from the state of Illinois everybody would expect to hear from him in about a week. A man like Secretary Root can arise in his seat to debate any question, especially a question involving the foreign policy of the United States, without exciting comment. But the ordinary citizen who is chosen by the legislature of his state to occupy a seat in the senate is expected to remain quiet for at least two years—and he will still possess the powers that be better if he does not say a word for four years—because it is an unwritten law that new men should, like children, be seen and not heard.

When Reed Smoot first took his seat as a senator from Utah six years ago he observed the rule rigidly, but still he has in the public eye more emphatically from the time that he took the oath of office. He was attacked on account of his religion and his right to continue to represent the state of Utah was denied from the outset. This was because of the fact that Mr. Smoot is an apostle of the Mormon church. It used to be said that when a preacher assigned to a Methodist church announced to his congregation that he would deliver his first sermon in antagonism to the brewing interest he was rebuffed not to do so because there were several brewers who were shining lights in the congregation. He selected various other "industries" as subjects for his discourse, but in each instance the deacon, whom he consulted, pointed out to him the reasons why this should not be done. In desperation the minister asked, "Whom can I attack?" "Oh, jump on the Mormons," was his reply, "they have no friends here," and there were nearly two friends of the Mormon church to stand by Reed Smoot.

He was subjected to a most rigid inquisition and nearly four years expired before his right to occupy a seat to which everybody admitted he had been legally elected was confirmed by a majority of the senate.

Always a Hard Worker.

During all that time Mr. Smoot had remained passive so far as active participation in the work of the senate was concerned, but everyone noticed that notwithstanding the strain under which he labored for all those years that he attended to his committee work assiduously. No more persistent worker was found in any committee of the senate than Reed Smoot. He attended every meeting of every committee to which he had been assigned, religiously, and in those subcommittees of the senate, which had active control of the legislation in which his state was most deeply interested, he demonstrated that he was, in a slang expression, "onto his job."

It was not surprising, therefore, that when the new committee on finance was chosen, after Mr. Smoot had been re-elected by the legislature of Utah for a second term, that he should be assigned to a place on the important committee on finance.

In the old days a finance committee of the senate was composed of "grave and reserved" men, who had long years of experience behind them, and western men particularly had very little chance of obtaining a seat in that particular committee room. But a new regime has dawned and the west is coming to the front as a power in legislation. Western men are now on the steering committee and western men have something to say to the formation of all the committees, so it is not at all surprising that four western men are now on the committee on finance, nor is it surprising to those who know something of the personnel of the senate that Reed Smoot of Utah is one of the four. Those who have watched the career of the senator from Utah are by no means surprised at the activity which he has displayed as a member of the committee on finance. But others are. There has not been a meeting of the committee since it was organized which Mr. Smoot has not attended. He has shown a remarkable knowledge of tariff affairs and has demonstrated clearly that the business sense which has made him successful in Utah is available in the committee on finance. Such a record has increased a boldness of views which not only redounds to the interest of his state, but makes for much in the common interests of the country at large. There is scarcely a schedule of the tariff bill which he has not studied carefully and conscientiously. The direct interests of his people are in those schedules which affect hides, wool, oils, lead and sugar, and yet he has devoted just as much study to silk and chemicals, manufactures of cotton and all the others as he has to those which bear directly upon the industries of his own state.

It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that Senator Reed Smoot of Utah has been to the public eye during the last few weeks in an equal as great extent as any other member of the finance committee, not excepting Senator Aldrich. He has been spoken of with more or less commendation by practically every one of the metropolitan dailies, and his activity has been noticed, in fact, throughout the country. Senator Smoot would not be regarded as an orator, but he is a business man of rare common sense, whose senatorial career will, in all probability, not reach its

IOWA INSANE ON INCREASE

Population of Asylums Growing While Prisons Decrease.

INSURANCE MEN BLAME LAW

Declare Anti-Compact Statute Causes Loss of Forty Million Dollars in Risks Written—New System of Accounting.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, April 25.—(Special.)—The average cost per day of maintaining the more than 4,000 insane persons of Iowa in the four state hospitals is about 40 cents. The insane number nearly half of those who are classed as wards of the state or supported under the board of control system. The entire number of inmates in the state institutions at the beginning of the present quarter was 4,823. The per capita cost per day for the entire list is 37 cents. The population of the institutions is steadily increasing, for while there has been a reduction in the prison population the number of insane is steadily increasing. Ten years ago the total population of the institutions was 4,371. In the last quarter the increase in inmates was 300, and in employes forty. The report of the accountant for the board of control as to the average population, average number of employes and the cost per day at each institution for the first three months of the current year shows the following:

Table with 4 columns: Hospital, Pop., Employes, Cost. Rows include Mount Pleasant, Clarinda, Independence, Cherokee, Glenwood, Knoxville, Oakdale, Prisons and Reformatories, Fort Madison, Anamosa, Eldora, Marshalltown, Marshalltown, Council Bluffs, and Vinton.

Two Have Defects.

All except two of the institutions had a credit in the support fund at the beginning of the quarter, the total credits being \$80,000. The two which were in arrears were the Iowa State Hospital and the Iowa State Reformatory. The deficit of the Iowa State Hospital was \$125,000, and the deficit of the Iowa State Reformatory was \$125,000.

Falling Off in Business.

Insurance men declare that the anti-compact law is directly responsible for a falling off of \$40,000,000 in risks written and \$1,000,000 in premiums collected by Iowa fire insurance companies last year. George Gallardo, clerk in the state insurance department, completed the total for the Iowa Fire and Casualty company for the year 1908.

Systematic State Business.

In accordance with plans made by Secretary of State Hayward many months ago the state will soon adopt a system of better accounts for its employes and agents who are controlled by travel. An account book will be furnished every person entitled to travel at state expense and in this will be entered the items of expense from day to day so that a complete record may be had. The most extensive travelers of the state are the board of correction, the board of education, the board of health, the board of land and water, the board of mines, the board of public safety, the board of railroad and navigation, the board of state lands, the board of state printing, the board of state treasurer, the board of state auditor, the board of state geologist, the board of state engineer, the board of state architect, the board of state surveyor, the board of state chemist, the board of state physicist, the board of state astronomer, the board of state geographer, the board of state historian, the board of state ethnologist, the board of state linguist, the board of state philologist, the board of state zoologist, the board of state botanist, the board of state mineralogist, the board of state meteorologist, the board of state geologist, the board of state astronomer, the board of state geographer, the board of state ethnologist, the board of state linguist, the board of state philologist, the board of state zoologist, the board of state botanist, the board of state mineralogist, the board of state meteorologist.

Will Close Up Business.

The old boards in charge of the colleges have resolved upon closing up their business as rapidly as possible so as to be able to make to the new central State Board of Education a very complete report of operations. At present it has been decided that while the legislature appropriated \$50,000 with which to continue the work of completing the central heating plant and left this so that it could all be used at once, the old board will not make use of any of it. The legislature authorized the present board to continue the work on the heating plant and this will be done. At Iowa City and Cedar Falls no new work will be done, and the work now under way will be closed out as quickly as it can be done. When the new board takes hold July 1 it will be up against the problem of what to do in the matter of continuing the building operations, what new buildings to erect and getting the plans ready. It is regarded as inevitable that the first year there will be little done in the way of building operations.

Iowa News Notes.

TRAHER—Omno Jensen, a well-known farmer of Beaver township, committed suicide Saturday morning by hanging himself to the rafters of the barn. No reason is assigned for his committing suicide.

MURKIN—Jesse Eaton, aged 35 years, was almost instantly killed here Saturday by falling from the third floor of the Commercial hotel. The girl was overcome with an epileptic fit and fell through a closed window to the sidewalk forty feet below. Her head was crushed and one leg was broken. She died a few minutes later.

MARSHALLTOWN—As a result of the trip of inspection which the city council has made to Gary, Ind., the United States Steel trust model city, and to other places in the east, this city will probably put down several new buildings this summer during the coming summer. During recent weeks the city council has been flooded with petitions asking that concrete paving be laid on various outlying streets in the residential sections.

MARSHALLTOWN—J. C. Kroener, formerly of Melbourne, but now in the real estate business in Des Moines, was held to the grand jury under \$2,000 bonds Saturday by Justice Millard on a charge of perjury. The complaint was filed by T. F. Bradford, an attorney here, on behalf of half of Christian Kroener of Albion, who is the father of J. C. Kroener. It is alleged that J. C. Kroener committed perjury and was aware of statements in a petition of a suit brought against his father in which he alleged his father was guilty of a large farm near Melbourne from his mother by fraudulent means.

Harriman Plans Billion Dollar Corporation

Scheme is to Consolidate All Railroad Mileage Controlled by the New York Central.

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WASHINGTON, April 25.—The Department of Justice is pushing with vigor its policy of urging to a final determination all cases, civil and criminal, involving violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, the Interstate Commerce act, and the act prohibiting the granting and receiving of rebates. On October 3, last, eighty cases were under these several acts were pending in the courts, but this number has been reduced by at least twenty or twenty-five, removing some of great importance from the state. The American Naval Stores' case is now on trial in Savannah. The Maine case, an alleged trust among the lumber packers, is in process of settlement. During the last few weeks the government has intervened in two employers liability cases on the ground that the private suits involved the constitutionality of the act. One of these cases was brought in Connecticut and the other in Illinois.

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BOAT SINKS IN MISSISSIPPI

Steamer Eagle Goes Down in Hundred Feet of Water Near New Orleans.

EIGHT PERSONS ARE DROWNED

Cause of Accident is Mystery, as Vessel Goes Down Without Warning, Victims All Being Asleep.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—Eight people were lost and seven others on board had a thrilling escape when the towboat Eagle of the Louisiana Petroleum company went down early today in the Mississippi river about twenty miles south of New Orleans. The dead: CHARLES GEORGE JOYCE, CHARLES GOODBUD, second engineer, RICHARD LE BLANC, mate, TWO NEGRO DECK HANDS, NEGRO CHAMBERMAID, NEGRO STEER BOY. The accident occurred at 4:30 o'clock this morning, and at the time all those who perished were asleep. The boat began to dip and take water and in an instant was going down, breaking in half as it sank. Unconscious of danger, those on deck found themselves precipitated into the swift current of the deep channel. They succeeded in catching hold of objects washed from the boat and managed to stay afloat until they attracted attention from shore. The sinking of the Eagle is a mystery. There was no explosion of any kind. The Eagle was conveying an oil barge up the river. The barge broke away from the towboat when the latter sank. The Eagle was a steel wheel boat. At the point where it went down the river is about 100 feet deep.

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