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JOHNSON CRITICISES AGREEMENT

DISAPPROVES OF PLAN OF AMBASSADOR MORRIS AND SHIDEHARA.

WOULD STRIP AGREEMENT OF ALL CAMOUFLAGE

California Senator Believes That the Reliable Information Shows That the Agreement Provided for a Repeal of California's Anti-Alien Land Laws.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Senator Johnson, of California, today issued a statement criticizing the reported agreement between Ambassador Shidehara and Ambassador Morris regarding the status of the Japanese in America. "When stripped of diplomatic camouflage," Johnson said that the erliable information which he had was that the agreement provided for a repeal of California's anti-alien land laws. A new "gentlemen's agreement" for the exclusion of the Japanese which "does not exclude," was also proposed, Johnson declared.

Secretary of State Colby, who recently read the report of Ambassador Morris, said that not all of Senator Johnson's information was accurate. "The Senator undoubtedly is sincere but is proceeding on a number of erroneous assumptions."

PENDLETON TEAM HERE

WILL PLAY LOCAL GIRLS THIS EVENING.

Game Has Been Called for 8:15 in the High School Gymnasium.

The local high school girl's basket ball team will meet the Pendleton team tonight at the high gymnasium. The Pendleton girls arrived this morning on east bound train No. 24, and the line up for the evening was announced by Miss Eva Hansen, coach of the girls, upon her arrival as Mildred Rogers, captain of the team and playing as jumping center this evening, Irva Dale as side center, Mary Clark and Jane Cheney, forwards; Alberta McMonies and Marie Fletcher, guards. The subs who are here are Katherine McNary, Ruth McMinnis and Marjorie McMonies.

The local line up has been announced by Miss Faye Armstrong as Frieda Klopfenstein and Marjorie O'Brien, forwards. Miss O'Brien is also captain of the team, Winona Lyman is jumping center and Mildred Hoyt is side center, Myrtle Harlan and Bernice Loflin are guards. Miss Harlan is also manager of the team. Those who will play on the second team are Geniera Smith and Norma Magers, forwards; Betty Gay Sanders and Katherine Eaton as jumping and side centers, and Aladeen Scroggins and Ruby Shirley as guards.

The game is expected to be one of the hardest fought of the season as both teams seem to be well matched and will start promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

BRINGS HOME LARGE LEMONS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tuckey have returned from a month spent in sunny California, where they visited with their daughter, Mrs. Nina LeFevre, of Burbank. During their absence, they also visited San Francisco, Sacramento and other places, coming home by way of Salt Lake.

Mr. Tuckey this morning brought into the Observer office, two lemons, one large one which he had picked in California, and a smaller one which he located in La Grande. The large one is unusual, in that it is not shipped, but is used by the citrus concerns of California. It measures 11 inches round, or 13 inches the long way, and the contrast between the two is much like a grapefruit and a lemon. Mr. Tuckey reports that grapefruit are now selling in California for four cents apiece, while a person could haul away two wagon loads of lemons for the asking.

OFFICIALS ARE IN FAVOR REFERENDUM

LABOR UNIONS WILL VOTE ON PROPOSED WAGE CUT.

Lumber Workers Win Virtual Victory When Board Abrogates Reduction in Wages.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Officials of the labor unions today ordered a general referendum on the proposal of the Atlantic Coast Ship Builders' Association and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation that wages be reduced 10 per cent as an initial move in the program to cut production costs.

Sixteen Per Cent Cut Ordered.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 29.—The wage scale board for the lumber mills of this district has reduced common labor from $4.00 to $3.60 a day. The lumber workers, however, won a virtual victory when the scale board abrogated the reduction of one-third in wages of all woodsmen and substituted 16 per cent cuts.

LEAGUE GAMES LAST NIGHT

HALLROOM BOYS BEAT PURITY SQUAD 21-9.

Games Said To Be Fast and Well Fought—Tuesday Night Set Aside for Next Two.

Two more of the City Basketball League games were played last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The first game was between the Hall Room Boys and the Purity Squad. This game was said to be very rough and quite exciting, the final score being 21 to 9 in favor of the Hall Room Boys.

The second game played last night was between the Bankers and the Retailers. This game was fast and hard-fought, the teams being well matched. The final score was in favor of the Bankers, 14 to 13.

Tuesday night there will be two more games of the series. The first game sceduled will be between the railroad shops and the American Legion, and the second game will be between the Bankers and the Lumber Jacks.

JUDGE KNOWLES HAS RETURNED

REPORTS THAT LEGISLATORS ARE BUSY BUNCH.

Went to Salem to Confer With Ways and Means Committee Regarding Another Judge.

Judge J. W. Knowles of Union and Wallowa counties returned yesterday from Portland and Salem, where he went in the interest of this Judgeship. Judge Knowles reported that Senators Colon Eberhard and Bruce Dennis, and Representatives Albert Hunter and Geo. Hyatt, are very busy at Salem, and after the daily sessions, have committee meetings every night which keep them until midnight or after.

Judge Knowles went to Salem to appear before the ways and means committee in order to explain to the committee the necessity for another judge in the tenth judicial district. The bill was later introduced by Senator Eberhard.

The Oregonian of yesterday had the following to say of Judge Knowles:

A hunter of big game is Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande, who was at the Imperial yesterday after a visit to the legislature. He delights in hunting deer and bear, and his trials and successes are enjoyed not only by his friends, but by the public as well. For the judge, afte one of his big hunts, sometimes writes a "pece" for the paper telling of his good time out of doors. "This year I had a great time," he said yesterday. "I almost killed a buck, but luck was against me. I've lived at La Grande for 31 years, and it certainly has been growing fast. The farmers have been able to sell their wheat recently, and that has relieved the money stringency somewhat. Judge Knowles has been at Salem in the interests of a bill which would make two separate districts out of Union and Wallowa counties, or provide two judges for the present district, which includes the two counties over which Judge Knowles presides.

ALAMEDA PROPOSAL UNSETTLED

COMMITTEE FAILS TO AGREE ON SELECTION OF NAVAL BASE SITES ON PACIFIC.

FULL COMMITTEE VOTED FOR ALAMEDA RECENTLY

If a Deadlock Over the Alameda Site Continues Monday, the Joint Committee Will Probably Submit a Recommendation for Other Coast Bases.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The sub-committee framing the report on the selection of the navel base sites on the Pacific coast, again failed to reach an agreement and adjourned until Monday. The selection of Alameda as a site for the main fleet base is still in controversy despite the fact that the full committee voted to favor that site recently.

If a deadlock over the Alameda continues Monday, the joint committee will probably submit recommendations for the location of an aviation submarine and other coast basis and ask further time to decide on the San Francisco bay site.

HAZELWOOD CO. IS SOLD

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—A deal involving in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars was closed yesterday whereby the Columbia Dairy Products company of Vancouver, Wash., takes over the manufacturing and distributing business of the Hazelwood company, a local concern. The new owners will take over all cream stations and trade in butter, eggs and cheese of the Hazelwood company commencing February 1, according to Walter Henningsen, president and manager of the Hazelwood company.

The transaction does not include the poultry busiess which will be conducted under the name of the Henningsen Produce company, which still will do a local and jobbing business.

O'CALLAGHAN ORDERED TO LEAVE U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Donal O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, has been ordered by Secretary Wilson to leave the United States by February 11. He is now in the country as a seaman awaiting an opportunity to reship.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—The price of livestock was steady today. Eggs were lower, the buying price being 38 cents, the selling of selects 43 and 44 cents. Butter was firm.

DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

So many things have been happening that the life of a man from Eastern Oregon is constantly upheaved and his equilibrium and mental attitude is disturbed.

We find that Oregon is a big state; that there are many conflicting interests; that there are men schooled in the art of "getting things." But be it said correctly that this state senate is about as independent a bunch of "highbinders" as was ever gathered together. Even the boys on the metropolitan press admit this fact, and be it further understood that those boys who have been covering the legislature for many years know whereof they speak. The "press table" has a decided effect on legislation in Oregon.

Men dig their "political graves", to use the expression of my old friend Senator Pierce, by a slip of the tongue which is immediately caught by alert newspapermen and placed on the wires.

Many a plan that seemed feasible to a legislator when he was at home, on the ranch, or in his office, is shown unworkable when applied to the state as a whole, and in this newspapermen figure quite extensively for their judgment is always good, and usually they give everyone who consults them a square deal and the benefit of their knowledge.

Dr. Lee Stiner, who has very ably handled the state hospital for the insane during the best part of his life, gave all of the newspaper boys a dinner at the institution Tuesday night. It was "some" dinner and we think his turkey must have been raised in Eastern Oregon for it was of such tenderness that surely the Willamette valley could not produce such a bird.

The newspapermen had a free and easy time. No dress suits nor bunk of any kind. Everyone was there as a free lance ready to eat heartily and speak his mind freely.

John B. Coffey went as a "cub" reporter for the Observer and he did not disgrace the shop, for Mr. Coffey is one of the most popular men of the state and rightfully so.

As we reached the cigars and coffee course, we looked the bunch over carefully and the thought came to us: "These are the chaps that make the officials; that send men of mediocre ability to high positions frequently—their thoughs are place in the minds of elected people who very often achieve considerable prominence by utterance of those thoughts. These are the men who see the herd come and go; they select in their minds the good and the bad; they mentally brand the hypocrite and admire the earnest, sincere official. And don't ever think for a moment that anyone can fool them. They may keep still, they may follow the 'policy' of their publications regarding matters, but they are the best jury that ever sat on any case, or decided the merits of an individual.'

At that table were such old veteran writers as Frank Davey, who "did" the statehouse in Harvey Scott's time on the Oregonian; Ralph Watson, who has said some harsh things in the Journal, but who has a heart as tender as a womans; Stephen A. Stone, of the Telegram, who writes true to the policy of his paper at all times; Al. Lindbeck, former resident of La Grande, who is now one of the standby men of the Journal, and Don. Upjohn, now the goveror's private secretary, but who for years wrote, in chosen English and with effective "punch" the Oregonian's tales of the capitol city. Of course, there were many others, for the dinner included the crowd of newspapermen who, either from choice, of from orders, attends legislative sessions.

Many times we have pondered over the question of whether the public really appreciates the boys who work early and late to give out information. We could not help believing that appreciation of the work of these men is limited to the few and does not include the many. People see a newspaper, they know the name of the publisher, and, perhaps, the managing editor, but they do not know the remarkable personality of the men who really produce the matter which is read daily.

On Monday at 11 o'clock in the State Senate will probably be held one of the big events of the session. Meeting after meeting has been held to inform the legislators of the facts relative to the Port of Portland. And, now that the threshing out process has been done the Port of Portland bills will, at the hour named, be taken from the Multnomah county delegation and placed in the committee of the whole which means the entire senate will have them up for consideration and they will be subject to amendment.

Eastern Oregon is unquestionably interested in the North Portland harbor if we are to have water transportation for the wheat and livestock of our country. As the bills now stand the North Portland harbor is not included in the bills. But it will be, judging from the sentiment expressed, and the fight Monday will be to force the consideration and development of that harbor in order that the packing houses and saw mills and other industries located there may have the benefit of deep water.

Oh, yes, there are line-ups. A line-up is one of the first things after taking the oath of office as a legislator. Men who advocate a measure immediately begin getting a line-up, but in this session it has been difficult to get the kind of a line-up that is possible sometimes.

There was a move started the first day to pick out the regulars and the Bolsheviks. The label was pinned on, but the next vote shattered the whole plan for, in the language of Col. Ed. Eckly, "everyone voted as he d—d pleased."

Mending laws that are already on the books is quite a job. It reminds one of a garage with a lot of rundown cars waiting for a mechanic. There are laws and laws on the statute books, unknown as dead wood, which would fill many a library and be entirely useless. Senator Eberhard of Union, Umatilla and Morrow, has done some excellent work already in revising a lot of obsolete statutes and, if his monkey wrenches and pliers hold out, he intends to do a lot more repairing before the session ends.

We want every reader of the Observer to study Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, which was introduced by ourselves. It is a plan to solve the housing problem and, briefly stated, it gives to the man in town about the same plan of financing that the federal land banks give the farmer. Of course, farmers can participate in this plan also. No one is barred. It puts

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Sound Asleep

INVALID IS UNABLE TO BE RESCUED

MRS. AUGUSTA D. MOOT BURNS IN COTTAGE.

It Is Believed That Woman Upset the Lamp and Was Unable to Put Out the Fire.

OAKLAND, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Augusta D. Moot, invalid widow, who was living alone in a small house, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home last night. Marshall R. C. Powell broke in the door in an attempt to rescue her. He made his way through the smoke and sparks, but upon reaching her bedroom door, found the room a mass of coals. It is believed that the woman upset the lamp and was unable to check the fire.

DOOR RECEIPTS ARE VERY SMALL

CHILDREN AID EUROPEAN RELIEF FUND.

Total Sum Taken In $23.40, at the 10 O'Clock Matinee Given for Starving Europe This Morning.

The Arcade and Sherry Theatres, at the morning matinee, took in $23.40 for the European Relief Fund. That sum was given mostly by the children of the own. The Sherry door receipts were $13.40 while the Arcade door receipts were $10.

The amount was turned over to the Fund this morning immediately after the matinee was over.

The old saying may be adhered to, "every little bit helps," and apparently the theatre people are firm believers in that.

MURDER TRIAL JURY DISAGREES

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—Re-trial of Thomas Lotisso, charged with wife murder, is expected, following the disagreement of the jury late yesterday.

LOCAL CO. NAMED IN DAMAGE SUIT

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—Assistant United States Attorney Hall Lusk filed a suit for the government in the federal court Thursday afternoon against the Oregon Lumber company to recover $53,181.66 alleged damages. In 1903 the company is declared to have cut illegally 3,389,364 feet of timber from the claim of John Olson. Lusk said the general land commissioner had classified Olson as a "dummy entryman" on June 19, 1914, and canceled the claim on the grounds of fraud. The claim is in the La Grande district.

WILL PROCEED WITH REPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The house agricultural committee has voted to proceed with preparation of the report on the senate meat industry regulation bill without hearings. The motion to hold the hearings for five days was defeated.

WILL MAKE HOME HERE

WALLOWA, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Bruce Cox, of Wallowa, is making his last trip into this county as salesman for the La Grande Grocery Co. Since he has been elected manager of that concern, he will make his home there. Mrs. Cox and son will remain here until school closes in the spring.

REPARATION OF GERMANY IS APPROVED

DRAFT OF PLAN WAS FRAMED UP BY COMMITTEE OF ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL.

GERMANY MUST MAKE PAYMENT FIRST YEARS

Council Virtually Approved the Plan of Reparation by Germany and Civil Guards Must Be Disbanded by July 1 of this Year.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The allied supreme council today approved of the German reparation plan drafted by the special committee last night. The plan provides for the payment by Germany of 226,000,000,000 gold marks the first two years, and also the payment of a 12 per cent tax on the German imports.

The council virtually approved of the plan for a 200,000,000 franc corporation to Austria.

UNION TEAM IS DEFEATED

LA GRANDE TAKES GAME WITH SCORE OF 59 TO 12.

Return Game is To Be Played This Evening At Union—La Grande Has Fast Team.

The La Grande High School team almost forgot that Union high was on the floor and walked away with the basketball game in the high school gym last evening with a score of 59 to 12.

In the first minute of play, the La Granders frightened their opponents by making a basket. From that time on, during the first half, the local quintet had things their own way, for Union could not keep up with the speed of the L. H. S. team, and the ball was regularly making trips to the La Grande basket. At the end of the first half, the score stood 26 to 6 in favor of the home boys.

In the second half, Union came back with more team work, and La Grande began to take things easy with the result that Union added to her score.

But Theisen was clearly the star of the whole game, making 28 points for La Grande, while Black made 10, Christian 6, Bean 2, and Horstmann 4. Hibbert, of Union, made 8 points, Dallin 2, and Kuhn 2.

Union made frequent changes in her line-up and, during the last few minutes of play, the La Grande coach also made substitutions. The Union team made some brilliant plays, but plainly showed that they were not used to fast teamwork, as are the locals. A return game is to be played this evening on the Union floor, and, after last evening's practice, and being on their home floor, the Union team is expected to make a much better showing.

The line-up for last evening was as follows:

La Grande		Union
Black	F	Hibbert
Christian	F	Dallin
Theison	C	Cash
Bean	G	Neilson
Horstman	G	Johnson

La Grande subs—Chandler, Richland and Woodell. Union subs—Kuhn, Miller and Haggemen.

Referee, Charles Reynolds; Scorekeeper, Earl Reynolds; Timekeeper, Ted Larsen.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

Influence of the Big City

Probably the wittiest stammerer (and all stammerers are philosophicals) ever known was William Travers, once of Baltimore, later of New York. After he had moved from the Oyster metropolis to the burg that overlooks Manhattan, a Baltimore friend met him and conversed with him a moment.

"Bill," said the Baltimore friend, "you stutter worse there than you did in Baltimore!"

"B-b-b-bigger town," explained Bill.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Sunday, rain in the west, rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state.