SURVEYS OF SOILS DECLARED USELESS

Many Experiment Stations Said to Be of Slight Aid to Farmers.

WORK MAY BE SUSPENDED

Bellingham Bulb Garden May Be Discontinued as Result of Complaint, Though City Made Strenuous Fight to Keep It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A serious blow was given to the plan for the continuation of soil surveys by the Department of Agriculture when the executive committee of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations appeared today before the House committee on agriculture and testified that the work as now carried on was of little value to the farmer.

Members of the executive committee who criticized the present work of the Bureau of Soils included Dr. W. K. Jordan, director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station and four others.

MAY AFFECT BELLINGHAM

Experiment Station Donated by City Has Not Been Success.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Considerable anxiety is felt in certain circles here as to the effect the action of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations will have on the local bulb garden, which this city secured only after a most strenuous campaign last year. The bulb garden and experiment station was started primarily to determine the fitness of Whatcom County soil for the raising of hyacinths. H. E. Jueneman was placed in charge of the plant, and while no reflections are cast upon his management, local farmers have not taken to bulb-raising with any remarkable enthusiasm, nor has the experiment station particularly increased the local revenues.

Some experiments in raising fruit trees in various soils have been carried out, but, as practically any kind of fruit will grow on any cleared land in the western part of the county, the need of this experimental work seems rather questionable. The experiment station here has been curtailed by a reduced appropriation, and fear is expressed now that it will be temporarily suspended.

As the land for the station was purchased by leading citizens of the city through the Chamber of Commerce and donated to the Government, Bellingham is very anxious that the station be continued and its usefulness proved. Many citizens already feel that the outlay for the site was an expense the city could hardly afford; and if the station should be suspended they are wondering if any means of recovery of the cost would be open to them.

BUILD LINE TO WINNIPEG

Great Northern Road Will Extend. Has Bought Terminals.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 9.—Notice appeared today in the official gazette of the Manitoba government that the Great Northern trains will be run into Winnipeg from the south over its own road by midsummer.

Application has been made to build a line this year west from Winnipeg paralleling the Northern Pacific to the western boundary of the province, also a branch from Morden to Rothwell, Man., and connecting with the main line west, and to build from the boundary lines at Noyes, Minn., to Winnipeg. Work will start in the Spring.

The company two years ago purchased $1,000,000 worth of property in the center of the city for terminals and recently secured permission to connect the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific lines at the boundary with the Manitoba system.

LEGISLATIVE FIGHT ENDS

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date for the Speakership. Just who will be associated with him is indefinite at this stage, although Bryant, of Multnomah, is regarded as very friendly to Campbell and probably will be found playing the game of the Clackamas County man together with such other of the stand-pat-anti-Statement members as can be enlisted in such a programme. Campbell, it is said, figures that since his services as Speaker are not desired by either of the contesting factions, he proposes to remain in an unattached attitude and take an active part in the discussion of such legislation as may be presented for the consideration of the Representatives. This was the course he followed in the 1907 session.

An adjourned meeting of the Statement members, called for 9 o'clock yesterday morning, failed to materialize. The session was scheduled for the rooms of Hal D. Patton, of Marion, in the Imperial Hotel, but the largest number that could be assembled at any one time was nine and these dispersed before the assembly could be convened in orderly manner. The result was that no further steps were taken towards effecting an organization or outlining a definite programme for the coming session. Late yesterday afternoon Patton and his Statement One colleagues, Hattenberg and Libby, departed for Salem, just as firm Statement men, so Patton said, as they ever had been.

May Spring Coup in Caucus.

Since the disorganized Statement forces have decided to enter the Republican caucus, for which McArthur worked from the beginning of the Speakership contest, the friends of the Multnomah County man suspect that an attempt may be made to disrupt the caucus and carry the fight for the election of Speaker onto the floor of the House. McArthur's friends, however, are prepared for just such a coup and it is entirely safe to predict that the same forces that are back of McArthur, and which are sufficient to insure his nomination and election, will dispel any attempted intrusion on the part of the disorganized element.

Loyalty of his friends, particularly the Representatives from the eastern section of the state, is principally responsible for McArthur's assured victory in the Speakership fight. Of the 12 members from Eastern Oregon, 11 stood by McArthur from the start. Another asset that contributed to McArthur's success was the disorganized condition of the opposition, which was without a recognized leader and whose strength was further dissipated by the conflicting aspirations of various candidates for the Speakership, neither of whom hesitated to thrust the stiletto of envy into the hopes of the other. The result was a sadly disorganized force that could not unite on any one of the several candidates that had been proposed from their own number. Eventually, some of these tired of internal wrangling and allied themselves with the McArthur forces.

Fight Transferred to Salem.

Pre-organization activities tonight will be transferred to the corridors of the Willamette Hotel at Salem. By 8 o'clock tonight practically every one of the 90 members of the Legislature will be in Salem, prepared for participation in the Senate and House caucuses which will be held tomorrow morning at the state capitol. Most of the legislators will leave for Salem over the Oregon Electric at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon. Several of the members living up the Willamette Valley left last night either for their homes or Salem. They will all be assembled at Salem tomorrow night or early Monday morning in time for the caucuses on organization.

Among the Senators to reach Portland yesterday were the following, all of whom were registered at the Imperial Hotel: Turner Oliver, of Union; L. L. Mulit, of Jackson; C. J. Smith, of Umatilla; J. N. Hart, of Baker; T. B. Kay, of Marion, and W. N. Barrett, of Washington.

Both houses will be called to order at 11 A. M. Monday. The Senate will be called to order by Frank S. Grant, of Multnomah, chief clerk of the last session, while the duty of calling the House to order will fall upon W. Lair Thompson, of Lake, who served as chief clerk of the House two years ago.

PAPKE AND KELLY TO MEET

HITCH OVER RECEIPT MONEY IS ONLY BARRIER.

Settlement Expected and Match Scheduled for Bay City in Latter Part of Month.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—William Kelly and Papke will meet for the first time at San Francisco, January 29. Sylvie Ferretti, manager of the local middleweight, received word from C. J. Lercari that the latter wanted a match for his organization, the new Pacific Athletic Club, on that date. Lercari offered the fighters 50 per cent of the gross receipts. Ferretti wired Lercari that he would accept the match, provided the promoter agreed to give the fighters 60 per cent of the gross receipts and $400 to cover transportation and training expenses. If Lecari agrees to these terms and Papke is willing, the fight will doubtless be made.

COMPANY F IS AGAIN WINNER

Runs of Big Score in Indoor Baseball Game.

Company E maintained its record of victories in the O. N. G. indoor baseball league game played at the Armory last night, defeating Company H by the score of 22 to 5. The result of this game leaves three teams in the Armory indoor league without a defeat, the others being Companies B and C.

Last night's game was an interesting contest, despite the big lead of the winners. The majority of the runs were due to the weak support afforded Pitcher Rhinehart, of Company H, who played a creditable game. Henderson and Mann, battery for the victorious team, proved equal to every emergency. Henderson is looked upon as a formidable opponent to the other two leading clubs. Companies C and H are scheduled to meet next Tuesday night, while the first game between the leaders takes place on January 28, when Companies B and C will meet. Companies B and E are scheduled to meet on February 8, and Companies C and E on February 25. The last game of the season will be played on March 8.

COLD AND BROKE, SO STOLE

Young German Caught With Overcoat Taken From Rooming-House.

Caught wearing a stolen overcoat, which he had taken a week ago, Carl Bogelsack, a German, 24 years old, who has been in this country so short a time that he has not yet learned to speak any English, was arrested last night at First and Burnside streets and locked up in the City Jail, after having confessed the theft.

Bogelsack was caught as a result of the amateur detective work of his victim, George Van Epps, a laboring man who lives at the Winchester rooming-house, corner of Third and Burnside streets. Van Epps had his overcoat stolen January 2. He visited all the rooming-houses and resorts of the North End for several nights, and last night saw Bogelsack with his coat, and reported the matter to the police. Bogelsack said he had committed the robbery because he was cold, had no money, and couldn't get work. The other clothing he had taken had been sold, so Van Epps was able to recover his overcoat only.

JEALOUSY BLOCKS TREATY

Canada and Newfoundland Delay Acceptance of Fishing Agreement.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Foreign Office is awaiting the opinion of Canada and Newfoundland on the results of the waterways and fisheries treaties agreed to by Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce.

If it had been necessary to deal with the foreign office alone, it is stated the questions would have been settled long ago, but the Colonial Office, which is most jealous of the rights of the colonies, insists upon consulting them on every point.

Debate on Economic Problem.

Walter Thomas Mills and Mrs. Lillie Fosberg appeared in a debate last night in the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Fosberg took the stand that the economic problem is to be solved not by the ballot, but by the organization of the various industries into one industrial union, which would ultimately become stronger than the organized government. She tried to show that measures have been won by the combined effort of workers in various industries. In opposing this view, Mr. Mills pointed out that industrial combinations could not acquire supreme power without first using what power the franchise affords at the present time. In elaborating on this question Mr. Mills advanced many of his well-known economic ideas.

Paul Richards a Refugee.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Foreign Office has been advised from Malta that an American named Paul Richards, of Pennsylvania, has arrived there from Reggio on board the British cruiser Minerva, and been sent to the hospital.

Tomorrow (Monday) will positively be the last day of discount for West Side gas bills. **

TAFT PUTS LID ON CABINET SECRETS

Will Make No More Announcements Till After Inauguration.

HITCHCOCK WILL RESIGN

Give Up National Chairmanship After Entering Cabinet—Taft Is Hailed by Southerner as Incarnation of Harmony.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—Beyond the reiteration of the announcement that P. C. Knox will be Secretary of State and Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-General, President-elect Taft has determined that no other Cabinet appointments shall be made known until March 4. To make this determination effective, he will deny all Cabinet rumors, predictions or announcements from any source or quarters whatever. In the statement attention was directed to the announcement of the Knox appointment, made on the day Mr. Taft arrived in Augusta, and to the statement by the Associated Press from Hot Springs, Va., of the selection of Mr. Hitchcock as Postmaster-General, both of which were pronounced correct by Mr. Taft.

Hitchcock to Resign as Chairman.

It is predicted that Mr. Hitchcock will retire as chairman of the Republican National Committee at some convenient time to be determined upon after he has assumed the Cabinet duties. In this event, he will designate a vice-chairman, who will hold the position until the committee's meeting in December preceding the next National election, when the election of a chairman will be made. Mr. Hitchcock, who is here, declined to discuss any plans he may have in this connection.

Taft Attends Barbecue.

A trip into the "grand old days of the past" was the experience of the President-elect today, in being the guest of the Beech Island Farmers' Club of South Carolina at a reception or a barbecue that the club has held once a month without missing a month for nearly 70 years. The old darky, John Hanis, made the "cue" just exactly the same as he has been doing every month since "long before de wah."

The plain old clubhouse, with its holes in the roof and walls, has been a meeting place for the discussion of all questions as well as for the feasts, served in one of its two rooms, for more than 50 years. It stands alone on a beach, seven miles from Augusta and in and around it today were gathered half a hundred farmers with a sprinkling of city folks, invited from Augusta for the occasion. These included Senator Bourne, of Oregon, John Hays Hammond and Frank H. Hitchcock.

Incarnation of Harmony.

Major Henry Hammond, a veteran of more than 70 years, welcomed Mr. Taft to the barbecue and expressed the hope that, as the Llama of Tibet is regarded as the incarnation of Buddha, Mr. Taft might be the incarnation of George Washington and bring about the restoration of harmony, equality and fraternity between the Solid South and the Solid North. Mr. Taft expressed his gratitude for his reception.

After the barbecue had been served, the ancient negro cook ejaculated, with tears of joy on his face:

"I sho' done shook hands with a President. If I nevah shake hands agin, I done it today."

HESITATE TO ANGER CHINA

Why Powers Decided Not to Protest Against Yuan's Dismissal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The predominating reason that has influenced the American and British Ministers at Pekin in abandoning their project for a protest by the powers against any disturbance of the present policy of the Chinese Government is believed here to be largely the delicacy which this Government has felt in approaching the Chinese government on this subject.

It was difficult to anticipate how any representations along this line might be received, for it is realized that the Chinese are sensitive on any intimations which convey the impression that they are not capable of managing their own affairs. There was a question also whether these would have been excusable, notwithstanding the great interests the governments, particularly that of the United States, have in the preservation of peace in China and the maintenance of its progressive policy in view of the fact that there have been no serious results following Yuan's dismissal and no reactionary tendencies have marked the administration of the Chinese government.

Great reliance is placed by the State Department in the appointment of Liang to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and it is hoped that the influence that he may be able to exert may go far in preventing any decidedly backward steps, at least so far as the foreign policy of China is concerned.

WANTED FIFTY MILLIONS

Tang Shao Yi's Visit to America Not Entirely One of Friendship.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—It was stated yesterday, unofficially, but in responsible quarters, that the amount of the loan which Tang Shao Yi, the special Chinese Ambassador, decided to negotiate on his trip for internal improvements in China, approximated $50,000,000. His hope, it is believed, was to negotiate the loan in this country. The dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai, the Chinese Grand Councilor, and the uncertainty attending the future policy of China, in both internal and external administration will, it is feared, render impossible any headway along this line in the short period before Tang's departure home, following his recall. The Ambassador will have an interview with President Roosevelt before starting for Europe. Some of his suite will accompany him on the return trip, while the remainder will go home by way of San Francisco.

Will Study American Commerce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—To study conditions of commerce in this country, Tiu Ching Wing, Chinese Commissioner, accompanied by his suite, arrived today from the Orient on the Pacific Mail liner China. After a brief stay in Washington, he expects to visit the principal cities and seaports in the country. Neither the Commissioner nor any of his suite would comment upon the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai.

Jap Treaty Upset Plans.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—In a dispatch from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:

"There is a growing belief here that the prompt conclusion of the entente between Japan and the United States upset Yuan Shi Kai's scheme for an American-Chinese alliance, which would have been anti-Japanese."

BUOY CROSSES NORTH POLE

TAKES EIGHT YEARS TO FLOAT FROM CANADA TO NORWAY.

Believed to Show Current Across Polar Sea Which Explorer Will Utilize.

CHRISTIANA, Nor., Jan. 9.—The meteorological institute has received a letter from Soroe, Denmark, stating that a buoy driven ashore, November 3, contained a notice that the buoy was set adrift on July 24, 1900, near Cape Bathurst, and was 400 kilometres northeast of the Mackenzie River. Cape Bathurst is in British America on the Arctic Ocean, lying in latitude 70:37 N., longitude 127:30 W.

It is believed here that the buoy which thus drifted more than eight years, was carried through the polar seas between Greenland and Spitzbergen. If this is so, it would seem to support the conclusion on which Captain Ronald Amundsen has based his future expedition on the Framm.

Captain Amundsen's expedition on the Framm will start from San Francisco early in 1910. He plans a drifting voyage similar to that undertaken by Nansen. He intends to fasten his ship in the ice northwest of Point Barrow Alaska, and hopes to drift across the pole.

OLDEST PIONEER IS DEAD

Patrick B. Graham, of Missoula, Is Said to Have Been Over 100.

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 9.—Patrick B. Graham, a native of Ireland and a pioneer of Minnesota and Montana died here last night of senile debility. The exact date of Mr. Graham's birth is not known, but members of his family state he is over 100 years of age.

Mr. Graham settled on a farm in Houston County in 1868 and with his family moved to Eastern Montana 22 years ago, where he resided until coming to this city two years ago.

Besides a widow he leaves five sons and four daughters.

OLD BREWERY SITE SOLD

Half-Block at Water and Harrison Brings $20,000.

At Water and Harrison streets, the east half of the block formerly the site of the United States Brewery has been sold for about $20,000. C. K. Henry & Son negotiated the sale, which was made for the Weinhard estate. The three-story brick building on the site is to be remodeled. The property fronts on the Oregon Electric line and the transformed building will be devoted to business purposes.

The same firm reports to sale of 150x150 feet on Hancock and East Twenty-first streets, formerly owned by M. B. Wells, for $6000. The purchaser announces intention to erect a dwelling on the site.

Watchman Breaks Ankle.

R. Lovegren, nightwatchman for the Pacific Biscuit Company, Twelfth and Davis streets, slipped on the pavement and fell, breaking his ankle last night. Without any assistance he hobbled to a telephone and told police headquarters of his injury. Dr. Ziegler hurried to his assistance on foot from the station, and then had him removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital in an ambulance.

Peter Gullum Is Dead.

Peter Gullum, who has been a resident of Portland for the past ten years, died last night at St. Vincent's Hospital from apoplexy. He had been ill since December 27. Mr. Gullum lived at 97 Morris street, and is survived by a widow and three children. His remains are at the undertaking establishment of E. Holman & Co. The funeral will occur tomorrow.

Blaze Scares Roomers.

Burning soot in a chimney in the Randolph rooming-house, 252 Columbia street, called out the Fire Department, at 6:35 o'clock last night. The blaze was quenched with the use of hand extinguishers. The roomers were unnecessarily alarmed by the cry of fire but no one was hurt.

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