

LEASING SYSTEMS STILL TO BE LARGED

Western Senators, Borah Leading, Are Gathering Strength to Combat Plan.

WHITE HOUSE BEHIND BILLS

Administration, However, Is Committed to Two Radically Different Sets of Measures Yet to Go Before Senate Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—The lack of time was the only thing that prevented the passage of the Administration's conservation bills at the recent session of Congress, and their defeat can be directly attributed to the filibuster on the shipping bill at the next session, however, the conservation bills will be brought to the front, and, under pressure from the White House, probably will be passed. This will not be accomplished without a fight, however, as several Western Senators have determined to make an effort to have the leasing bills radically amended in order that the states may benefit to a greater extent than under the bills as they stand, and a few Western Senators intend, if possible, to defeat the leasing system.

It is conceded generally that, notwithstanding Western opposition, there will be votes enough to shove through the leasing bills in some form or other.

Administration Wants Doubtful

It is difficult to ascertain just exactly what the Administration wants in the way of conservation legislation. During the second session of the 63d Congress a series of bills was introduced in the House and approved by the Administration, and rushed through under gag rules and over the protest of Western members. Only the Alaska coal leasing bill passed the Senate.

When, at the short session, the Senate committees got to work on the bills that came over from the House, substantial amendments were adopted in committee, and the amended bills were reported in form far more acceptable to Western Senators than in the shape in which they passed the House.

The Administration stands committed at this time to the passage of two sets of bills for the development of water power, for the leasing of coal, oil and phosphate lands, for the regulation of water power development on navigable streams and the radium bill, yet to be considered by a Senate committee.

Borah Starts Move for Aid

It is the manifest purpose of Western Senators to build up support among their Eastern colleagues in the hope of forcing further concessions from the Administration in the matter of conservation legislation. Senator Borah, of Idaho, who is opposed to the Administration bills as they stand, is making a speech in Philadelphia recently in Philadelphia. In that speech he sought to give his own view something of the nature of his viewpoint, and in doing so, said: "Pennsylvania has 28,880,640 acres within her borders. In 1910 she had a population of 7,255,000. She had a total assessed valuation of about \$6,474,237,588. This gives an idea of her great wealth, and a fair indication of how you have built up this commonwealth.

"In Idaho we have withdrawn from use of private lands, citizens have a forest reserves 17,712,660 acres, considerable more than half of your great state. Nearly 83 per cent of our entire state is withdrawn from entry, and use. We cannot tax it and cannot impose on it any of the burdens of state government. We must, however, enforce the criminal laws of the state over that entire area. The other 18 per cent of the state must pay the burdens of the entire 100 per cent. Would you propose that Pennsylvania like to experiment with that proposition?"

Emigration to Canada Cited

"During the past five years more than 100,000 American citizens have each year passed into Canada to acquire homes and homesteads. They are of that class of men who constitute the best there is in America, because they are state builders, pioneers in the development of new countries, and will in the end furnish food for the great congested centers of the United States.

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THERE'LL BE SOMETHING DOING ON THE LOWER RIVER TODAY.



PRESS IS DEFEATED

Government Tends to Silence Newspapers, Says Editor.

READERS DECLARED JURY

Director of New York Times' Policy Says Senate Lobby Investigators Infringe on Liberty of Press. European Method Compared.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Vigorous protest against the "tendency of Governmental investigations to place the newspapers of the country under a sort of duress," was made today by Charles R. Miller, editor-in-chief of the New York Times, before the Senate lobby investigating committee. Chairman Walsh has questioned Mr. Miller at length as to editorials and news stories which inquire whether the ship bill, trust prosecutions and railway mail pay. At the conclusion of his examination, Mr. Miller questioned the authority of the committee to inquire as to many of the matter discussed, and said:

"I can see no ethical, moral or legal right in this committee to ask me many of the questions you have put to me. It seems to me it would be right for you to inquire whether I am doing improper activities in connection with the ship-purchase bill. I have told you I know of none.

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WILSON GETS BLAME

Party Split Is Laid at Door of the President.

TAMMANY LIKELY TO RULE

With Democratic Majority of 27 to 29 It Is Pointed Out Comparatively Few Insurgents Can Upset Programme.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—If the new House of Representatives proves hostile to President Wilson and refuses to support the Administration, the President alone will be to blame. Furthermore, the President can trace the alienation of Democratic support to his handling of patronage, especially in the State of New York. The next House has, on its face, a Democratic majority of 29, but if Republicans are elected to succeed the late Representatives Payne and Merritt, of New York, this majority will be reduced to 27, meaning that it will be in the power of 14 Democrats, acting with the Republicans, to control the action of the new House of Representatives.

CITY MANAGER IS REMOVED

Phoenix Official Refused to Surrender Office, Fight Barely Averted.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15.—W. A. Farish, city manager, was removed from office today by the City Commission, but refused to surrender his office to Robert Craig, named in his place. The case will be taken to court.

FATHER IS NOT INFORMED

Beachey's Parent, Blind and Infirm, Unable to Stand Shock.

DAYTON, O., March 15.—William C. Beachey, father of Lincoln Beachey, has not been told of his son's death.

FRANCE IS BUYING HORSES

Contract Is Awarded for 26,000 for Cavalry and Artillery.

KANSAS CITY, March 15.—A contract to furnish the French government 26,000 artillery and cavalry horses was concluded today by the War Department and mule dealers. The deal will involve between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

GAIN LARGE IN COLVILLE ACREAGE

COLVILLE, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Winter wheat in the Colville Valley has come out from under the snow apparently well set and uninjured. The area of Fall sowing will be largely augmented by an increased acreage of Spring grain, and it is estimated that the excess of wheat acreage over last year will be 15 to 20 per cent. The demand for seed grain is greater this season than formerly and dealers are short of seed wheat. The oats acreage will be smaller than formerly.

MR. WAIL HAS SOLUTION

FAITH IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND OTHER CORPORATIONS URGED.

Relief Seen for 2,000,000 Unemployed if Big Concerns Can Get Capital for Extensions.

NEW YORK, March 15.—There are 2,000,000 persons unemployed in the United States whose yearly earnings should be about \$1,250,000,000, says Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in the annual report of the company issued today.

PROTEST IS VOTED

Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the House committee on appropriations and the other six Democratic Representatives, in New York, united in recommending "organization Democrats for these positions. The President ignored their recommendations, and appointed men selected not by Senator O'Gorman, but by Secretary McAdoo.

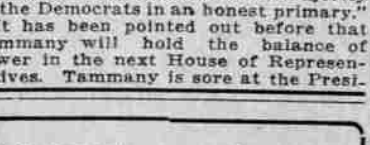
CONDITIONS AT LEWISTON EXCELLENT

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 15.—(Special.)—The condition of Fall-sown grain in this district is excellent. There is an increase in Fall-sown wheat of

"WATCH YOUR STEP"

If you haven't spent any money for clothes lately, "watch your step"—the fellow behind you wants your job.

A slovenly appearance is a grouch handshake.



The Shop of Style Creations Morrison, Bet. 4th and 5th.

WE'RE enthusiastic about these new suits--the patterns are so fresh and new--the colorings are so soft and pleasing--the new styles are so full of smartness that we know you'll like them better than ever; they're the

Stein-Bloch Smart Clothes

They possess the virtues that make friends--virtues that are bred in the yarns, in the lines and in every stitch.

\$20 Upward BEN SELLING Morrison at Fourth

Spring Shapes in Dunlap Hats \$5--Brewer Hats \$3



BROTHER GETS INSURANCE

La Grande Cabdriver Remembered by Late General Cyrus Bussey.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Like a letter from the grave today came word to Edward Bussey, a cabdriver of this city, from his brother, the late Major-General Cyrus Bussey, who died in Washington and was buried in Arlington Cemetery recently. The La Grande man knew nothing of his brother's death until a letter came today that had been written in 1912, to be held until death visited the old general. With the letter came notice that considerable life insurance had been left in the name of the general. The estate was a brotherly farewell.

CHILD BURNED AT PICNIC

Baker Girl's Clothes Ignite From Fire and Death Is Expected.

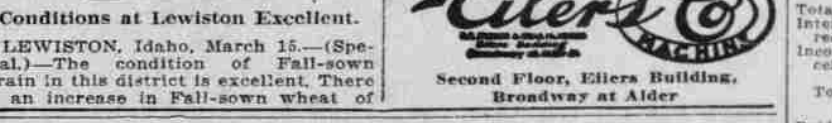
BAKER, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—As the result of playing around a picnic yesterday, 10-year-old Mary, daughter of Mrs. Johanna Berg, of 2150 Nevada street, is not expected to survive

FREE CONCERT RECITAL

At Eilers Recital Hall, 3 P. M. Daily THAIS Sung by Mary Garden, Clarence Whitehill, Hector Duffranne.

PROGRAMME

- 1. Selections from Thais... Massenet
2. "Behold the Terrible City"... Thais
3. "Love Is a Virtue Rare"... Thais
4. Meditation... Thais
5. "With Holy Water Anoint Me"... Duet
6. "Iste d'Amour"... Graftonola
7. "Ace of Diamonds"... Folk Dance
8. "I Hear You Calling Me"... Dance
9. Pavlova, Gavotte... Dance
10. Selection on Player Piano de Luxe

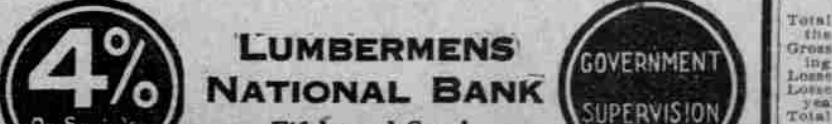


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This bank is owned by men who saved. Every store in Portland is owned by men who saved.

Do you save? No? Then start today, at this bank. Your account desired, no matter how small.

LUMBERMENS NATIONAL BANK Fifth and Stark



Government Supervision

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.

Table with financial data for United States Casualty Co. including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.