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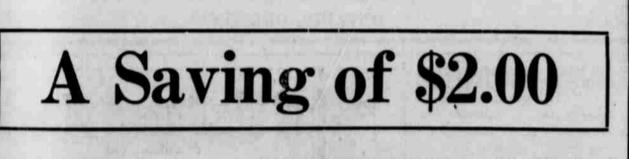
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**NEWS FROM OUR** NATIONAL CAPITAL

**Caucus Finishes Tariff Bill and Conditions Seem to Favor** an Early Passage

Washington .- The democratic tariff revision bill with its sweeping reductions, a long free list and its income tax, is now ready for debate in the house of representatives.

Chairman Underwood predicted that the bill would be passed in the house by May 15. Two months, the administration leaders believe, is a generous time to allot to the senate for its consideration and passage, and unless it is decided to bring in a currency bill thereafter, congress should be ready to adjourn about July 15.

The bill, as approved by President Wilson, came through the caucus unscathed. Democratic opponents to free sugar in three years and to free raw wool made the most vigorous fights on the president's suggestions adopted by the ways and means committee, but they were hopelessly outvoted. Free List Increased

The caucus agreed to an amendment to transfer buckwheat and rye to the free list and to add savings banks "not conducted for profit" to the list of exemptions from the operation of the income tax. There was no change in the item of wheat, on which the millers have been making a great fight, because of the putting of flour on the free list. The principal changes were:

Shoe machinery, buckwheat, rye, rabbit fur and phosphoric acid, transferred from dutiable to the free list; onyx reduced from 65 cents to 50 cents a cubic foot to put it on the same baels as marble; diamonds, uncut, are unchanged, but cut diamonds are increased from 15 to 20 per ceni; castor oll is reduced from 15 to 12 per cent; cod, seal and herring oll, reduced from 5 to 3 per cent; sperm oil reduced from 5 to 3 per cent; vanila beans reduced from 50 to 30 certs a pound; salts and other compounds and mixtures of which bismuth, gold, platinum, rhodium, silver, tin and uranium constitute the chief value, cut from 15 to 10 per cent.

California Urged to Act Cautiously Following the preedent of previous administrations Secretary Bryan in a telegram to Governor Johnson expressed the view of President Wilson that the California assembly measure might be construed as a violation of treaty obligations with Japan, while the senate's measure as drawn would not be objectionable, if alien land legislation is to be enacted at all.

In this the federal government recognizes the sovereign right of California to legislate according to its own judgment, but the message counselled caution.

#### Assembly Bill Objectionable The telegram and other information from official circles indicated clearly

### **NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO**

Important Occurrences Of The **Past Week From Cities** In Our State

Chenea is Free Man Once More Lewiston .- On motion of Prosecuting Attorney Miles S. Johnson F. S. Chenea of Pomeroy, recently found not guilty of the murder of Blanche Gorman, by reason of insanity, and later pronounced by three physicians after an examination to be sane, was discharged by Judge Steele after a severe lecture.

Chenea informed Sheriff Harry Lydon a few days ago that there were two things which he would never do again, and that was to take a drink of whiskey or carry a gun.

#### RANCHER SHOT AND KILLED

Henry Brown, Age 64, Is Slain by Guy Buster, 25-Refuses to Talk.

North Fork .- Henry Brown, aged 64. part owner of the Brown and Hovey ranch on the North Fork river, was shot three times and instantly killed by Guy Buster, aged 25. Buster gave himself up to the sheriff.

A coroner's jury found that Buster did the killing. Brown was a highly respected fruit rancher and sheepman. He leaves a widow and two children. Buster refuses to talk.

#### State Seeks Corbett Estate.

Coeur d'Alene.-Suit was instituted in the idstrict court in the name of the state of Idaho against Lawrence F. Connelly of Harrison (who was and still is the administrator of the estate of John Corbett, deceased) and John J. Rosabelle, and William Connelly and Joseph Kroetsch for the purpose of escheating the estate to the state, including the interest and increments which have accumulated since the death of Corbett in January, 1907. The plaintiff alleges fraud on the part of the defendant administrator and each of the codefendants. The property is worth \$75,000.

#### Marooned in Tree Tops

LaCrosse,-Thomas H. Shobe and H. T. Ecton spent a night in the top of a willow tree in the middle of the Palouse river. Mr. Shobe owns a ranch on the opposite side of the river, and in an attempt to cross the boat in which the two men were crossing became unmanageable, and the swift water of the Palouse, which is running bank full, drove the boat into the tree tops. It upset and threw the men into the branches, where they clung until rescued in the morning.

#### WOMEN SCORE LAWMAKERS

Failure of Favored Measures to Pass in Legislature Inspires Criticism



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that the provisions in the assembly bill by which aliens "ineligible to citizenship" would be prohibited from owning land were regarded as a distinct discrimination against the Japanese, who at present have not the right of naturalization. The language of the senate bill restricting "ownership of lands to citizens of the United States or allens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens" is approved by the president, as he has discovered that this is the phraseology of the statutes already in force in New York, Delaware, Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky, Washington, Missouri and the District of Columbia.

Incidentally, all these laws make it impossible for Japanese to own lands until they are able to declare their intention of becoming citizens, a privilege which the lower courts thus far have not given them on the ground that they are not of "white or African descent."

Dollar Diplomacy to Be Given Quietus President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan are planning to reorganize the South and Central American di-

plomatic service, eliminating the last vestige of "dollar diplomacy." It is reported that Bryan believes that his subordinates have been giving out matters which he thinks should come from the department chief, and a shake-up in the state department is predicted.

National Capital Brevities Secretary Daniels has warned every midshipman at Annapolis that hereafter no leniency will be shown to has ers.

In line with the attempt now being made to "bust" the money trust, Representative Neeley of Kansas introduced in the house a bill regulating stock exchanges.

Postmaster General Burleson announced that it is the administration's policy to continue all republican postmasters now in office to the end of their terms, provided no charges are sustained against their efficiency.

The president has determined upon the following appointments: George Guthrie of Pennsylvania to be ambassador to Japan, Charles R. Crane of Chicago to be minister to Spain. The nominations, however, will not be sent to the senate for at least a week.

Boise .-- The club women of are up in arms over the failure of their measures to weather the storm in both houses of the legislature and through their magazine the "Idaho Club Women," they score the solons for their attitude. They apppal to their sisters to elect members of their own sex if they want real representation.

The club women "fathered" four measures; the first a bill providing eight hours' as a day's labor for women; a marriage measure, seeking to provide physical examinations for applicants wishing to take matrimonial vows; a proposed law making wife dosertion a felony, and the Iowa abatement measure. In addition to these there were several other measures of interest to the women of the state.

The mothers' pension bill, which was indorsed by the Mothers' Congress of Women's Clubs, was passed, although it was introduced independently of all womens' organizations.

Wilson Keeps Out of Democratic Strife

Boise .- The factional fight that is being waged in Idaho among leading Democrats has already had enough impetus to be carried to President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan, and the Commoner has been forced to follow out the edict issued by the president that the Idaho factions must smoke the pipe of peace before the federal ple will be distributed. In the meantime, Republican federal office holders are still enjoying salaries at the rate of about \$100,000 a year.

#### Flood in Northern Idaho.

Murray .- Murray and the north side of the Coeur d'Alenes remain isolated from the world, so far as railroad communications are concerned, and little hopes are entertained to have through service again this month. The local train and crew, stalled here, as well as a section crew and 10 local men, have been busy blasting rock and filling in washouts between here and Waite station.

There are four washouts, averaging 125 feet each, and needing a 10-foot fill between Murray and Pritchard, seven miles below here.

Only first class mail has arrived here and it was brought over from Wallace on horseback.