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**FRIENDLY ADJUSTMENT****Of Japanese-California Land Bill Possible.**

Sacramento, April 29.—The possibility of an amicable adjustment of the alien land controversy by means of a new bill drawn in strict conformity with the treaty between the United States and Japan confronted tonight the third conference of Secretary Bryan with Governor Johnson and the legislature.

Attorney General Webb drafted the measure at the suggestion of Governor Johnson. It did not contain the words "ineligible to citizenship" which Bryan declares is odious to the Japanese, and progressives are confident they have arrived at a solution of the problem.

Bryan admitted he had seen the new bill but declined to comment on it. The principal features are:

1. Aliens eligible to citizenship may acquire and hold property.
  2. Other aliens may acquire and hold land "in manner and to the extent and for the purposes prescribed by any treaty between the government of the United States and the action of this country of which such an alien is subject."
  3. Corporations composed of aliens other than those eligible to citizenship may hold land only in accord with the terms of existing treaties.
  4. The present holdings of the aliens are protected.
  5. The state reserves specifically its sovereign right to enact any and all laws relating to the acquisition or holding of real property by aliens.
- Several progressives in the legislature who saw the bill this evening expressed the hope it would meet the approval of the federal administration. It is generally believed the new act would accomplish the ends said to be desired by the people of the state.

**Buncom Reports.**

We were shocked to see the ground covered with snow Tuesday morning.

R. G. Jennings was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cale Springer were visiting near Buncom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer Sunday.

Ray Offenbacher and Hazel Hamilton were last week visitors at the Taylor ranch.

Wm. Cameron was among Jacksonville friends Saturday.

Mr. Burtin of Star Gulch was down

to the Jennings ranch last week.

Everybody is busy cleaning their irrigating ditches.

Irvin Lewis made a trip to Yreka last week.

Floyd McKee is working for R. G. Jennings.

Mrs. Laura Ryan and family of Jacksonville were visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield White of Medford were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Garrett at Buncom, Sunday.

William Ray, Ivy Womack and Arthur Rowley spent Sunday night at the Goldsby ranch.

Miss Esther Pursell spent Saturday night with her brother, Nelson, and family.

Miss Mae Lawrence was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Venable last week.

Mrs. Polk Dewes was visiting Mrs. Newt Lewis the first of the week.

Earnest Buck returned here from Ashland last week and is staying with his grandma, Mrs. J. Parks.

Frank Cameron is busy planting corn.

**Debenger Gap.**

By Norman Gage.

Miss Mima Hanna and her brother, Joe, of Trail went to Medford last Tuesday, Joe returning Wednesday and Mima Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Case spent Saturday trading in Central Point.

Charles Sanderson of Central Point came out to his ranch at Beagle last Thursday and spent three days improving it.

Miss Dessie and Flora Stacy and their brother, Roy, of Beagle spent Saturday shopping in Central Point.

Mrs. J. B. Hanna, T. G. Rainey, Mary Cornish and Miss Blanche Darby drove from the Debenger Gap vicinity to Central Point last Friday where they will spend a few days visiting friends.

U. Grant Welch of Asbestos was in the Debenger Gap vicinity last Friday and Saturday transacting business with and also contracted some posts to Burdette Dodge of the Riverside ranch.

Charles Skyrman of Trail reports a two inch snow fall at his place.

Norman Gage of Debenger Gap made a business trip to Central Point recently.

Money to loan on improved, revenue producing farms, by the Bank of Jacksonville.

**S. P. LOSES OREGON LAND****Federal Judge Wolverton Holds That 2,300,000 Acres Are Forfeited.**

Portland, Ore., April 29.—United States District Judge Charles S. Wolverton this morning announced that the 2,300,000 acres of lands left of grants made in 1866 and 1870 made by the government in order that the Oregon and California might be constructed is forfeited because of failure on the part of the company to comply with terms of the grant. The decision came when attorneys for the railroad company decided not to argue the case, which was set for this week. It will be appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals at once.

The Oregon & California suit has been pending in the federal court for over a year, following an act of congress authorizing the government to sue for the balance of the land that has not been sold from the grants of 1866 and 1870. The railroad company received the lands on condition that they would be sold to prospective settlers at \$2.50 an acre, and this, the government charges, they did not do.

The lands involved in this suit are located in practically every county in Western Oregon and northwestern California, and should Judge Wolverton's decision be upheld in the court of appeals, will throw the land open to settlement.

Judge Wolverton's decision ends all litigation for the present in Oregon in the famous land grant suit which has been pending for five years. The action of the defense in not arguing the case came as a surprise.

The principal action in the suit came in 1908, with the arguing and overruling of a demurrer filed by the defendants.

In his decision the judge held that the Oregon and California violated the law of the land grant in selling the land to people in quantities in excess of 160 acres each, and at prices exceeding \$2.50 per acre.

**Straight at It.**

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well cut it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

**DEFAUDS INSURANCE CO.****J. C. La France and Wife Arrested at Coquille for Alleged Fraud.**

Marshfield, Ore., April 26.—J. C. La France alias A. J. Fergar and wife were arrested at Coquille late today on a charge of perpetrating what is alleged to be a gigantic insurance swindle.

La France is alleged to have secured insurance policies from the Postal Life Insurance company of New York for ten thousand dollars, the United Artists \$2500, the Modern Woodmen of America for \$3000. Then it is alleged he went on a hunting trip up the Clackamas river from Portland from which he did not return.

Several months later the body of a man clothed as was La France and in whose pockets papers and books which apparently proved him to be La France was found. Mrs. La France was left to collect the insurance which she did successfully, later coming to this section. La France was located near Coquille but eluded the officers. He returned and visited his wife today, the house was surrounded by officers and the couple arrested.

Portland, April 26.—The body supposed at the time to be James C. La France, a resident of this city was found on the Clackamas river by a party of fishermen June 30, 1912. The body was identified as that of La France by various insurance companies and fraternal societies in which he had insured his life but a few months previously, and paid the amounts of the policies to Mrs. La France who was the mother of four children.

The aggregate amount of the insurance was something over \$15,000.

**Klamath Man in Trouble.**

Portland, April 28.—O. T. Anderson of Klamath Falls, and perhaps other residents of the same district, must stand trial in the United States district court on a charge of having purchased cattle from Frank and Elmer Lynch, Indians of the Klamath reservation, the cattle having been allotted to them by the government.

The commissioner of Indian affairs bought 4000 heifers from William Hanley of Burns, paying for them with funds derived from the sale of Indian lands to the government. The Indian appropriation act of 1884 prohibits the buying of cattle from Indians by any but Indians, excluding squaw men, provided the cattle have been allotted to the Indians by the government.

In a decision received yesterday, rendered by Chief Justice White, of the supreme court, Judge Bean's decision on the demurrer was reversed. This means that Anderson will be re-arraigned.

**Smith Inspects Roads.**

During the past week Commissioner Smith has been making an extended trip of inspection of the county roads covering his entire district. He has been consulting with different road supervisors as to the particular needs for road repairs, bridges, etc., and visited Sams valley, Beagle, Antioch, Trail creek, Elk creek and Prospect, going five miles above the latter place. Commissioner Smith used various methods of transportation in order to make his rounds, sometimes by horseback, or lumber wagon, and often on foot, taking note of road conditions and giving the various supervisors careful instructions as to the best methods of making repairs. He states that he was well received by the people of the various places he visited, and further states that he found them desirous of doing their share on roads and bridges if the county would help.—Tribune.

**Mrs. Bourne Granted Divorce.**

Portland, April 28.—Lillian Elizabeth Wyatt Bourne has been granted a divorce from Jonathan Bourne, Jr., after a hearing in Judge Gaten's court. No alimony was allowed by the decree, as it was not asked. Mrs. Bourne refused to say anything about property settlement, but Frederick V. Holman, her attorney said that such arrangements had been made privately as to insure Mrs. Bourne an ample and liberal income.

Mrs. Bourne told the court that when she married her husband he was practically "broke" as far as ready money

was concerned, and that she used her money in helping him along. Later when they settled up she received her share in bonds, which he cautioned her to surrender under no circumstances. She asserted that Mr. Bourne lost his temper and berated her in the later years of her married life when she insisted on observing his caution to the extent of refusing to deliver the bonds over to him.

Ex-Senator Bourne had made a general appearance through John Gearin, his attorney, so everything was clear sailing for Mrs. Bourne in securing the decree, which was practically by default, although the defendant, as a matter of form, interposed a demurrer, which was overruled. Mrs. Bourne testified that the divorce was collusive, but that she had genuine grievances, as set forth in her complaint.

The burden of Mrs. Bourne's testimony was in substance as alleged in her complaint, filed April 7, 1913.

**Sission Sizzles Jingo Speech.**

Washington, April 28.—The anti-alien land situation in California was brought to the attention of the house here today in a fiery speech by Representative Sission of Mississippi. He declared that no alien should be permitted to own American land, adding: "Before we allow any foreign nation to dictate our landholding laws we should fight."

Sission called the situation acute. He declared foreigners should not be allowed to own land here, adding:

"If I should have to meet the alternative of war or submission to Japan's arrogant claims, I would be for war. What would Washington say if it were confronted with the same proposition?"

"Shall the Japanese enjoy our property, the fruits of our lands and the learning of our institutions and not be forced to defend and sustain them? Treaties should not interfere with the rights of the states I stand with the people of California in this matter."

"The founders of the American constitution never dreamed of foreigners acquiring land in America. If treaty rights are superior to states' rights, aliens are superior to citizens."

**Accidentally Shot.**

Harry Snyder of Eagle Point is suffering from a gunshot wound in the calf of his leg inflicted Sunday afternoon when a boy companion accidentally discharged a .22 caliber rifle the bullet hitting Snyder. The wound was probed by Dr. Holt but the missile was not recovered.

Snyder left Sunday afternoon for a short hunt in a nearby field. A young boy accompanied him with a .22 rifle. The boy was cautioned about handling the gun but in spite of this the accident occurred as Snyder was opening a gate.

Snyder refused to prosecute the boy stating that the injury was due entirely to an accident.—Tribune.

**Boy Returns to Mother.**

County Judge Tou Velle is in receipt of a letter from Walter Scaife, a young boy whom he recently placed on probation when brought before him for theft, in which young Scaife expresses his gratitude for the kindness tendered him. Judge Tou Velle made it possible for the boy to return to his mother at Spokane. From there they will go east.

Young Scaife was arrested at Ashland for stealing food from a bakery. So convincing was his plea to the judge that he won for himself a chance to start over again.

**Smudge Pots Fired.**

A threatening sky which prevailed Sunday over the valley accompanied by a sudden fall in temperature cleared Sunday night about 11 o'clock and left an opening for Jack Frost who descended upon the valley bent on mischief. Smudge pots over the valley were fired and no damage resulted according to local weather officials.

Temperatures over the valley ranged from 26 to 30. The lower mark was touched for a short time only while the mercury stood for some time about 28.

The temperatures reported Monday were as follows: Bear creek 25, Palmer 25, Webb 26, Allen 28, Potter & Gould 25, Potter Palmer 28, Fiero 28, Hillcrest 29, Barnum 29, Tou Velle 30, Medford 30.—Tribune

**Party Stalled in Siskiyou.**

R. F. Dame and party of automobilists broke down on the Siskiyou Friday and were compelled to stay on the mountains over night. As they carried a camping outfit they suffered little inconvenience. They describe the roads over the mountain in words similar to those Sherman employed in describing war. The party is from the east and flies Boston pennants on their car.

The party left Boston August 1, 1912, and spent three months in Los Angeles. The party proper consists of Dr. and Mrs. Dame and J. F. A. Bradstreet, chauffeur, while G. P. Stiles, wife and son, joined them in Los Angeles for the trip over the mountains. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles will visit friends in Medford, while Dr. Dame and party continue to Portland and Seattle.—Ashland Tidings.

**Scientists Will Visit Crater Lake**

Word has been received that a party of foreign scientists plan to tour the United States this year and include in their itinerary a trip to Crater Lake. The party will be organized along the same lines as the one last year, only on a smaller scale, there being about 25 in the party.

This excursion is the outgrowth of the one last year which visited the lake. Since that time Crater Lake has received much attention in scientific publications in Europe which led the party coming this year to include the lake in its itinerary. In all probability the Commercial club will take steps to entertain the visitors.—Tribune.

**Reames Appointment Confirmed**

Washington, April 28.—The senate judiciary committee approved today the nomination of Clarence Reames of Medford to be United States district attorney for the district of Oregon. When the report was made Senator Chamberlain asked the consent of the senate to bring the confirmation of the appointment to a vote at once. Consent was given and the senate confirmed the appointment.

**Burglar Steals Six Revolvers.**

A burglar or burglars broke into Woolf's second hand store Saturday night and stole six revolvers. The only clue left was a railroad guide which was dropped and which indicates that the thief was a tramp. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

The burglar passed up several dollars in change and also Winchester rifles and other valuables, taking only the half dozen revolvers. Word has been sent out to officers to be on the look out for a tramp with revolvers.—Tribune.

**Found a Cure for Rheumatism.**

"I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

**Central Point Beats Roseburg.**

Between showers Sunday afternoon Central Point and Bargar's Bargain-day Beauties played seven innings of one-sided baseball on the Kinney Addition field (and pond), the Jackson county visitors running away with the game by the score of 7 to 1. Bush, the home hurler, was touched up for seven hits, one of which was a homer in the sixth by Hill which scored three runs. Roseburg's playing was mainly "feathered" by a superabundance of errors which would have lost the game for the best pitcher in the world.—Roseburg Review.

**Governor After Indian Servers.**

Salem, Ore., April 26.—Governor West is going after the bootleggers on the Indian reservations in this state. He declared today he was going to see they were cleaned out.

In the past the question has been raised whether it was the duty of the federal government or the state to apprehend and prosecute persons guilty of selling liquor to Indians on their reservations. The responsibility has been shifted first on the shoulders of one and then the other until it is said bootlegging has thrived.

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