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PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

The senate committee on territories and insular possessions has approved a measure designed to give independence to the Philippine islands if approved by the Philippine 15 years after adoption of a constitution for the islands. The estimated shortest time before the islands would become independent is 19 years.

The provisions of the plan agreed on call for admission of Philippine products into this country in the present volume for the first 10 years of the 15-year period. Then for five years the tariff would be graduated; and upon complete independence full tariffs would apply. The purpose of these provisions is to give the islands time for an economic adjustment from free trade relationship to this country to tariff relationship. Now the islands ship great quantities of sugar, copra, coconut oil, hemp, etc. to this country. The oil of all duty. American producers competing with Philippine products have lately become the most noisy advocates of Philippine independence. Dairy interests object to free importation of coconut oil which is a large ingredient of butter substitutes. Beet sugar interests oppose free Philippine sugar, though this is not so large as the quantities from Hawaii and Porto Rico which come in duty free. Cuba has a 20 per cent differential, that is, her sugar comes in on the basis of 80 per cent of the standard tariff.

Perhaps in 19 years the islanders may be able to govern themselves. The United States has generally held to the plan of giving them independence when there was prospect of a stable government there. It is hard to tell how soon the period of tutelage should end. Countries free and white and Nordic are having as much difficulty maintaining self-government in these times it may not be wise to be too skeptical of the governing capacity of the little brown brothers.

It does not seem, however, that the question of Philippine independence should be set on a higher basis than the commercial side. On the one hand commercial interests with investments in the islands are eager for the United States to retain control indefinitely. Such a course would not be honorable dealing with the Filipinos who have been our wards for over 30 years. Nor is it fair and just to set them adrift because now they are in small degree competitors of residents of the mainland. In our judgment, there are only two factors involved: first, the capacity of the islanders themselves for self-government; and second, considerations of strategy from the standpoint of American interests in the orient. On the last point pros and cons nearly cancel out, the advantages of an outpost in the far east being offset by the dangers of such an exposed position. It would seem that the United States should retain some naval base there, which the Filipinos would doubtless be entitled to have as hold for their protection as well as ours. So that the only issue of importance is: are the Filipinos ready for self-government?

About the only way to tell whether they are ready for self-government is to let them try; and 10 years ought to be a long enough period of probation on top of the 34 years they have had. They could hardly make a worse mess of things than the Cubans.—Oregon Statesman.

UNCLE SAM LAY OFF

A federal tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline will be placed on gasoline if that item is not expunged from the list of commodities recommended to congress by Ogden L. Mills, head of the treasury department, for the imposition of a sales tax.

The gasoline tax is a source of revenue which by right of priority should remain exclusively to the states. It creates a fund that reverts directly to the benefit of those from whom it is collected. Money dedicated by motorists to the cause of good roads should be used only for good roads. A federal gasoline tax would go for general government purposes and when once established would be hard to dislodge.

If it is necessary to resort to a sales tax to raise sufficient revenue for federal purposes, why jump onto the already heavily taxed motor fuel when there are thousands of other commodities outside the provisions of the new revenue proposal? For the federal government to invade the gas-tax field is to cripple the states. It is true, Uncle Sam would collect the tax from the manufacturer, but the tax will be on the price just the same, without benefit to the states. It is the plan in Oregon to reduce, at the next legislative session, the automobile license fee by 25 per cent, or more, and raise the gasoline tax possibly two cents. A federal tax in addition would make it too much. It is enough that the motoring group build and maintain our costly system of highways without being called upon for heavy federal tribute.

Practically without exception, all states employ automobile license fees and gasoline tax collections for road purposes only. Last year in Oregon we eliminated the two-mill market road tax. The gasoline and auto taxes must fill this breach. Property had to be relieved of the burden, and it will never again be replaced.

The federal government should lay off the gasoline tax and leave it exclusively to the states, where it belongs. It seems that the idea in getting taxes is to get where the getting is good, regardless of all other considerations.—Oregon City Enterprise.

EDUCATIONAL COSTS

Heads of the higher institutions of learning in Washington are taking steps to bring their costs into line with the public's ability to support them. Salary reductions have been decreed at the university and so far as state support of the state college is concerned, it has been cut con-

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



will have as her subject "A Little City of Many Nations." Miss Hughes has a fine message and it will be a privilege to hear her. The public is invited to attend.

BANKERS AND FARMERS IN CONFERENCE

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of Grant county, discussed the program to increase the feed supply in Grant county through the use of fertilizers on the hay crop, testing the grasses and other methods.

H. G. Avery, county agent of Union county; H. A. Lindgren, animal husbandman, O. S. C. extension service; F. L. Ballard, county agent leader of Malheur county, are the afternoon speakers; while Eugene Courtney, of Woodburn, and Dan H. Oils, of Madras, Wis., will address the banquet.

List of Registrations
Registered for the meeting are Paul V. Maris, Corvallis extension service; C. C. Clarkson, Livestock State bank, Portland; Kenneth Miller, Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway; of Portland; Dan H. Oils, agricultural commissioner, A. B. A. Madison, Wis.; T. P. Crainer Jr., Portland, Oregon Bankers' association; A. K. Parker, Enterprise, Ore., State bank; J. A. Eggleston, president of Enterprise State bank; E. G. Johnson, extension service, Canyon City; J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, farmer.

Rev. C. W. Cutler, spoke last night to an overflowing audience at the chapel car stationed at the First street crossing. Elliott Finlay sang as a special musical number "Fanny Me to Pray." The evangelist's theme was "Above the Clouds" and he mentioned three mountain top incidents in the Bible—Calvary, Mt. Olivet and Sychar. He asserted that the Lord's richest blessings come to the adventurous soul. Mt. Calvary stood for sacrificial service. In answer to the Christian who asserts he has done his share, the evangelist asked "In view of Calvary when have you done your share? When have you given your share? Mt. Olivet stands for power, personal, perpetual, practical. Sychar stands for testimony of the convert. Sunday morning, Rev. Cutler will speak on "The Builders" and in the evening at 7:30 he will speak on "The Main Line." These services will be in the Baptist church. There will be a union service of the young people of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Christian churches in the chapel car at 6:30 Sunday evening. The children's Loyalty choir will sing a special selection at the Sunday morning service. There will be a children's meeting at the chapel car each Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00.

Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Miss Ruth P. Hughes of Rock Springs, Wyo., will speak at the Baptist church. Miss Hughes is engaged in Christian Americanization work and

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — The spectacle of seeing the "Lion of Idaho" lift his "oratorical" paw for a strike at the "Scholar in Politics" thrills senate galleries nowadays, but onlookers of the past probably would have yawned.

Senator Borah's verbal clash with Senator Fess of Ohio the other day on the question of whether the government should appropriate money directly for unemployment relief was an exciting enough. But it pales beside some of the stormy scenes enacted on the floor of the senate.

In what is sometimes described as "the good old days" senators practiced less self-restraint than they seem to do now. Then they often sought satisfaction with their fists for what they construed as insults. Such a thing today is a rare occurrence.

SAYING IT WITH FISTS
There is, for example, what is referred to "on the hill" now as the Tillman-McLaurin incident. Both were senators from South Carolina. One day during debate the charge was made that President McKinley could get votes on the Democratic side of the senate when needed.

"Pitchfork Ben" Tillman in some way brought his colleague's name into the discussion. McLaurin, absent from the chamber at the time, heard of it. Rushing into the senate, he threw the lie in Tillman's face.

"Pitchfork Ben" was at him instantly. Teller of Colorado was between the two, and until this day no one knows how Tillman ever got past him to McLaurin. The two were separated later by the senate, and given an opportunity to "purge" themselves publicly.

Money of Mississippi and Wellington of Maryland provided the senate a tense moment once in their careers. Money had the reputation of being hot-tempered. At a committee hearing he became so enraged that he hurled a big cut glass ink-well across the room at someone who had ticked him.

One day Money and Wellington were debating conditions in Cuba. Words flew so fast that soon both were at fever heat. Money climaxed the situation by shouting:

"Come out into the hall! Come on!"
But the facetious observation of another senator, that it would be necessary for the senate to pass a declaration of war before the encounter, turned the prospective fight into a laugh.

THOSE DAYS ARE GONE
No such things these days. With the death of Senator Caraway of Arkansas the senate lost perhaps its last member who was quick to avenge when he thought he had been insulted. Caraway was out looking for Cranston of Michigan, a member of the house, the last session for things Cranston said about him on the house floor.

However, they never met.

Whale's Mortal Foe
The swordfish, though much smaller than the whale, is a mortal enemy of this sea mammal that has much to fear from its dagger-sharp bony lance.

LEGION POST IN RELIEF PROGRAM

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more persons and give work to the unemployed are entitled to a service star, showing that in this campaign, that is now being waged against depression, you have done your part in this great war in bringing business conditions back to normal. No matter how small or how large your aid in giving employment to some worthy citizen you will not go unrewarded or unheralded in the publicity that your community deserves. It is an exciting enough. But it pales beside some of the stormy scenes enacted on the floor of the senate.

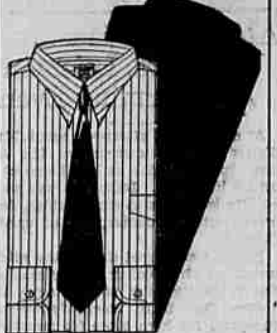
All who give employment are asked to notify the service officer of the legion, Otis Palmer, or Angus McAllister, city manager, and they will receive their star of service. The names and services of each will receive national recognition.

"Help us put Union county and the city of La Grande on the list of nationally mentioned vicinities which will receive publicity," the committee urges. "Oregon led the nation in filling its quota of enlistments during the World War and led the nation in Liberty and Victory loan drives. Let us now lead the nation in the war against depression to a finish."

A questionnaire is being sent to citizens of La Grande, accompanying an explanation of the drive and a plea for co-operation, in which they state that no discrimination will be shown between the members of the legion and non-members who are unemployed. The questionnaire asks: how many hours of work will a person be willing to give to unemployed, will he also give a man work of a type requiring skilled workmen for one or more hours, or if a person is unable to use men in the other classifications, the questionnaire asks if he has a short job that he will agree to have done right away; and the final question asks if a person has one or more employed as a result of the campaign.

LAYS FOUR-YOLKED EGG
SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP) — For industry Mrs. Rhoads Island Red, whose home is in Ellison Dewitt's chicken yard, took the sweepstakes prize here. She put four yolks in one of the eggs she has been producing daily this winter. It weighed 5 1/2 ounces, and at the San Diego natural history museum where it was given a place of honor, it was the first four yolked egg ever seen.

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