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GOV. JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA SAYS NO

Administration Being Out of Harmony Fails to Influence Either the Legislature or Governor of California.

Washington, D. C.—Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts made by the national administration to prevent the alien bill recently passed by the California legislature from becoming a law the measure now seems to be destined to go on the statutes with but little, if any, modification.

The last hope of the administration to prevent action passed away Wednesday when Governor Johnson positively but politely refused the request of President Wilson to either withhold his signature or veto the bill.

The final effort to delay alien land-owning legislation in California was made when Secretary Bryan in the name of President Wilson telegraphed Governor Johnson notifying him that the Japanese ambassador had earnestly protested against the bill passed by the California assembly and urging that the governor postpone action by withholding his signature.

The decision of the administration to urge Governor Johnson to use his power of veto to postpone any land legislation was reached after a series of conferences between the president, Secretary Bryan, and John Bassett Moore, counsellor of the state department, and calls at the state department by Ambassador Chinda. It was realized that any further attempt to have the bill enacted by the California legislature amended would be fruitless since Secretary Bryan's trip to Sacramento was unavailing.

ROOSEVELT CAN GET ALBANIAN CROWN

London.—Theodore Roosevelt can have the throne of Albania, if he wants it. The suggestion already has been carried to the point where the colonel has only to signify his willingness to accept and the crown is his.

"If Roosevelt desires the kingship of Albania we will put him ahead of all others who have been named. I myself would certainly vote for him. Roosevelt is one of the most extraordinary men in the world, being by nature on a higher plane than mere princes."

This was the emphatic statement made by Ismail Kemal, provisional president of Albania, and leader of the delegation from the Albanian people authorized to find for them a ruler acceptable to the ambassadorial conference of powers.

The correspondent's audience with Kemal took place in the Hotel Cecil, where he is staying, accompanied by his co-delegates, Louis Guracucci, minister of education, and Noggs, Kuntza and Delejlus. All showed the greatest interest in and were evidently surprised by a suggestion of Roosevelt as king.

BRICK WORK ON NEW CITY HALL STARTED THIS WEEK

The contractors are raising the walls of the city hall and figure they will have all the brick work completed in ten days more. The brick being used are selected red brick and will make a handsome building.

The foundations are very substantial, being reinforced concrete and very heavy for the size of the structure. The force of carpenters will keep their end of the work well up and no delays are expected in finishing the building to completion at an early date.

GOOD FORCE OF MEN ARE NOW AT WORK ON SEWERS

The work on the sewer outlet is in full swing with some twenty men on the line. They are at present in the deepest part of the work and it is going slow as there is plenty of water to contend with and the banks are held back by cribbing driven into the ground and well braced.

When a few hundred feet are completed the ground level will be lower and it is thought they will be above the strata of water sand they are now working through. This sewer will lower the water in the sloughs around the city about six feet and will drain all the cellars in the city.

All the men employed are local people and the money is being kept home by the system of having a local superintendent. If the work had been let to a contractor all the men would have been brought in and the money taken from the city.

SATURDAY IS SALES DAY --GOOD CROWD EXPECTED

Next Saturday is sales day in Ontario and the indications are that it will draw the best crowds we have yet had. Several farmers have listed cows and heifers with the secretary and many other articles will be offered, affording the farmers an opportunity of buying just what they want from their neighbors.

JOHN H. MARBLE



John H. Marble, recently appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

AUSTRIAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Sheriff Kerfoot made a raid on Ontario Monday and took most of the business men back to the county seat with him to act as jurors in the murder case, the first jury having disagreed even though the murderer admitted committing the crime. The men summoned were: H. Withycombe, H. T. Moody, E. F. Boyer, H. C. Boyer, W. H. Doollittle, Dave Magill, L. Adam, Ohas A. Cook, E. M. Greig, W. H. Raver, T. T. Kabout, Henry Griffin, J. H. Seaward, J. P. Scholl, Con Ryan, Henry Beier, R. M. Carlile, Geo. W. Routh, G. W. Lyella, J. F. Kidd, W. T. Sander, J. F. Day, W. T. Lampkin, Dell Taggart, E. A. Fraser, B. B. Wilson, S. D. Dorman, H. L. Peterson, R. H. Williams, and H. A. Chapman.

A jury was drawn for the murder charge against Popovitch and they returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The only evidence against the man was his own confession.

The county is paying quite heavy for the little business the railroad contractors are doing with the local merchants.

THE MANY SETTLERS UNDER THE ONTARIO-NYSSA PROJECT ARE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

A Great Area of Finest Land Being Reclaimed

With An Abundance of Water Happy Homes and Broad Fields of Grains, Fruits, and Miscellaneous Produce Greet the Eye On Every Side—Many New Settlers Securing Homes Where Soil and Climatic Conditions Are Well Nigh Perfect.

From time to time the Argus has been noting the building of farm houses and the improving of lands under the Ontario-Nyssa ditch, but it attracted little attention and few realize what it amounts to in the aggregate. A few days ago Mr. Cook was kind enough to take us for a drive west and south of the city and it was a surprise to us the amount of work that is being done by the settlers who are making homes under the new water system.

B. S. Cook & Co. have sold 370 acre in tracts of ten and twenty acres and most of it is now occupied. This land lies to the west of town, near the St. Paul orchard tracts.

There are some 57 families located on new lands and they have about 3500 acres in cultivation, some of which is set to fruit, probably 1000 acres.

The pumping plant is working about one-third capacity and still there is an abundance of water and as the system is developed and the people learn to use the water to the best advantage they will have power to irrigate several thousand more acres than are at present included in the system.

Among those who are doing things we noticed the following:

Anson Bennet, 105 acres cleared.
P. M. Housman, 80 acres in grain and alfalfa.
Dick Schurman, 80 acres in grain and alfalfa.
Dick Stamm, 60 acres in grain and alfalfa.
J. J. Thomason, 24 acres in grain and alfalfa.

J. O. McVey, 24 acres in orchard and alfalfa.

Pete Stamm, 80 acres in grain.

Eastern Oregon Land company, 225 acres leveled and seeded.

Charles A. Marshall, 20 acres cleared and putting it in crop.

Dr. J. J. Sarazan, 60 acres cleared and setting to orchard and grain.

Prof. Downs, 9 acres in crop.

C. W. DeBoer, 60 acres in crop.

John Ray, 23 acres cleared and planting.

Peter Tenson, 60 acres cleared and planting.

A. W. Trow, 200 acres cleared and seeded.

Mansel and Dickson, 45 acres to apples and grain.

R. B. Thompson, 37 acres to grain.

J. C. Fleming, 50 acres of grain.

William McKibben, 25 acres to grain.

J. T. Long and Thompson, 60 acres to grain and alfalfa.

Kibler and sons, 160 acres rented by Charles Thompson and seeded.

T. W. Claggett, 160 acres ready for crop.

J. A. Lackey, 10 acres set to orchard and grain.

A. Trent, 25 acres of orchard.

W. J. Pinney, the prune king, 40 acres to alfalfa and 40 to prunes and grain.

L. P. Ordway 10 acres to apples and grain.

Charles Bullard, 80 acres to grain and alfalfa.

A. J. Glover, 60 acres ready for crop.

Ira Dale, 40 acres in grain.

A. L. Sproule, 40 acres grain and alfalfa.

Morton Barrows, 140 acres in alfalfa.

Whitney and Countryman, 40 acres in trees and grain.

D. F. Nordstrum, 27 to apples.

W. H. McEldowney, 60 acres to grain.

H. H. Whitney, 80 acres to grain and alfalfa.

Thomas Downs, 74 acres to grain
J. F. Carnes, 40 acres to orchard
L. J. Chapman, 20 acres to orchard
Roy Sato, 20 acres to apples
J. C. Walker, 35 acres to apples
Dr. Lew E. Wallace, 18 acres to apples

Snow and Winslow, 80 acres to oats
Fred Bailey, 50 acres to orchard
S. D. Dorman, 60 acres to orchard and alfalfa

St. Paul Orchard company, 300 acres to orchard and grain

Walters and Woodman, 30 acres to grain

On the lands sold by B. S. Cook and Co., we noticed O. V. Holloway has a house up and 20 acres improved
Henry Holloway with 20 acres improved

Ervin Scott, 20 acres improved
E. C. Harvey, 20 acres improved
H. H. Mitchell, a house and ten acres improved

W. J. Roberts, ten acres cleared and building a house

Elmer Schrader, 10 acres improved

Anell Winslow, house up and 40 acres improved

F. H. Snow, 40 acres improved

George Wilson, house up and clearing 40 acres

This list is not complete and it covers only the improvements under one ditch. Land under the Owyhee and Nevada ditches are also being improved and the Kingman Colony to the south, the Dead Ox Flat to the north and others to the east are also adding several thousand acres to the lands tributary to this city.

Some people wonder what is behind the growth of Ontario and the above answers the question. There are thousands of acres more of the best land in the world that will be improved within the next few years and add their mite to the influences that are building up a city here.

LOUIS BARTONI AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR VISIT IN ITALY

Louis Bartoni and family, of Westfall, started this week for a trip to Italy, expecting to be gone several months. This is the first trip to the old home for Louis in thirteen years and he does not expect to find many of the old faces around. Louis first left Italy some 44 years ago, going to Germany and coming to this country in 1882.

When he first visited what is now Ontario it was but a sand dune and he has seen it develop into the beautiful city it is today.

McWILLIAMS STABLE SHIPS HORSES FROM CALIFORNIA

A. McWilliams is showing some standard and thoroughbred young studs from California that are attracting the horse men of this section. These animals have the best of breeding and will tend to improve the strain of trotting and running stock of this section. It costs less to raise thoroughbred animals of all kinds than it does scrubs and when it is grown you can name your price, which will be nearly double that asked for the scrubs.

RAILROADS FAVOR ONTARIO AS SPECIAL WOOL MARKET

The wool harvest is now in full blast, about all the shearing plants being busy. A number of shearers were taken out Monday. The wool is beginning to arrive at the warehouses here and it is now thought that more wool will be sold here this season than ever before as many are going to haul here and get the benefit of the higher prices always paid here where the facilities for handling the wool and the accessibility for the buyers is better than any other point in this section.

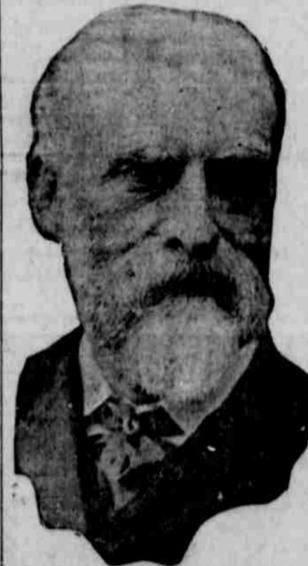
The railroads are favoring the making of this a general market point by giving the shippers a special rate when shipped here and held for the sales days.

FIRE COMPANY IS CALLED OUT LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

The fire company was called out a few days ago to extinguish a fire outside of the city, in a hay stack. A wheel was broken from the chemical engine and other damage done to the amount of \$50.

It is probably a coincidence that the property belonged to a man who is opposed to his property being within the city limits where he could have the benefit of fire protection, sidewalks, waterworks, sewers and lights.

JAMES BRYCE



James Bryce, who has retired as ambassador to the United States from Great Britain.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS CONFER IN CHICAGO

Chicago.—That a uniting of the progressive party with the republican party is not only desired, but is actually being sought, was the gist of sentiment expressed at the close here of a two days' conference at which republican leaders outlined plans for reorganizing the party.

Herbert S. Hadley, ex-governor of Missouri, who, with Senators Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, William E. Borah of Idaho and L. Y. Sherman of Illinois, led in the discussion at the conference, said afterwards that the desire to have those back in the party who left it to join the progressive party was "manifest."

Coalition Not to be Mechanical. The coalition, he added, was not to be effected by any mechanical scheme such as the adoption of resolutions by any of the leaders, "but rather by a remedying of the causes in the republican party which resulted in the separation."

The conference, attended by six United States senators, numerous members of the house of representatives and leaders from states as distant as Massachusetts and California, resulted in the issue of a statement.

The statement expressed the belief that the republican national committee should call a republican national convention at an early date as possible to effect radical changes in party affairs, and especially in reference to the conduct of future national conventions.

PROMINENT ONTARIO WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Malinda King Wife of Judge King Passed Away at Her Home in this City Thursday Evening of Last Week.

On May 8th, at her beautiful home in North Ontario, surrounded by her loved ones, Mrs. Malinda I. King, peacefully and painlessly died, or as the Good Book says, "fell asleep," for death came unaccompanied by pain or long suffering, but as the sleep of the tired child who, at the close of day, climbs into its mother's arms and is lulled to peaceful slumber.

All around the orchards are white with fragrant blossoms and on the hillsides and in the valleys wild flowers blooming and nature is putting on her most gorgeous robes of life. To the young, life is pleasant and they want to stay, but to the old it is a harbinger of winter and decay and they know that these beautiful creations are only a little less fleeting than the lives of men.

As a girl she enjoyed these enchanting seasons of the year on the banks of the Ohio river, for she was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on September 3, 1836 and spent her maiden life in that old romantic city, leaving there with her parents in 1873 for the, then new state of Nebraska, in which state at Grand Island, she was married to Gilbert L. King on September 7, 1875, who, with four sons, Edward L., Arthur S., Ira N. and Homer G., and two daughters, Mrs. Edna King Arnold and Mrs. Alice King Huston and two grand children, live to remember the kind and loving wife and mother.

Many changes have occurred since the deceased came to Ontario in 1886. The sage brush plain and vast expanse of valley has become a garden and orchard, and a pleasant city and hundreds of beautiful homes surround the spot where stood her first Ontario home.

The funeral took place from the home on Sunday, May 11, 1913. The flowers and treasures of May and the many elegant floral offerings of friends and neighbors were no more beautiful than the quiet, lovely face of the deceased and as the solemn, impressive services of the Episcopal church were rendered by Canon Curtis, of St. Matthews, Boise, not only the dear ones of the dead, but all present must have realized that death here was robbed of much of its victory and that the history of a life may extend beyond the grave.

Seven young ladies clad in white rendered appropriate musical selections and over the hallowed scene there seemed to hover the benediction of an everlasting peace.

The sons whom in their infancy she had borne in her arms, now performed the last act that marks the final close of this beautiful life and bore the white casket that contained the body of their loved and honored mother to the grave. A fitting service at the final closing of this noble life.

OLD MALHEUR COUNTY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Jos. S. Jones died Friday morning of last week and was buried from the Baptist church on Sunday, Rev. Myers officiating.

Daddy Jones, as he was generally called, was born in Henderson county, Kentucky, June 13, 1836. He married Lou E. Locket 49 years ago. He came here from Kentucky in 1881 and first located on Willow creek, later moving here.

There is a widow left who will be consoled by her four daughters, Mrs. Ed Test, Mrs. John Weaver, Mrs. Ben Brown and Mrs. S. P. Newman, and her four sons, Thomas of Vale, Robert, of Shoshone, Higk and Paul, of Ontario. There are also nineteen grandchildren.

Mr. Jones friends say they never knew him to say an unkind word of anyone, but always found some good in his acquaintance. Such a character necessarily made him many friends.