

PORTLAND

Paul B. Phillips, naturalization examiner in charge of Americanization work in the northwest states, was in Portland this week to confer with V. W. Tomlinson, who is in charge of the local naturalization board. Mr. Phillips' headquarters is in Seattle. Two years ago, Mr. Phillips says, there were but thirty communities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana where citizenship applicants were taught Americanism in public schools. Today more than 250 localities have followed the example of the original thirty. This rapid growth, Mr. Phillips says, shows that public sentiment is back of the naturalization bureau's policy of demanding a knowledge of our principles of government and history.

One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the Southern Pacific railroad occurred last Sunday morning, when two electric trains met head-on near Bertha station, just outside the city limits of Portland. Eight persons were killed, three of whom were women, and two little children, and thirty-eight persons were seriously and twice that number slightly injured. One of the injured has since died and three others are reported in a critical condition. Motorman Silas K. Willits, who was instantly killed in the crash, had failed to obey orders and sidetrack at Bertha station, and met the incoming train running at high speed in a curve around which neither of the motormen could see. The coroner's jury investigating the cause of the wreck brought in a verdict holding the entire crew of train No. 124 to blame for the tragedy.

Mount Hood Lodge Danish Sisterhood will give a card party on the evening of May 21, at the Masonic Temple, the meeting place of the lodge. All will be made welcome and a very pleasant evening is anticipated. At the last party the first prize was won by Miss Antonia Jacobsen, the second prize by Mrs. Jacobsen of Laurelhurst and the booby prize by Mrs. Christiansen.

The National house of representatives, with 435 members, may pass the 500 mark in membership after the present year. The increase is indicated by early census returns. As congressional apportionment is made on the basis of the decennial census, the problem arising from an enlarged house is placed fairly up to congress. Leaders already are discussing a plan to hold the house at least in its present proportions. Congressional districts now have an average population of 211,430. If states are given added representation for population increases, the house will have 504 members on the basis of 110,000,000 inhabitants.

Dr. H. H. Chase, chief meat inspector of Portland, has been appointed deputy state meat inspector, which gives him authority to inspect meats anywhere in Oregon and report any violations of the state law. The appointment was made by W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

In the first action of its kind attempted in Oregon, United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys has been authorized to institute suit against the Stanley-Smith Lumber company in the sum of \$3016.72 for failure to make an effort to extinguish a forest fire originating on its property. The fire damaged government-owned timber on 828 acres of land within the Oregon national forest. The burned area was on the west side of Hood river, along the ridge dividing the Hood river and Herman creek watersheds.

Lawrence A. Sorllie, convicted of criminal syndicalism after a trial lasting 10 days, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Morrow last Thursday to one year in the penitentiary. The judge stated that he made the sentence as light as possible, because of the recommendation of the jury for leniency. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given by George F. Vandever, general counsel for the I. W. W. in the Pacific Northwest, and who was counsel for Sorllie during this trial. A stay of execution for two weeks was granted.

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