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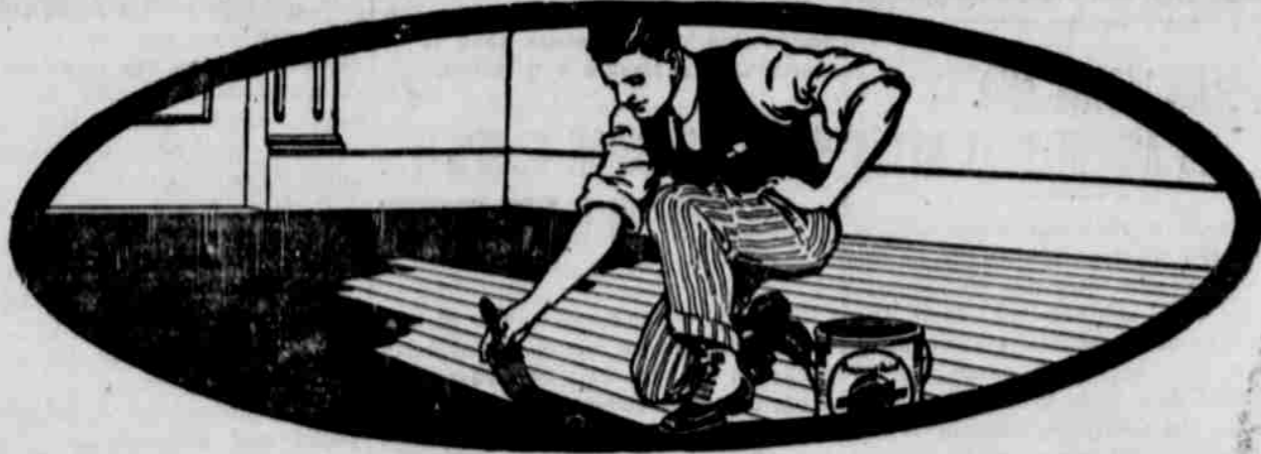
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Seattle Times Is Damaged by Fire.
Seattle, Wash.—Fire Sunday damaged four large presses and destroyed 33 motors in the pressroom of the Seattle Times, in the basement of the Times building, causing a loss of \$75,000, fully insured.
Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor of the Times, and Clarence B. Blethen, managing editor, said they were convinced the fire was of incendiary origin.

West, Olcott and Kay Are Sued.
Salem, Or.—Circuit Judge Kelly having sustained the demurrer to the suit of Attorney-General Crawford against Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay for alleged wrongful expenditure of about \$16,000 of the penitentiary revolving fund, the attorney-general has filed an amended complaint, charging that the state had been damaged in that extent.

Municipal League After Humphries.
Seattle, Wash.—Without one dissenting vote among the 300 members present, the municipal league adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the conduct of Judge John E. Humphries, of the superior court of King county, who during the past week sent 54 men and women to jail for terms ranging from one day to 11 months on contempt charges.

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President Wilson Signs Underwood-Simmons Tariff Bill.

Washington.—Surrounded by the leaders of a united democracy, President Wilson signed the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill at the White House. Simultaneously telegrams were sent to customs collectors throughout the country by the treasury department, putting into actual operation the first democratic tariff revision since 1894.

A happy group of legislators, members of the cabinet and friends encircled the president as he signed the bill, using two gold pens. He presented to Representative Underwood the pen that had written the word "Woodrow," and the one which had completed his name to Senator Simmons.

Many Tariff Rates Abolished by Bill.

The Underwood-Simmons bill brings into effect one of the most far-reaching revisions of tariff rates and revenue laws enacted for many years.

A new income tax, applying directly to the incomes of citizens; the abolition of all tariff on scores of items of immense importance to American industry and American consumers, and a heavy reduction of tariff rates on most of the articles in general use in this country are its chief features.

While certain portions of the new law do not take effect at once, most of its provisions and almost all the direct tariff reductions do.

The federal government has been spending nearly a billion dollars a year and the new tariff law will raise less than one-third of that sum. Recent estimates by tariff experts in congress predict that the rates will raise \$249,000,000 a year, and that the income tax will raise \$127,000,000. The remainder of the government's great income is made up principally of internal revenue taxes and postal receipts.

New Bill Summarized.

A brief summary of the new tariff law as prepared for the senate follows: Average percentage of tariff rates as compared with the value of all imported merchandise: Old law, 37 per cent; new law, 27 per cent.

Value of annual imports added to the free list, \$147,000,000.

Estimated revenues from all import rates: Old law, \$305,000,000; new law, \$249,000,000.

Estimated revenue from corporation and income taxes: Old law, \$37,000,000; new law, \$122,000,000.

Altogether, consumers in the United States probably will receive from abroad, free from all tariff, more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of merchandise during the next year. During 1912 the amount of "free imported" was more than \$880,000,000, and when the tariff is entirely removed from wool, sugar, iron ore and cheap iron and other important items, the total is expected to increase notably. Under the old law more than 53 per cent of all goods brought to the United States from all parts of the world paid no tariff, and that proportion will be increased by the new law.

The free wool provision of the new law takes effect December 1, 1913, and the free sugar provision May 1, 1916.

Congress at Work Nine Months.

The new tariff law, passed four years after President Taft signed the existing Payne-Aldrich law, is the result of more than nine months of work in congress. Hearings were started January 6 by the house ways and means committee. Chairman Underwood introduced the tariff bill April 7, immediately after President Wilson had convened the new congress. It passed the house May 8, and the senate September 2.

National Capital Brevities.

June 1 has been designated as Fathers' day, in a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania. He would make the rose the emblem.

A bill for the creation of a public land court is to be advocated in congress by Senator Walsh of Montana. The court is designed to save time in land cases and to decide all points of law at issue.

Representatives of small banks of the middle west and south protested against the currency bill before the senate banking and currency committee. The chief objection was against the provision preventing the smaller banks charging for the collection of out of town checks.

On the heels of the failure of congress to legislate in the tariff bill to prevent gambling in cotton futures, Representative Harrison of Mississippi introduced a resolution providing for an international campaign against such speculation.

A new counterfeit, a \$10 National Bank of New York, has been discovered by the secret service division of the treasury department. It is a photographic reproduction of fair quality paper without silk threads or imitation of them.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A massive oak tree, 326 years old, has been cut down on the Whitaker farm, in Polk county. The tree was 19 feet in circumference.

Dr. B. C. Olinger of The Dalles has been appointed deputy grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge for the northern Oregon district.

Oregon City and Milwaukie are in the thick of a "dry" election. Petitions have been filed calling for an election November 4.

Electors of The Dalles will vote on November 4 to decide whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited.

Pupils of the schools of Polk county will study dairying. W. A. Barr of the Oregon Agricultural college is working out the details of the work.

The Byers flour mill, or properly speaking, the Pendleton Roller Mills, has been sold to a Holland syndicate, represented by L. C. Lens, manager of the Spokane Flour Mills.

Alberta Dillon, owned by Joe Carson of Winnipeg, Manitoba, won the Lewis and Clark stake from 13 starters, making the third heat in 2:10, at the state fair at Salem.

Under the income tax feature of the Underwood tariff bill Oregon will contribute at least a quarter of a million dollars annually to the revenues of the United States.

There is liable to be considerable controversy over the recent cruise of the timber lands in Clatsop county, made by the Neaz Timber company, under contract with the county court.

Business men of Oregon City are looking into the plan of quitting the use of Bull Run water and obtaining a new supply from the south fork of the Clackamas river.

More than 300,000 acres of land in Crook county, near La Pine, declared more valuable for agricultural than forestry purposes, soon will be opened for settlement on the lottery plan.

Dr. Bailey K. Leach, who was deported because of alleged anarchistic statements at Coos Bay, has left for Astoria to deliver lectures on socialism.

Miss Lottie L. Fleet, who has been librarian at Pendleton three years, has resigned to accept the position of assistant librarian of the public library at Portland.

When an auto in which they were riding turned turtle at Dallas, George Krebs, Ross Nelson, Genevieve Wilcox and Bertha Potterfield received slight injuries.

Hundreds of dead female China pheasants were left in the fields of Linn county, as result of the slaughter on the first day of the open season, it is said.

A longer compulsory school term and a larger general school fund were recommended at a conference held under the auspices of the University of Oregon and members of several educational leagues, at Salem.

The first fair ever held at Tygh, southern Wasco county, has just closed. The fair was a success in every way, exhibits of fruits, vegetables, horses, sheep and swine being of special merit.

Mrs. H. C. Foster, formerly Miss Hattie Long of Pendleton, a bride of less than a month, has secured a warrant for the arrest of her husband at San Francisco, charging him with disappearing with \$1000 which had been given into his care.

Secretary Houston has advised Representative Sinnott that he recommended the elimination of 24,000 acres from the Deschutes national forest. Approval by the secretary of the interior is needed to complete the elimination.

Under the terms of Senator Lane's amendment to the tariff bill every American farmer, if so disposed, can enter on the manufacture of denatured alcohol after securing a permit from the commissioner of internal revenue in the treasury department.

There promises to be a lively campaign in Marshfield to bring about reform movements. While the "wet" and "dry" question cannot be brought up for some time, those who favor prohibition and reforms are working hard to get all their followers registered for the next city election.

Sheepmen in eastern Oregon are facing a serious problem in what to do for feed for their sheep when they bring them in from the summer range in the mountains, as this summer and fall has been exceptionally dry, and there is practically no grass on the home range.

The senate has agreed to Senator Lane's amendment to the deficiency bill authorizing the use of the appropriation for the Portland postoffice in the erection of a general office building sufficiently large to accommodate the postoffice and other federal offices in Portland that now occupy rented quarters.

Judge Percy R. Kelly of the Marion county circuit court sustained the demurrer of the complaint filed by Attorney General Crawford, on behalf of the state against Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay, to recover practically \$16,000 alleged to have been unlawfully expended from the penitentiary revolving fund.

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