

IDAHO MAY OUTLAW ALIEN LANDOWNERS

Solons to Consider Enaction
of New Primary Statute.

SHORT SESSION PLANNED

Republican Majority in Both House
and Senate Want to Finish
All Business Quickly.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Organization problems and the programme of legislation to be followed are the issues now before members-elect to the next legislature, with the sessions but a month away. The fact that the republicans have a big majority, has caused some little concern.

Everything possible will be done to prevent differences of a serious nature among the republicans and to avoid party splits. At the present time there is nothing to indicate factionalism. There seems to be a desire in many quarters to make a record by having a short session, moving out of the way immediately all of the appropriation bills, devoting the time necessary to emergency legislation and then adjourning.

Three Would Be Speaker. The speakership fight for the house will probably develop into a three-cornered contest, in which it will be Peter G. Johnston, a representative-elect from Bingham county, against the field. The other two aspirants probably will be W. Scott Hall of Omeida county and Charles D. Storey of Ada county. Storey has twice wielded the gavel in the lower house. The legislative programme this session will call for a number of important administrative measures which seek to strengthen the state commission form of government law. Idaho has had commission state government now for two years. Its advocates claim it was a great success. With another two years' trial, they assert this will be so conclusively proven that Idaho will never again return to its old form of state government, regardless of which party is in power.

Appropriations to Come First. The general appropriations bill will be introduced the first day of the session, the administration announced. The bill will have been expected by the financial department of the state, so that the legislature will be saved that trouble. It can be passed and moved out of the way early in the session instead of being held off until the last day, as has been the case heretofore.

Included among the latter will be a law similar to the one approved by the electors of the state of California at the last session of the legislature, an anti-alien measure, seeking to prohibit aliens from owning land in the state. In California it has been called the anti-Japanese bill. Idaho now has a law permitting aliens to own land. An effort will be made to repeal it.

Old Row Is Recalled. Four years ago the anti-Japanese issue caused a pretty row in the legislature. Passage of an anti-alien law was only prevented by interference from Washington, D. C.

There will be a concerted effort, having support in many parts of the state, to get the legislature to reenact the direct primary law, repealed two years ago. The republican party platform was constructed by many to infer that the entire issue of the direct primary was in the hands of the legislature, which was pledged to strengthen the present semi-primary law.

There is one federal berth that is drawing republicans to it like bees to honey. That is the post of United States marshal. There are said to be no less than 10 or 15 applicants. The list includes Colonel Marsters of Ada county and W. S. Parkhurst of Blackfoot, Idaho, formerly of Richfield, Idaho. Marsters is said to stand in the favor of the powers that be. Parkhurst is said to have strong support as well as the others, including Superintendent Breckers of the state constabulary.

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desirable sections of Europe. Last July 23,229 foreigners were admitted to this country, 62,832 of whom came in as immigrants, and the balance as visitors. Since then there has been a steady gain every month, although exact statistics are not available. It is estimated that 66,500 came in August, 28,400 in September and 101,000 in October. At the present rate, if no further restrictive legislation is enacted, it is estimated that next year's influx may reach the enormous total of 2,000,000. Italy alone, it is said, has 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 persons casting longing eyes on the United States.

Undesirables Are Coming.

It is admitted by the original advocates of the literacy test that the law passed over President Wilson's veto has not worked out as was expected. The illiterates and the mendicants are getting into the country just the same as before, and there appears to be a surprisingly large number of these classes here now. And not only does the literacy test seem to have failed to prevent a flood of immigration. It seems also to have failed to keep out certain races furnishing very cheap, unskilled labor that were particularly in the minds of the proponents of the test. Thus, in the first six months of the year, some analysis of which is available, the largest single group of immigrants came from southern Italy. There were 53,428 in that group, or more than 20 per cent of the total of approximately 270,000 immigrant aliens for the six-month period. The north Italians were only 3,775, the English were next to the southern Italians, with 29,452, but close behind were 28,721 Mexicans, and there were 12,041 Greeks, 10,893 Portuguese and 18,479 Spanish.

Labor Leaders Hopeful.

The advocates of the literacy test among the labor leaders are wholly discouraged over its failure to prevent a heavy tide, however, for they still expect to get one advantage from the test which they did not talk about a great deal when the fight was on in congress. This is, that the new labor coming into this country being able to read at least a little, will be easier to cultivate in behalf of organized labor.

ASHLAND FAIR DATES SET

Winter Exhibition to Include Poultry Association Exhibits.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Plans for the Ashland winter fair are practically completed for the three days of the show, December 2, 3 and 4, which will be held in the armory. This fair includes the sixth annual exhibition of the Southern Oregon Poultry association and also the farmers', fruit growers' and industrial exhibits of Jackson county. Ashland merchants will also have a

department for the display of their goods and will compete for prizes.

The Jackson county farm bureau will make a distinct exhibit, representing their department each day with a series of lectures. There will also be a baby show.

Fire Loss Heavy.

That the Wenatchee national forest

suffered more damages from fires this year than any other forest in this district was the statement of A. H. Sylvester, supervisor, who is in Portland for a few days' visit. He stated that about \$30,000 worth of timber was lost, although the government spent \$25,000 in fighting the flames, and private owners fully \$20,000 more. He also thinks that there will be plenty

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