SECRETARY WOULD CUT STATE'S SHARE

Lane Favors General Purpose, However, of Chamberlain's Land Grant Bill.

TAX PAYMENT IS CITED

Houston's Proposed Cultivation Requirement Indorsed and Attorney-General's Amendments Also Are Favored.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 29.—"I find myself in substantial accord with the general plan of action proposed in the Chamberlain land-grant bill," says Secretary of the Interior Lane in a report sent to Congress today. On some details, however, the Secretary disagrees with Senator Chamberlain. Particularly he disapproves the payment of 40 per cent of the receipts from timber and land sales to the state and a like amount to the land-grant counties. He thinks not more than 20 per cent of the receipts should go to each, the remaining 60 per cent to go into the Federal Treasury. Explaining his reasons for recommending this change, Secretary Lane says:

"The proportion of the proceeds to be received by the state and the counties is, in my judgment, excessive, particularly in view of the fact that the report of the Attorney-General indicates the necessity of an immediate advance by the Government of a large sum of money for the payment of accrued and unpaid taxes before complete title may be revested in the Government, the reimbursement of the Government for such advance being at a more or less uncertain time, without interest.

Reimbursement Not Opposed.

"The timber, as well as the lands, will be subject to local and state taxation on their disposition, and I do not know of any reason why the state and counties should receive such a large proportion of the proceeds of such sales. The withdrawal of the lands from taxation will be to a large extent temporary, and, while I have no objections to a provision that will fairly compensate the state and counties for losses incurred by reason of such temporary withdrawal of the lands from taxation, I cannot approve of such a large donation of the proceeds.

"It may be well to withhold the disposition of the proceeds remaining after the payments required in the bill are made until such time as the Government may be advised of the probable amount thereof."

The proposal of Secretary Houston that homesteaders on agricultural lands be required to cultivate 10 acres the fourth year of residence and 20 acres the fifth year is heartily approved by Secretary Lane.

On the question of throwing 300,000 acres of grant lands into forest reserves Secretary Lane is non-committal, merely saying he "has no objection to offer to the proposal."

Preference Right Modified.

Where the Chamberlain bill would give preference right of entry to settlers who were on the grant lands December 1, 1915, Secretary Lane would grant preference rights only to those who can prove continuous residence since December 1, 1914.

Secretary Lane also believes the bill should be amended to require the Government, in closing its account with the railroad company, to deduct from the amount due the railroad the full amount which the Government will turn over to the respective counties in full payment of accrued taxes.

Secretary Lane commends the Chamberlain bill for failing to grant any privileges or recognitions for the 16,000 applicants for grant lands and denounces the activities of the locators.

Before any of the grant lands are opened to entry or sale, Secretary Lane thinks they should be classified in the field and the timber lands cruised. He does not approve the legislative classification provided in the Chamberlain bill, believing it will lead to confusion and to contests.

Power Site Withdrawal Approved.

The Secretary also approves the recommendation of Secretary Houston that all power sites on the grant be withdrawn and held for disposal under whatever waterpower bill Congress may enact. He is informed that some of the lands contain valuable power sites.

On the question of disposing of the timber, Secretary Lane approves the Chamberlain plan, as distinguished from the plan suggested by the Secretary of Agriculture, but he would insert a provision requiring the purchasers of timber to cut and remove it within 15 years from the date of sale. The Houston plan of selling the timber on the installment plan, he believes, would make it impossible for the state to tax the timber, and he further believes it better to sell the timber for cash, give the purchaser a deed for the timber, and let the counties tax the timber, even though the land itself is not taxable while it remains in Government ownership.

Secretary Lane is in accord with the amendments suggested by the Attorney-General and recommends that they be incorporated in the bill.

DRUNKENNESS ON INCREASE

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the past two months for drunks and "vags," and declares that during the same period of 1915 the arrests numbered 1789.

It is more valuable for purposes of comparison to take the last month of the wet regime as contrasted with the past two months, for conditions are more nearly the same. During December, 1915, drunk and disorderly arrests numbered 897 and vagrancy arrests were 362. This is somewhat startling, for it shows a total of 1216 for December, as against 241 arrests for January and 290 for February.

The figures for the past month record such a decrease in the arrests in contrast with last year that the showing is remarkable, even though February indicates a gain over the first dry month.

Vigorous Campaign Waged.

District Attorney Evans, Sheriff Hurlburt and Chief of Police Clark, as well as the Federal authorities, are carrying on vigorous campaigns against the blind pig and the bootlegger and they believe the drunkenness figures will be cut down as time passes.

"The dry law is working very well," said Chief of Police Clark. "We do not have half the arrests or the trouble we had before the prohibition act went into effect. Drunks are few and they will be fewer as soon as the stuff stored is used up, for drunkards will not be able to get more."

Traffic accidents show a big falling off since the prohibition law went into effect. Represented graphically, a sharp downward curve would indicate the lessened hazard to travelers and pedestrians since the state went dry.

The night-rider and the joy-rider have been eliminated almost wholly. There was only one arrest during February for operating an automobile while intoxicated. Last December there were 13 such cases and two citizens were killed, one by an auto and one by a streetcar.

Dry Regime Is Credited.

Chairman H. P. Coffin of the Public Safety Commission does not hesitate to give credit to the dry regime that came in on January 1. He says it has made great changes in the traffic situation and that life is safer today on Portland streets than at any time since automobile traffic became heavy.

"Jail sentences for intoxicated auto drivers were meted out with a liberal hand last December," said Mr. Coffin, "and there was need of harsh treatment. Fortunately, we have but little complaint on that score now. During the past month autoists who have offended have been arrested chiefly for driving without lights and other minor infractions of the law.

"There were 285 violations of the traffic laws last December. We had 58 collisions, of which 25 were caused by reckless or careless driving. We had, besides, 21 cases of reckless driving and 41 cases of speeding.

"January showed much improvement over these conditions. There were 146 violations of the law, none were arrested for driving while intoxicated, accidental auto collisions numbered eight, and there were 14 collisions caused by carelessness. None were killed, either in January or February.

February Has 82 Violations.

"There were 82 violations in February, few being of a serious character. These were ten cases of reckless driving and there were 60 drivers brought into court for speeding. Three cases were brought to our attention of intoxication on the part of drivers during the past month. This is, of course, far below former statistics."

Business men and bankers are almost unanimous in their declaration that prohibition has eliminated a large amount of economic waste.

Savings accounts have grown in number and in volume, collections in the retail stores are greatly improved, and this condition is reflected in the collections of the wholesalers; business in nearly all retail lines has improved and a substantial part of this improvement is attributed to the fact that much money that formerly went over the bar now is finding its way into legitimate channels.

Every bank in Portland reported yesterday that the number of new savings accounts opened in January and February exceeded the normal. The regular savings accounts have grown appreciably. While it is impossible to determine precisely how much of this new business is due to prohibition, the bankers know, by personal interviews with some of their patrons, that many men now are putting money into the bank that heretofore spent it for whisky.

Credit managers in some of the big retail stores report that collections have improved noticeably in the last two months and that a large number of new accounts have been opened.

Collections in the small retail grocery stores likewise have improved. Every grocery that has reported on this subject testifies to the improvement of their business in this particular.

Realty and rental men generally declare in almost unanimous voice that prohibition has failed to show the chilling influence which was predicted by many prior to the election. While almost all are agreed that little or no harm has been done, some are not yet willing to grant that any good has come, though they admit the course of time may bring wholesome effects.

Good Stores Much in Demand.

In spite of the fact that saloons left many corners and stores vacant in the downtown districts, rental men say that the demand for good store locations is greater than the supply, and they have never before been busier in looking up locations to satisfy inquiring tenants.

The supposition is that those who were in the market for locations deferred making lease arrangements until after prohibition came. Evidently there were so many who worked on this premise that several prospective tenants had their eyes on each choice location.

Dealers in realty say that there is an increasing demand for modest homes in the outlying districts and those who have been selling homes on the installment plan find that the wage-earners are more prompt and consistent in keeping up their payments.

A great majority of the members of the realty fraternity look upon the effects of prohibition optimistically and even those who are inclined to pessimism do not declare that realty values or rental returns have been decreased materially as a result of the dry law.

SPOKANE MINISTER TO DEDICATE MONTAVILLA CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY.

Rev. I. N. McCash.

Montavilla Christian Church, East Seventy-sixth and East Hoyt streets, will be dedicated on Sunday with a special service at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. I. N. McCash, of Spokane, prominent in educational and religious work, will give the dedicatory address. He also will preach in the morning and at night. George L. Baker and Rev. J. C. Ghormley, pastor, will speak briefly.

SACRAMENTO EVANGELIST HOLDING SERVICES IN FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. T. Klotzbach.

Revival meetings that opened on Sunday in the First Free Methodist Church, East Ninth and East Mill streets, are well attended. Rev. W. T. Klotzbach, of Sacramento, preached to a large congregation last night. Several members were added to the church as a result. The meetings will continue for 10 or 12 days longer. The public is invited. Rev. E. I. Harrington is pastor of the church.

TO STOP BAD COUGH

SOOTH DRY, IRRITATED THROAT WITH PARMINT SYRUP. SAYS THIS OLD-FASHIONED COUGH REMEDY IS BEST.

We are told that the old-time remedies are best and invariably contain less harmful yet better medicine than those which are in use today. This being so, undoubtedly the following old-fashioned recipe which is quick acting will be welcomed by many as there seems to be a regular epidemic of coughs at the present time. Secure from your druggist 1 ounce Parmint (double strength), take this home and add to it a quarter pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar, stir until dissolved. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day. No more racking your whole body with a cough. Clogged nostrils should open, air passages of your head should clear and your breathing become easy. Parmint syrup is pleasant to take, easy to prepare and costs little. Every person who has a stubborn cough, hard cold or catarrh in any form should give this prescription a trial. There is nothing better. Adv.

OLYMPIA BOOZE TAKEN

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY PROMISES MOST THOROUGH HOUSECLEANING.

Police Ask for Reduction in Salaries so Another Patrolman May Be Engaged to Battle With "Blind Pigs."

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Following an announcement that he intended to give Thurston County the best overhauling it has had for 20 years, George F. Yantis, Prosecuting Attorney, organized a raid on two suspected places that netted a pint of alcohol, half a pint of whisky, one quart of ginger brandy, a gallon of wine, another of punch and one of vermouth, eight pints of beer, a bottle of creme de menthe and a case of empty flasks. Warrants were issued for George and Thomas Taylor, proprietors of the former Oxford saloon, and John McIntosh.

The prosecutor attaches more importance to the empty flasks than to those he found filled.

Prosecutor Yantis recently stopped dice-shaking and other forms of cigar store games of chance. He declares that the programme of strict law enforcement prosecutions will last at least two months, and that blind pigs will receive especial attention.

Following this activity on the part of the Prosecuting Attorney, Chief of Police Caton proposed his own salary of $90 a month be reduced 50 per cent and $5 per month be taken off the pay of $75 the three members of his force each receives. The Chief intends to devote but half his time to directing the force and to hire another patrolman with the salary saving. His economy programme was promptly accepted by the Council.

COUNCIL PLAN UPHELD

ABERDEEN DEFEATS COMMISSION GOVERNMENT, 1849 TO 862.

Opponents Accused of Infusing Prohibition Alignment and Combining With Socialists.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Aberdeen, for the second time in four years, defeated commission government here yesterday, the vote being 1849 against and 862 for. One argument which gained many votes in opposition to commission was that the city should wait until its population was 20,000, so that the citizens could draft their own charter. Aberdeen's refusal to adopt the commission plan leaves this city the only second-class city in Washington which still holds to the Mayor-Councilmanic plan.

The commission fight this year was bitter and the issue rather confused. The commission men declare the Socialists were united with the non-commission men in a fight to down the new plan. The non-commission leaders managed to make the fight appear to be one between the wet and dry forces. The vote cast was more than 80 per cent of the total registration, although few automobiles were used in bringing out the vote.

Now that the commission election is over, 18 candidates are preparing for the annual Spring municipal primaries which will be held March 7. This election will be hard fought, inasmuch as it will bring forth a strong effort to eliminate two Socialists who are standing for re-election to the Council.

ROBBER REWARDS POSTED

Postal Authorities Offer $1000 Each for Train Holdup Men.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 29.—The postal authorities have authorized rewards of $1000 each for the capture of the two men who robbed the mailcar of the North Coast Limited train of the Northern Pacific near Covington, Wash., last Thursday night.

The robbers obtained $2000 in currency shipped by a Tacoma bank. Another package of $2000 in currency was not taken. Fifty-seven pieces of registered mail were stolen. Twenty-five of these came from Tacoma. Most of the others were from the Orient and cannot be checked for several weeks.

CANADA BAN HITS HERE

Hood River Expects C-Grade Apples Will Compete in Market.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—It is thought by local apple sales agency officials that as a result of the increased duties placed by the Canadian government on this fruit distribution will suffer severely during the Fall marketing season.

"The duty has been increased from 13 1-3 cents to 33 1-3 cents per box," says Wilmer Sieg, of the Applegrowers' Association, "and in addition to this a war tax of 7½ per cent of the invoice price is levied.

"The increased tariffs will have no direct effect on us, but by eliminating from Canada the shipments of C-grade product of other districts they will bring this large quantity of fruit in competition with our apples in markets of the Middle West."

STATESMAN'S WIDOW DIES

Mrs. E. E. Slater, Pioneer of 1853, Passes at La Grande, Aged 81.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. E. Slater, aged 81, died today. She was born in East Tennessee. Her husband, James H. Slater, who died about 20 years ago, was also a well-known figure in the early history of the state, having been a Representative in the lower branch of Congress and in the United States Senate.

They came to Oregon in 1853, settling in the Willamette Valley. In 1863 they moved to Walla Walla, and in 1864 they went to Auburn, in Baker County, their team being the first to cross the newly constructed Daily road. They settled in La Grande in 1866.

The surviving members of the family are: Olive and John Slater, with whom the mother made her home in late years; James D., an attorney of La Grande; Woodson T., an attorney of Salem and former member of the Supreme Court; Frank S., cashier of the National Bank of Canyon City; Mrs. Nellie G. Neill and Mrs. A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, and Mrs. Bertha Smith, of Portland.

Horse-Stealing Case With Jury.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—After two days of taking evidence, in which time the jury was kept together night and day, the state and defense rested tonight in the case against James Childers and L. Burke, charged with horse-stealing. The case went to the jury late tonight.

Number of Unemployed.

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Rheumatism is caused by uric acid which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

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