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PRESIDENT TAFT IS A BUSY MAN

A Vast Amount of Work Necessary to Complete Details of Program Planned for Congress

After a protracted absence during a long summer vacation, the personnel of the government, with the exception of the legislative branch, is back in Washington. An extensive and positive legislative and administrative program is in prospect. The president, during his journey of several weeks, covering nearly every state, made numerous speeches and was not reticent as to his intentions. The mere fact that he is the executor of the Roosevelt policies, a fact which he has again and again emphasized, is sufficient to indicate that there will be something doing at the capitol during the coming winter.

Perhaps the most important project, although the least sensational, will be an effort to remedy the law's delays in the federal courts and to invent a plan for securing prompt and economical justice in the federal courts, thereby setting an example to the state courts.

It is a fact acknowledged by all except snide lawyers that the administration of justice in this country is more dilatory than in any other civilized country, with the exception of Russia, if indeed Russia can be called civilized.

It is expected that the president will recommend legislation suppressing the boycott. Also, a bill modifying the injunction processes. There will be a recommendation to congress imposing limitations upon the transfer of water power sites to individuals and corporations and fixing rentals and rates to be charged. He will also recommend reforms in the mineral land laws to the effect that coal, iron and other minerals shall be treated under the royalty system, bringing the government a perpetual revenue.

The question of ship subsidies will be urged upon congress with the object of developing our merchant marine, with, of course, the ulterior object of furnishing a large number of sea-seasoned Americans to man the United States warships in case of war.

The adoption of an income tax amendment to the constitution will be favored, this tax to be resorted to only in time of national stress.

The creation of a central bank of issue will be recommended, the object of which will be to guard against currency stringency.

The president will also urge that the interstate commerce commission shall have increased powers in the regulation of the issue of railroad securities on a sound basis. Also, to classify freight, to initiate complaints of discrimination in rates, to compel connecting railroads to form continuous routes and to establish fixed rates among common carriers.

It may be inferred from statements in his speeches that he will recommend the prohibition of holding stock in competing railroads, and probably a new court of appeals to hear cases carried up from the decisions of the interstate commerce commission in fixing rates.

It will be seen at a glance that this is a heavy and very important program, and it is doubtless sufficient to keep congress busy for the remainder of Mr. Taft's administration.

The president's official family, as his cabinet is called, is back in Washington and busy in the preparation of the several reports for congress. It is to be understood that there will be a rigid cutting down of expenses.

The postmaster-general has announced his intention to make the postoffice, as far as possible, non-expensive to the government. He, however, cannot do this without legislation. The postoffice is the greatest common carrier in the world, but, in the United States, the cream of carrying profits is skimmed by the express companies, leaving the postoffice department only the skimmed milk. The postoffice department should be in this country, as it is in other countries, a source of profit to the government. There are thousands of city carriers and rural carriers who, if the United States had a parcels post law, like other civilized and even semi-civilized countries, could be used without additional expense to deliver small packages, and thus be of incalculable service to the people and pay, through the postoffice, a revenue to the government.

The secretary of the navy has a program of economy which it is hoped is not merely missionary, but he will certainly have opposition from Senators Hale of Maine and McHenry of Louisiana and others in his efforts to wipe out utterly useless and expensive navy yards in ports that the ships of the United States navy cannot enter, and which have been useless since the discontinuance of shallow draft wooden war vessels.

No Limit on the 'Possum

By request of a "possum hunter," Attorney General Major has prepared an official opinion which holds that "possums," raccoons, rabbits and wolves may be hunted in Missouri without the formality of taking out a license under the state game and fish law, provided that the hunting is done without a gun.

State Game and Fish Commissioner Tolerton had ruled that hunting of this kind could not be done without a license, and that while game of this kind is not protected by the law, the game and fish act specifies that a license is necessary to hunt protected game, but that it explicitly requires a license to "hunt." The ruling of the attorney general will bring good cheer to the thousands of 'possum hunters over the state.

Excursions to Chicago

The lowest excursion rates of the year are offered visitors to the "International Live Stock Exposition" and "International Horse Show of Chicago" to be held November 27 to December 10, 1909; also to the "United States Land and Irrigation Exposition," to be held in Chicago November 20 to December 4, 1909.

The International Live Stock Exposition is the latest, greatest and best live stock show of the year, where the champions of all other shows enter a final contest for the highest honors of the season. There will be a big celebration of its tenth anniversary this year, and no farmer, stock raiser or general visitor at all interested in agricultural advancement or development of the live stock industry can afford to miss this year's great show, which will surpass all previous events of the kind.

The International Horse Show of Chicago is the liveliest, most interesting and most broadly representative horse show of the country. It is to be held during the second week of the International stock show period. This year's show will embrace the champions of all breeds, including numerous champions from abroad; also the great six-horse team contest, and many new and interesting features will be added to the brilliant afternoon and evening entertainments.

FOLLOWING A GOOD EXAMPLE

Con. C. Roach, Secretary of State, Follows Precedent Set by John E. Swanger

Another example of the unfairness and absolute disregard of facts that is characterizing articles in democratic newspapers referring to republican state officials is to be found in a recent article in the Kansas City Post, a corporation-controlled sheet that poses as the organ of the democratic party in Western Missouri. In this article it was stated that while Mr. Swanger was secretary of state he charged the Chicago, Great Western Railway company a fee of \$61, while Mr. Roach, his democratic successor, has required the same company to pay a fee of \$2,436.50.

The facts in the case are these: In 1903 the legislature passed a law requiring all railroads built in the state of Missouri prior to 1891 to pay a license tax. As all of the Great Western had been built in the state with the exception of about half a mile prior to 1891, it was required under the law to pay a tax of only \$61. And yet from the passage of the law until Mr. Swanger became secretary of state it had not been required to pay this small amount. Recently the road went into the hands of a receiver and reorganized as an Illinois corporation, and when it applied for admission to do business in this state was required to pay license as a new corporation. So, instead of doing anything more than Mr. Swanger did, the facts of the case are that Secretary Roach did exactly what Mr. Swanger did. Further than this, while Mr. Swanger was secretary of state he required the Chicago & Alton, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Western Union Telegraph company to pay licenses under the act of 1903, which they had not been required to pay by democratic administrations, amounting to over \$6,000. The only credit to which Mr. Roach is entitled in the matter is that he followed the example of Mr. Swanger, his republican predecessor as secretary of state, and did not follow the example of his democratic predecessors.

Farmers' Short Course at Columbia

For the first time in the history of the college of agriculture, there will be given this year a farmers' short course of instruction in agriculture. A regular course of instruction beginning Tuesday, December 28, and continuing for four days will be offered to the farmers who will be in Columbia during the annual farmers' week convention.

The entire equipment of the college of agriculture, including all the teachers and instructors, will be freely given to the visiting farmers.

The departments of agronomy, animal industry, veterinary science, horticulture and dairy husbandry will each arrange lectures and demonstrations especially designed for the instruction of men who have had experience in practical farming.

The work will be so arranged that persons may take special work in dairy husbandry, animal husbandry, soils and farm crops, veterinary science or horticulture.

It is confidently expected that more than one thousand people will enroll in this farmers' short course. Any person interested may secure a program by writing to the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri.

Covers the Local Field From Brookfield Gazette.

One of the very best papers in the county for local news is THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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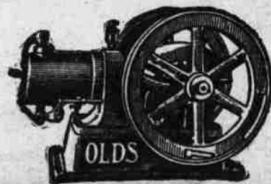
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