

# REVIVAL OF GRANT CONTRACTS URGED

## Attorney-General Asks House Committee to Give Right to Test Buyer's Status.

# TIME SALES ARE ADVISED

## Secretary Houston Opposes Home-steading of Cut-Over Lands, Believing They Should Be Practically in Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash- ington, April 17.—The House public lands committee today resumed con- sideration of the Oregon and California land-grant bill, giving particular at- tention to new reports and recommen- dations submitted by the Attorney- General, Secretary Lane and Secretary Houston. It is possible that some of the changes urged by these officials may be embodied in the bill before it is reported to the House.

The Attorney-General approves the entire bill, except that he wants the holders of executory contracts to have an opportunity to go into court for termination of their rights. The letter, read to the committee today, dis- closes that his substitute for section 7 is designed to affect 46,000 acres, being all lands covered by outstanding con- tracts, and, in addition, nearly 30,000 acres covered by contracts reported by the railroad company as having been canceled. This amendment would re- vive canceled contracts.

### Letter Angers Committee.

Several members of the committee took exception to some of the language of the Attorney-General's letter. The language most objectionable to friends of John Lind, of Minnesota, was the Attorney-General's opinion that only those contracts should be regarded as "valid" which provided for the sale of land in accordance with the terms laid down in the granting act. Few con- tracts were drawn on those terms, and Lind, as assignee of C. A. Smith, would get about 5000 acres, contracted for at \$5 an acre. If carried into court the amendment might result in a judgment against every person who contracted to buy more than 100 acres or who bought at a price exceeding \$2.50 an acre.

### Mr. Houston for Time Sales.

The letter of the Secretary of Agricul- ture takes serious objection to the timber provisions of the committee bill. Secretary Houston favors sale of the timber on the land, but not the land. He believes the timber should not be subject to taxation as soon as sold, as the bill now provides, but should only be taxed when sold. He objects to sales by 40-acre tracts.

Secretary Houston also objects to that provision of the bill which permits the homesteading of cut-over lands. He strongly intimates that lands of this class should be held permanently by the Government and should be reforest- ed.

### Redistribution Plan Approved.

He estimates that fully 50 per cent of the grant is composed of lands of this character, and his recommenda- tion is to carry out a plan which would throw half the grant into forest re- serves.

# NOTE TO BERLIN IS CURT

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will be no exchange of views, that Germany will not be permitted to maneuver the situation into a long series of diplomatic negotiations, as she succeeded in doing in the case of the Lusitania.

As the President was putting the finishing touches to the note, on which he and Secretary Lansing had been working for nearly a week, official

# HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then fall out. It is a disease that stops falling hair at once. Get rid of the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, push a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications the hair stops coming out and you can't find any dandruff.

# YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE

Hurry, Mother! Remove Poisons from Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

# Give "California Syrup of Figs" if Cross, Bilious or Feverish.

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given. If your little one is out-of-sorts, half- sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look! Mother, see if his tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that his little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irri- table, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of his little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stom- ach, and they don't hurt. It is a pleas- ant, full-direction for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups. Printed on each bottle.

That it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company,"—Adv.

word was received by the State De- partment the lives of two Ameri- cans had been endangered by an at- tack on the Russian bark Imperator by an Austrian submarine. Carl Bailey Hurst, American Consul-General at Barcelona, Spain, who sent the report, said the attack was without warning. One of the American citizens on board was wounded by shrapnel shells fired by the submarine.

### Senator Stone Summoned.

As soon as the President had finished the communication to Germany, he di- rected that Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, be invited to the White House in order that he might be informed of the in- tentions of the Administration. Sen- ator Stone probably will see the Pres- ident tomorrow morning before the Cab- inet meeting.

Mr. Wilson himself was the only official familiar with all the details of the document tonight, but it was learned authoritatively that it is the most em- phatic and vigorous diplomatic paper the President has ever approved.

### New Case Appears.

Although it will not figure in the discussion with Germany because the necessary evidence is not at hand, the case of the British steamship Eastern City occupied attention at the State Department today. A consular report from Cardiff, Wales, said the ship was sunk April 17 by shell fire, 150 miles off Cardiff, and that all the persons aboard, including two American citi- zens, had been saved.

The fact that the crew apparently was forced to take to open boats 150 miles from shore indicated to officials that the commander of the submarine failed to observe the assurances given by Germany that pas- sengers and crew of vessels should be removed to a place of safety before they were sunk and that the distance from shore and the conditions of the weather should be considered. It was not made clear in the dispatch whether the vessel was warned, and further details have been asked for.

It is understood tonight that the note to Germany is of such length that sev- eral hours will be required to put it into diplomatic code. At least 48 hours will have to be allowed for its trans- mission to Berlin and several hours more will be required by the American embassy there to de-code it. If, as is planned, the note is started over the cable, it probably will not be made public until it has reached Ambassador Gerard.

# JUDGE DARCH HONORED

## Return of Kliskit County Jurist Occasion for Banquet.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the Kliskit County Bar association at Goldendale Saturday was given as an informal reception to Judge William T. Darch, of Goldendale, judge of the Su- preme court for Kliskit, Skamania and Cowlitz counties.

### 90-MILE TEST RIDE BEGINS

## Three Field Officers Will Start To-day at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—Ninety-mile horseback rides, to test the physical condition of the riders, are being taken by three officers of high rank in the post, starting today.

# FRANCE NOT BACKING LOAN

## Government Attempting to Mobilize Neutral Securities.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The pending French loan, it was authoritatively learned today, will not be backed by any obligation of the French govern- ment. The collateral that will underlie the loan, the amount and interest rate of which are yet to be determined, will consist of securities of neutral coun- tries.

# THIRTY BURN IN WRECK

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a count of those who received emer- gency medical treatment showed that 25 who escaped death were injured. It was thought several of these would die.

A brakeman of the local train said that there were 27 passengers in the rear car and that he had been able to locate only seven of these. This gave rise to the report that 30 persons had been killed, but later investigation threw doubt on this estimate. A re- port that 30 bodies had been recovered was later disproved. There was still doubt at midnight as to what the search of the ruins, which was be- ing continued, would develop.

The belief that 30 persons had been burned or crushed to death was ex- pressed by a number of the wrecking crew, but this opinion was not gen- erally shared by others on the scene. It was agreed that the list of dead probably would not be completed be- fore daylight.

# Presiding Bishop on Way West.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Benjamin R. McGuire, of Brooklyn, who yesterday at Independence, Mo., was ordained pres-iding Bishop of the reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, has left for West to assume his new office.

# EFFORTS TO AMEND ARMY BILL BEATEN

## Proposals to Create New Na- val and Military Academies Are Defeated in Senate.

# GUARD INCREASE REJECTED

## Senator Borah's Attacks on State Militia Answered by Senators Reed and Pomerene—Fi- nal Vote to Be Today.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Efforts to amend the Army reorganization bill were defeated in rapid succession in the Senate today on the eve of the measure's passage.

Senator Reed's amendment to create from six to 12 training schools like West Point and Annapolis in various parts of the country was defeated, 37 to 31. Under an agreement reached last week, voting on the bill will be postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

Other amendments rejected included one by Senator Lee, of Maryland, to increase the number of National Guard enlisted men from 200 to 350 for each Representative and Senator in Con- gress, and Senator Works' proposal for an industrial military force of 250,000 men to serve a month each year in the Army in times of peace, and 11 months in forestry and reclamation services in the Pacific and adjacent states.

### French Shell Explodes Near Party, Injuring Several.

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### PARK INCLUDES VOLCANOES

## Congressional Committee Shows Ef- fect of Hawaiian Trip.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Creation of a Hawaiian National park of 75,225 acres, including the crater areas and volcanic wonders of the three great vol- canoes of Hawaii—Mauna Loa, Kilauea and Halakala volcanoes—is provided for under a bill passed today by the House. It now goes to the Senate.

# MISS WHITE NOW THIRD

## CORVALLIS CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN ADVANCES FROM SEVENTH.

MISS Sailing, of Pendleton, Moves Up From Ninth to Sixth—Miss Taylor Remains in Lead.

STANDING OF QUEEN CANDI- DATES YESTERDAY.

Louise Taylor, Western Union Telegraph Com- pany	26,945
Jewel Carroll, Knights and Ladies of Security	24,917
Georgia White, Corvallis	20,651
Lillian Cornelia Hendrickson, Foresters of Amer- ica	14,636
Life Insurance Company, 10,481	
Waive Jacobs, Klamath Falls	10,051
Myrtle Sailing, Pendleton	8,774
Mrs. Maud C. Gilman, G. R. and Relief Corps	7,376
Eleanor Jackson, Modern Forsters, McMinnville	1,312
Maud Howell, Willamette Heights	606
Myrtle McClarkin, Rose City Park	309
Rose Uptergrove, Oregon City	251
Edel Fransch, Eugene	19

The most striking development in the voting for Rose Festival Queen yesterday was the jump of Miss Georgie White, candidate of Corvallis, from seventh to third place in the run- ning, when a block of more than 12,000 votes was sent in for her.

Miss Muriel Sailing, of Pendleton, also made a strong gain in the run- ning, moving up from ninth to sixth place.

Louise Taylor, the candidate of the Western Union Telegraph Company, still leads, although Jewel Carroll, candidate of the Knights and Ladies of Security, is only about 1000 votes behind her.

Marian Anderson, of Albany, holds a safe margin on third place, but falls while Lillian Cornelia Hendrickson, candidate of the Foresters of America, has risen from tenth place to fourth on the list.

Myrtle McClarkin's name was sub- mitted yesterday as the candidate for Rose City Park, with 209 votes to launch her in the race.

Practically no returns have been re- ceived from Oregon City and Eugene, as yet, but it is expected that they will file large blocks of votes for their candidates today.

# 1500 HEAR MR. BURTON

## PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT MAKES ADDRESS AT MEDFORD.

## United Republican Party Needed to Re- store Self-Respect and Honor to the United States.

MEDFORD, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Before an audience of 1500, ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency of the United States, tonight urged the people of Oregon to unite behind the traditions of America and by again bringing the party of Lincoln and McKinley into power, restore the self-respect and honor of the great re- public.

front the future generation of this country and no problem is greater than that of preserving the strength and vir- tility of a free republic. The vacilla- tion and weakness, the indecision and inconsistency of the Wilson Adminis- tration have brought the repute of the United States so low, said the speaker, that a change of Administration is es- sential to the perpetuation of Repub- lican institutions.

"I am a man of peace," said the speaker, "and I believe as the American people believe, that in critical times the people of the country should uphold the hands of the Administration whenever that is possible. We could stand by President Wilson if he stood by him- self, but when he fails to stand by him- self, how can anyone stand by him? We could stand by the North Star, but we can't stand by an erratic comet."

# SUGAR DEADLOCK IS ON

## Conferees Expected to Reach No Agreement Over Tariff.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Conferees of the Senate and House on repeal of the free sugar provision of the tariff act still were deadlocked tonight after an all-day session, and Chairman Sim- mons, of the Senate finance committee, predicted the conferees would report a disagreement.

Senators Simmons and Stone insisted on the Senate bill extending the sugar duty for four years, and Representa- tives Kitchin and Rainey held out for the flat repeal passed by the House.

Unless an agreement is reached by May 1, sugar will go on the free list.

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# GOHN INVADERS SEATTLE

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The closing of a lease on the Ameri- can Theater in Seattle yesterday by S. Morton Gohn, head of the company controlling the Strand Theater in Port- land, adds a new link to a chain of vaudeville houses which is being built up and is to be the biggest west of the Mississippi River in the number of its theaters and cities served.

The Seattle house will reopen April 22 as The Oak. Already the organiza- tion controls seven houses in Califor- nia—at San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, Stockton, Fresno and San Jose.

Negotiations are under way for the- aters in Vancouver and Tacoma. The concern is already affiliated with the Strand at Spokane, which opened on April 9, and also with theaters in Butte and Walla Walla.

# CHERRY PRICE IS RECORD

## Ten-Pound Box From California Sells for \$100 in Chicago.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 17.—(Special.)—The first ten-pound box of cherries shipped from Vacaville by F. B. McDevitt, of the California Fruit Distributors, was sold for \$100 in Chi- cago today. Company officials declare this price breaks all records for ten- pound boxes.

# Klamath Schools Standardized.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—County School Superintendent Fred Peterson on Friday issued eight certificates to Klamath County schools that have fulfilled all require- ments of the state for recognition as standard schools. They are Henley, Shasta View, Pine Grove, Olene, Algo- na, Riv. Main and Summers.



The Big men- mentally, financially, physically— wear our Clothes by preference.

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Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth

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This chain connects with the circuit directed from Chicago by the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association, serv- ing St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winnipeg, Park William, Grand Forks, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and Missoula into Butte, Montana.

Martin Beck is president of the West- ern Vaudeville Managers' Association. Office of the association are open in Seattle and will be opened in San Francisco in connection with the West- ern circuit.

"Mr. Gohn and his associates are in a position now to consider and acquire theaters in any city west of the Mis- sissippi," said Manager Peterson of the Strand, last night, "and the chain which is now being linked up is destined to be one of the greatest in point of ter- ritory served in the entire country."

### SALEM TO HONOR BURTON

Distinguished Presidential Can- didate Will Speak in Capital City.

SALEM, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—In honor of Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomi- nation for President of the United States, a dinner and reception will be given at the Marion Hotel Wednesday eve- ning by Sons of the American Revolu- tion. Following the banquet Mr. Bur- ton will speak at the armory.

The banquet is also in observance of the anniversaries of the battles of Lex- ington and Concord. Governor With-combe, Wallace McCannott of Port- land, Circuit Judge William Galloway, Mayor Harley O. White and Rev. R. F. Tischer, of this city, will be among the banquet speakers.

### Monmouth School Vacation Near.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 17.—(Spe- cial.)—The Easter vacation at the Ore- gon Normal School begins Wednesday. Most of the students will go to their homes. President J. H. Ackerman will be in Spokane, attending a teachers' institute. The training school also has a vacation.



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### BAD-CHECK MAN HELD

## GEORGE T. BRANDT IS SAID TO HAVE CRIMINAL RECORD.

## Charge of Forging Laundry Presi- dent's Name, and Attempting to Pass Paper at Bank, Lodged.

George T. Brandt, who, according to officers, has a record of numerous forgeries in the city and a criminal career dating back to his 17th year, was arrested last night by City De- tectives Coleman and Snow, after an alleged confession to F. S. Alkus, of the Burns International Detective Agency, to having attempted to pass a check for \$17.50, to which was forged the name of Percy G. Allen, president and manager of the Crystal Laundry Company, 655 East Everett street. Brandt was lodged in the County Jail and his bail was placed at \$1500.

While in the company of a local trans- fer company Brandt is said to have delivered a C. O. D. package to Mr. Allen on March 11, receiving in return a check for \$10.80. He is said to have copied Mr. Allen's signature from this check. He attempted to pass the forged check on a local bank. It is said the cashier told him there was something irregular about it. He immedi- ately left the bank, telling the cashier he would have \$1000 in cash in his pocket.

Guilt for the attempted forgery was fixed upon Brandt by the efforts of the Burns Agency. The man is said to have used the name of Henry Taft in attempting to pass the check. Brandt has been living at 559 Fred- erick street.