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MERCHANT MARINE SAGGING AGAIN.

Steamship companies operating on the high seas must compete with the fleets of all other nations. There is the weakness of the La Follette seamen's bill which after knocking at the doors of congress for years finally became a law at the last session.

With the law itself there can be small complaint; the difficulty comes in applying it. Compliance with the restrictions therein contained, which represent an advance over the seafaring practice of the rest of the world, will cost American companies dear.

Business inside this country can be regulated since it cannot run away and place itself under another jurisdiction. All competitors must face the same music.

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mon standard upon all competitors is bound to be unsatisfactory.

Wit and Wisdom. (Hutchinson, Kans., Gazette.) It is easy enough to fool a woman but you must do it before you marry her.—Dodd Gaston.

Watch your think. The scientists have finally come to agree with the psychologists that no man is better than his thought. So if you are thinking about the wrong things and talking about the wrong things, get in harmony! You can allow your morals to become flabby and unreliable just as easily as you allow your muscles to become so.—Wichita Beacon.

Prosperity is reported to be rapidly advancing everywhere, unless it be California, and even those who found pleasure in calamity howl may be relied on to give it a welcome.—Sterling Bulletin.

Old Si Crabbe says the use of the term "single blessedness" is redundancy. Detachable morality is getting to be just about as fashionable as the detachable cuff.—A rumor from the spirit world has it that Mephisto has brought suit for libel against General Sherman.—Kansas Industrialist.

Mr. Danrosch after negotiating a \$6,000 contract with Wichita for a one day musical festival and attaching it with a guarantee from forty or fifty business men and bankers, expressed the hope to a Pecon reporter that the time would come when the Kansas people would abandon the pursuit of money and develop their taste for music.

Pavlova lost money in Wichita and Damsroch made some. He came on a guarantee, Pavlova didn't. It shows the difference between the Russian and the German instinct.

After he intimated it to their very teeth the Wichita people needed something more to give them a higher view of life we are inclined to believe that Damsroch would be a more fitting name for the leader of the New York orchestra than Damsroch.—Dave Leahy.

Call "Girls," says the Lenora News, and those of 60 will look around just as quickly as those of 16.

The "unspeakable" Turk seems, to the Arkansas City News, to have a good deal to say for himself.

Speaking of competition, the Iola Register remarks, did you ever hear of two rheumatic persons comparing notes?

Attention is called by the Wichita Eagle to the fact that there is no real malice in nature. She invented the dandelion before man invented the lawn mower.

Spading up the garden will not injure your boy's garden, will not injure your boy's back if he is paid the regulation price for it.—Winfield Courier.

That place on the lawn where you have been nursing the grass along so carefully is of course the only correct spot for the boy's to locate home plate.—Winfield Courier.

A jingo is one who believes Admiral Dewey could take the Olympia and the battleship Oregon and shoot his way through the Dardanelles in twenty minutes.—Charles Blakesly.

Bingham Bill Gives Five Percent

Portland, May 18.—(Special) In an effort to stimulate the use of Oregon manufactured goods and Oregon labor, the Chamber of Commerce of Portland yesterday began a campaign through its bureau of industries and manufactures to take advantage of the Bingham bill which becomes effective as a law this month and which was passed at the last legislative session.

The Bingham bill gives a preferential of five per cent in favor of goods manufactured in Oregon, or in favor of Oregon labor, in the consideration of competitive bidding before county courts, boards of county commissioners, school boards, city council or other public officers authorized to purchase supplies or contract for labor.

"In plainer English, a purchasing

officer is authorized to accept as the lowest bid for labor or supplies offered by representatives of Oregon products, if the bid of the latter is not more than five per cent higher than the lowest bidder from any other state," said George D. Lee, secretary of the bureau. "It is intended to counterbalance the difference in the cost of the reproduction, as between local and foreign concerns. It somewhat adds to the handicap of the foreign manufacturer represented by freight rates, and it should prove an encouragement to the establishment of factories for the manufacture of those items needed in the building of roads and bridges and materials consumed by municipal purchase.

"Senator Bingham introduced the bill after consultation with representatives of the organizations which have been struggling to enlarge the market for those factories already here and to pave the way for others yet to be secured.

"In the opinion of David M. Dunne another pioneer manufacturer, the Bingham measure will prove of great value.

Oregon Development News That the dairyman of the Willamette Valley are fully alive to the importance of improving their herds is indicated by the phenomenal success of the auction sale of registered and grade Jerseys at Independence last week. The total number of animals changing hands was 185, of which 135 were registered cattle. This is the largest number of Jerseys of this class ever offered at one sale in the United States. Congressman McArthur was one of the largest buyers, securing 10 animals at a total cost of \$2,590, his highest price being \$375. As many as 36 head of Jerseys were brought to this sale by a single breeder.

Professor Thos. Shaw, the noted agriculturist of the Great Northern system, accompanied by a party of high officials of the Hill lines, will make a tour of Central and Eastern Oregon during the week beginning May 31. This will be an educational trip, the experts in the party giving lectures and demonstrations at all principal points in the territory visited. They will study the Tumalo project and other irrigated and dry farming sections and on their return will mail exhaustive reports for the benefit of the railway immigration department.

Governor Withycombe has designated September 21, 22, and 23 as the dates for the waterpower and public land conference of Western states which will be held in Portland. At its late session the Legislature provided for such conference and authorized the Governor to fix the dates. The Oregon delegation will be: E. B. Piper, of the Oregonian; W. Lair Thompson, president of the senate; S. B. Huston and S. C. Hudson, of Bend. The Governor will act as chairman of the delegation.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. F. Reed, of Emmett, Idaho, is a Savoy guest.

S. L. Knight was in from Elgin last night.

Mrs. C. L. Darnell and Mrs. J. M. McKinney, of Kamela, were Savoy guests last night.

Martin King, the dean of Kamela fishermen was in La Grande last evening and was quartered at the Foley.

S. R. Gibbs, of North Powder, was a Foley hotel guest last night.

S. H. Hewitt of Baker is registered at the Foley.

John Thomas was over from Cove last night and was registered at the Foley.

Mrs. Yandell, of Lewiston, is at the Foley.

Pert Rogers, signal maintainer of the O-W, and Operator McDonald of North Powder left tonight for California. They will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego and be absent from Eastern Oregon about one month.

James Johns, the capitalist of Pendleton, was a Sommer hotel guest last evening.

Sadie Durkee of North Yakima is registered at the Sommer.

W. I. Walker is over from Joseph and is stopping at the Sommer.

Ray Williams of Cove is a Sommer hotel guest.

Dannie Hynes is at the Sommer for a short stay in La Grande.

LEGAL NEWS

Agreements. W. A. Ludiker, for himself, his wife and H. C. Ludiker, party of the first part, and Harvey C. Patton, of the second part. First party agrees to sell and second party agrees to purchase, \$1-2 of lots 12 and 13 in block 6, Grandy's addition to La Grande, Oregon, and all furniture, furnishings and tools now on said premises for the sum of \$2 402.75.

Suit Filed. John Nodine, plaintiff, vs. Delilah H. Nodine, defendant, suit for divorce. May 17th, 1915.

Viola Sadler and G W Sadler husband and wife, to Josephine R Carson \$2000. Warranty Deed. Conveys Tract Com 92 1-2 rds South from NE cor of Sec 4 Tp 1 N R 39 E then S 48 rds then W 80 rds then N 48 rds then E 80 rds to beg. Containing 24 acres more or less.

Sarah Friswold, widow to Maude Driskell, \$1 etc. Warranty Deed. Conveys Lots 12 13 and 14 in Block 153 of Chaplin's Addition to La Grande.

Roderic McKenzie et ux to Lida Wilson \$820 Warranty Deed Conveys Tract Com at NE cor of Lot 2 in Blk 6 in Honan's Add to La Grande, run then East 110 ft, then S 170 ft then W 110 ft thence North 170 ft to beg.

Power of Attorney The American Fidelity Land Mortgage Company of London Limited to Richard Blakeway King, Robert Grier Patton, Ben Gray Kersday. Giving and granting said attorneys power to ask, demand, sue for, and collect, and

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Satisfaction of Mortgage Maggie Strickler to Viola Aadler and G. W. Sadler. Releases Mtge dated 1st April, 1914, recorded Book 46 of Mtges page 556, and covering: tract Com, 95 1-2 ft S from NE cor of Sec 4 Tp 1 N R 39 E run then S 48 rds then W 80 rds then E 80 rds to beg.

Minnie G Stevens to Sarah Friswold. Releases Mtge recorded Book 45 of Mtges page 179, on 19th May 1913 and covering: Lots 12, 13, and 14 in Blk 153 in Chaplin's Add. to La Grande.

PEOPLE'S AID SOUGHT.

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and to get their help in arriving at as nearly as possible the true cash value of such property as may be considered. We have cards containing the description of a number of separate pieces of property in different parts of the county. We would like to have the meeting select four or five good conservative citizens, or a greater number if desired, who are personally acquainted with conditions, and the value of property generally, within the county, to confer and discuss with us values and relative values, in an endeavor to find the true cash value of such described property as we have. We want no boom, nor inflated values. Neither do we want nominal nor abnormally depreciated values."

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