

HOUSTON WANTS LAW FOR LEASING OF KELP BEDS ON THE PACIFIC

The Secretary of Agriculture Plans Urging Legislation to Develop a New Industry.

LACK OF LAW HANDICAPS

Calls Attention to Present Opportunities for Developing Large Industry in Northwestern States.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Legislation in the Pacific coast states authorizing the leasing of kelp beds is urged by Secretary of Agriculture Houston. Lack of law on the subject is a hindrance to investments, says the secretary, and the production of potash from kelp beds on a commercial scale is to receive careful study in the near future.

"There is no legislation in any of the Pacific coast states," says Secretary Houston, "along whose shores the kelp lies, providing for leasing of kelp beds. Without leases private investors would have no assurance that plants erected by them would have necessary control over the kelp within their vicinity."

Will Urge State Legislation.—The department's officials will discuss this matter with the proper authorities in the Pacific coast states and will urge the necessity of legislation regulating the use of the beds.

Secretary Houston has called attention to the shortage in artificial fertilizers caused by the German embargo on potash exports. Approximately \$20,000,000 a year was heretofore spent abroad for potash salts for fertilization of American farm lands. But an ample supply may be had from kelp. It is asserted, and the bureau of soils has issued a report showing the location and extent of the beds.

Calls Attention to Opportunities.—Secretary Houston thus now appears to the opportunities that now appear.

"Three large concerns have begun operations for the manufacture of potash from kelp. While potash is indispensable in the preparation of fertilizers, it is also used for many other purposes, including the manufacture of matches, glass, liquid soap and munitions. The prices offered under existing conditions by the manufacturers of such articles undoubtedly will cause practically the entire output of these concerns to be diverted from the fertilizer industry."

"It seems unlikely that normal conditions will be restored in the immediate future and that potash can be secured from foreign sources as heretofore in time for the next crop planting season. It also seems improbable that private enterprise will provide potash from domestic sources for agricultural purposes in time."

"It would require 80 or more plants, costing \$50,000 and having an operating capital of \$25,000 each, to produce the quantity needed for agriculture. This would involve the assumption that the commercial phases of the problem were satisfactorily solved. "Even if the requisite funds were available, it is a question whether operations could begin in time to provide an adequate supply for the coming year. The department is investigating all aspects of the question and is planning to send experts to California to study the situation and especially to consider possibilities of production on a commercial scale."

Amounts Asked for Postoffices.—Washington, Jan. 25.—The urgent deficiency bill, as presented to the appropriations committee by a subcommittee of that body, includes \$39,000 for the Roseburg, Or., postoffice. The estimate for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1917, for this building is \$49,000. As the total heretofore appropriated was \$10,000, this indicates an expenditure of \$89,000 by that date, out of a total cost limit of \$100,000. The urgent deficiency appropriation, if approved, will provide \$29,000 for work up to the first of next July.

Irrigation System for Indians.—Washington, Jan. 25.—For the irrigation system of Modoc Point, included in the boundaries of the Klamath Indian reservation and entirely for the benefit of the Indians, estimates have been submitted to congress for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the next fiscal year. Increase of the cost limit

To Represent U. of O. At Safety Gathering

Representatives to Convention to Be Held in Portland Friday, Jan. 28, Are Appointed by Pres. Campbell. University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Jan. 25.—Representatives to the public safety convention, to be held in Portland, Friday, January 28, have been appointed by President P. L. Campbell. They are Earl Kilpatrick, assistant director of the extension school; Dr. James H. Gilbert, professor of economics; and Colin V. Lyment, professor of journalism.

At the same time a committee from the university was appointed to attend the special conference of state irrigation, drainage and rural credits to be held in Portland in the near future. The committee is: President P. L. Campbell; H. B. Miller, director of industrial survey; Professor F. G. Young, dean of the graduate school; Joseph W. McArthur, an '03 alumnus; and W. K. Newell, member of the board of regents.

Dix Not Tendered Hawaiian Position

Former Governor of New York Denies Report From El Paso, Saying He Is at Present in Quest of Health.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 25.—(P. N. S.)—Former Governor Dix, of New York, today denied reports from El Paso that he had been offered a position in the Hawaiian islands.

"The story is entirely erroneous," Dix said. "If there was any movement to tender me a position in Hawaii or elsewhere, it is certainly news to me, and I should say there is absolutely nothing in it. When I came to the coast two months ago, it was with the idea of going to Hawaii for my health, but I was taken ill in San Francisco, and was advised to come here. I am now here for the winter, and find my health improving."

"I can assure you my Hawaiian trip had no financial aspect to it whatever, but was planned entirely because my health was bad."

I. O. O. F. Lodge at St. Helens Installs

Newly Elected Officers Given Offices by District Deputy Grand Master Chas. M. Beeler at Regular Meeting.

St. Helens, Or., Jan. 25.—The newly elected officers of St. Helens lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., were installed by District Deputy Grand Master Charles M. Beeler at a regular session, Saturday evening, January 22. The officers are: Carl Amundson, N. G.; E. A. Ross, V. G.; C. W. Hakesley, secretary; W. A. Harris, treasurer; F. W. Christie, warden; T. C. White, conductor; Ira Saurer, chaplain; J. E. Beeler, R. S. S.; L. E. Allen, L. S. S.; N. W. Clark, R. S. S.; G. W. J. Fullerton, L. S. S.; G. Norman McQuillen, R. S. S.; G. Percy Veasey, L. S. S.; G. William Ross, O. G.; F. W. Harrison, I. G.

Asks Warrant for Arrest of Himself

Los Angeles Man With Sick Wife and Two Dependent Children Unable to Find Work to Support Them.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25.—(I. N. S.)—James Coates entered the district attorney's office yesterday and asked if he could swear out a warrant for his own arrest, he the principal witness, convict himself of failure to provide and have himself sent to the chain gang. He explained that his wife is sick, that he has two children depending on him, and he is unable to find work.

Reclamation Expert D. C. Henny Returns

D. C. Henny has returned from Washington, D. C., where beginning in December he acted as chief engineer of the United States reclamation service. He attended the conference of reclamation service men in Denver and was able to predict that the man who will succeed William in charge of the office there, which will have the work in Oregon, will be a man familiar with reclamation problems in this state.

is recommended from \$155,000 to \$170,000.

No Omnibus Bill.—Washington, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—As a result of a conference between President Wilson and House Leader Kitchin, it was announced that there will be no omnibus public buildings bill this session, while the rivers and harbors bill will be limited to \$24,000,000.

HOULTON POSTOFFICE TO BE CONTINUED IS GOVERNMENT'S ORDER

Investigation Result of Consolidation of Town With St. Helens Recently.

WOULD BE NO BENEFIT

Inspector Reports Change Will Increase Cost Without Improving Service.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The postoffice department has reported to Senator Chamberlain the result of an inspector's investigation of the postoffice situation at St. Helens, Or., a petition having been received some time ago asking discontinuance of the office at Houlton because of the consolidation of the towns of St. Helens and Houlton.

The inspector reported that the proposed change would increase the cost without improvement of service, so he recommends the office at Houlton be continued. He also stated that some patrons of the Houlton office are considering the question of asking a change of name to South St. Helens.

Complaint on Water Supply.—Washington, Jan. 25.—Water supply for the towns of St. Helens and Rainier is involved in a request for improvement from federal funds for cutting channels through silt obstructions that have impaired the water heretofore drawn from the Columbia by these towns.

Representative Hawley has appealed to the rivers and harbors committee of the house to report an appropriation for surveying channels through from both towns to the open water, with a view to a dredging project.

Railroads Oppose Joint Rate.—Washington, Jan. 25.—Attorneys for the Northern Pacific, O-W-R. & N., and Oregon Short Line have filed a brief with the Interstate Commerce commission opposing the effort of the Rawson-Works Lumber company of Kamiah, Idaho, to secure a joint rate from that point to Salt Lake and other points in Utah.

Shipments now move from the Idaho town via Pendleton and Huntington, or by way of Silver Bow, Mont., under a combination rate of 41 cents. The railroads say this compares favorably with the combination of 37½ cents from Portland to Salt Lake, or of 40 cents from Centralia, Wash., and that in any event the complainant is not entitled to a joint rate of 33 cents.

Rabies Fund Delayed.—Washington, Jan. 25.—An effort to hurry up funds for assistance in eradicating rabies in the western states by including an appropriation of \$75,000 in the urgent deficiency bill was defeated in the house by a point of order.

Had objection not been made this sum could have been made available for use in the present fiscal year. Efforts to secure a substantial appropriation to aid in killing off coyotes and other infected animals will now be centered on the passage of one of several bills introduced by western members, the money becoming available after July 1.

Hoquarton Slough Survey.—Washington, Jan. 25.—A new survey for a deeper channel in Hoquarton slough, leading from Bay City on Tillamook bay to Tillamook, a distance of about two miles, is to be urged on army engineers by Representative Hawley in response to requests for aid by local interests.

Britain Guarantees Payment by Russia

Contract Made With Japan to Supply Huge Stores of Munitions; Japan Won't Send Troops or Ships.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—(P. N. S.)—Contracts binding Japan to furnish Russia with vast stores of munitions and supplies, with Great Britain guaranteeing payment of the bills of the czar's kingdom, were recently signed at a secret conference in Japan between representatives of the three governments, according to J. W. Ely, of London, confidential agent of the Russian government, who arrived at the Palace Hotel here today.

Ely confirms previous reports that Japan's most active participation in the European war will be confined to supplying the needs of Russia. "There is no possibility of Japan sending troops or ships to Europe," said Ely.

Tacoma, Also, Will Talk to New York

Long Distance Telephone Service Will Begin Tomorrow Morning—Rate to Be \$19.60 for the First Minute.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 25.—(P. N. S.)—Commercial long distance service from Tacoma to New York and other Atlantic coast points will begin Thursday morning. The apparatus has been installed.

On account of the rates to New York, the telephone company does not expect this line will be used extensively for society calls or to communicate neighborhood gossip. The rate for an hour's conversation will be \$19.60; two minutes, \$20.35; three minutes, \$21.10. It will require about six minutes to make the connection over the 3400 miles of double copper wire.

DORMITZER ANSWERS DISBARMENT CHARGES OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Lawyer of Portland Makes Counter Charges Against District Attorney at Baker.

Baker, Or., Jan. 25.—Attorney Paul C. Dormitzer of Portland, against whom District Attorney Godwin last week filed a petition for suspension and disbarment, has filed his answer, bringing strong charges against Godwin with demurrers to failure to pay bills and passing worthless checks.

Dormitzer, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, defended himself at his last term of court and was acquitted at his second trial.

In his answer Dormitzer alleges that he came here to investigate land frauds and also a bribe on the Burnt river a year ago last June, when the assault of a young girl was hanged. He charges that the district attorney and others attempted to run down the guilty parties, but failed. Dormitzer does not state who employed him. He further claims that he attempted to make all checks good, but, he says, people who cashed them were advised by Godwin not to accept the money, in order to make a strong case against him.

The answer is largely an arraignment of the district attorney in his (Dormitzer's) and other cases. He asks dismissal of the charges against him.

Dormitzer came from Portland several days ago to arrange for the trial of James Macomb, who killed Leonard Brown, blacksmith, in his shop here last November.

Seattle Clubman Is Named in Warrant

John C. Eden Charged by Sheriff Hodge With Having More Than Legal Amount of Liquor in His Possession.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—(P. N. S.)—Pursuant to his recent raid upon the Rainier club, in which a large quantity of liquor was seized, Sheriff Robert T. Hodge, in the superior court has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of John C. Eden, a prominent member of the club. Hodge charged Eden with having more than the legal amount of liquor in his possession.

It is understood that Eden consented to the proceedings in order to make a test of the prohibition law.

Tells of Bawdy Houses.—Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Patrolman Aldrich Smith, testifying today at the trial of his fellow officer, Edward J. Maggett, declared that two solid blocks of houses on Dearborn street are being operated as resorts for women of the underworld, and that the police department is prevented from arresting inmates by orders from headquarters.

Former Portlander Killed at Carlisle

Frank Ludwig Meets Instant Death at Logging Camp of Capella Lumber Company—Struck by Limb of Tree.

Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 25.—Frank Ludwig, until recently a resident of Portland, where a brother and other relatives reside, was instantly killed at a logging camp of the Capella Lumber company, Carlisle, west of this city, Tuesday, when his neck was broken by a violent blow received from a hemlock limb knocked down by a log. Ludwig had hooked the log at the yarder and gave the signal to go ahead. The log was obstructed by a hemlock tree, and as it began to move, it sent the log on, tearing the limbs from the tree, one of which hit Ludwig.

Mrs. Wilson's Old Home Is for Sale

House in Which the President Wood and Won His Wife Has Card in Window Inviting Purchasers.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—The house in which President Wilson lived and won Mrs. Norman Galt is for sale, a small card in the window of the drawing room, which they were married in, announced today, though it did not indicate whether the furnishings of this exclusive residence go with the house.

Independent Oil Men Sell for Six Millions

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 25.—(I. N. S.)—White and Sinclair, the largest independent oil producers in Oklahoma, have sold their holdings to the Oklahoma Oil company for \$6,000,000. Harry Sinclair, one of the backers of the federal league, is a member of the firm.

End Submarine Inquiry.—New York, Jan. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Investigation by the naval committee of inquiry into the fatal explosion of the submarine E-2 on January 2 closed its sessions at the navy yard yesterday. The findings of the court will be forwarded to the navy department at Washington.

WILSON LEAGUE WILL OPEN HEADQUARTERS ON FEBRUARY 1 NEXT

Offices Will Be Located at Room 410 Merchants Trust Building.

WILL URGE REELECTION

Organization Is Not Strictly Partisan; Organizer G. Y. Harry and Secretary Arbuckle in Charge.

Headquarters for the Woodrow Wilson league will be opened February 1, in room 410, Merchants Trust building, Sixth and Wash.

G. Y. Harry, general organizer for the league, and W. H. Arbuckle, secretary, will have charge of the headquarters and look after the work in connection with the campaign for the renomination and reelection of President Wilson. All friends of the president who wish to see him reelected have been invited to join the league.

As the president has many supporters who are not affiliated with the Democratic party, the league is not strictly a partisan organization. Its sole purpose is to carry on a campaign for President Wilson's reelection, and it is not expected to take part in any other election contests. For that reason "all friends of the president" have been invited to become enrolled as members.

Petitions for placing the president's name on the primary election ballot in this state are now being circulated by the league and are being rapidly signed. As soon as the headquarters are opened, petitions will always be on hand there for the signatures of all registered Democrats who wish to sign. Under the law only registered members of the party may sign the petitions.

At the meeting of the league at the Central library at 8 o'clock tonight, petitions also will be on hand for those who wish to sign.

The principal speakers at tonight's

meeting will be Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed college. His subject will be "Woodrow Wilson."

Alfred Creitz will give a violin solo and Miss Astrid Roal, soprano, will sing. Each will be accompanied on the piano by Miss Agnes Senn.

Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, vice president of the league, will preside, as President J. C. Smith is out of the city.

May Drop Sanger Case.

New York, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—With Mrs. Margaret Sanger's trial again postponed on a charge of circulating obscene matter in the mail in the form of discussions on birth control, rumors were current today that the government may finally drop the prosecution. A strong sentiment has been aroused in support of Mrs. Sanger's position.

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\$18.00 First Quality French Hair Switches, 24 inch, \$14.95

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