

NEW LAND BILL IN PARLIAMENT

Measures Permits Small Holders to Purchase Farm and Real Estate.

FARMING INTERESTS TO SUPPORT NEW STATUTE

Compulsory Purchase and Compulsory Leasing of Land by Local Authorities Authorized—Creates Two Distinct Classes.

(Journal Special Service.)

London, April 9.—There will be introduced in parliament next Tuesday or Wednesday a new land law designed to permit small holders to purchase farms and real estate. The bill will be most sweeping in scope and is expected to become a law. It is to be favored by the Liberal leaders, as there is a strong and growing feeling that the main plank in the government program—army reform, the new army bill of housing measure, and the great Irish home rule or devolution scheme—do not offer to the Liberal voter sufficiently serious evidences of practical and concrete sympathy.

The bill, though it will meet much severe criticism, will not, it is believed, be opposed solely and uniformly on party means. The farming interest is inclined, to a great extent, to support certain aspects of it, as it must inevitably make agricultural labor more plentiful, whereas now there are far more vacancies on the land than there are capable and qualified men to fill them. The bill will have the most widespread scope and extent.

Compulsory Purchase.
It will authorize, so it is understood, both the compulsory purchase and the compulsory leasing of land by the local authorities. It will create two distinct classes of small holdings—in the first case, the allotment of from possibly one-tenth of an acre, as a minimum, to two, three, or four acres held by a man who will work for the mainstay of his existence elsewhere, probably on the large farms; and in the other, holdings of from 1½ to 7½ acres, to enable the occupier to cultivate on independent and self-contained lines.

The board of agriculture, which will be supreme in the matter, will appoint commissioners who will travel up and down the country, investigating applicants for land from whatever district they may come, deciding on the requirements of the applicants and the means of giving effect to them. Not only the large land owner may be affected.

Will Be No Interference.
The farmer occupying some 600 or 700 acres may, in very many cases, be doubtless called on to yield from 50 or more acres for the common good. His will, of course, be left such choice as to the portion of the land he will surrender, but the decision of the commissioners, subject to appeal, of course, to the board of agriculture, will undoubtedly be final.

At the same time, it may be stated confidently that there will be no interference whatever at the amenities of any estate. The issue immediately surrounding the house will not be affected in any case—this the bill will safeguard in the most explicit fashion. The future of the measure should be interesting. There will be much more compulsory leasing than compulsory purchase, so it is not anticipated there will be much need for either the local or the central authority to borrow very large sums of money for the purpose. One thing is certain, as strong in opinion on the part of most of the Liberals that, in case where land is leased, special provision will be made that the unearned increment does not revert to the landlord. As a rule now many land owners will only grant the short periods of leasing—say 21 years—and then resume possession; this will not be possible under the new bill.

Housing Question Invald.
Opinion is confident that the housing question must, to a certain extent, be involved in the government measure. It is no good assigning a man a holding unless he has somewhere to live on it and therefore, in all probability, the government will evolve arrangements for permitting the erection of dwellings.

TO MARRY TOBACCO KING



This picture is from a recent photograph of Mrs. William Inman, of Atlanta, Georgia, one of the leading society women of the south, whose engagement to James B. Duke, head of the tobacco trust, has been announced. Mr. Duke obtained a divorce from his former wife last May, after a suit of sensations.

providing the lessee is willing to pay an increased rent to cover the interest and a small sinking fund. This, so experience has shown, he is always most willing to do.
The various councils—city, borough, urban and others—will, it is believed, have to take over the land operations and their control. The board of agriculture will only stimulate action and criticize its outcome.

AT THE THEATRES

"Mrs. Wiggs" at Helig Theatre.

The delightful comedy-drama, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," will be the attraction at the Helig Theatre, Fourth and Washington streets, tonight and tomorrow night. Curtain at 8:15 o'clock.

Special Price Matinee at Helig.

A special price matinee will be given at the Helig theatre tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, when "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be the bill.

Seats Selling for "The Free Lance."

John Phillips Sousa's new military comic opera, "The Free Lance," with Joseph Costello as the star of the same big organization of singers and comedians which originally presented the opera at the New Amsterdam theatre, New York, last season, with the actess Sylvia Baer and her husband, is now giving its last performance at the Helig Theatre, Fourth and Washington streets, tonight and tomorrow night.

Baker's Play Is Popular.
The attraction at the Baker this week, "The Judge and the Jury," has been pronounced one of the best farces since the most hard-to-please critics. The fact that so much particular attention was paid the stage settings has been appreciated by those who have enjoyed the play this week. Lillian Lawrence makes a splendid Maquita.

A Good One at the Empire.
"A Stranger in Town," one of the happiest, merriest musical laughter bursts ever seen in Portland, is more than making good at the Empire this week. Frank Beamish and his companion mirthmakers are sustaining the reputation of the Empire as the premier entertainment center of the city. Matinee tomorrow.

"The Gamekeeper."
"The Gamekeeper," the delicious play of Irish country life which is the bill this week at the Lyric, is proving one of the popular hits of the week. For heart interest, pure comedy and delicious stage pictures it is hard to beat. Yesterday's audience approved by abundant applause. Matinee every day at 2:30 o'clock. Seats may be reserved by telephone.

"Delivering the Goods at Grand."
"Delivering the goods" is the motto of the Grand and every vaudeville specialty on the program at this house must be first-class or it will not be sent here by Hillman & Co. It is one of the most diverting and lively of any of the Grand's programmes and is in the collection. It is well balanced and there are laughs every minute. The novelty features are exceptionally good and not one bit in the collection is indifferent or fails to attract the attention. There is a daily matinee and two night shows at the Grand.

Laugh and Grow Fat at the Star.
Laugh and grow fat at the Star theatre, this week, where the Allen stock company is presenting the side-splitting farce, "Our New Girl." This is a translation from the French and it has one of the most comical stories ever unfolded on the stage of this theatre. There is not a moment during the play when there is not a laugh. Miss Vera Felton in the title role proves herself a clever character actress and all the other favorites in the Allen company are well cast and doing their best to amuse. Matinee Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Seats are now on sale.

A GORY REMINDER

Red Ink a Realistic Touch in Low Bridge Warning.

According to a story told by the Iron Trail, a magazine published by and for railroad employes, the present day fireman has much to be thankful for.

The story concerns one John M. Flynn, now a train dispatcher on the Northern Pacific. It goes back to 1869 when Bill William Van Horn—the plain William—was chief train dispatcher at Bloomington, Illinois. Flynn was his kid operator.

Just out of Bloomington was an overhead bridge that would not clear a man of ordinary height on top of a car. This bridge had killed no less than 15 brakemen by knocking them off trains while passing under it.

Bill William being something of an acrobat, took a large sheet of paper and

draw a locomotive with a long string of cars passing under this bridge. On one car was a brakeman at the wheel, setting up the brakes.

On top of the running board of the second car was the head of the brakeman, which had been knocked off, and red ink scattered all along to illustrate the poor brakeman's blood had been spilled because of his carelessness in failing to duck his head for low bridges.

The bulletin was tacked up in a conspicuous place over our official's table with this inscription: "Beware Bridge No. 11."

At that time hand brakes, link and pin couplings, poor track, low bridges, wood burner engines—all made a trainman's life more hazardous than the lives of men spent in the great navies of the world in times of war, and he received for such services as brakeman the grand sum of \$48 a month, in what was termed "Abe Lincoln's scab," cheap paper money.

No overtime was allowed in those good old days; if you spent 29 days and 30 nights on the road, it counted

FOLLOW THE CROWDS TO THE GREAT BARGAIN CORNER

Portland's newest department store and the busiest, too. Buying bargains, selling bargains—they're the reasons that make this store the success it is, and the fastest growing store on the coast. Post yourself on our bargains, read the ads daily, always something interesting and of money saving importance, to you. Tomorrow's great offers the best of the month. Read on.

5c Sale of EMBROIDERIES
All 10c values at just half price. 5,000 yards to go—fine sheer cambric Edgings and Insertions to match—dainty open work effects in the newest designs—all best 10c Embroideries and you get two yards for the price of one.

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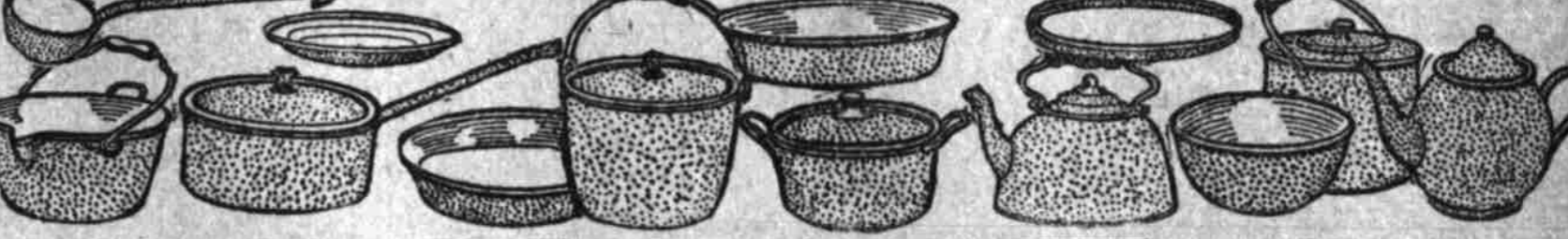
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The best 50c Women's Underwear you ever saw—now 39c. Just five cases of it—finest of Irish thread, both vests and pants, high neck, long and short sleeves, ankle and knee pants—all silk finish and all 50c values, choice.

39c

Tomorrow in the Basement—Another Great Sale—A Solid Carload of FINEST GRANITEWARE AT ONE-THIRD OFF

A saving of 33c on every dollar you spend—A solid carload of it, and all the famous blue and white enamelware which is the best and heaviest made. All triple-coated on solid steel, and every piece fully guaranteed. At 8 tomorrow morning the sale begins, and every thrifty housewife should attend. There's a saving of a full third on every piece—Come.



- Lipped Saucepans, all sizes, worth up to \$1, at 21¢, 27¢, 32¢, 36¢, 43¢, 49¢ and.....61¢
 - Covered Kettles, large sizes, worth to \$1.50, at 79¢, 89¢ and.....93¢
 - Dishpans, largest sizes, go at \$1.05 and.....\$1.81
 - Milk Pans, all sizes, values up to 75c, at choice, 19¢, 22¢, 29¢, 39¢, 42¢
 - Teakettles, the big, large ones, worth \$1.50 and \$2, at \$1.04 and \$1.47
 - Wash Basins, worth as high as 50c, go at 24¢, 31¢ and.....33¢
 - Coffee Pots, all sizes, worth up to \$1, go at 37¢, 43¢, 51¢, 62¢, 68¢, and.....73¢
 - Preserving Kettles, all sizes, worth 50c to 85c, all go at choice, 31¢, 34¢, 39¢ and.....47¢
 - Teapots, large size, at 43¢, 49¢, 59¢, 69¢ and 89¢; worth as high as \$1.25.
 - Pie Plates, large and deep, worth up to 35c, go at choice, 17¢, 18¢, 21¢ and.....25¢
- And Graniteware of every kind.
- Greatest of All Granite-ware Bargains**
- A Full 1-3 Off on Every Piece**

Bear in mind. Every piece of this is the best, guaranteed and longest-wearing graniteware made, so please don't confound it with the cheap tinny stuff usually advertised at similar prices. You can't buy better graniteware than this, no matter what you pay, and on every piece there's a saving of a third under all other stores' prices.

THE ONE GREAT CLOAK AND SUIT DEPARTMENT

Where You Are Guaranteed a Saving
On whatever you buy—whether the purchase be large or small—there's 10 or 25 or even 50 per cent under other stores' prices to be saved and if you'll take the trouble to investigate—you'll admit it, too—Tomorrow's offers are simply characteristic of the every-day bargain opportunities here and those that desire the best, most stylish, up-to-date garments minus the exorbitant profits of other stores will do well to inspect these offerings—

WOMEN'S \$35.00 TAILORED SUITS \$14.95

It's a sale all Portland will be wondering at—HOW CAN WE DO IT?—Here's the secret—ALL SAMPLES—The maker's show suits bought under value—that's why we can sell you the same garment others ask \$25 to \$35 for at \$14.95—Every one of the newest in this season's style—Eton, Box Coat, Semi-Fitting, Prince Chap and other novelties—in stripes, checks and plain colors—finest all wool materials, silk and satin linings—pleated skirts, trimmings are silks, fancy braids, buttons, straps, etc.—Stunning, elegant suits and every one worth \$25 to \$35—that's what you'd be asked elsewhere—Your choice for \$14.95.

GREAT 44c WAIST SALE

5,000 Ladies' Waists, new spring styles—made of lawns, polka dot novelties and sheer black materials, fancy yokes, lace and embroidery trimmed and finished with tucks—none worth less than 44c \$1 and up to \$1.50—Choice.....

500 Children's Hand Bags

All fancy styles, riveted frames; made to sell at 25c; special 15c 2 for 25c, or each.....

A LACE SALE THAT SHOULD BRING THOUSANDS HERE

An importer's entire stock of 5,000 bolts of finest French Valenciennes Laces at 48c and every one worth 75c to \$1; full 12 yards in each—Daintiest and handsoomest of edgings and insertions—48c all widths—Remember 75c and \$1 bolts, while they last at, bolt.

Women's Sample Night Gowns

Worth up to \$2.50 at 98c
All samples but slightly mussed and soiled, that's why they go so cheap, dozens of styles, lace and embroidery trim neck, long and short sleeves, not one worth less than \$1.25 and up to as high as \$2.50—Pick out a \$2.50 one—but come early if you want the best—choice.....98c

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Silks and Dress Goods
10 pieces fancy check and plaid novelty Dress Goods, all colors, full 36 inch and all regular 36o 19c values, yard.....

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It remains in the stomach, partially ferments, causing gas and sour eructations, besides preventing the body from absorbing the full amount of food necessary. Such persons often feel hungry a short time after eating.

In making Grape-Nuts, a food expert combined whole wheat and barley in the same way the human organs act on food—with heat, moisture and time—the diastase in the barley, during the process of manufacture, changing the starch into a form of soluble sugar, thus making it easy of digestion.

In this way he devised a means of assisting weak digestive organs to handle natural food with ease and not only build up brain and nerves, but strengthen the digestive organs at the same time.

If you have any kind of indigestion or nervous dyspepsia, you'll find a marked change in your condition by a ten days use of

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"There's a Reason"

FOND OF BILLIARDS
Their Favorite Dish—Time of Feasting and Dancing.
The Kiowa, Comanche and Cheyenne tribes in southwestern Oklahoma consider dog meat better eating than any other meat, writes a Mountain View correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
When the Kiowas have a feast dog meat is given the first place as a special honor to the invited guests. When the guest happens to be a white man

he dares not refuse the proffered delicacy if he desires to preserve his friendship with the red man. Many a peace-face has thus been compelled to eat dog meat or lose his Indian friend's good will, and as a result comes away with a longing to again taste the toothsome meat. Few white men in Oklahoma who have eaten dog meat will say that it is not good.
Here in Mountain View most any day it is common to see neatly dressed Kiowas riding into town in the finest equipages that money can buy. They are principally blanket Indians, wearing their long hair hanging in neat braids down their backs or plaited with bright colored strips of muslin, gaudy blue, red and yellow intermingled with white. The squaws carry the Indian babies in cradles or "moccasins" strapped on their backs, and go about the streets apparently not the least hampered by their burdens.

The young bucks are fond of playing billiards, and when they are away from their bowing alleys, presumably because billiards is the favorite pastime of the average young Indian man.

quites less exertion. At night not an Indian is seen on the streets or in the places of amusement. They return to the reservation before sundown.
March 15 is the day they are paid off by the government. This is followed by feasting and dancing till the money is all spent. Their credit is good at the stores and they are always prompt to pay off their debts on receiving their money from Uncle Sam.