

POST-OFFICE INQUIRY OF INTEREST TO ALL

Federal Employees and Democrats Hopeful of Outcome.

MYERS HELD NOT POPULAR

New Postal Head in City is Expected to Be Result of Probe Now Being Carried On.

For weeks employees in the postoffice have been whispering about the investigation being conducted by postal inspectors and wondering what would happen to their unsuspected boss, Postmaster Myers. Announcement in The Oregonian yesterday that the secret was out and that Frank S. Myers himself is being investigated as the outgrowth of charges which he preferred against others made the employees feel more at ease.

There is much being said against the administration of the incumbent postmaster. If the inspectors have made careful note of all the information given to them, their report will cover hundreds of pages.

Chamberlain to Be Quiet.

Normally, a United States senator names the postmaster in his home town. Portland is Senator Chamberlain's home, but Senator Chamberlain has never asked for the appointment, and even waived his privilege in order that the late Senator Harry Lane could secure the appointment for Mr. Myers, who was Lane's private secretary and had financed Lane's campaign for the senate.

Among democrats who are recognized as Senator Chamberlain's closest friends and advisers the assertion is made that there are no candidates for Mr. Myers' job. None of his intimates appear concerned as to Mr. Myers' successor. They point out that Chamberlain did not raise any objection to the reappointment of Myers when his four-year term expired and argue from this that the patronage isn't bothering the senator.

A source of discontent in the postoffice that has increased with passing months is the alleged ill treatment accorded employees who returned from the war. It is alleged that men who were on the day shift when they joined the colors were put on night work when they returned and that their day jobs were given to women.

Service Men Angered.

This matter has been a source of dissatisfaction, but the returned service men have been reluctant to voice their complaint, owing to the postmaster's well-known system of punishing any underling who dared to complain or question arbitrary orders.

Whether the returned service men have talked to the postal inspectors is not known, but it is an established fact that a federal official guaranteed a number of employees that they would be harassed by the postmaster if they had any complaint to make regarding infractions of regulations by the postmaster. It is reported that, fortified by this assurance, a few carriers have been emboldened to the point of appearing before the inspectors in room 225 of the new postoffice building.

Record Held "Remarkable."

The record of Mr. Myers is remarkable, according to employees. They say that he has caused more inefficiency in the local office than has ever before existed. He has been switching and changing men and women around like pawns—Mr. Myers being fond of chess—people experienced in one thing being lifted out to perform a duty with which they are unfamiliar, and their old place filled by another person inexperienced in that line.

The result of this administration has been detrimental to the service, both among the employees and to the public. This situation is said to be partly responsible for the unpopularity of Postmaster-General Burleson, the contention being that Mr. Burleson countenances the conduct of his Portland representative.

In his own party Mr. Myers is discredited by all but a small group which he is said to dominate. He is out of harmony with all the other federal appointees. Each time prominent party leaders have come to Oregon Mr. Myers has attempted to discredit all the other federal officials and gave the impression that he alone is the only democratic officeholder who is true to Woodrow Wilson.

When the national chairman of the democratic party visited Portland recently Mr. Myers pursued him with tactics with the result that one of the visitors declared that Mr. Myers was the most unreasonable man he had ever met, and that the thing for the other party leaders here to do was to ignore him.

For these reasons the people under Mr. Myers in the postoffice and his fellow democrats, not to mention the general public, are hopeful that the investigation will be fruitful and that there will be a new postmaster in Portland in the near future.

TACOMA TO BE BIG YARD

\$30,000,000 in Shipping Board Material to Be Gathered for Sale.

TACOMA, Wash., July 31.—Under arrangements now under way by the United States shipping board, Tacoma will be made the headquarters for this district of all the shipping board material which will be gathered at Tacoma and otherwise, it was announced here today. It is estimated that the material which will be gathered at Tacoma will total in value close to \$30,000,000.

It is estimated that it will take at least six months to gather all the material from the different yards of this district and segregate the supplies so that they can be readily looked over by prospective purchasers.

NOTED PASTOR IS HERE

Dr. Guy L. Brown Is President's Friend and Doubt.

Dr. Guy L. Brown, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church in Wichita, Kan., the largest Baptist church in the southwest, is in Portland for the week

and will take the pulpit of the White Temple Sunday for the morning and evening services.

Rev. Mr. Brown was chaplain of the state senate when President Wilson was governor of New Jersey. The two men looked very much alike and were frequently mistaken for each other. They differ only a quarter of an inch in height. President Wilson often spoke of Dr. Brown as his double. Dr. Brown offered a prayer for Mr. Wilson when he went to Washington, D. C., to take the presidency and the president sent Dr. Brown his picture from Washington with a note to his "double."

"Knowing President Wilson personally for 20 years, I know that he is one of the most wonderful men in the United States," said Dr. Brown yesterday. "He is one of the finest Christian men I know."

Dr. Brown has been in Seattle for the past month, where he has been preaching in the First Baptist church. He is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Benjamin Lears and will leave Sunday evening for Kansas. This is his first visit to the west. He went to Kansas five years from New Jersey where he was pastor of the Central Baptist church in Trenton.

His subject in the morning will be "The Great Provider" and in the evening, "At the Door."

MOTHERS TO GET MEDALS

OREGON WOMEN WHOSE SONS GAVE LIVES REMEMBERED.

Presentations to Be Made With Fitting Ceremonies, With Patriotic Bodies Assisting.

Two Oregon war mothers are to receive French decorations with gilt stars for boys who were killed in action, according to army recruiting officers, who were so notified yesterday. Mrs. H. Schaffer, 581 Twenty-fifth street, North, is one of these, and Mrs. Evelyn Walling of Walport, Or., is the other. The citation received with the croix de guerre for Walter Schaffer, late corporal of company M, 2nd Infantry, reads:

"July 1, 1918, he led his section under fire, advanced 500 meters in perfect order, then cleared a stretch of woods of its occupants, took a quantity of material, about 20 prisoners, without loss, due to the ability of his command."

The citation accompanying the Corporal Carl Walling decoration reads: "Corporal Carl Walling, No. 120-050, C. H. R. 147th regiment, United States artillery, displayed great courage and coolness by remaining at his observation station under intense enemy bombardment. Aided in directing fire of our batteries until he was fatally wounded."

It is expected the crosses will be presented during the coming week and arrangements are being made for a fitting ceremony in connection. Captain Hankins requested that all patriotic bodies and musical organizations that desire to participate in the exercises commit themselves to him in advance. A decoration was received yesterday for Andrew Amacher, 172 East Seventeenth street, Portland. This is a medal of military valor and is not accompanied by a citation.

FOREIGN TRADE IS SOUGHT

Oregon Import & Export Company Files Incorporation Articles.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation for the Oregon Import & Export Company, The incorporators are Harry and Charles Haugsten and E. R. Lundberg. The purpose of the corporation is to transact a general importing and exporting business. The capital stock is fixed at \$5000. Portland is named as headquarters of the corporation. The Delta Shingle company of Florence has increased its capital stock to \$30,000, according to a resolution filed with the corporation department. J. and Mary E. Ryan and H. H. DeArmond have organized the West Bend Business club with a capital of \$5000, and it is the purpose of the corporation to conduct a general merchandise business.

FRUIT RECORD EXPECTED

Rogue River Pears and Apples Show Banner Yield.

MEDFORD, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Medford and the valley have excellent crop prospects, especially in the fruit line. County Agricultural Agent Cate said today. The fruit crop, including pears, apples, peaches, apricots and plums will break the record, being far in excess of 1913, which was the banner year heretofore. The pears, especially, are the best in quality and size for years.

"The present outlook is that between 700 and 800 carloads of pears will be shipped from the valley, and from 200 to 500 carloads of apples. The bean crop in the Rogue river and Wimer sections looks fine and the outlook for a heavy crop of tomatoes is good. The fall grain is the best in years, but spring grain is only fair."

RANK WILL BE REDUCED

Major-General Johnston to Be Returned to Colonel at Camp.

TACOMA, Wash., July 31.—Major-General William H. Johnston, commander of Camp Lewis, and former commander of the 1st Cavalry division, will return to his regular army rank of colonel August 1, according to orders received here.

There are several officers who rank him as colonel now at camp, officers said today, and added that the present war department policy of returning general officers to their regular army ranking will probably cause several changes in the command at the camp between August 1 and the time Major-General Johnston arrives here to take permanent command. General Morrison is now in Alaska.

Women Boss Hay Job.

TOPPENISH, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Haying time came and the men went away on a sheep train, so Mrs. Thora Miller and Miss Nora Jensen hired some men to assist them and to get their part of the hay. They are managing the big farms. The hay was taken care of on three farms by the women and their male helpers.

Inner Tubes Stolen; Man Sentenced.

Harry Nudleman was sentenced to 12 months at McNeil's island by Judge Wolverson in the federal court yesterday. Nudleman was convicted of stealing a case of 12 inner tubes from an interstate shipment.

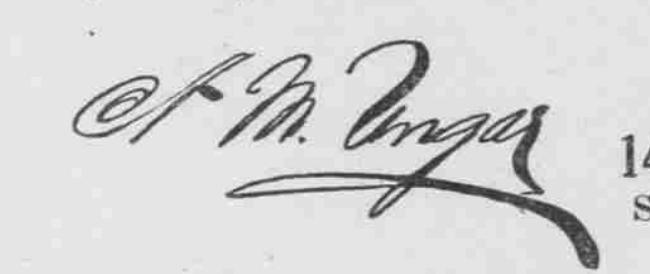
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ORIENTALS HELD MENAGE

GROWTH OF JAPANESE INTERESTS ON COAST ALARMS.

Seattle Business Men and American Legion Open Fight on "Penetration" of Industry.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Plans are being formulated by the Mutual Business club and American Legion committees to enlist Seattle's civic organizations in a united movement to study Japanese penetration in the northwest, foster frank discussion of the problem, and try to bring about an intelligent solution.

The attention of congressmen at Washington will be called to the menace of "picture bride immigration," which the members of the committee say is a violation of the spirit of the gentlemen's agreement with Japan. Not only will the congressional delegation from this state be asked to enlist themselves in the movement to check "picture bride immigration" on the coast, but nearly every member of both houses will be asked to consider the demands made for the solution of the Japanese problem on the coast. Steps to curtail the immigration of all Japanese will be requested.

SHERIFFS TO BE GUESTS

Annual Oregon Convention to Be Held in Portland August 8.

Should the coat lapels of numerous visitors to Portland next week carefully flap aside, stars of many varieties will be revealed, for Sheriff Fox of Multnomah county is to host to the sheriffs of the state in annual convention August 8.

Featuring the day will be a luncheon to be served the sleuths in the county jail. An elaborate menu is being prepared, but the visitors will not dine from the list of viands that is to be served unless they are skilled in conundrums.

Among the guests from out of the

state will be Sheriff Biesecker of Vancouver, Wash., former president of the Washington association of sheriffs. Guests outside the ranks of the criminal chasers will be Multnomah county commissioner, District Attorney Evans, the United States marshal, Chief of Police Johnson, and all the Portland captains of police.

MEN NEEDED IN COUNTRY

Opposition to Outside Work Blamed for Labor Surplus in Cities.

"While there is a slight labor surplus in the cities just now, the men could get work if they would go into the country," was the way Wilfred Smith, director of the Portland federal employment bureau, summed up the labor situation for this section yesterday.

"There are plenty of positions outside of the cities," continued Mr. Smith, "and at good wages. Highway camps, sawmills, railroads and logging camps

all can use more men, and could take up the slack. But the men seemingly are opposed to outside employment."

Church Gets Estate.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—A Jessup Strang, who died here recently left practically all of his estate to the First Congregational church of Salem and DeMolay commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of Salem, according to the terms of his will filed today.

Of the estate \$500 is bequeathed to Mrs. Josephine Reynolds of Portland, a great aunt of Mr. Strang, and \$500 to another great aunt, Sophronia Jessup of Boise, Idaho. Most of the estate consists of real property and mortgages.

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