

Personal Mention

Enterprise was represented at the Foley last evening by George W. Peterson.

Mrs. J. P. Farrell, who makes her home at Enterprise, is in the city shopping today. While here Mrs. Farrell is at the Foley.

Chas. Weston, Jr., of Weiser, Idaho, was registered at the Savoy last evening. He is here on business.

Donald Cole and Hugh Mathews are off from Enterprise today on business and pleasure. They are at the Savoy.

Kate Conley is in from Elgin today visiting friends and is stopping at the Savoy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hecox of Elgin, left this morning for Portland after stopping in the city last evening as guests at the Savoy.

Miss Gertrude Blevins is down from Enterprise for a few days shopping and visiting friends. While here Mrs. Blevins is registered at the Savoy.

William Delbin is over from Union today on business. He is registered at the Foley.

Mrs. L. Millering of Caldwell, Idaho, passed through La Grande last evening on her way to Portland on a visit.

T. M. Daly of Hermiston, Oregon, returned to his home after a short trip to Joseph.

Mrs. J. D. Akeley of La Grande returned home from Nampa, Ida., after a short visit.

Fred Johnson of La Grande, left for Portland on a business trip.

Mrs. T. J. Williams of Boise, Ida., returned home after a short visit in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood returned to Durkee this morning after visiting in the city for a few days.

Mrs. C. A. Myung returned to her home at Enterprise this morning on the branch line train after spending several days at the Hot Lake sanatorium.

Among the guests at the Savoy last evening was W. D. Gordon of Baker.

R. R. Barnes is down from Enterprise today transacting business.

Mrs. Elsie Jones of Elgin, is among the out of town shoppers in La Grande today.

H. Kern is among the Cove visitors in this city today. He is registered at the Savoy.

House Debate Opens On Tax Revision Bill

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The minority will then be the majority. He declared, however, that according to treasury estimates the Democratic tax reduction plan would result in a loss in revenue of \$230,000,000 annually against an estimated surplus annually under the present system of \$226,000,000. He warned the Democrats that they would be charged

with responsibility, if their plan was accepted for raising sufficient revenue to operate the government.

Representative Garner charged the Democrats with having given an opportunity to amend the Democratic tax reduction plan proposed by lower tariff, income rates and higher surtaxes than the Mellon scheme because of "systematic propaganda for the Mellon plan." He also criticized the address of President Coolidge at New York Tuesday as "unprecedented and humiliating to members of congress" in its appeal for the public "to let congress know the wisdom of the Mellon plan."

Attention is large. The debate attracted a large attendance on the floor and the galleries were filled as the bill providing for a complete revision of the income taxes was taken up after two months' consideration in committee. Applause was frequent on the floor as speakers drew home their points.

The cold Democratic opposition to the income tax revision of the bill, brought about by a party caucus vote, was joined Thursday by some of the members of the Republican insurgent group, leaders of which announced after a meeting that they would support the proposal of Representative French, Republican, Wisconsin, and if this bill fails, vote for the Democratic plan.

Mr. French will submit an attempt to cut the normal income taxes on per cent and leave the surtaxs unchanged at 30 per cent. Democrats want the maximum surtax cut to 44 per cent, whereas the Mellon plan provides for a maximum rate of 25 per cent.

Agreement Predicted. Despite the stand of the Democrats, Representative Bang, Republican, Ohio, who has conducted a poll of the Republican delegates predicted Thursday that Republicans would agree upon a surtax rate lower than that proposed by the minority.

Mr. Garner announced Democrats were anxious to expedite passage of the bill and Chairman Green said an agreement would be sought to take up on next Tuesday the income rates section, the vital point of the measure. Representative Langworth, Republican, Ohio, who has conducted a poll of the Republican delegates predicted Thursday that Republicans would agree upon a surtax rate lower than that proposed by the minority.

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subliminal floor leader, predicted the measure would be passed within two weeks if the proposed house of procedures was followed. The majority leader also stated that a poll of the Republican delegates had shown that 268 members would approve of a surtax of 35 per cent or 16 less than a majority if the 425 members of the house voted.

Deputy Forester Resigns.

CORVALLIS—Howard J. Kober, 1911 graduate in forestry, has resigned his position as deputy state forester of Oregon to take the position of deputy state forester of Texas. K. O. Steele, formerly deputy state forester of Oregon, has been appointed to Kober's position. Kober is a professor of forestry here at one time, is state forester of Texas.

Market Head Engineer Quits. BAKER, Or.—E. L. Gray, market-head engineer of Baker county, tendered his resignation to take effect March 1. Lack of cooperation was given by Mr. Gray for his decision. While in Baker he has been instrumental in engineering work done in this county and he is well known throughout the state for his ability. Mr. Gray did not state what his future plans were.

Table-Like Stamped Envelopes. WASHINGTON, (AP)—Use of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers in the mails is extensive. Last year 2,321,600,000 were made for the post office department at Dayton, Ohio. They included 1,774,000,000 plain stamped envelopes, 1,424,000,000 stamped envelopes with return cards printed on the other hand, corner, and 126,600,000 newspaper wrappers. It costs the government about \$1,200,000 to have these printed.

ACQUITS INDIA OF DOPE ABUSE

Responsibility for Abuse of Narcotics Not India's, Says Asiatic Review.

LONDON (AP)—Charles made in certain quarters that the governments of Great Britain and of British India are ultimately responsible for the abuse of narcotics in America because opium and similar drugs are produced in and exported from British India and other dominions, are answered by John Campbell, representative of the India government at the Geneva opium conference of August 1923, who contributes an article in the current Asiatic Review on "The Opium Question and America."

Mr. Campbell makes the categorical statement that "India does not export opium to the United States, and only the most trifling quantities at very irregular intervals, to countries on the American continent; neither does India export opium to England or to any other country for eventual re-export to the American continent." He says, "In India opium finds its way to America by an indirect and unwholesome process, possibly in trifling quantities as may be smuggled by the crews of ships trading between Far Eastern ports and ports in the United States. India does not have, nor has she at any time, exported any

serious drugs to America either directly or indirectly." The writer declares that the India government has for years steadily pursued the policy of reducing opium as far as possible, and that the governments of other countries, and so far from pressing its opinion on any country, India requires as a condition precedent to export that the importing government must satisfy itself that the quantity asked for is reasonable; that the importing government must certify that the opium is required for legitimate purposes and that it must assume the administrative and moral responsibility of seeing that the opium imported is not employed for purposes of abuse. As a result, India now sells roughly three-fourths of her opium exports direct to responsible governments, and has refused to allow exports in cases where it was thoroughly satisfied that the certificates produced were unreliable. He continues: "Opium smuggling can only exist in virtue of

excessive demands made on India by dishonest or lawless governments, demand which the India government cannot reasonably resist until it is in a position to satisfy itself on clear evidence that the quantities asked for are really large." Focusing on the impossibility of control in a country where the raw material is grown, the writer says that it is the factories where drugs are made that should be placed under adequate supervision. A real menace to the world, Mr. Campbell says in the "wholly direct and unindustrial production of opium in China, where more than 90 per cent of the total world supply is grown."

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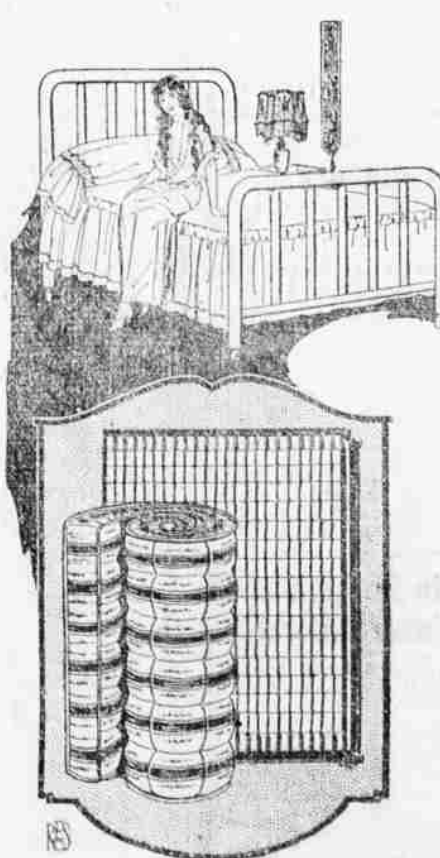
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