

BYRON BRYAN'S POLICY ON Cares of State Department Press Upon Him.

LITTLE NEWS GIVEN OUT Correspondents Told Not to Ask Questions Requiring "Yes" or "No" for Answer; Other Restrictions Are Laid Down.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 28.—"You newspaper men should not ask me impertinent questions," said Secretary Bryan to a party of 30 Washington correspondents who called on him recently in the rounds of the department. So saying, the Secretary of State threw away \$250 by delivering a 20-minute Chautauque lecture to the newspapermen, for which he received not a cent.

One of the correspondents, as he left the Secretary's office, said in conclusion, remarked, in the language of the street: "Secretary Bryan kicked pitiless publicity in the slats."

Time and public speeches and elsewhere, Mr. Bryan, since becoming the head of the State Department, has been making it his business to conduct the public business in the open and of informing the public as to what the Government is doing. Due reservation, of course, was made, if not made, but regarding confidential diplomatic business which could not properly receive publicity.

Secretary Not Pleased. In reality, the Secretary Bryan does not believe in much publicity, especially regarding the work of his own department. The State Department has been making it too much publicity, and some of this publicity, a great deal of it, has been anything but plain and to the point.

Notwithstanding President Wilson indorsed the policy of the Secretary early in his Administration, the reverse of that has been his policy, and most of the ordinary sources of news in the Government, in Washington, were closed by the Secretary's personal order. The rule in practically every department is that information should not be given out.

Less Information is Given Out. Under the rule, the Secretary is seen more frequently than under preceding Administrations, but much less information of what the Government is doing gets into print.

When it was that Secretary Bryan would gladly go to him for information if he would supply it, but that when he refused to do so, he became incensed upon them to seek other sources of information. The Secretary lamely replied that he gave out what he regarded as proper, but could not discuss many matters coming before him, and this led up to his assertion that the correspondents must not ask him impertinent questions.

Secretary Defines Impertinence. Asked to amplify, he said they should not ask him any question which called for an answer in "yes" or "no" terms. He said they should ask him nothing about correspondence between diplomats of this or other countries and the State Department, or about matters which he must answer in "yes" or "no" terms, or such questions, he declared, were impertinent and improper and should not be put to him as Secretary of State.

Secretary Bryan's remarks concluded with a dissertation on what he termed the "unfair and unjust criticism of the State Department" by a large part of the American press, which was interpreted to mean that the general criticism of Secretary Bryan and the frequent comment on his short-comings as Secretary of State have touched him in a vital spot. In politics, Secretary Bryan was not sensitive to criticism; as Secretary of State he has grown excessively sensitive.

As the interview was drawing to a close, the newspaper men pleaded with Secretary Bryan to be more frank with them. To this suggestion he replied with utter lack of tact: "There are only a few things that I can tell you."

LOGANBERRY POOL FORMED More Than 80 Per Cent of State's Crop Reported Pledged.

SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special).—At a meeting here today the Oregon Loganberry Association decided to form a pool of this year's crop, which with the pools of the Salem Fruit Union and the Clatsop & Co. of this city, comprise more than 80 per cent of the crop. The management of the three pools will be in conjunction, so that the best prices may be obtained.

GLENDALE DEDICATES ARCH City's Name in Electric Sign Marks Pacific Highway Entrance.

GLENDALE, Or., May 31.—(Special).—At the entrance of the Pacific Highway into Glendale, the citizens have erected a concrete archway more than 100 lights spelling the name of the city.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. Steamer Schedule.

Table with columns: Name, From, Date, To, Date. Lists various steamers and their routes.

Movements of Vessels. PORTLAND, May 31.—Arrived.—Steamer B. J. ...

Marconi Wireless Reports. (All positions reported at 8 P. M., May 31, unless otherwise designated).

BAR SOUNDINGS BEING TAKEN Improvement in Channel Noted. Result of Chinook's Work.

ASTORIA, Or., May 31.—(Special).—Under the direction of Assistant Engineer Michael, a force of United States engineers has been taking soundings on the bar during the past few days.

EPSON IS HERE FOR CARGO Freighter Damaged in Straits of Magellan Repaired in North.

Once again ready for sea service, the British steamer Epson, under charter to Kerr, Gifford & Co., to load a full cargo of cereals for the United Kingdom, gained the river yesterday from Puget Sound via Comox and will be given good dispatch, as her cargo has been waiting for some time.

D. P. Reid Is Dead. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 31.—(Special).—D. P. Reid, a Civil War veteran, and for more than 40 years a resident of this country, died at the Old Soldiers' Home at Port Orchard, where he and his wife were recently. Mr. Reid was born February 17, 1845, on the Reid farm, now known as the Johnson farm. He went to war from Indiana, September 11, 1862. Mr. Reid married Miss Hattie James, who survives.

BARK IS CHARTERED Lindfield Is to Load Wheat for United Kingdom.

85 SHILLINGS IS PRICE Engagement is Highest Yet for New Crop of Grain—British Ships Galgate and Orange River Also Are Taken.

Norwegian bark Lindfield, 1142 tons, net register, wheat from Portland to the United Kingdom, November loading, 85 shillings.

This is the latest and highest engagement for the new crop of grain here, and was reported yesterday by cables with M. H. Houser named as the charterer. It establishes a record for sailing grain freight, for not since fifty days ago has there been a business paid rate that now seem fancy, have freights attained such a stiff aspect as at present.

The Lindfield was loaded here early in the year and sailed January 20 for Honoluli, being taken over by the United Kingdom when discharged. The difference between her interment and cargo and what the owners will draw for her forthcoming voyage will be more than three times as much.

Swells Bother Dredge Report Out That Steamers Speed Through Lower Part of Harbor.

In a communication to Harbormaster Speer complaint is made by R. H. Brown, general manager of the Peninsula Industrial Company, that masters of vessels have been guilty of speeding through the lower part of the harbor.

COMMITTEE WORKS FOR PORT Chamber of Commerce Names Prominent Men for Harmony Move.

To work in harmony with other maritime interests for the general upbuilding of the port, the Chamber of Commerce is to constitute a committee of seven men who have been designated to serve on a special committee by the Chamber of Commerce.

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