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COMMITTEE OF TEN IS PROPOSED

COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF ALL BILLS RELATIVE TO REPRESENTATION.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED

House Game Committee Has Decided to Draft and Report Out a Bill Reorganizing the Fish and Game Commission Along the Lines Agreed On by Sportsmen and Fishing Interests.

SALAM, Jan. 13.—A special committee of five members from the senate and five from the house, will probably be appointed to consider all of the bills relative to re-appointment of representation for several counties, and also to consider bills dealing with the creation of new congressional districts.

Wild Game Reorganization Commission. The house game committee has decided to draft and report out a bill reorganizing the fish and game commission along the lines agreed between the sportsmen and the commercial fishing interests. Among the powers granted to the fish and game commission is the right to open any closed season and close any open season at their discretion.

Both Houses Adjourn. Both houses of the legislature adjourned this noon until Monday, when they will convene in joint session to receive a special message from Governor Olcott. The Governor made no announcement as to the nature of his message beyond saying that it deals with constructive state questions.

HIGH WHEAT TARIFF ASKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—To stop the "enormous" importations of Canadian wheat, Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, has announced that he would ask a tariff of probably 50 cents a bushel on wheat, to be included in the Fordney emergency bill, instead of the duty of 50 cents as carried in the measure which was passed by the House.

PORTLAND MARKETS. PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—Cattle were steady on the local market today. Hogs were lower, selling for \$11.50 and \$12.00. Sheep were steady, eggs firm, butter weak to lower tendency.

REQUEST IS NOT GRANTED

The Columbia Products Co. cannot construct a road that is not fire proof over some tracts of salt and other things at the back of the creamery is the verdict brought up last night at the second regular meeting of the year of the City Commissioners. The report of the Water Superintendent was read and passed, also the report of the City Manager. A number of miscellaneous bills were brought before the commission last evening and were laid over until next week.

Two Local Banks Elect Directors for This Year

January the tenth is set aside as a day for all the National Banks to hold their election of the board of directors and also other bank officers.

LT. LANGDON IS KILLED

FAILED TO UNDERSTAND COMMAND OF JAP SENTRY.

Langdon Drew a Revolver After He Had Turned Away and Japanese Sentry Had Shot.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Lieut. Langdon was shot at Vladivostok by a Japanese sentry who failed to understand or heed the command of halt, said an official report received by the Japanese embassy. Langdon drew a revolver after the sentry had pulled a gun from his face, but did not fire until the sentry had shot him, after Langdon had turned away.

MOB LAW RULES IN JASPER SCENE

JASPER, Ala., Jan. 13.—William Board, liner, held in connection with the killing of James Morris, guardsman, December 21, was taken from the jail by a mob last night and was shot to death.

TAX DEPUTIES ARE COMING

WILL BE IN LA GRANDE JANUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 5.

Deputies Payne and Gaffney Will Come to Union County to Help the Local Citizens.

PORTLAND Jan. 13.—Collector of Internal Revenue Milton A. Miller today announced the itinerary of the deputies through the state to receive and assist in making out the tax returns.

For Union county, Deputies Payne and Gaffney will be in La Grande at the court house, from January 21 to February 5, inclusive, at which time any one making out tax returns may get aid from these deputies.

FRENCH UNION IS TO DISSOLVE

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The dissolution of the general Federation of Labor has been ordered by the court which has been hearing the case against Leon Jouhaux, president of the federation, and other officers on charges of infringement of the laws governing unions.

MRS. RIDENOUR PASSES AWAY

Mrs. J. T. Ridenour, wife of the foreman at the shops, passed away at the Grande Bonds hospital at 2 o'clock today, following a serious operation.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Catholic Church, and the remains will be taken on the noon train to her old home in Meadville, Pennsylvania for interment.

IDENTITY OF 'SHADOW' IS BAFFLING

PORTLAND POLICE ARE BUSY WORKING ON CLUES TO IDENTITY.

HENRY JENNINGS IS SENT SECOND LETTER

Head of Furniture House Finds Note Written on His Desk Stationery. And in Ink on His Desk Yesterday Saying, "I Have Been Here."

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—The police are working on clues to the identity of the blackmailer "Shadow," who last week sent a threatening letter to several Portland men of prominence. Henry Jennings, Jr., who received two letters, which he ignored, found on his desk yesterday a note printed in ink and on the stationery of his furniture company, reading: "I have been here—Shadow."

IN ASYLUM BY MISTAKE

BAKER HOSPITAL ATTENDANT CREATES MISTAKE.

Well Known Pioneer Was Taken to State Hospital for Paralysis for Insane Man.

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 13.—John Adams, Baker pioneer, who has been in St. Elizabeth's hospital of suffering from a brain hemorrhage, yesterday was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Pendleton, the result of an error by the hospital management.

U. S. FORCE IS TO BE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The reduction of the American force of occupation in Germany from 15,000 to 6,000 has been ordered by the war department. The reduction is already under way.

HAVE YOU A STARVING CHILD IN YOUR HOME?

If you have not, then express thanks for this condition by sending in your donation to these millions of little European children who are merely existing on soup and bread.

BOY SCOUTS MEET TONIGHT

The Boy Scout troop of La Grande will meet tonight at 8:30 o'clock in their new headquarters room at the Y. M. C. A. During the past week, the boys have been decorating the room, each patrol having been given a copy of the room for their special insignia.

POULTRYMAN VISITS HERE

S. E. Jensen arrived on No. 17 this morning. Mr. Jensen is a brother of E. M. Jensen, of Brundage, and came here to install one of the mammoth incubators of the Jensen Poultry Farm. Mr. Jensen is a member of the 21st council of Bartle, Utah, and is an expert poultryman, operating one of the largest hatcheries in the state of Utah in connection with a large poultry and egg farm.

Mormons Plan to Help the Starving Children of Europe

A Fast day throughout the U. S. Church has been proclaimed by President Heber J. Grant and his counselors, in behalf of the starving children of Europe. Last Tuesday, President Grant proclaimed Monday, Jan. 25, as a special fast day when all members of the Church will be expected to go without two meals. The real cause of hunger which millions of little children are feeling in Europe, and contribute to the price of the two meals to feed big relief projects—the New Deal and the European Relief. In order that no member of the Church will miss an opportunity to contribute, the help of all the wards will be instructed to canvass their wards thoroughly on fast day. After the special day of giving, if any ward members have been unable to attend services, they will again be called upon by the bishop.

Hounded



GATES TALKS TO COMMITTEE

SAYS BILL WOULD PARALYZE GRAIN MARKETING.

Former President of the Chicago Board of Trade Speaks Against Capper-Tibbets Grain Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Leslie F. Gates, former president of the Chicago Board of Trade, today told the House agricultural committee that the enactment of the Capper-Tibbets Grain Bill would "paralyze" the present grain marketing machinery without providing for an adequate substitute.

NG POON CHEW PLEASES ALL

IS ONE OF BEST LECTURERS EVER HEARD HERE.

Word From Peck Table and League of Nations Is Especially Interesting.

Only once in a decade do La Grande people have the rare privilege of hearing a lecturer as gifted as is Ng Poon Chew, who so graciously lectured at the high school auditorium last evening on the subject, "China and Her Trouble—National and International." A large crowd had turned out to hear this eminent Chinese statesman, lecturer, editor and student, the audience numbering many who had remembered another lecture which was delivered on the Chautauqua platform several years ago, by this same speaker.

In an able and frank manner, Mr. Ng brought out the strong contrast between the Chinese nation and the American nation. Ours is a nation built not so many years ago, with new ideas and new reforms. China, on the other hand, was the leading nation centuries ago, and up until a few years ago, had considerable ability. When China began to wake up, and some time later, the Chinese Republic was established. But, although some of the leading statesmen were able to put over the Republic, Mr. Ng declares that it is a republic in name only at the present time. But, "a republic in name is better than a despotism in fact."

This latter fault, that China is a republic in name, has been a source of much criticism from America, which country, China considers as her best friend. But Mr. Ng assured the people in the audience that the students who come from China to study in America, and return later to their native land, are dissatisfied with the things there, the old customs, the inconvenience and even the lack of the American luxuries. He had the highest word of praise for the missionaries who are working in China. As there are over 200,000,000 people in China, where the United States has a population of between two and three million, Mr. Ng said that it could be easily seen why the Chinese leaders were not making headway with reform, for the Chinese people as a whole are tied down by tradition, ignorance and poverty.

Following a receptive lecture of China and her internal troubles, the lecturer turned to the most interesting part of his lecture, and, for half an hour, told of China's international trouble—Japan.

"Japan is the Germany of Asia," declared Mr. Ng, and went on to show in what ways. The affair of the awarding of Shantung, owned by China but leased to Germany for 99 years, because two German missionaries were killed at one time by Chinese robbers, by the Peace Conference to Japan, was one of the big questions discussed. Mr. Ng, who told of China's hopes, and of the menace of Japan, delved a little farther and showed where President Wilson was tricked into making the transfer. President Wilson, with Lloyd George and President Clemenceau, had stood with the Chinese delegation until Mr. Baker, a newspaper man, was approached by a Japanese newspaper friend, who told him that the Japanese delegation were preparing to leave home. Alarmed, Colonel House, and later President Wilson, went to the Japanese hotel, where they saw Japanese agents piling up of the delegates out of the side-walk. Colonel House, for President Wilson, do nothing for the withdrawal of Japan from the League would be serious, and, after much discussion, President Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau decided that China, who had more people killed than fighting in the war, should be given Shantung, and herself an ally, must side with the other ally, Japan.

The Chinese are forced from the hope of the opium. In this way, Japan, finally forced into the next war, by which they knew was not right. Ng building up an outside station, is tearing down the morale of the Chinese as an invading China. During the Japanese occupation of the peninsula, many tons of opium have been sent into the province. This is given to the Chinese in a series of free trading in the way that did Japan, and herself an ally, must side with the other ally, Japan.

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POPULATION OF URBAN U. S. TOLD

PEOPLE LIVING IN PLACES OF 25,000 OR MORE IN U. S. NUMBER 54,318,032.

NUMBER IS 51.4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The urban population of the United States, or the people living in places of 2500 or more is 54,318,032 or 51.4 per cent of the country's total population. The population number living in the rural territory is 51,390,730, the census bureau has announced.

In 1910, the urban population represented 45.8 per cent of the total population. Oregon's urban population is 391,915, the rural population being 392,379.

MUSICIANS CHOOSE HEADS

Like other organizations, the Oregon Protective Association recently held its annual election of officers. For the coming year, Andrew Loney was re-elected president of the association. Other officers elected were G. McMillan, vice-president; Mrs. E. G. Gates, secretary; E. R. Parker, treasurer, and J. G. Gates, sergeant-at-arms.

Members elected to the executive board were Ed Hill, J. P. Caldwell and Mrs. T. O. Meade.

ETHER ALMOST CRIPPLE FORCE

Observer Staff Spends Miserable Day Yesterday.

W. W. Explanation of Their Actions Made When, Much Merriest Is Caged.

The Observer force was having a merry laugh today over a small incident which happened yesterday. Each member of the force had a headache or felt dizzy during the course of the day, and, before press time, more than one wished that they were home in bed. But each one kept their feelings to themselves, and it was not until late last evening that the secret leaked out. Everyone of the force had the "ether" feeling all day long. Some had headaches. Others thought they were going to fall over.

Then some of those concerned got their heads together, and an investigation was started. There was lots of smoke in the basement, but nothing else which would lead one to investigate further in that direction. Just when one of the big tractors which Flood McKinnon has been moving into the Observer office, was next door to the Observer office, was started, and one of the men had an idea. There was ether being burned in some of those machines, he just knew. And the cause for the sleepy Observer force had been explained.