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## SENATE ADOPTS WEBB BILL AND ASSEMBLY WILL

REFERENDUM MAY BE INVOKED AGAINST MEASURE BY BUSINESS INTERESTS.

## AMENDMENT WEAKENS LAW

Three-year Leasing Amendment Reduces Power of the Bill and Business Interests May Invoke Referendum on it Holding it Up for Two Years—House Acts on it Late This Afternoon.

Sacramento, May 3.—The Webb substitute to the Birdsall anti-alien land bill passed the senate early this morning and before the assembly adjourns late tonight, it is expected to pass that body. The vote in the senate was 36 to two. The governor announced he will sign the bill "within a reasonable time."

The amendment submitted by Senator Boynton permits leasing of land by aliens ineligible to citizenship for a period of three years. A number of senators including some of those who voted for the bill, declared this clause doesn't prohibit renewing of leases indefinitely, and that much force of the measure is lost through the amendment.

The anti-alien bill was to come before the assembly for final action at 1:30. This decision was reached after a long debate on a motion by Assemblyman Bohnett. Democrats opposed the move, but after considerable discussion the motion prevailed.

In certainty, the amendment to the anti-alien land bill will go through the assembly substantially as passed in the senate. Preparations are already afoot, by certain business interests, to subject it to a referendum vote, thus delaying its operation, if approved, until after the general election in November, 1914. This course was not only predicted by senators during the debate on the amended bill last night, but is further substantiated by telegrams in hands of the legislators today.

After the final conference with both houses of the California legislature at 3 this afternoon, Bryan will leave for the east via Los Angeles and the Southern route at 5 o'clock. The session will be open and is not

### CARDINAL AGLIARDI.

He Has Been Papal Nuncio to Spain Since 1911.



expected to interfere with the passage of the Webb anti-alien bill in the assembly this afternoon.

Wilson Waits Lieutenant.

Washington, May 3.—It is stated at the executive office that Bryan probably will arrive here Tuesday bringing Wilson a complete report of the anti-alien land situation in California. Bryan and Wilson will immediately confer and thereafter the administration's attitude toward the law will be made public.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, is expected to formally protest California's action as soon as Governor Johnson signs the bill.

### PRESIDENT WATCHES "KIDS"

Ball Game Between Youngsters Attracts President's Notice.

Washington, May 3.—After stopping for a few minutes to watch eighteen kids play ball, President Wilson ascended to the tower of Washington monument where he held an informal reception today. The President left the White House accompanied only by Joe Murray, a secret service man, for a stroll. Suddenly he decided to mingle with a crowd visiting the monument. After a few minutes the president was recognized and shook hands with the entire party.

### Franch Aviator Killed.

St. Cyr, France, May 3.—While flying in a military biplane Sergeant Battini of the army aviation corps, fell 100 feet and was almost instantly killed.

### La Grande Athletes Win.

Pendleton, May 3.—(Special)—Conkey won third in the 50, second in the 100, and Leffel pulled third in the 880 here this afternoon.

## WOOL TARIFF DEBATE WAGED IN THE HOUSE

UNDERWOOD ASKED TO LET 18 OR 19 CENT RATE BE SUBSTITUTED.

## DEMOCRATS SHOW FIGHT

Insurgents and Republicans Join in Fight on Free Wool That is Waged for Three Hours and a Half in the House This Afternoon—Underwood Asked Why he "Flopped" on Wool Rate.

Washington, May 3.—Consideration of the wool schedule was resumed in the house today. Mr. Underwood urged the members to eliminate all political debate, and Republicans finally agreed to offer only one amendment to the wool schedule and to limit the debate to three and a half hours. The amendment staggered Underwood, following, as it provided a substitute for the wool schedule.

Offered by Representative Payne of New York, it embodied rates higher than the Underwood tariff, and lower than the Payne bill. It provided duties of 18 to 19 cents on raw wool.

Underwood was subjected to a bitter attack today.

"Why have you completely changed front since introducing the bill a year ago providing 20 per cent duty on raw wool," was the question asked Underwood over and over again.

It went unanswered. Underwood smiled broadly through it all despite the savage attack by the Republican minority and Democratic insurgents.

### PLAY WELL RENDERED

High School Graduates Present Comedy Play That Pleases All.

The high school auditorium was packed to the doors last evening when the class of '13 presented "A Box of Monkeys." From a critical standpoint the play takes its place with any of its kind in the school's history. The presentation was smooth, capably handled, and interesting to the end. Much credit is due the individual participants and to Miss N. Lucile Allen the director. "Property" used in the play was furnished by W. H. Bohnenkamp and company and added to the stage settings. The musical numbers interspersed with the acts, were especially well liked by the audience. At a fitting climax to a student production of this sort the seniors unloaded themselves of a lusty class yell for the participants in the play and the instructor.

### TEACHERS TRAIN MOROS.

To Reduce Promiscuous Shooting of American Soldiers One Aim.

San Francisco, May 3.—To teach belligerent Moros something more civilized than "pinking" American soldiers, eighty-five American men and women teachers, representing nearly every state in the Union, sailed on the liner Mongolia for the Philippines today. They are to be scattered over all parts of the islands. Salaries for these teachers will be met by Philippine revenue.

### Pope Receives Cardinals.

Rome, May 3.—The pope received Cardinals Delai and Pompili this afternoon. This is the nearest approach to a formal audience since he was stricken weeks ago.

## Thirty Thousand Women in Line Thrill New York With Big Suffrage Parade

New York, May 3.—Thirty thousand women participated this afternoon in the biggest suffrage parade in New York's history. Incidentally they applied "You don't count" treatment to mere men. The marchers fringed states and from the territory of were instructed to forget for a couple of hours that such a creature as man ion, "General" Rosalia Jones, and the existed, and keep eyes in front and shoulders erect. The marchers obeyed instructions. Each of the marchers carried a shield and a Twenty-four handsome girls on flag and all were gowned in white. A horseback led by Ines Milbelland, laurel crown covered each head.

## ASSESSOR'S VIEWS GIVEN

COUNTY ASSESSOR COUCH EXPLAINS POSITION.

All Assessors Reach Same End, But Over Different Routes.

La Grande, Ore., May 3.—(to the Editor Observer: Since the citizens meeting a few days ago, (the purpose of the meeting and my method of listing certain property for taxation was pretty thoroughly reported in the Observer the afternoon following.)

The taxpayers of the county may be interested to know how I stand on the matter, which is the purpose of this article, if you will allow a little space, I will undertake to define my position and reason therefor, in as few words as possible.

My position on this matter was taken in the first place after due consideration as to the law, and from advice from a number of taxpayers. At this meeting my position was upheld by every attorney present and was not disputed by any one present as to the law, therefore as an officer I have no discretion in the matter, regardless of what my private opinion might be. However a good many of the speakers did say it was a bad law, but did not say how hard they worked at our recent election to have that law repealed. Any way the present law was sustained by a large majority of those voting on the question which was submitted to the people at the last general election.

I am firmly of the opinion the quickest way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it, and if this is a bad law, and by reason of it being enforced for the next two years, will help to get it repealed, I have certainly done more good than harm.

Another point advanced was that only a few of the other assessors of the state were assessing notes and other credits. I believe from information at hand, I am warranted in making the statement that every assessor in the state is assessing these securities, the only difference between the different assessors is the means used in obtaining information to list them for taxation. I do not propose to be arbitrary in the matter, and if myself or deputies (by due diligence) find property assessable under the law, appearing to belong to anyone who might have forgotten to list it with us, their attention will be called to the matter, and given a chance to appear before me, or the board of equalization to show cause why any or all of their property so listed should not be assessed to them, and will be treated fair to the best of my judgment.

In conclusion allow me to call the attention of those who are opposing my position, to an article which appeared in the Observer just before

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## PARENTS SEE FINE EXHIBIT

SCHOOLS MECCA FOR A LARGE NUMBER YESTERDAY.

Wonderful Exhibits, in Some Instances, Elicit Much Praise.

### EXHIBITS OPEN SUNDAY

Supt. Stout and the board of education have decided to open the school buildings tomorrow from 1 o'clock until 4 in the afternoon in order that all parents and others who were unable to attend the exercises Friday may have an opportunity to see the work done by the children of La Grande. Remember, everyone is welcome to this exhibit. There is a justifiable pride in the work done the past year and it will be interesting to every citizen to see the exhibits.

Friday's exhibit day in the public schools of La Grande revealed to those who visit the schools but once a year, many things worthy of warm commendation. For most visitors it was a sort of revelation. For most of the older people it was a forcible example of the new trend in education. Many of the parents had not enjoyed the same advantages in their youth, and the various bits of art displayed on the walls of the various rooms, taught them that there is a bit of the artistic in all of us. From the primary grades to eighth grades a marked degrees of proficiency was evidenced.

This display brought out more. It brought before the public a number of children gifted with an unusual amount of talent, which, if properly fostered, will bring renown not only upon the pupil but upon the community as well.

It was perhaps as strong an argument as could be delivered, that teaching school involves an amount of skill and patience quite out of the ordinary, and that those entrusted with the education of our children need support on the part of parents. The manual training and domestic science departments had many things on display which called for much complimentary expression from the lady visitors.

The high school presented work of an advanced nature and argued strongly for the serious work done in this department.

All told the exhibit was a big success. It gave satisfaction. It spoke well for the head of the city's schools and the teachers of faculties and convinced all that La Grande is in the vanguard of progressive educational work.

## PRESIDENT IS DUBIOUS OVER JURY REFORM

CONFIDENT HIS TRIP TO NEW JERSEY HAS NOT BROUGHT RESULTS.

## CHIEF NOW PEACEMAKER

McAdoo-McCombs Friction Removed Through Efforts of President Wilson According to New York Reports—"Peace Maker" Is New Title Given to the Nation's Chief.

Washington, May 3.—Satisfied with the results of his New Jersey trip, although it is reported he is convinced his efforts to secure the passage of a jury reform law in that state has not changed the situation, the president, who returned to Washington last night, was at work in the executive offices early today. He expects to devote most of the day to analyze the bill passed in the California senate.

### New Honors Won.

New York, May 2.—"The peace maker," is expected to be added to the president's titles, according to a story circulated here which sets him forth as causing a settlement of the feud which existed between the national chairman, McCombs, and Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo. It is said the president personally participated in a conference between the two men which ended in their burying the hatchet. It is claimed McCombs blocked McAdoo's desire to appoint Robert Wooley assistant secretary of treasury. Wilson investigated the friction and found it due to a misunderstanding and brought the pair together and had them agree to work in harmony.

### FIRST AVERAGES OUT

Details of Batting and Fielding However Held Out Until Sunday.

Fielding and batting averages have been compiled by Secretary L. M. Brown of the Western Tri-State, covering games up to the middle of the present week but are not released until Sunday however. Of the regular players who have participated in all games, Nadeau of La Grande leads by a comfortable margin. La Grande's fielding is considerable higher, by the average, than any of the other teams.

### Knights of Columbus Coming.

Tomorrow will see a great gathering of Knights of Columbus in this city. The Boise team will put on the ritualistic work and delegates from three states will be in attendance for the occasion. The entire day will be taken up by the visiting delegations in meeting initiation and banquets.

### Rancher Meets Death.

Seattle, May 3.—The headless body of William Lehman, a rancher of Talbot, was found on the Northern Pacific track near Renton today. It is believed Lehman went to sleep on the track and fell forward under the train.

### Fires Destroy Property.

London, May 3.—The Midland railway depot at Bradford was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at a half million. Simultaneously the new wing of the Ashley school, at Aberdeen was burned at a loss of \$20,000. Suffragettes are blamed.

## GRAFT SCANDAL BREWS IN FRISCO

San Francisco, May 3.—Acting under guidance of District Attorney Fickert, the grand jury which indicted eight San Francisco police detectives on charges of conspiracy, today seek "higher ups" in the police graft scandal.

"We are going straight to the fountain heads," said Fickert, "because we are sure of our grounds."

The grand jury wants to know why

the police department gave no help in the graft scandal investigation. Fickert time and again has asserted every bit of evidence uncovered was rounded by men furnished by the McCarthy Detective agency. He openly asserts the police chief was apprised six months ago of operations of the Italian bunco ring which cleaned up three thousand within a year.

## BOISE HALTS WINNING STREAK

Pendleton, May 3.—Boise proved the best wind workers this morning and took the forenoon game from Pendleton by a 7-0 score. The track meet this afternoon interfered with the schedule game. Pendleton was in the air with the dust and played like

school kids.  
Score:  
Pendleton ..... 0 1 9  
Boise ..... 7 7 1  
Batteries—Ashenfelter and Elden for Pendleton; Bridger and Gair for Boise.