

# FARM FOR VETERANS IS UPHOLD BY COURT

### Use of Washington Public Funds Declared Legal.

### LAW VALID IS OPINION

### Auditor's Objection to Issuing Warrants in Payment for Land Is Overruled.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Validity of the land settlement act, passed by the 1919 legislature to provide farms for soldiers, was upheld by the supreme court today in an opinion written by Judge Emmett N. Parker and concurred in by Judges Tolman, Bridges, Mitchell, Main and Fullerton. Chief Justice O. R. Holcomb in a separate opinion concurs in the conclusion reached in the majority opinion. Judges Mackintosh and Mount dissent.

Constitutionality of the act was attacked by State Auditor C. W. Clauson, who refused to issue warrants for payment of the land purchased by the land settlement board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act.

Railway Legislation Cited.

Clauson contended that the act violated the constitution in that it sought to take public funds raised through taxation for private purposes, maintaining that the development of unimproved land for sale to private individuals did not constitute a public purpose within the meaning of the constitution.

The majority opinion of the court was based upon the adoption of the theory that the development of unoccupied land under a policy which encourages the settlement by homesteading farmers will materially contribute to the welfare of the people as a whole, increasing the wealth of the state and making for better citizenship. Legislation of this character, by which aid was given to the building of railroads was cited by the court as an example of this theory of legislative development for public purposes.

To the objection raised that the legislation is designed to benefit private individuals rather than the people as a whole by reason of the fact that preference is given to ex-soldiers, sailors and marines, the court holds the fact that if this argument holds good no pension legislation would ever have been possible.

Judge Mackintosh in a dissenting opinion drew the conclusion from the majority opinion that the court will not declare unconstitutional an act which calls for the collection of taxes to be used in the purchase and improvement of lands to be sold to private individuals, for the reason that the legislature has decided that such taxation is for public purposes.

"Courts have found this an easy way to justify the laying of taxes to be utilized in ways that appeal to them as beneficial or agreeable to their ideas of proper commercial or economic development."

Reasons for Dissent Given.

"The purpose of the act may be highly commendable and did it not call for the payment from the pockets of the taxpayer of money in the possession of which he is supposed to be protected by constitutional limitations, as a land development plan, it would merit the approval of those interested; but in a public purpose is to stretch to the breaking point all fundamental ideas of what is meant by the term," Judge Mackintosh said. "I cannot agree that a public purpose is being served by this attractive bit of paternalistic legislation," he added.

Judge Mount joined in the dissenting opinion. The legislature at its 1919 session passed the land-settlement act to provide means whereby soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war against Germany, and also industrial workers and other American citizens, might settle upon and become owners of small improved farms. The state reclamation board has been authorized to carry out the provisions of the act and a revolving fund of \$150,000 was appropriated out of the revolving fund of the state reclamation service to enable the board to put the plan in operation.

## ONE PARADE TO BE HELD

### Travelers to Have Only Event of Kind This Summer.

A great industrial parade will be held in connection with the Travelers Protective association convention in June. It will be the only event of the kind this summer, as the Rose Festival association, which heretofore has staged one, has consented to give this feature over to the other organization this time. No entrance fee will be charged, and all industries and fraternal orders are invited to participate.

There has been a little confusion over the arrangement, some thinking there are to be two industrial parades. Others have the impression that an entrance fee is to be charged. Both are erroneous.

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# MOVING PICTURE NEWS



William Russell, in a scene from his new picture, "The Valley of Tomorrow," which will open at the Columbia theater today.

## TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

- Rivoli—Lieutenant Lockhart, in "The Great Air Robbery."
- Majestic—Pauline Frederick, in "The Peace of Roaring River."
- Poplar—Elsie Ferguson, "His House in Order."
- Liberty—D. W. Griffith's "The Greatest Question."
- Columbia—William Russell, in "The Valley of Tomorrow."
- Star—Thomas Meighan and Gloria Swanson, "Male and Female."
- Circle—Enid Bennett, in "The Woman in the Suit Case."
- Globe—Marguerita Fisher, "Put Up Your Hands."

## "THE VALLEY OF TOMORROW"

THEATER is featuring the remainder of this week, has been aptly described as "a drama of conflicts." It is a gripping human story of the soul-growth of a man who finds that the man he is obligated to kill is the very man who has saved his life, and that the girl he loves is the sister of the man through whom his own little sister was brought to the shame and dishonor that led to her death.

Love and personal gratitude come to grips with the claims of family honor. Upon him is the weight of an ancient clan's traditions. His kinsmen, infuriated by indecision, clamor for the quick execution of rude justice.

A way out of his dilemma occurs to the hesitant avenger, struggling with his new-born sense of a bigger justice than his old creed of "eye for eye," hearing even above the primitive call of vengeance the quiet whisper of something finer. Into the lap of the gods he hurls his trembling prey.

But wisely the gods refuse the responsibility. The man's spiritual rebirth is not yet complete. There are still harder tests before he can free himself from the cramping grip of the past and stand forth in the clear light of a better day.

With wonderful appreciation of its dramatic values, William Russell handles the exacting role of the young mountaineer who is the hero of this stirring Stephen Fox drama, framed in the past chiefly for his dynamic style of acting. Russell now adds a new notch to his professional reputation by his amazing ability to project the delicate emotional shading required for the part he enjoys in "The Valley of Tomorrow."

The special half hour mid-week concert by the Columbia String orchestra will take place tomorrow at 7 o'clock.

## Screen Gossip.

The boast is being made by C. W. Koerner, branch manager of the Universal exchange, that in four Jensen and Von Herberg houses alone Universal comedies are showing this week. Mr. Koerner recently received his discharge from the service and was brought to Portland when Sol Baum was forced to temporarily re-

sign from active work because of ill health. He is now in California.

Success of the Portland Liberty theater in "putting across" big motion picture productions of the year has reached the ears of E. J. Hudson, publicity director of the First National Exhibitors' circuit. Mr. Hudson has written asking for detailed account supplemented with pictures of the way in which "The River's End," the first independent Marshall Neilan picture, is exploited. These pictures and suggestions will be sent to exhibitors in other cities to aid them during their showing of the film. Plans are already under way for its showing in Portland during April.

Jay Belasco, who stars in the comedy showing in connection with "The Great Air Robbery" at the Rivoli theater, claims to be a nephew of the producer, David Belasco. He came to Camp Lewis during the winter of 1917 and was for a short time in the intelligence department of the commandant under Colonel Guy Knabenshue.

Ben Turpin, who has been spending a three week well-earned vacation in the east, is on his way back to his comedy duties at the Mack Sennett studios in Los Angeles.

In the first picture play to come from his directing hands, Charlie Murray has achieved a success of hilarious proportions. It is a two-reel comedy feature called "By Golly."

"The Peddler of Lies" is one of the best society crook plays released lately. The situations combine human interest, thrills and suspense.

The hero, impersonating a peddler, is really a detective, detailed to capture a gang of society crooks. A young girl's brother is suspected as having stolen a valuable diamond. The hero knows the young man is innocent. He eventually captures the thieves who were posing as society people, and were entertained by them. He thus proves the innocence of the young man and marries the young lady.

Will Rogers has received an invitation from the British Naval mission in South Africa to come over there and instruct the British subjects in Africa the art of roping. The letter states that it believes this would be a very beneficial and useful form of exercise. He declined the offer with thanks, however.

"I was in South Africa once with Texas Jack's shows," says Rogers, "and inasmuch as it took me eighteen months to earn enough money to get out of there traveling third class—why, I think I'll stay where I am for the present."

Tickets dropped by the two illuminated airplanes which flew over the city Saturday evening advertising the film, "The Great Air Robbery," have been presented at the Rivoli ticket window by a number of small boys. Five hundred complimentary cards to this Universal feature were dropped by the two air pilots.

## MATHIS STORE IS HOST

### SCORES ATTEND CELEBRATION OF FIRM'S EXPANSION.

Color Harmonies of Fabrics Merged With Baskets of Blooms Amid Setting of Polished Glass.

In a setting of polished plate glass, with scores of color harmonies catching the eye from a variety of fabrics and with baskets of bloom perched everywhere, the Mathis clothing store, Corbett building, Fifth and Morrison streets, held an opening yesterday afternoon in observance of the new and extensive department which has been added to the business.

Eight years ago the Mathis store, founded by its present proprietor, C. J. Mathis of C. J. Mathis & Co., met its bid for the men's furnishings trade in an establishment 20 by 40 feet. Today it occupies a commodious corner ground floor, a mezzanine and the large upper floor of 4500 square feet—latest space addition—to meet the growth of its enterprise.

## Incubator Plant to Be Moved.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—A. R. Badger, president of the St. Helens Incubator company, announced yesterday that the company's incubator factory will be moved to Centralia this summer from Toledo. The location of the plant here, it is believed, will be an impetus to the local poultry industry.

## Red Cross Worker Home.

MEDFORD, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Miss Martha Bullis, well-known young woman of this city and daughter of S. S. Bullis, has just arrived home from a year's service with the Red Cross during which she was in charge of the embarkation office at the Hoboken, N. J., pier.

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## EDUCATORS WILL CONFER

### MEETING TO BE HELD IN SPOKANE THIS WEEK.

Programme for National Convention at Salt Lake to Be Mapped Out by Mrs. Preston.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, state superintendent of public instruction and president of the National Education association, has left for Spokane to attend the Inland Empire association convention to be held March 31, April 1 and 2.

While in Spokane Mrs. Preston will hold a conference with Hugu McGill, field agent of the National Education association, and Miss Sallis Hill, one of the assistant field agents. At this time a major portion of the programme for the national convention at Salt Lake will be arranged.

Mrs. Preston stated before her departure that John H. Finley, commissioner of education of New York; Payson Smith, commissioner of education of Massachusetts; and Sarah Louise Arnold, dean of Simmons college, Boston, Mass., will have prominent places on the programme. Mrs. Preston has named Frank B. Cooper, superintendent of the Seattle schools, as chairman of the resolutions com-

## BOYS ACCUSED OF THEFT.

### CENTRALIA, Wash., March 30.—

(Special.)—Glen Allen and Clifford Griffin, 14 and 16, respectively, were arrested Sunday by the Centralia police. The boys were in possession of an automobile said to have been stolen in Olympia. They were returned to that city yesterday.

J. M. Black, Canyon City, Files.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—J. M. Black, of Canyon City, has filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for district attorney for Grant county at the republication primary nominating election to be held in May.

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CENTRALIA, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Centralia school children,

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