

tried of having it appear to the public that we are being driven around like school children.

Mr. Francis has always been looked upon as a direct nominations advocate, having voted for such a measure in the last two legislatures.

Assemblyman Ward, who has been introducing the New York County Republican committee bills, was not averse to criticizing the bill.

Senator Hylan and Assemblyman Green, the introducers of the bill, expressed confidence in its passage, saying that the measure was a long step forward in primary reform.

Assemblyman Hamm, who was one of the legislators who took part in the conference at which the bill was drawn, said that he had no doubt that the bill would pass.

"And in its present form," he declared, "it does away with the criticisms that the cities would overlook the rural districts and many other objections that have been made to it."

DETAILS OF THE BILL. Senator Davenport, Speaking for Conference, Explains Provisions.

Albany, March 19.—Governor Hughes' direct nominations bill, now that its details are all worked out, is hailed by its friends as a measure which will reorganize the political system not only of this state, but of other states, for which they believe it will furnish a model.

The chief provisions of the bill are, briefly, as follows: Designation of candidates for nomination by party committees instead of the present convention method.

All candidates for party committees are to be nominated by the party at a public meeting, by specific nomination of enrolled voters, and are to be elected annually.

The basis of representation of each committee-man is made proportionate to the vote cast in his district for the candidate of his party for Governor at the preceding state election.

There is to be an official primary ballot, with the names of all the candidates for nomination by the party committees having preferential position.

All primaries are to be held on the same day, and there is to be general enrollment throughout the state.

Party platforms are to be framed by a party committee consisting of the members of the state committee and the candidates nominated for state office.

Provision is made for severe punishment for attempted corruption at the primaries, and the financial expenditures of candidates are to be limited, and defining the purposes for which money may be expended.

DAVENPORT EXPLAINS FEATURES. Senator Davenport, speaking for the Senators and members of the Assembly who took part in the consultations that preceded the bill, explained its chief provisions. He said, in part:

Fully recognizing the necessity for aid and wisdom of having party organizations, when properly constructed and organized, to reform and reorganize the political system, the bill provides for the nomination of candidates for public office by party committees.

and wards in each county, and the judicial district committee is to be composed of three district committees selected from each assembly district in the judicial district. All other committees are composed of the members of the county committee.

Each member of a county committee is entitled to cast one vote for his town or ward and an additional vote for each one hundred votes or major fraction thereof cast in his town or ward for his party candidate for Governor, and, in addition, one vote for each fifty votes, or major fraction thereof, of such excess.

OTHER COMMITTEES PROVIDED FOR. Any party organization may establish such other committees as it may desire, but such additional committees cannot designate candidates for nomination or providing for direct nominations.

There is to be an official primary ballot, designed like the election ballot, to prevent illegal voting. The names of the candidates for nomination for each office are placed in a column at the left of the ballot.

All primaries will be held on the same day, which is the seventh Tuesday before the day of the general election. The primary will be open from noon until 6 o'clock in the evening, and only enrolled voters of the party can vote in primary.

Enrollment in the primary is limited to enrolled voters in all districts where the population is over 100,000, and in the same manner as voters are now registered by such boards of inspectors.

BRIDGE LINE DISCUSSED. Board of Estimate Gives Promise One More Deputy. Borough President Greaser of Queens protested vigorously before the Board of Estimate yesterday against fixing April 23 as the date of the hearing on the petition of the South Shore Electric Company for right to operate a street surface railway.

Board of Estimate yesterday gave promise to Greaser that it would consider his request for an additional deputy without request of cost to the city. In the budget eight deputies at \$2,500 each, and two at \$5,000 were provided for.

CASTRO TELLS OF GOING HOME. Intends to Live at Colon if Venezuela Refuses to Allow Him to Land. Dresden, March 18.—Ex-President Castro of Venezuela evidently has not entirely given up hope that he will be able to return home next month.

He said to-day that he would remain on board the Guadeloupe, which will sail from Bordeaux on March 25, after a week's stay at Trinidad, and that he would continue his voyage by the steamer to Colon, where he would reside, as he preferred that city to Port of Spain.

There is no danger of your being arrested while on the Guadeloupe at La Guayra, or your being forcibly taken ashore," he was asked.

He replied that he would not be arrested, and that he would go to Venezuela to meet any charge which may be brought against me, and to defend myself, if there be accusers, without any care for what may happen to me.

Those who desired a change in the government of Venezuela should try to bring about a revolution or even of encouraging his party to overthrow the present government.

LYNCH POLICE CHIEF'S ASSAILANT. Citizens Take Desperado from Jail and Hang Him to Telegraph Pole. Elkins, W. Va., March 19.—Joseph Brown, said to have been an ex-convict, who shot and seriously wounded Chief of Police Scott White, at Whitesboro, near here, last night, was taken from jail by a crowd of men early this morning and hanged to a telegraph pole.

AMERICAN ROBBED IN LONDON. London, March 19.—Dr. Marriott Hutchins, president of the Board of Education of Lake County, Me., was robbed here on Thursday of \$1,000 and a diamond ring by means of a confidence trick. The police arrested the three thieves at Northampton to-day and recovered from them \$700 and the ring.

PRaises PRIMARY BILL BOUND TO PASS, HE SAYS.

Ex-Judge Wadhams Says Neither He Nor Any One Else Can Stop It. In view of the extremely antagonistic position adopted toward the direct primary nominations bill by State Chairman Woodruff on Thursday and yesterday, Mr. Wadhams, Republican leader and member of the House, is heard to be commenting at length on the measure.

It is unfortunate that a Republican leader in the position of Chairman of the Judiciary should be in the position of opposing the measure, said ex-Judge Wadhams. "I do not believe that he or any one else can stop the bill."

Darwin R. James, Jr., president of the Brooklyn Republican Club, which for years has been in the forefront of the fight for direct nominations, was quoted by the Tribune as saying that he is appalled by the attitude of Chairman Woodruff.

The main features of the bill as introduced by Senator Hylan yesterday remain exactly as they were first made public in The Tribune some weeks ago. The subsequent work on the bill has been perfect detail, and the bill is now in a form which is perfect in detail.

"I think the bill as introduced to-day is a magnificent measure. It retains all the good features of the laws of other states and provides correctives where defects have been pointed out."

"It is a masterpiece of work from the point of view of construction, and is just such a document as you would expect a skilled lawyer like the Governor to be behind. It shows the wisdom of the organization with which we are familiar in this state, making it representative in every instance."

A fundamental difference is that the state committee are to be chosen directly, and not, as at present, by a set of men who have been selected after a process of election by the party.

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SENATE TARIFF PLANS FIGHT INHERITANCE TAX.

Washington, March 19.—The present plans of the Senate leaders if carried out, will involve radical changes in the Payne tariff bill. There is determined opposition to the inheritance tax in the upper house. The maximum and minimum provisions is unsatisfactory to some, and may be materially changed.

Its opponents say that the inheritance tax is properly a source of revenue for the states, and should be imposed by the federal government only in an emergency, such as meeting the expenses of war.

The policy of a maximum and minimum tax was first advanced by Senator Aldrich, and later supported by Senator Lodge, who introduced a resolution some years ago creating a committee to investigate the subject.

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NEW SENATE BODY TO FIX FISCAL POLICY.

Washington, March 19.—The Senate leaders have created a highly important new committee, which is destined to exert an influence second to that of no other committee in the Senate.

The new committee is the Committee on the Executive Departments, Senator Hala will be ex-officio chairman.

For many years there has been dissatisfaction with the present method of appropriating public funds. Responsibility for appropriations is divided among half a dozen committees.

The Committee on Appropriations handles the legislative, executive and judicial bills, the sundry civil bill, the general and urgent deficiency bills, the fortifications bill, etc.

The Committee on Military Affairs prepares the army appropriation bill, the Committee on Naval Affairs frames the naval appropriation bill, and the Committee on Agriculture, the agricultural appropriation measure.

Other bills, carrying large appropriations, are prepared by the Committee on Commerce, Indian Affairs, Pensions and Public Buildings and Grounds.

This division of responsibility has led to waste and extravagance. There is no direct relation between those Senators who, by reason of their committee service, are primarily responsible for keeping the Treasury supplied with funds, and those who appropriate these funds.

The new committee is to take general charge of the fiscal policy of the Senate. It is to be a sort of budget committee, with plenary power of "putting on the brakes" when the other standing committees show a disposition to be reckless in the expenditure of public funds.

The Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments will be made up of the chairmen of the various fiscal committees of the Senate.

Mr. Hala's colleagues will include Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Finance Committee; Senator Warren, chairman of Military Affairs; Senator Perkins, chairman of Naval Affairs; and Senator Root, chairman of Agriculture.

The Democrats will also be assigned to the committee by five Senators.

As the country is about to embark on a new policy for raising revenue, the need of a budget committee is of peculiar importance.

It is proposed that the committee should make a careful examination of the estimates proposed by the Treasury Department. The entire field of national finance will be reviewed and a decision reached as to the amount of money which can be spent in the ensuing year.

An appointment of this amount will be informed and each committee chairman will be informed of the maximum amount which he may dispose of.

It is necessary to make emergency appropriations to meet new conditions, the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments may find it desirable to make a subsequent order that there be a cut of 5 or 10 per cent all along the line.

In power and prestige the new committee will be a high rank. Membership on the committee will be a broad knowledge of the nation's fiscal affairs.

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EIGHT BIG SHIPS ASKED.

Mr. Balfour to Move Vote of Censure of Government. London, March 19.—A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, has decided to take the sense of the House whether four or eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme.

He has given notice that he will move a vote of censure of the government next Monday, on the ground that the proposed provision for ships of the latest type is not sufficient for the safety of the empire.

PLAN BIG APARTMENTS.

To Build Ten Story House Close to J. P. Morgan's Home. A big apartment house is to be erected on a plot diagonally opposite the homes of J. Pierpont Morgan and his son, occupying the entire easterly block from Madison avenue between 39th and 37th streets.

It will be built on a plot about 75 by 100 feet at the northwest corner of 38th street and Madison avenue, by George F. Johnson, Jr., and Frederick Johnson. They bought yesterday the site from the Thirty-eighth Street and Madison Avenue Company, of which William H. Chesbrough is president, through A. L. Mordecai & Son.

They intend that the proposed structure shall equal in every respect what is considered to be the highest type of apartment structure in the world. It will be ten stories high and will contain one family to each floor.

A novel feature will be the arrangement of the floor plans and decoration of the suites according to suggestions of prospective tenants given before or during the construction of the building.

WOULD REDUCE WAGES.

Some Anthracite Operators Prefer That Course to a Shutdown. Some of the anthracite operators, it was learned yesterday, though the great majority of them are in favor of a general shutdown in case no agreement with the miners is reached by April 1, would rather reduce wages to what they were before the award of the anthracite strike commission and give the public the benefit by lower prices.

This was the preference expressed by a representative of one of the carrying companies and by Joseph E. Dickson, Eddy, general sales agent for the Scranton Coal Company, whose coal is carried over the New York, Ontario & Western tracks, and by operators themselves.

"In case of no agreement," Mr. Eddy said, "I should certainly favor a return to old conditions, a reduction of wages and a reduction of prices to the public. On the other hand, if an agreement is reached, it must be for three years. No money was made by the operators last year, the present year will be a poor one, and with a three year agreement I believe we should be able to break about even. In case of a strike or general shutdown, the small steam steels will not be on hand, as they are a by-product and a loss, and we could not break up to make them. On the other hand, there has not been so much in stock of the larger sizes for years."

GOVERNOR MEETS P. S. COMMISSION. Talk Over Public Service Questions in General for Two Hours. William R. Willcox, chairman of the Public Service Commission, and Commissioners McCarrall, Bassett and Matthee were in conference for two hours yesterday afternoon with Governor Hughes, at the Hotel Astor. Commissioner Eustis was the only commissioner absent from the conference.

When the commissioners returned to the offices of the commission, Chairman Willcox was asked what they had discussed with the Governor. "Transit matters in general," was his reply. Asked if the subject of more subways for New York City had been touched upon, the chairman smiled and replied: "We discussed public service matters in general. That is all I can tell you now."

When asked whether the Public Service Commission would confer with the special committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, headed by State Engineer Frank Williams, on the advisory board of consulting engineers for consideration and approval. The proposed work includes: Contract 29—Dredging a canal in the Mohawk River between Little Falls and Rexford Flats, 18.7 miles. Contract 22—Constructing the land line from King's Bend to the Genesee River, 5.33 miles. Contract 30—Constructing the river and land line from Little Falls to the Sterling Creek, 14.82 miles. Contract 42—Construction of canal from the Herkimer-Oswego County line to a point just east of Oriskany Road, 3.98 miles.

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