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PROGRAMME OF THE SENATE

APPROPRIATION BILLS TO BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF WAY.

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PROPOSITION TO DO AWAY WITH DELIVERY WAGONS IN NEW YORK.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The order of business in the Senate for the remainder of the session has been quite definitely decided on. Appropriation bills will be given the right of way, and the Panama canal treaty will be considered while the appropriation bills are in conference. There will be an effort made to get through other bills, including Senator Aldrich's bond issue bill. Notice of the withdrawal of the statehood rider from the appropriation bill will be given to-morrow.

The Democratic senatorial caucus has rejected the two-state proposition for the admission of new States submitted by the Republicans. The minority will not accept anything on a basis of compromise. Speeches were made in the caucus by Senators Clay, Bacon, Teller, Dubois, Simmons, Foster of Louisiana, Bate, Morgan, Pettus and others. All the speakers took positive grounds against the compromise proposition, and several of them spoke emphatically against the proposition to put the statehood bill on any of the appropriation bills as a rider at the same time they favored placing the future course of the party with reference to the statehood bill as such and also as a rider in the hands of the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices. A Democratic senator, who is a member of the committee on Territories, on being asked for a statement of the reasons for rejecting the compromise proposition, wrote the following, which, after submitting to several of his colleagues, he gave out for publication: "The Democratic caucus rejected the proposed compromise statehood bill for the reason that it is a compromise. The Mexico were made Territories their areas were established for ultimate statehood purposes and the efforts to give them the status of a State would be as large as Texas, and Texas is too large for its convenient government.

"Many Democrats feel that the Republican fight for statehood has not been sincere, they having used the statehood bill as a buffer to prevent trust discussion and legislation. They are now, having stood almost as a wall between the admission of the three Territories, to accept the proposed compromise, which would have played into the hands of the Republican anti-trust cabal.

"The people of Arizona are unanimously opposed to consolidation with New Mexico, and the people of both the Territories would be content with independent bodies of the entire State, and experience has taught that after the interests of any area have been considered as a single State, a majority cannot be secured.

"The Democrats have stood for the statehood bill as a permanent House. They believe that each is entitled to statehood, and they have stood loyally by the Republican minority efforts to give them the statehood; but they will not inflict the injustice, that probably never can be repaired, of forcing upon the Territories into a State so large that it would forever continue a burden they should not bear.

After the adjournment of the caucus the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices met at the Republican club, that committee who have been friendly to statehood. They decided to ask the chairman of the Republican committee on offices and agriculture to withdraw the statehood rider which the committee have without amendment. The committee also decided to continue the fight for the omnibus bill as it came from the House, without amendment. The committee on appropriation bills or executive business with it. The Republicans have decided to present their bill to the Senate in the same form as it came from the House. The indications are very strong that the question will receive very little, if any, more consideration in the Senate. The committee generally admit that there is no chance for success at this time.

WILL SAVE MUCH TIME.

New York Postoffices to Be Built Over the Underground Railways. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The cabinet, among other topics, to-day considered the report of the commission created by Congress to acquire a site for a postoffice building in New York city. The commission was composed of three members of the cabinet, and after the President and his advisers had heard the report read, it was transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary Shaw. The salient feature of the report is a recommendation that postoffice buildings be erected over underground railway tracks of the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railways in New York city. The commission says that few sites were offered for it, and that of the many suggested commendation proceedings will be necessary in all cases in order to secure title. The commission says it has to suggest a wholly new project, namely, the location of postoffice buildings over the tracks of the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railway system. It says by this means the half hour now lost in transporting the mails from the railroads to the postoffice would be saved, and also the expense of the wagons now engaged in this transportation, as pneumatic tubes would be used. The commission reports that negotiations already have entered into with the two railroad companies. The committee recommends that Congress extend its powers so as to enable it to purchase a site for a postoffice building over the Pennsylvania company on Eighth avenue, extending from Thirty-first to Forty-third streets, where the terminal is to be located, the price named to the government being \$2,000,000; also to secure a site and erect a postoffice building over the tracks of the New York Central Railroad or adjacent to the new station to be built by that company.

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