

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

House Bill Would Permit Farmers to Borrow From Government.

Washington.—A national farm loan bureau, to loan money on improved farms to bona fide tillers of the soil only, at not to exceed 4 1/2 per cent interest and conducted under the control of the secretary of the treasury, is the object of a bill introduced by Representative Bathrick. The bureau would be in charge of a commissioner at \$6000 a year, an assistant at \$4000, and other employes necessary.

A farmer desiring a loan on his property would, if the measure became a law, be able to borrow 60 per cent of the appraised value of the place at 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Loans will only be made on farms having at least one-half of the total acreage under cultivation.

Exclude Combine Ships From Canal.
Charging that the "shipping trust" is planning to monopolize Panama canal trade, Representative Humphrey of Washington introduced a bill to exclude from the water all ships which are parties to foreign or domestic combines, pools or "conferences."

"The evidence already adduced at the 'steamship trust' investigation has demonstrated that a foreign combine is guilty of every charge made against them," said Representative Humphrey. "They fix rates by agreement and do everything human ingenuity can devise to monopolize trade and stifle competition."

Western Senators Send Wilson Letter.
Senators Chamberlain, Perky, Myers, Newlands, Ashurst, and Smith forwarded to Governor Wilson at Trenton, a joint letter urging him to appoint a western man as secretary of the interior, and asking that he appoint either Governor Hawley, of Idaho, Governor Norris, of Montana, Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, or Clay Tallman, of Nevada.

Borah Comments Policy of Wilson.
Senator Borah, of Idaho, has written Governor Wilson, congratulating him upon his stand on the conservation question, as set forth in his recent speech at Chicago, and promising him his hearty co-operation in any effort the next administration may make to weed out the vagaries that have made conservation objectionable to the west, and to substitute a practical conservation that will aid in the development of the public land states.

Senator Borah submits a new proposition, and asks the co-operation of the president-elect in securing the adoption of a policy whereby the United States government will in the future reclaim the desert lands of the west, and turn them over to homeseekers without cost.

National Capital Brevities
The compromise Burdett-Dillingham immigration bill, including the illiterate test for aliens, was passed by the house.

A garrison of 25,000 men will be necessary to guard the Panama Canal. Colonel Goethals told the house naval affairs committee.

Federal prisoners having served 15 years of life sentences will hereafter be eligible for parole, if President Taft signs the law passed by the senate.

Retirement with pay in the lifesaving service would be provided by a bill passed in the senate. After 30 years' service officers and men might retire at 75 per cent of their present salary.

William Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, is not too ill to testify briefly before the house committee investigating the money trust, according to Dr. Richardson, the medical expert sent to Miami, Fla., to examine the millionaire.

Hearings on tariff revision will continue before the house ways and means committee this week. The principal schedules to be taken up are those relating to agricultural products and provisions, cotton manufactures, flax, hemp and jute, and manufactures.

The progress of aviation in the United States received an impetus when the senate passed a bill indorsing President Taft's appointment of a commission to consider the establishment of a national aerodynamical laboratory and appropriating \$5000 for the work of the commission.

Dr. F. F. Friedmann's serum cure for tuberculosis was the subject of a long report by Consul General Thackara at Berlin, sent to congress by President Taft. Thackara said 1118 persons have been treated and while the cure has not yet been accepted by the medical profession, the results warrant the attention of congress.

Charges that Secretary Fisher attempted to coerce Osage Indians into leasing valuable oil fields to the Standard Oil company and counter charge by the secretary that the Uncle Sam Oil company attempted to acquire the fields, under circumstances which were threatening proceedings by Attorney-General Wickersham, were aired before the house committee on Indian affairs.

LUTHER McCARTY



Photo by American Press Association.

Luther McCarty, who is now white heavyweight champion prize fighter of the world.

Brief News of the week

The equal suffrage constitutional amendment carried in the senate of South Dakota with only two opposing votes.

Women were excluded from practicing law at the British bar by an overwhelming vote of the bar association at its annual meeting in London.

New York's legislature went on record as favoring the proposed amendment to the federal constitution providing election of United States senators by the people.

Thousands of women may have to wait for their spring shirtwaists, manufacturers say, unless nearly 40,000 shirtwaist makers, who struck, are quickly brought to terms.

A conference of progressives of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and the Dakotas is to be held in St. Paul, with former Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana as the chief speaker.

Tuesday was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John C. Fremont, soldier, explorer, governor of California and Arizona and first candidate of the republican party for president of the United States.

Oregon progressives are busily engaged in an endeavor to prevent the confirmation in the United States senate of Thomas McCusker for postmaster at Portland, a \$6000 a year position. McCusker was La Follette's Oregon campaign manager.

A flood of petitions for damages through the loss of the steamer Titanic filed in New York, includes one from Mrs. Irene Wallach Harris, who claims \$1,000,000 for the loss of her husband, Henry B. Harris, theatrical manager. This is the heaviest of the 279 claims filed so far.

It is learned from an authoritative source in New York that the Union Pacific railroad company plans to take over the Central Pacific railroad company by lease from the Southern Pacific company, and this way meet the requirements imposed by the supreme court in its decree ordering the dissolution of the Union and Southern Pacific.

People in the News

The third trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde for the alleged murder of Colonel Thomas Swope, millionaire uncle of Mrs. Hyde, started at Kansas City.

Former Congressman Edward C. Burielgh, republican, was elected United States senator by the Maine legislature in joint convention.

Bessie McCoy, the "Yama Yama Girl," is returning to the stage, despite the objections of her novelist husband, Richard Harding Davis, to whom she was married a few months ago.

Governor Sulzer of New York pardoned Folke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer T. Schiff, the New York banker, on the ground that Brandt's sentence of 30 years for burglary was excessive.

Edward W. Mylius, the French journalist detained at New York, was ordered deported by Secretary Nagel, on the ground that in libeling King George V of England, he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude.

Cipriano Castro, the "stormy petrel" of Central American politics, was denied freedom on bail pending the decision of his appeal to the secretary of commerce and labor from the decision of the Ellis island board which denied him admission to this country.

Samuel Hill, president of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company, of Portland, has filed with the attorney general of the United States evidence which he considers sufficient to warrant an investigation of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, which controls the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this territory.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Life Crews Are Lauded

Astoria.—Captain J. H. Quinan, inspector of the Lifesaving Revenue Cutter service, has completed his official investigation of the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans, and the circumstances attending the loss of the power lifeboats, the "Tenacious," of Cape Disappointment, and the "Dreadnought," of Point Adams. He finds no blame attached to either crew in the matter, and speaks in the highest terms of the work done in their attempts to save the survivors of the wreck.

Josephine Poultry Show Success

Grants Pass.—The Josephine County Poultry association has just concluded the most remarkable exhibition of blue-blooded fowls ever held here. Visitors and poultry-raisers acknowledge that this was the best show held in Grants Pass since the organization of the association. Numerous prizes were awarded.

BUILDING REPORT IS MADE.

Status of State Work Described by Officers

Salem.—Report of the progress made on the various public buildings of the state is in the hands of the state printer being prepared for submission to the legislative assembly.

The public building commissioners, consisting of the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, report the general progress made on the state projects, commend the policy of employing a state architect and strongly praise the work of W. C. Knighton, state architect, in the past two years.

This report refers to the new Eastern Oregon insane hospital as the best and most modern plant of its kind west of Chicago.

In noting the progress made on the new supreme court and state library, now nearing completion, just east of the capitol, it is shown that the board has looked to the future and has provided for the inevitable enlargement of these departments, but that additional appropriation will be needed for completion.

Mr. Knighton's estimates show that the girl's dormitory at the feeble minded institute will require an additional appropriation of \$4146.98, and also sets out in detail the expenditures of the state funds on the new insane hospital. By this, the buildings and equipment cost the state \$437,881.65, and the land including litigation and improvements \$75,805.36.

H. M. Crooks is Honored

Albany.—In recognition and celebration of his success in obtaining a \$250,000 endowment fund for Albany college, H. M. Crooks, president of the college, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Albany Commercial club in the banquet-room of the First Presbyterian church. Almost 200 persons attended the banquet.

STUMP TESTS TO BE MADE

Forest Service to Conserve Wealth From Wood Waste

Portland.—The United States forest service, in co-operation with various local interests, is planning to make an investigation of the merits of wood distillation as a means toward reducing the cost of clearing logged-off lands and creating a revenue from the wood waste on timberland and in sawmills. The government has appropriated \$5000 for this work and expects to show conclusively the adaptability of Douglas fir for yielding the various products of distillation.

The plan is to obtain a quantity of stumpwood from a characteristic section of logged-off land along the Columbia river and also in the vicinity of Tacoma, Wash., since these regions represent the two distinct soil formations of the Douglas fir belt. This stumpwood will be distilled in the retorts of the Oregon Wood Distilling company near Linnton, and an exact record kept of the yield of the products of distillation, such as turpentine, tar oils, tar, pyroigneous acid and charcoal.

Employs Agricultural Teacher

McMinnville.—J. C. Gibbs, of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, has been obtained as instructor in agriculture in the McMinnville schools. McMinnville is among the first towns in the state to incorporate agriculture in the school curriculum.

Nyssa Has Cheese Plant

Nyssa.—Newberg men are starting a cheese factory here. A commodious brick building which was erected in 1910 and used for a time as a creamery has been secured and will be put into immediate service. Milk from 300 cows has been promised.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Baseball fans in Yamhill, Washington and Polk counties are planning to form a tri-county baseball league.

Logging operations in the Lower Columbia river district are tied up as a result of the snow.

Mrs. Sarah J. Grant, one of the pioneers of Polk county, died at her home in Kings Valley at the age of 85 years. Representative Hawley has recommended the appointment of F. B. Southwick as postmaster at Salem to succeed Squire Farrow.

Frank W. Osburn, 60 years old, a prominent citizen and banker of Eugene, died at his home there after several months' illness of paralysis.

W. McCormack of Eugene, with the percentage of .9511 ranks as the top notch amateur trap shooter of the state of Oregon for the season of 1912. Governor West has granted a stay of execution in the case of Bob Morgan, who was to have been hanged for the murder of Miss Virgie Hart at Condon on October 17.

At a rate of 200 a month letters are pouring in on the Portland commercial club from people who want to learn more about Oregon and who contemplate building homes here.

C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, have purchased the \$300,000 bond issue of the Port of Coos Bay commission for \$289,975. The money is to be used in harbor improvements.

Governor West and all the members of the legislature were invited by Samuel Hill to be his guest at his expense on a visit to Maryhill, Wash., to inspect his seven varieties of good roads.

Judge Woods of Huntington, deposed by Governor West and twice rejected on petition for reinstatement by the county court, is back on the job as a result of the election last November.

Astoria is planning suitable mementos for each member of the lifesaving crews for services rendered at the wreck of the Rosecrans and on various occasions when life and property was in danger.

When the democratic presidential electors met at Salem to cast the unanimous ballot for Wilson and Marshall, Hugh McLain of Coos county, was delegated to convey the official vote to Washington.

Senator-elect Lane has filed his final statement of campaign expenses with the secretary of the senate, showing that \$887.89 was contributed to his campaign fund and his expenditures aggregated \$922.89.

With the conferring of the thirty-second degree on forty-seven candidates, the twenty-seventh semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of Oregon came to an end in Portland. Over 500 of the higher degree Masons were present at the ceremony.

A coyote with two tails is the latest animal freak to be discovered in Umatilla county. Chris Stannull, a prominent farmer of Coe, killed the animal with the double caudal appendage and brought the pelt with the two tails attached to the county clerk to collect the bounty.

John Torgersen, wanted at Vina, Cal., for the murder of James Miller, while shooting up a store and saloon, is under arrest at Roseburg. Torgersen confessed to having burglarized four postoffices, three railroad stations and eight stores in southern Oregon between December 27 and January 5.

For attempting to save Ray S. Utter, a machinist, from burning at Hood River on May 18, 1910, Ernest E. Boggess of that city has been announced as one of the winners in the Carnegie fund distribution. Mr. Boggess was awarded a bronze hero medal, \$425 disablement benefits and \$1000 as needed.

For the first time in ten years an election was held Monday in the town of Clatsop, Clatsop county, in which five trustees, a recorder and marshal were elected. Outside of Portland, Clatsop probably covers more ground than any city in the state, the town limits extending from Seaside to Warrenton.

President Taft has sent to the senate the list of Oregon nominations prepared and endorsed by Ralph Williams, national committeeman. Among them are John H. Burgard to be collector of customs at Portland; Thomas McCusker postmaster, and E. C. Kirkpatrick, United States marshal, and L. H. Arnsen, receiver, The Dalles land office.

It is understood that the proposition of Coos Bay to place \$150,000 at the disposal of the government to assist in the work of enlarging Miner harbor has been accepted by the board of army engineers. The board of army engineers has concluded to recommend practically everything asked for the improvement of Coos Bay by the delegation from Marshfield.

Forest rangers of the Shasta, Klamath, Siskiyou and Crater National forests, in northern California, and southern Oregon, have been summoned to a convention to be held at Medford, February 18 to 21. The convention is not an annual affair, but one of several that have been held periodically to discuss new ways and ideas of fighting fires, building trails and telephone lines, and the like.

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