

BILL WOULD CURTAIL BEAUTY COMPETITION

Oklahoma Representative Is Champion of Girls.

FOREIGN HORDE FEARED

Manuel Herrick Says Also That Movies Tend to Make Women Dissatisfied With Home.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Manuel Herrick, bachelor member of congress from Oklahoma, intends to stop beauty contests such as are frequently staged by newspapers, theaters, civic and patriotic organizations. If there is any way to do it by law, Mr. Herrick has introduced a bill in congress for this purpose.

asserting that such contests are wrong because they "turn girls' heads," encourage them to leave home, go on the stage or become immoral. American girls of today are thinking too little of becoming wives and rearing families. Mr. Herrick asserts and beauty contests are helping to lure them from the real and righteous things of life.

Girls Drifting Farther Afield. American girls are drifting further afield from home life," declares Mr. Herrick, in explanation of his bill to stop beauty contests. "They are ceasing to be interested in rearing families or becoming wives. It is a notorious fact that the American-born population is decreasing and the immigrants and their immediate offspring are increasing, and if this continues another ten years America may be converted into a foreign country with foreign ideals."

Heavy Penalties Provided. One year's imprisonment or \$5000 fine, or both, will be the penalty for violations of the proposed Herrick law.

And Mr. Herrick, it is learned from certain correspondence passing between himself and a friend at Perry, Okla., soon after his arrival here to take his seat last spring, is not at all ignorant about women, although he is a bachelor.

Letter Is Unique. "I once had dreams of a home of my own and a wife and family of my own, and with that end in view I kept my soul and body clean so that when I married I would not have to look my bride in the eye with guilt and shame in my heart as most all other men have to if they have any manhood about them. Well, I finally found the young lady of my choice and gave her my whole heart and soul and she gave me hers and we were as happy as a king and queen. But partly on account of the knockers in perry knocking on me and the censorious air ashamed of me and partly on account of a dude appearing upon the scene who was not what he represented himself to be.

"I know for last summer I disappeared from perry for over 3 weeks and no one knew where I was. I had gone to Trace his past life and I found a good and plenty. Exposure will come out when it will hurt the most well the upshot was that partly on account of the knockers in perry making her ashamed of me and partly on account of the fact that the dude took advantage of certain mistresses that befell me over which I had no control he snatched her away from me, and I nearly died of grief. I cried like a baby for 4 months in secret and put gray in my whiskers 20 years before it would come otherwise and this is the grudge that I have him holding against perry it helped to cause me to look all on earth that I held dear.

"Denizens" Make Him Bleed. "The denizens of perry have no idea how they torture me and make me bleed inside when they would joke me about getting married after being one of the Cheat Causes why I could not, well I am in congress and she is on the Edge of the gutter but she does not know it. I will be in the White House and she will be in the gutter, and I will hear the sweetest music that ever fell on mortal ears. The clang of the penitentiary doors as they close upon him for a good long term and she can suffer. The pang of regret for the awful mistake she made in the mean time dont no one seek to find either his name or her name they wont succeed."

Commenting in another place in his letter on the Washington view of a member of congress, Mr. Herrick said: "The people out there seems to view the position of a Congressman with a certain amount of awe. But here a Congressman is a joke. And if it was not for the fact that I owe a duty to the people in order that they may have a live Congressman on the job I would like resigning right now. Another thing they told me that is not true and that is that Washington had more women than men and what is heard is so ugly that they almost make a fellow think that he had died and waked up in Hades."

STATE WINS ON ROADS

Injunction Against Work on West Side Pacific Highway Issue.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The state highway commission today won the first heat in litigation brought by residents of Independence, Polk county, to enjoin the state from proceeding with the improvement of

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BIG OIL STRIKE IS MADE

RICH FIELD FOUND ON ARCTIC COAST OF ALASKA.

Discovery, It Is Believed, Will Rival in Importance That of Mackenzie River Region.

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 20.—Discovery of new oil fields in the vicinity of Wainwright Inlet and Point Barrow on the Arctic coast of Alaska, which it is believed here may rival in importance the Mackenzie river fields of Northern Canada, was reported today by members of a California prospecting party which has been in the district since July 14.

According to R. D. Adams, head of the party, large seepages occur in the neighborhood of Cape Simpson, east of Point Barrow. They appear, he said, to spring from two or three conspicuous barren mountains back of the cape and within a mile of the Arctic shore line. They flow several hundred yards into a "lake of oil."

Another party which left Nome in July is also prospecting in the neighborhood.

Reports of a "lake of oil" between Point Barrow and Demarcation Point on the Canadian border were first made about five years ago by a teacher at Point Barrow. Natives who had visited the region said the oil bubbled from the tundra in large amounts.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20.—Fire broke out yesterday on Lot 274 in the Amatlan oil field near Tampico, and last night the flames were raging fiercely. It is said in a dispatch from Tampico, it is declared that the oil field works have been visited by the fire.

SALMON CATCHES LIGHT

Purse Seiners Have Difficulty in Making Sales.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The fishing season on the Columbia river has turned into a steady grind with few salmon being taken by any class of gear. The water is so clear that gillnetters cannot fish during the day and the tides are bad for them at night.

Even the purse seiners made light catches yesterday, but they made large hauls on Thursday and the canneries taking these fish had all they could handle. One plant is said to have thrown about four tons of spoiled fish overboard.

Purse seiners have had so much difficulty in disposing of their catches that instances are reported where they sold fish to gillnetters at 6 cents a pound and the latter in turn delivered them to the packing plants at 9 and 10 cents.

AUTOPSY HELD ON BODY

Corpse of Woman Drowned While With Husband Is Exhumed.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Aug. 20.—At the direction of District Attorney Churchill of Lake County, an autopsy has been performed on the body of Mrs. Emma Spencer, wife of a former Santa Rosa clergyman, who was drowned July 27 in Clear Lake.

The autopsy has just been completed by Drs. M. A. and Charles Craig and they have transmitted their findings to Mr. Churchill, but all have refused to divulge their nature.

Following the death of Mrs. Spencer a coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death by drowning, but of course Mrs. Spencer asked that further investigation be made and the district attorney ordered the body exhumed.

Mrs. Spencer was alone with her husband when death occurred. Their boat tipped over, the husband said, and his efforts to save her were futile.

LUMBER COMPANY SUED

Appointment of Receiver Is Asked for Leona Mills Concern.

Appointment of a receiver for the Leona Mills Lumber company, Inc., a \$100,000 concern which has been operating in Douglas county, is asked in a petition filed in the circuit court yesterday by J. H. Cook, majority stockholder and largest creditor of the company.

The petition sets forth that the mill, which has a daily capacity of 50,000 feet and owns timber adjacent to the total of 120,000,000 feet, has unsecured debts totalling \$270,000, and that the value of the company lies chiefly in keeping the equipment intact and ready to resume operations when the market is better.

Creditors are threatening various suits, to prevent which Cook asks for the appointment of a receiver.

POTATO GROWERS MEET

Plan of Organization to Be Mapped Out at Gathering.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Meetings of the potato growers will be held at different points in the county, it was announced today, in notices sent to the farmers by a committee in charge of organization.

The meetings will be held in the following places: Manor, August 24; Battleground, August 25; Washougal, August 26; La Center, August 30; Ridgefield, August 31; Mill Plain, September 1, and Sara, September 2. M. J. Newhouse, manager of the Washington Growers' and Packing corporation, and J. E. Larson, in charge of the potato department of the corporation, will present the plan of organization at these meetings.

WASHINGTON TAKEN OVER

Under an executive order signed today by President Harding the veterans' bureau has taken over the naval tuberculosis hospital at Fort Lyons, La. Animas, Colo. It will be used as a tuberculosis institution for war veterans and has a capacity of 150 beds. Assignment of patients to Fort Lyons can begin at once.

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THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—When the regular session of congress convenes in December the McNary \$250,000,000 western reclamation bill will hold an unusual and fortunate status. The extraordinary feature of its status will be that it will be before both houses of congress with a favorable report.

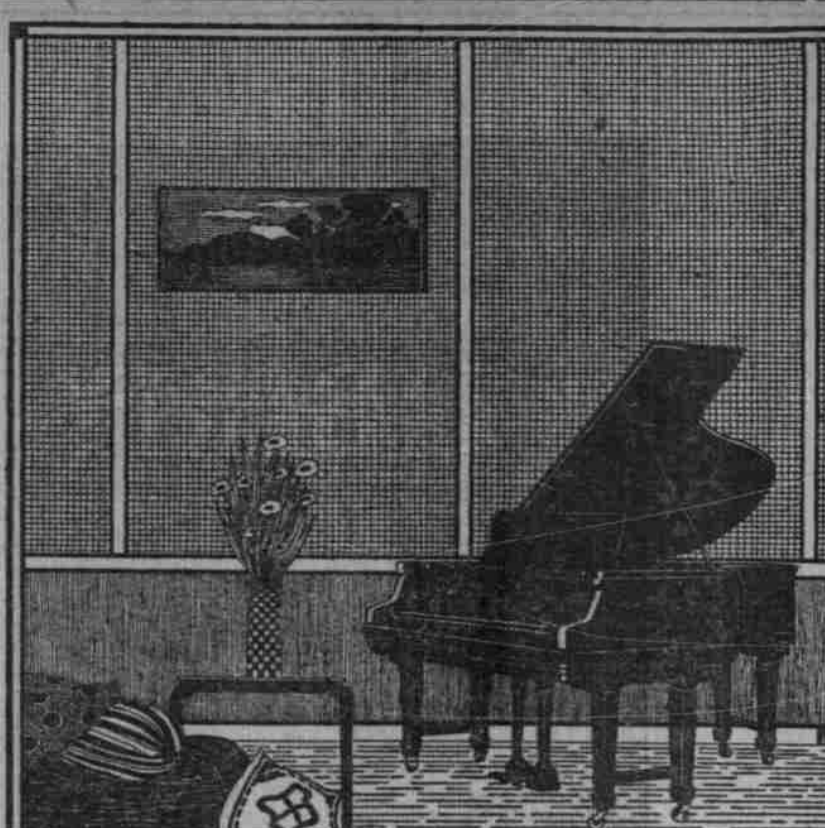
A favorable report was made by the senate many weeks ago by the irrigation committee of that body. The house committee on irrigation has completed hearings and probably within a few days the house bill, which was introduced by Addison T. Smith, representative from Idaho, will be reported in identically the same form as the McNary bill in the senate.

The last testimony was taken by the house committee during the week. The principal and by far the most important witness in the final summing up of the case of western reclamation, was ex-Governor Spry of Utah, commissioner of the general land office, but formerly the official representative in Washington of the western states reclamation association.

President's Wishes Respected. Senator McNary and representative Smith yielded to the wishes of the president that the reclamation bill be withheld in the present extra session because of the urgent demand for tariff and tax legislation and relief for the farmers and the railroads. They are pleased now that they followed the president's wishes in the matter because they feel that by having a favorable committee report before each house when the regular session convenes, the measure will have considerable advantage over the legislation to be taken up in that session.

Furthermore, President Harding has promised to throw the force of his administration behind the bill in the next session, which, it is believed, will make its passage a down-grade pull.

Hearings Last Three Months. The hearings on this legislation before the house committee have extended over a period of three months, and many men of prominence, includ-



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regarding opportunities for those who desire to engage in agricultural pursuits. EUGENE, Ore. Aug. 20.—(Special).—Victor Stratten, staff sergeant of the 1st battalion, 5th regiment of Oregon national guard, located here has been recommended by Major W. G. White, commanding the battalion, as first lieutenant and battalion adjutant to take the place of Edward A. Rohne, who has been elected captain of Company C of this city. The first school for girls in Cincinnati was established in 1862.

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