

WARM FINISH EXPECTED

LEGISLATURE NEAR END.

Many Smouldering Fires—Mortgage Tax Repeal Probably Dead.

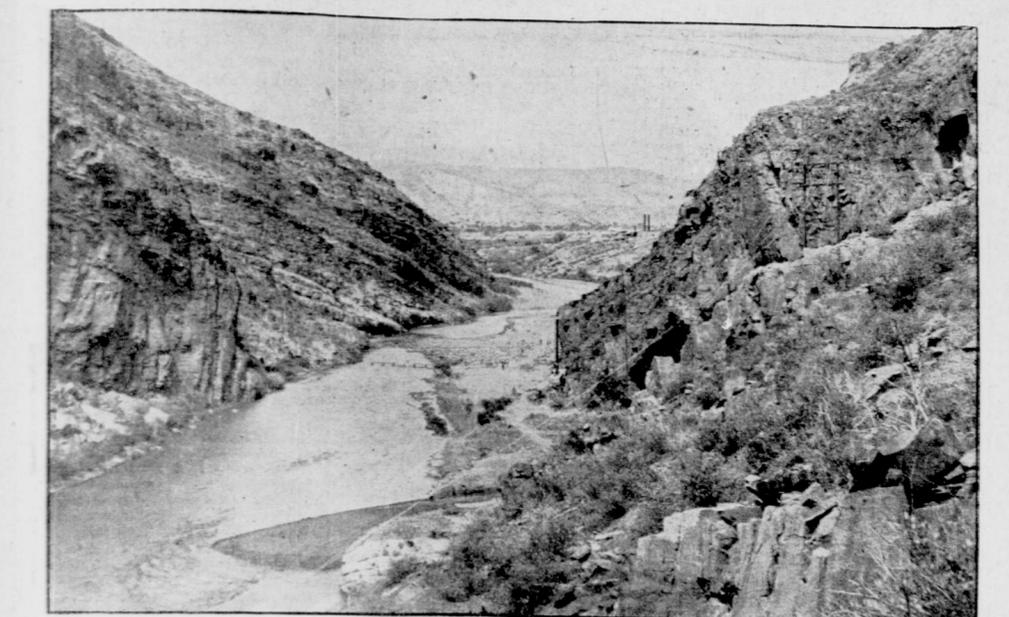
Albany, April 29.—The last week of the legislative session finds several of the important issues of the legislative year still unsettled, and there is a prospect of a "whirlwind finish," with spectacular effect, however these questions are decided. Reapportionment, repeal of the mortgage tax, local option, publicity for campaign expenses and the prevention of racetrack gambling, all remain to be settled in the four legislative days remaining, and all are issues which may ignite a conflagration.

Governor's spirited attack on the gambling evil in his veto of the Coggeshall bill increasing the revenues of agricultural societies from that source. Senator Cassidy himself is taking no special interest in the bill now, but there persists an impression, which cannot be placed, that it may be reported by the Assembly Committee on Rules. Considerable sentiment existed in favor of the measure at one time, stirred up principally by the clergymen who were backing it. This, when later developments indicated that it was being advocated by the position, died out, but if the Rules Committee should report it, it might pass the Assembly.

COST OF BIG DAMS.

Western Structures Much More Economical than Eastern.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, April 29.—The reclamation service, which is charged with the construction of several magnificent dams for the storage of water to be used for irrigating purposes, has prepared some figures showing the estimated cost of its construction work. These figures would indicate that remarkably economical work is being done by the reclamation service, which, if it proves to be so trustworthy as it is cheap, will afford a striking contrast to the expensive hydraulic construction works of the East.



SITE OF THE ROOSEVELT DAM, TO BE ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD. This dam is being constructed in Salt River Valley, Arizona, to store water for irrigation purposes. Chimneys of government cement factory may be seen in the background.

ties from the Democrats, the reapportionment of the state, decided on by Governor Higgins and his advisers, and officially adopted by the Republican caucus, will be put through without much difficulty to-morrow night. Because of its political significance, the friends of State Chairman Odell are much put out by the victory of this distinctly anti-Odell districting of the state, but are bound by the caucus rule. In the opinion of many politicians here, soon after the Legislature adjourns there will be a meeting of the State Republican Committee, at which a successor to Mr. Odell as chairman will be chosen, in accordance with Governor Higgins's wishes.

Senator Cooper's bill, which is said to turn New York City over to the city of the Brooklyn Ferry Company, if it decide to acquire the property, passed by the Senate, now rests in the Assembly Committee on Rules. The disposition of the committee is understood to be unfavorable to the measure. Another bill of questionable worth before that committee is the measure to permit the New York and Queens Lighting Company to sue the city for money due it according to the appointment of rules of procedure. The bill is special legislation, and remarkable tactics have been used here to facilitate its passage, but the bill, in all probability, will die in the Rules Committee.

become more and more evident that many classes of engineering work in the West can be performed considerably cheaper than in the East, and at the same time the natural conditions are such that these structures are more economical and effective. If we take, for example, the three great masonry dams now being erected for the purpose of storing water, viz, the Roosevelt dam, in Arizona; the Pathfinder Dam, in Southeastern Wyoming; and the Shoshone Dam, in Northwestern Wyoming, we shall find that the effective storage capacity and costs are far below those of some of the great Eastern dams, like the New Croton, in New York, and the Wachusett, in Massachusetts. The heights of these dams are as follows: Roosevelt, 280 feet; Pathfinder, 210 feet; Shoshone, 208 feet; New Croton, 27 feet; Wachusett, 207 feet. These heights are measured from the foundation stones to parapet in each case, and they show that the Shoshone is the highest, the New Croton is second and the Roosevelt third. If, however, the height above the river bed be considered—that is, the effective storage height—the New Croton is the lowest. The order is then as follows: Shoshone, 210 feet; Roosevelt, 230 feet; Pathfinder, 190 feet; Wachusett, 185 feet, and the New Croton, 127 feet. In other words, about 50 per cent of the masonry in the New Croton dam is below ground and is serviceable for no other purpose.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Governor Will End Several Guessing Contests in the Next Few Days.

Albany, April 29.—In the next few days Governor Higgins, according to a promise made several days ago, will announce a list of appointments of much significance and great public interest. The most important is that of a successor to Francis Hendricks, as Superintendent of Insurance. Political gossip in the last few days has been busy with several names, but in all probability no man save the Governor and the prospective superintendent really know who is to have the place. Matthew Fleming, who acted as assistant counsel for the Armstrong case, has been prominently mentioned, and all agree that he would be well qualified for the place. Ex-Senator Cuthbert W. Found, the Governor's counsel, also has been spoken of, but his ambitions lie in the direction of a judgeship rather than this post.

THE RESERVOIR CAPACITY.

It is interesting to note the comparative reservoir capacities. While the New Croton Dam is the largest in the world from the point of view of its amount of masonry, the storage capacity of the reservoir formed by it is by far the lowest of any of those above mentioned. In fact, from a point of view of storage economy, the New Croton reservoir is one of the poorest that has been constructed in recent years. The dam contains 33,500 cubic yards of masonry and was erected at a cost of \$7,600,000. The capacity of the reservoir formed by it is 4,600,000 cubic feet, or a cost of \$1,900 a million cubic feet storage. Similar figures for the Wachusett Dam show that it contains 280,000 cubic yards of masonry, and was erected at a cost of \$2,000,000. Its storage capacity is 8,400,000 cubic feet, or a cost of \$238 a million cubic feet storage.

IMMIGRANTS' CASH AIDS OLD HOME.

Agent Estimates That \$1,500,000 a Year Is Sent to Macedonia.

Washington, April 29.—A new and important source of prosperity to Turkey consists in the large amount of cash sent by Macedonian immigrants in the United States to their families, reports Consul Agent Iazzaro to the Bureau of Manufactures from Salonica. This income is estimated at \$1,500,000 annually, and is increasing as emigration to America increases. The agent reports that this is partly responsible for the advance in trade and more prosperous conditions in Macedonia. Salonica has little from the United States, but her exports to America reached \$1,239,000 for the fiscal year 1905.

MR. ROOSEVELT RETURNS FROM TRIP.

Washington, April 29.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who went yesterday on a cruise down the Potomac River to the Sybil, returned here at 8:30 o'clock this evening. The first part of the day furnished ideal weather for the outing, but clouds gathered during the afternoon, and a light rain was falling during the last hour or two of the trip. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entered the carriage in waiting and were driven directly to the White House.

HOUSE HONORS JOHN M. PINCKNEY.

Washington, April 29.—The House met at 11 o'clock to-day to hear addresses on John M. Pinckney, late a Representative from the 8th Texas District. Mr. Slayden, by appointment of Speaker Cannon, presided. Mr. Stephens, of Texas, presented the resolutions of sympathy on the part of the House. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Moore (Mr. Pinckney's successor in Congress), Field, Henry, Garner, Grogg, Burgess, Hoell, Randall and Shepard, all Representatives from Texas, and Messrs. Pudgett, of Tennessee, and Lamb, of Virginia.

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will be disastrous. Owing to the inaccessibility of many of the government works the transportation of cement is difficult and costly. This was especially the case in Salt River Valley, in Arizona, where the great distance from existing mills and the expensive wagon haul made private parties prohibitive. After making thorough investigation of the cost of bringing in cement for the Roosevelt Dam and other structures, the government erected its own mill, and for several months has been turning out daily hundreds of barrels of first class cement at a price far below the cost of cement shipped in. It is known that materials required for manufacturing cement of good quality exist near several of the other projects, and private parties embrace the opportunity to go into the business. From the present outlook, however, the government seems to have a choice of shipping from the Eastern seaboard or from Europe, or of manufacturing its own cement.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Senate May Fix Day for Rate Vote—Programme in House.

Washington, April 29.—Railroad rate legislation continues to hold first place in the Senate. There are three or four more general speeches to be made on the bill, and when the last one of them shall have been heard, if not before, there will be an agreement upon a time for taking the final vote. This is expected to be about May 10. So far official notice has been given of only two more speeches. They will be made by Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, to-morrow, and by Senator Daniel on Tuesday. It is possible that Senators Rayner and Frazier, and even others, will also desire to be heard, so that a considerable part of the present week will be devoted to general discussion.

By common consent several days will be consumed in considering amendments under the rule limiting speeches to ten minutes. The intention is to give a week to consideration of the bill under that rule, and as this consideration will necessarily be postponed until the close of the general debate, the effect may be to delay the final vote, but not for more than a few days.

Senator Tillman's intention is to ask for unanimous consent to vote on a day, and allow the Senate to decide how much time it will devote to amendments. So far about seventy amendments have been suggested, but it is not expected that a great many of them will be seriously considered. Attention will be concentrated largely upon the court review question. Senators generally say that some kind of review provision is probable, but predictions as to which of them will be chosen range all the way from Senator Long's to Senator Foraker's.

The real work of the House on the Agricultural Appropriation bill will begin this week. To-morrow will be given up to the passage of bills under suspension of the rules. Many important bills have been passed in the House this session on suspension days, and with Mr. Williams, the minority leader, objecting to all "unanimous consent" legislation to further the Statehood bill, suspension days becomes all the more important. Speaker Cannon has received many more applications for recognition under this order than the time will permit, and it is not unlikely that suspension day may be "recessed" into Tuesday in order that minor matters may be cleared up. The Committee on Immigration asks to have the recently reported Immigration bill given a right of way over all but Appropriation bills.

NEW HEAD OF BIG SHOW.

George O. Starr Succeeds Mr. Bailey as Manager of Circus.

George O. Starr, is now the chairman and managing director of the Barnum & Bailey circus, and Charles R. Hutchinson has been appointed director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James A. Bailey. Mr. Starr has been chairman of the board of directors. He has been with the show for twenty-nine years, and is incidentally the second largest stockholder.



GEORGE O. STARR. Chairman of board and new managing director of Barnum & Bailey's "Greatest Show on Earth."

been spending the last few years in Europe attending to the business interests of the Buffalo Bill show, and has always been the foreign representative of the "Greatest Show on Earth." Mr. Starr will travel with the show, and as he is thoroughly versed as to every detail of the big circus, it is believed that the future of the immense enterprise is assured.

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N. Y. LIFE NOT TO FIGHT.

Buckner Denies Report of Test of Publicity Law.

It has been suggested that the New York Life Insurance Company might make an effort to test the constitutionality of the law requiring the publication of lists of policyholders through the instrumentality of one of the policyholders. This could be done by having a policyholder ask for an injunction restraining the company from making his name public on the ground that it has no right to violate the confidential relations it assumed in accepting him as a policyholder. Thomas A. Buckner, vice-president of the company, denied last night that the company had any intention of testing the constitutionality of the law.



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FOR \$50,000,000 HARBOR BILL.

Congressmen to Make Trip in Favor of Big Yearly Appropriation.

Washington, April 29.—Impetus is to be given the movement in favor of a fifty-million-dollar-a-year River and Harbor Bill, which the National Rivers and Harbors Association has adopted as its object in a Southern trip to be taken by Representative Ransdell, of Louisiana, chairman of the executive committee of the association; Representative Davidson, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Railways and Canals; Representative Jones, of Washington; Representative Maynard, of Virginia, and Representative Small, of North Carolina.

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EAR-JUDGE MCKENNA GIVES THIS AS REASON FOR RESIGNING.

Charles F. McKenna, of Pittsburg, who resigned as judge of the United States District Court in Porto Rico a few weeks ago, arrived here yesterday on the Cosmo from Porto Rico. Judge McKenna was appointed for four years on the recommendations of United States Senator Knox and Congressman Dalzell. He has served only two years, and his sudden resignation has caused some years, and his political sponsors, Senator Knox and Congressman Dalzell.

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ELECTED QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL.

Patogue, Long Island, April 29.—No ballot in years has excited such interest as that just cast here which awards the place of queen in the coming Patogue trade carnival to Miss Edith J. daughter of J. Gimocchio, a wealthy merchant of this village. The ballot was cast to decide who was to occupy the golden chariot, drawn by six white steeds, which will bear the procession on next Saturday, the last day of the carnival.

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