

they be expected to go in for intensive training for American citizenship, in exchange for a two year period of grace in which they would be able to earn their livelihood in the accustomed way. As the wording now stands, the intent is arrested because the man with no preparatory training for citizenship has not approached the application stage, hence, he cannot appear in court to be examined, for the purpose of becoming temporarily rejected, because he is not sufficiently informed — as the construction of this phrase in the law suggests — in order to obtain the credentials enabling him to get a fishing license. The amendment to the original Oregon statute, though created through good intent, reveals again that there are legislators, or men who draft bills for legislators, who ought to be otherwise engaged.

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The Columbia river constitutes the borderline between Washington and Oregon. For obvious purposes a concurrent jurisdiction arrangement was some years ago set up between the two states. Inasmuch as the state of Oregon, by amendment, caused the alien exclusion clause to be abrogated, considerable dissension and difficulties will in the future be encountered, on the point of law and law-enforcement, on the Columbia river, unless the state of Washington, during the present special session, takes steps adequately to adjust the conditions imposed by its present section 5711 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, cited previously in this article.

An adequate adjustment should now be made, making this section sufficiently broad to remove the stain — for it is a stain — upon the fair name of the state of Washington. As it is, the state stands committed to an intolerant and unfair indictment of its citizenry of foreign birth and those law-abiding immigrants within its borders who are citizens in the making. By substituting for the cited section 5711, the following prepared draft, the state will stand vindicated in the eyes of America's fair-minded and tolerant citizenry, whether living in Washington or elsewhere, yet making it clear to all law-abiding immigrant people that the state of Washington will henceforth expect from them that in lieu of the privilege granted them by the state, it is intended that they lose no time in properly training themselves for the responsibilities of American citizenship within the time limit of the federal statute. The penal clause attached places a heavy penalty upon any alien who has entered the country illegally, should he, through the aid of foreign born friends in possession of their Intention papers, cause the state to grant him the privileges so provided for those foreign born who possess credentials of legitimate entry. Every fair-minded legislator in the state of Washington should therefore give the following draft a careful and thorough analysis.

**A comprehensive proposal for an amendment of Section 5711 of the Commercial Fishing Code of the General Laws of the State of Washington, and contained in Chapter 90 of the Session Laws approved March 13th, 1923, in amended form to read as follows:**

Section 5711. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish or take for sale or profit any salmon or other food or shellfish in any of the rivers or waters over which this state has

jurisdiction or concurrent jurisdiction unless such person be a citizen of the United States and has been for one year immediately prior to the time he makes application for a fishing license an actual resident of this state; provided, however, that a boat-pullers' license may be issued to any alien eligible to citizenship in the United States, who has obtained his Declaration of Intention paper, thereby signifying his intention to become a citizen thereof when the statutory period of five years continuous residence in the United States shall have expired, and who has been an actual resident of this state for twelve months prior to the time he shall make application for such license as herein specified; and provided further, that until March 1st, 1928, it shall be lawful to issue a boat-pullers' license to any non-citizen immigrant of good moral character, legitimately admitted into the United States under the provisions of the Immigration Act, who is eligible to citizenship and has declared his intention to become a citizen therefore and having been a continuous resident in the United States for more than five years, when such a person shall present evidence that he is diligently endeavoring to qualify for citizenship by attending public night schools for Adults or by pursuing other means of private instruction and home study for the purpose of enabling him to pass the naturalization intelligence requirements within the specified time.

Violations of this act, involving fraud and misrepresentation, shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, the fine to be not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, imprisonment to be not less than six months in the county jail and not more than five years in the penitentiary.

In reviewing in detail the facts set forth in this article, as only those know them who have made a thorough, careful and unbiased investigation, and in submitting to the Honorable State Senators and Representatives of the State of Washington a constructive remedy, The United American feels that it has performed a public service of vast magnitude.

#### INTERIM

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There is a hush after the even-song  
Of birds. There is a quiet when each wave  
That beats tumultuously against the quay,  
Spent with the battle, silently recedes...  
Perhaps the cloistered twilight of the grave  
Is but the quiet respite each one needs  
After the tumult of the fretted through—  
After the conquest of a weary day.

#### "THE ALIENS' CLUB OF AMERICA"

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be discouraged all around. The aliens are beyond the child mentality stage, as much as the average American, and the country-doctor idea that a health-producing herb, not strictly palatable, may well be disguised under a sugar coating, should be definitely repudiated in modern American civic housekeeping and relegated to the storerooms of ideas in antiquity.

The alien registration system, if it is to be instituted, should be handled as a departmental matter of business, in connection with the Department of Immigration, which is now handling the internal immigration checking machinery, and additional funds should be provided, through governmental channels, to increase the personnel of that department on the basis of the requirements and according to a simple and expedient method. In the draft of the law great care should be exercised to avoid the slightest ground for the interpretation that the enforcement of any of its provisions would give room for any persecution of the alien because of his alien status. The draft of the law should