

GOVERNMENT ASKING WHY ALIENS WAIT

Move Is On to Require Naturalization in 7 Years.

MANY APPLICATIONS LAPSE

Questionnaire to All Judges Indicates Plan to Limit Time in Which to Become Citizens.

Indications that the government naturalization officials may ask congress to place a statute of limitations on aliens who take out first citizenship papers and then let them go by default are given in a questionnaire which was recently mailed out from naturalization headquarters at Washington to all judges authorized to pass upon the citizenship qualifications of those desiring to become American citizens.

If such an amendment should be made to the naturalization law it would place a ceiling barrier against thousands of aliens who take out their first papers merely for the purpose of joining labor unions but who never expect to complete their citizenship requirements.

According to records compiled yesterday by J. E. Eastler, chief clerk of the county naturalization bureau, 100 aliens who took out first papers more than seven years ago have let them lapse beyond the statutory period and have taken out new first papers within the past 30 days.

Under the present law an alien can take out his first papers any time after he arrives in the United States. He is then given a period of seven years to complete his naturalization requirements. These 100 aliens procured their first papers, but thereafter made no effort to complete their citizenship. Under the law as it now stands they can wait another seven years without taking any steps to complete their citizenship, and again come into court and procure first papers for the third time.

"The department's sound opinion among jurists throughout the United States as to what should be done, and in my opinion if an alien fails to complete his citizenship within the seven years now allowed he should be forever barred from again seeking citizenship in this country," Mr. Eastler said yesterday.

"Any man who cannot complete his citizenship within seven years, most certainly does not think enough of the honor of becoming an American citizen to be entitled to that protection."

"It is also my opinion that aliens who have lived in this country for more than 10 years should be prohibited from taking even the initial step toward citizenship. If a man cannot determine whether or not he wants to be a citizen of this country within 10 years after his arrival here it is my belief that he does not think enough of the country to entitle him to citizenship."

Cases are cited. Cases at point were given by Mr. Eastler to explain the apparent laxity of the existing laws. His records for this month show where a citizen of a central European country came to the United States in 1874, having lived here for 46 years and taking out citizenship papers.

Another case showed where a native of Germany came to this country more than 20 years ago. This particular person completed his naturalization and became an American citizen. Later he moved to Canada and in order to procure government land in that country, he renounced his allegiance to the United States and became a naturalized citizen of Canada. He returned to the United States a few months ago and last week decided he wanted to be a citizen of this country once more. His first papers are now on file in Mr. Eastler's office.

There are several other cases which says Mr. Eastler, which indicate that aliens are taking their citizenship responsibilities all too lightly, and for that reason there is a general belief among those who administer the naturalization laws that the reins should be tightened and more drastic restrictions imposed upon those who desire to become citizens of this country.

DOG LICENSE SUIT BEGUN

W. B. Honeyman to Test Validity of State Tax Law.

Injunction proceedings to test the validity of the new state law requiring a state license for dogs was started in the circuit court yesterday when Walter B. Honeyman filed suit against District Attorney Evans, Constable Peterson, County Clerk Bevedge and Chief of Police Sawyer to restrain them from molesting his dog through failure to take out a state license.

The suit is a friendly action taken with the approval of District Attorney Evans in an effort to clear up all doubts as to the validity of the new law. The complaint sets forth that the fact that the county is made liable for the killing of any domestic animals by dogs is sufficient to make the act unconstitutional.

County officials more than a week ago advised dog owners not to take out the new state dog licenses until a final court ruling can be procured relative to the act. Dog owners insist that the state is in an imposition when a city tax is also required. Mr. Honeyman in his complaint sets forth that the licensing of dogs is purely a local matter and one over which the state should have no jurisdiction.

CAR SEPARATION URGED

Seattle Mayor Says Municipal Line Should Be City Department.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—Mayor Fitzgerald, who is running for re-election, in his first campaign here Friday declared the Seattle municipal street-car system, said to be the largest municipal system in the world, should be conducted as a separate department of the city government.

REED COLLEGE TO VOTE

Referendum of Academic Opinion on Peace Treaty Sought.

Reed college faculty and students will cast votes tomorrow on phases

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PRE-INVENTORY SALE. In every department we are sorting out and setting aside merchandise in lines that must be sold out to make way for the arriving spring shipments. This rapid clearance necessitates the lowering of prices until, in this Pre-Inventory Sale, you will find remarkable values at greatly reduced prices.

There Are About 75 of These Dresses. Of Serge and Silk At 1/2 Price. All Better Wool Dresses 33 1-3% Off. Better Silk Dresses 25% Off.

All Better Blouses 25% Less. Blouses of georgette and crepe de chine in both the delicate and the more vivid shades in peplin and waist-line styles. There are not a great number of these blouses, so do not fail to look at them in the morning.

All Fabric COATS Now 1/2 Price. Burella Silvertone Wool Mixtures Cheviot. There are still at least three months of winter coat weather before us, and this is an opportunity to purchase a coat that is attractive in cut and color, that is partially or completely lined and that is a wonderful value in material and workmanship.

Children's Sweaters At 1/2 Price. With spring days approaching comes the urgent need for well-knit sweaters to take the place of the heavy winter coats. All children's sweaters in bright and gay colors are cut one-half in price.

Dainty Aprons At \$1.50. A well-made and splendid fitting corset in white or flesh poutil or low or medium bust with elastic tops. Huck Towels 12 1/2c Each. Fine huck towels, 16x32 inches, in white and white with pink borders, now priced at 20c each.

Hemstitched Slips 35c Ea. Fine sheets, 81x90 inches, now priced at \$1.85. Bleached sheeting, 72 inches wide, priced at 50c. THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY. Hamabans INCORPORATED. THIRD & WASHINGTON STS. Henry J. Ditter, Mgr.

NEW TENOR HAILED FIND. Return Engagements Booked in Three Western Cities.

John Hand, who appears in concert at the public auditorium Monday night under the auspices of the city, began his northwest tour on January 3. He has appeared in Evanston, Wyoming; Everett and Seattle, Wash.

His Hearing Restored. The invisible antiseptic ear drum invented by Mr. A. O. Leonard, which is in reality a miniature megaphone, fitting inside the ear and entirely out of sight, is restoring the hearing of literally hundreds of people in New York city.

Old Herbal Remedy Used For 40 Years in Relieving Diabetes. The most satisfactory results have been obtained in combating Diabetes by observing certain dietary rules and the judicious use of Warner's Safe Diabetes Remedy, an herbal preparation used with marked success for more than forty years.

Horse Falls, Rider Hurt. G. D. Williamson, 559 Haig street, a stableman employed in a stable at 15th and Grand streets, fell from a horse which was riding fast in East Tenth and Clay streets. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Lad Surrenders to Police. Fred Kastrop, 14 years of age, who said he had broken his parole from the state training school, gave himself up to the police yesterday.

Seattle Man Is Elected. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Raymond Frazier, Seattle, was elected to the directorate of the Rainier National Park company in Tacoma Friday, succeeding Frank Dermott, Seattle. This was the only change made in the personnel of the company.

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