

MENTAL TAIN BAR TO ALIENS

Immigration Bill Contains Drastic Regulations.

CHRONIC ALCOHOLICS HIT.

Two Physicians Will Examine Each Person Coming In at All United States Ports—Humanitarian Provision Prescribes Treatment For Foreigners Who Are Ill.

Washington.—The immigration bill as it emerged from the senate committee on immigration contains many new restrictive regulations in addition to the literacy test. The changes include restrictions against the admission of aliens suffering from every form of mental ailment and from mental deficiency in any and every degree.

In the bill as it passed the house under section 3 there appeared the following language:

"That the following classes of aliens shall be excluded from the United States: All idiots, imbeciles, feeble minded persons, epileptics, insane persons, persons who have had one or more attacks of insanity at any time previously."

To this the senate added: "Persons of constitutional psychopathic inferiority, persons with chronic alcoholism."

The Burnett bill as it came from the committee excludes all who are certified by the examining surgeons as "being mentally or physically defective, such mental or physical defect being of a nature which may affect the ability of such alien to earn a living."

This the senate committee changed by striking out the adjective "mental."



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REPRESENTATIVE BURNETT.

Capacity to earn a living is thus removed as a possible excuse for the admission of a mentally undesirable.

A decided amplification of the scope and exhaustiveness of the psychiatric and psychopathic examination of incoming aliens is provided in section 10 of the bill. After setting forth the character of the training which the examining medical officers shall possess with a view to insuring thoroughness in the examination, as in the Burnett bill, the senate committee has inserted this provision:

"All aliens arriving at ports of the United States shall be examined by two such medical officers," which increases the insurance of thoroughness.

Under the Burnett bill this medical examination was provided for all "large ports of entry." The senate committee has stricken out the qualifying "large." The examination must be made wherever aliens may enter.

The senate committee while endeavoring to make the law more certain in its provision for exclusion of the undesirable has shown a humanitarian disposition along some other lines. It is provided that immigrants found to be suffering from tuberculosis in any form or any other loathsome or dangerous contagious disease other than that of a quarantinable nature must be at once deported, but the following leeway is given to the secretary of labor:

"Unless the secretary of labor is satisfied that the existence of the disease could not have been detected by competent medical examination at the time of foreign debarkation and that to refuse treatment would be inhuman or cause unusual hardship."

This proviso admits the alien to hospital treatment.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN 1773.

George Washington Advertised 20,000 Acres of Land For Lease.

Johnetta, Pa.—L. E. Allen has a copy of the first edition of the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, dated Aug. 26, 1773. The paper contains an advertisement inserted by George Washington. According to the advertisement, George Washington had obtained patents to 20,000 acres of land along the Ohio and Kanawha rivers and offered to lease the land at "reasonable rates."

Thomas Brereton, a broker, advertises that he wishes to purchase a "negro girl about twelve years old."

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

With an average cash reserve of 35 per cent, the banks of Oregon show a very healthy condition.

Pendleton may enter a balloon in the national balloon race to be started in Portland during the rose festival.

The Salem chautauqua, which was a feature during the cherry fair at that place last year, will be given again this year on a larger scale than before.

Governor West has been asked to appoint delegates to the American Academy of Political and Social Service convention, which will be held in Philadelphia.

The railroad commission has sent notice to the Newberg Telephone company that it will hold an inquiry into its rates in Newberg April 10 at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Edith Hill Booker, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died at Portland following a week's illness from an affliction of the heart.

Sixteen hundred pounds of potatoes went through Albany by parcel post. They had been shipped from Lyons, on the Corvallis & Eastern, 28 miles east of Albany, to Fort Rock, in southern Oregon. The potatoes were in 48-pound sacks.

Correspondence received at the administration office of the Oregon normal school indicates that a large number of teachers, experienced and inexperienced in the state, will be on hand for the short course, which will begin Monday, April 6.

The forestry building of the Lewis & Clark exposition of 1905 is doomed to total destruction within a couple of years. Dark beetles and fungus growths have made such progress that the building is almost unsafe for occupation now, it is said.

The first school in Coos county to reach the required 96 credits to make it a "standard A" school, under the requirements of a plan recently formulated by County Superintendent Baker, is the school at Bridge, District No. 77, which has an enrollment of 60 pupils.

Alleging that the Rose City Importing Company, of Portland, has violated the liquor laws of the state by shipping liquor into "dry" territory without labeling it properly, Governor West has asked Attorney-General Crawford to bring suit to have the charter of the company revoked.

That cougars and wildcats are becoming much less numerous in the Cascade mountains adjacent to Eugene, and that there is a noticeable increase in the number of deer as a consequence, is the statement of George Moody, a young hunter and trapper of McKenzie bridge.

Two important days for Oregon at the Panama-Pacific exposition next year were decided on by the executive committee of the Willamette Valley Exposition association in session at Salem. The first is July 15, 1915, which will be cherry day, and the second is October 15, which will be apple day.

Governor West has prepared an amendment to the constitution for initiation at the coming election empowering the executive to remove District attorneys, sheriffs and constables and to appoint their successors. The measure would give the governor virtual control of law enforcement of the state.

The class rush has passed into history at the Oregon normal school. Hereafter instead of an open-handed fight for supremacy the classes will have their days when programmes will be presented and athletic contests carried out. By mutual agreement the flag of the class which is performing will fly unmolested.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, has just given notice that there are funds in the state treasury with which to redeem outstanding state warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed "Presented and not paid for want of funds" prior to and including November 19, 1913. The warrants will now be honored at Mr. Kay's office and interest on them will cease after March 30.

Given a man 97 years old, a birthday cake glowing with 97 candles, a stereopticon showing pictures of the days when Oregon was young and the man was much younger, and a chapel full of the friends of auld lang syne, and you have a few of the "high lights" of a remarkable birthday party that was given at the Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal church at Portland in honor of Rev. John J. ("Father") Finn, pioneer Methodist pastor of Oregon.

Measures seeking to abolish the rural school districts of the state, to place those schools on the same basis as those of the cities, and to be supervised by a central county board with a school superintendent at the head, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature by the Oregon Civic league. In addition there are now being drafted, he says, measures aimed to revise the school laws of the state, which are characterized as archaic, and to abolish the property qualification for school election voting.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

George Bingham, a prominent business man of Oregon City, was mistaken for a deer near Trall and was shot and killed.

The senate, after a bitter fight confirmed the nomination of Frank McManamy of Portland to be chief inspector of locomotive boilers for the interstate commerce commission.

Governor West has honored a requisition for the return to Kankakee, Ill., of Samuel Perlin, accused of operating a confidence game.

A vinegar plant with an annual capacity of 10,000 gallons, began operation at the Eugene Fruit Growers' association cannery, turning to a profit cull apples that heretofore have been entirely wasted.

Fifty Roseburg merchants have formed a company, known as the Roseburg Stamp company, incorporated, the purpose being to conduct trading stamp business to meet the competition of foreign trading stamps.

Senator Chamberlain will endeavor to induce the war department to withdraw the plan of having Sand Island ceded to Oregon. The senator held a conference with Major McIndoe, who is now in Washington.

Senator Lane has been advised by the commissioner of the general land office that a survey has been completed and accepted of three townships in Lake county, which will permit the opening of these lands for entry about the last week in November.

With apparently not the slightest fear, but protesting their innocence to the last, Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour, slayers of George Dedaskalou of Medford, went to their deaths calmly on the scaffold at the state penitentiary.

Representative Hawley has been advised by architects of the treasury department that plans for the new federal building at Medford have about reached completion, and that this building will soon be ready to submit for bids.

Senator Lane saved H. F. Ferry, a doorkeeper at the government printing office, his job. The man had been dismissed for showing the president's wife through the offices without first bringing her direct to Public Printer Ford.

The Parelus Manufacturing company of Portland, which has the contract for the interior furnishings of the new supreme court building at Salem, has been notified by Labor Commissioner Hoff that it must not work its employees more than eight hours a day.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced that the thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association, Eastern division, to be held in La Grande, November 24, 25 and 26, will be the most important in the history of the division.

Senator Lane is preparing a bill directing the grant of 250,000 acres of public land to the state of Oregon, the same to be sold at no less than \$4 an acre, and the proceeds applied to construction of public roads. He will probably frame the bill giving California and Washington similar grants.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill granting Oregon 4239 acres of swamp lands in townships 37, 38 south, range 10 east, Willamette meridian, heretofore considered Indian lands. He has also introduced a bill authorizing a preliminary examination and survey of the mouth of the Umpqua river.

A hay shortage threatens Willowa county before spring. Diversified farming has led to the production of slightly less hay in the southern part of the county than in the old days, before the railroad came. Now stock feeding is developing on a considerable scale, and all the hay available will be needed for this purpose.

L. L. Haines, a rancher of Eckley, Curry county, was shot fatally by his brother-in-law, Hugh Hampton Haines, who is unmarried and about 40 years old, has shown signs of insanity. He attacked a sister at one time, beating her severely, and this is presumed to have caused the shooting.

Brief News of the Week

Three dreadnaught battleships are provided for in the naval program of Greece.

The National Woman's Suffrage association has asked President Wilson to establish the first Saturday in May of each year as "Women's Independence Day."

The feminist movement in Chicago progressed another step when eight club-women were appointed deputy assessors.

Evidence is being taken at Chicago in the government's anti-trust suit against the Quaker Oats company and Great Western Cereal company. Conspiracy to control the oat meal business is set forth.

A mackerel trust is in process of formation in Sweden, according to New York reports, and fish dealers in New York are concerned over the situation. America is a heavy buyer of Swedish mackerel and the Norway

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