

May Become Independent of Coal and Oil. BY PRODUCING ALCOHOL

Secretary Wilson Urges Relief of Denaturalized Alcohol From Tax That Farmers May Produce Own Heat and Light.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 25.—The House committee on ways and means is giving a series of hearings on a bill of vital importance to the farming communities in all parts of the United States—the bill to remove the internal revenue tax from denaturalized alcohol; that is, alcohol that is so changed as to be unfit for use as a beverage.

The bill is of interest to the farmers for various reasons. Primarily this kind of alcohol can be manufactured very cheaply from the waste and surplus products of the farm grains or potatoes that spoil before finding a market, potatoes and other crops that do not mature sufficiently to find a market; even cornstalks can be distilled to advantage into denaturalized alcohol.

This alcohol can be manufactured for a nominal cost, and, if the internal revenue tax is removed, can be utilized for fuel as a cheap and effective substitute for gasoline, coal or kerosene. But unless the tax is removed it cannot become a competitor for the now standard fuels. One beauty about denaturalized alcohol, aside from the cheapness of production, is the fact that it can be manufactured on every farm, and the farmer not only saves the cost of transportation on the fuel but is able to make his own fuel even more cheaply than the oil trust or the coal trust, who now hold him in their grasp. Its unrestricted manufacture will enable the farmer to utilize his waste products that are now a dead loss.

Each Farm May Produce Own Fuel.

Secretary Wilson, head of the Department of Agriculture, has done more for the American farmer than any of his predecessors; he has aided him to improve his crops; he has found new crops not previously known in this country, and now he is strongly advocating the removal of the tax on denaturalized alcohol in order that the farmer may materially increase his profits by utilizing his waste products and saving the cost of fuel. In a hearing before the committee, Mr. Wilson strongly advocated the passage of the pending bill. He said in opening his argument:

"The question of heating and lighting on the farm is becoming quite insistent. In the arid countries there is some coal, but it is not readily obtained and is very expensive. In the humid sections it is becoming more and more difficult to get out to the prairies is expensive at all times and very expensive quite often; besides which it is becoming more and more difficult to get about for other sources of heating and lighting.

The starch and sugar plants are the source of alcohol. In Europe the chief sources of alcohol have been the potato and the sugar beet by distillation, and the grain and their by-products. Other sources of alcohol which may be advantageously utilized in the United States are the sweet potato, the cassava plant, waste molasses from the sugar beet and the waste product from the stalk of the Indian corn at the time of the harvesting of the grain. In this list may be included all plants which would normally be considered as waste products. In this list it does not apply to any alcoholic beverage, but to pure or denaturalized alcohol in a form which may be used as fuel and mixed with other ingredients to produce a heating or lighting medium. It is called 'denaturalized' because it is not fit for use as a beverage.

Heat and Light From Potatoes.

The Secretary went on to show that an acre of corn would produce 20 to 25 gallons of alcohol. An acre of potatoes, under normal conditions, would produce 255 gallons. But the Secretary believes that the yield from potatoes could be doubled under proper management. The aim of the farmer today is to grow potatoes for the market, and the effort is made to get potatoes of the best quality and the best size. In Europe, where potatoes are grown for cattle food, different varieties are used, which produce a heavier yield per acre, but which are of inferior grade. He says that, if the farmers of this country should devote a part of their land to the raising of those potatoes which would give the greatest yield per acre, they could readily manufacture 500 gallons of alcohol to the acre of such crops. He added:

"Potatoes, moreover, are a commercial crop only when within a certain distance of market. At the average price at which the potato sells, it can be hauled only a short distance, but when looking for a market near heat and light, factories would be erected in the country neighborhoods and the potato would be grown for its largest possible yield of alcohol.

Looking at this subject from the agricultural standpoint, we find that the Northern States are really dependent upon the potato as a source of heat and light, the Southern States upon the yam and sweet potato and the Western States upon the sugar beet. The extensive irrigation projects now being carried on by the United States Government will result in watering land that will produce sugar beets more profitably, perhaps, than any other crop. The molasses can be readily be turned into alcohol.

The Secretary made the astonishing statement that the astonishingly properly treated would yield 170 gallons of alcohol to the acre. With approximately 100,000,000 acres of land planted in corn every year, the idea is gained of the immense profits that are being allowed to go to waste. In concluding his argument Mr. Wilson said:

Look to Farm for Fuel Supply.

"Our coal mines are definite quantities and are being rapidly used up. Our forests are disappearing and many of them have disappeared. In the future—the time will certainly come when the world will have to look to agriculture for the production of its fuel, its light and its motive power. It seems to me that through the medium of alcohol agriculture can furnish in the most convenient form for the use of man this absolutely necessary source of supply. I believe, therefore, that the utilization of alcohol in the arts and industries, under such restrictions as would safeguard the social rights of the United States, would prove not only a great stimulus to manufactures, but a great benefit to alcohol.

Farmers of the West, particularly those of the arid regions, have already shown much interest in the denaturalized alcohol bill, and Representatives from those states are pushing the pending legislation. Its passage would mean a great saving to every farmer who is remote from coal mines; it would mean increased profits on his yearly crops, and in the end it may solve the problem of cheap power for lands which can never be reclaimed by gravity irrigation systems. The possibilities that lie behind this bill are not realized, even by the men most interested in its passage.

Conference Is Abandoned.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 25.—Timothy Richmond, of Richmond, clerk of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, and one of the promoters of the conference of delegates from all evangelized denominations which it was proposed to hold at Washington, D. C., in March,



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PROJECT MANY BUILDINGS

Quarter of Million to Be Spent in Structures on East Side.

Gordon & Daue have secured the contract for erection of the chief building for the Italian Gardeny Association, on Union avenue and East Madison street.

The building will cover a block, for which the foundation has been constructed at a cost of \$50,000. The foundation is extended so as to take in half of East Madison and Main streets.

Work has been started on a three-story frame on Grand avenue and Belmont street for S. F. White, to cost about \$10,000. Plans are being prepared for a telephone station for the Home Telephone Company on the corner of East Morrison and Eleventh streets. Work on the foundation has been started.

Fahien & Orendorf, who recently secured a half-block on East Morrison street and Grand avenue, are having plans prepared for a four-story brick, 100x300.

A three-story brick will be erected on the southeast corner of East Morrison street and Grand avenue. The foundation will be built to carry six stories. Occupants of the wooden building, now covering the ground, have been instructed to vacate as soon as possible, so that work on the foundation may be started.

R. P. Rasmussen & Co. are putting up a brick warehouse on East Third and Pine streets. F. Falkman is completing a \$10,000 store and rooming-house on Grand avenue and East Yamhill street. Bartman, Foss & Kessling have laid the foundation for a two-story frame structure on the southeast corner of Union avenue and Hawthorne avenues, to cost \$25,000.

Joseph Paquet is preparing to erect a two-story frame on the site of the wooden structure that was recently burned at the east end of the Morrison bridge. It will cost about \$14,000. Owners of the Wolff & Zwicker block, at the east end of Madison bridge, have had the grounds cleared preparatory to erecting a two-story frame structure. Cost of these structures will aggregate \$250,000.

BROWN NOW IN TRAINING

Opens His Quarters at Third and Couch Streets.

George Brown, the Oakland boxer, has opened training quarters at Third and Couch streets, and his manager, C. M. Sloan, issues a cordial invitation to all the sports to drop in and see him at work during the afternoons. Mike Kenney, of Albina, has been secured as Brown's sparring partner, and will work out with him each day.

Jack Grant, a popular local referee, will be asked to officiate at the bout between Brown and McConnell, on March 6. Eddie Grady recommended Grant to Sloan, and McConnell is favorable to him.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

It Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, keeps all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

OVERSEER JOB SUPERINTENDENT HENDRICKS REPLIES TO CRITICISMS.

Believes That Some Business Details Must Be Left to Management of Insurance Companies.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Francis Hendricks, State Superintendent of Insurance, tonight issued a statement replying to the recent report of the Armstrong committee of the Legislature, with special reference to that portion of the report which criticizes the administration of the insurance companies. He says: "A careful examination of the statute creating and regulating this department will, I believe make it quite clear that it was not intended to be an overseer or administrator of the daily business management of the companies."

"I doubt if it would be wise to vest any state official with the power and responsibility of overseeing and administering all of the details of the business management of insurance companies, as in certain quarters it is now being claimed he should do. Some of the recommendations of the Armstrong committee and many suggestions being made now elsewhere, if carried out, would make him in effect a managing director of all the insurance companies of the state."

"In the first place I do not believe that this would be a wise policy. But in the second place, if it is deemed to be wise, it must be assumed that there must be an entire reorganization of the insurance department, giving the Superintendent increased power and an adequate supply of force and money to do this. I am sure that it would require an appropriation of from \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year for a department to do the things which it is now said should have been done by my administration, upon an appropriation which for several years has averaged only \$40,000 per year."

"Notwithstanding all that has been said, I still remain of the opinion that the administration of those details of business which involve ordinary business honesty and competency must be left to the management of the companies, rather than to a state department."

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TAXATION OF FRANCHISES

Speakers at Forum Favor Revenue From Utilities.

Last evening's session of the People's Forum, at Knights of Pythias Hall, was taken up with discussion of "Taxation of Franchises." President H. D. Wagon was in the chair. The Forum favors the taxation of all franchises supported by the public, especially transportation, lighting and utilities, largely patronized by the public. The argument was in the nature of a general discussion, in which most of those present expressed their views.

SCORES MADE AT SHOOT.

The following scores were made by the members of the Multnomah Rod and Gun Club yesterday:

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