DEMOCRATS EAGER TO SIGN PETITIONS AS AN HONOR TO PRESIDENT

Letters Coming From Many Parts of the State as Primaries Draw Near at Hand

GENEROUS SUPPORT GIVEN

G. T. Harry, General Organizer of the League Is Placing Petitions in All of the Counties.

Many persons are writing to the Woodrow Wilson league headquarters for petitions to circulate to place the president's name on the ballot at the Oregon primary election, which will be held May 19.

These letters are coming from all corners of the state, indicating the desire of the Democrats to have their names on the nominating petition.

"Will you please send a Wilson petition blank to me and advise how many signatures you would like from Klamath county?" writes Catherine Prehm, one of the publishers of the Merrill Record. She adds that "the Record is an independent paper, but will support Wilson."

W. H. Cannon of Medford writes: "If you have not already secured the services of a Democrat to circulate Woodrow Wilson nominating petitions, I would deem it an honor and a pleasure as well to circulate them in this county, as I did four years ago."

Republicans Are Satisfied.

"Please send me, if you have them printed, some of the Woodrow Wilson petitions, which, when signed, will place Wilson's name on the Oregon ballot," says James H. Graham of Baker. "I will have them signed here and forward same to you.

"I do not think there is any question of Wilson's nomination and election this year. His administration has been so satisfactory to all Republicans, except office seekers, that the rank and file of the Progressives, who voted for Roosevelt, will vote this year for Mr. Wilson.

"We may expect four years more of Democratic constructive legislation and consequent prosperity and peace."

From McMinnville comes the following from Walter L. Hembree:

"I notice by today's Journal that you have President Wilson's petitions out and being circulated. It would give me much pleasure to see that some are circulated in my county."

Registered Democrats Only Can Sign.

Here in Portland the petitions are being rapidly signed, although circulators are not out with the petitions. The petitions are at the league's headquarters, 410 Merchants Trust building, and they were on hand at the meeting of the league Thursday night. Only Democrats who have registered are eligible to sign the petitions.

G. T. Harry, general organizer for the league, and W. H. Arbuckle, secretary, have the petitions in hand. They are placing them in all the different counties where Democrats are volunteering to see after them.

W. T. HUME IS CANDIDATE

Attorney Seeks Nomination for Judge of Circuit Court.

Wilson T. Hume announced his candidacy yesterday for the Republican nomination for judge of department No. 1 of the circuit court for Multnomah county. J. P. Kavanaugh is now judge of this department.

Mr. Hume was admitted to the bar in Portland in 1884. In 1889 he served as a member of the legislature. In 1890 District Attorney T. A. Stephens appointed him chief deputy, in which position he served until 1892 when he, himself, was elected to the office to succeed Mr. Stephens. He served in that office from 1892 to 1896. In 1900 he was appointed deputy United States attorney at Nome, Alaska. In his platform he says:

"To the best of my knowledge and ability administer the law and justice impartially, without fear or favor, and determine all matters submitted to me in an equitable manner irrespective of race, creed or influence. I will endeavor at all times to ascertain the law and apply it to every matter submitted to me for adjudication.

"My slogan is: 'Determine the law and declare it impartially without fear or favor.'"

Lightner Seeks Re-election.

W. L. Lightner, who has served Multnomah county as commissioner for several terms, made announcement yesterday of his candidacy for re-election on the Republican ticket. He is going after the voters on the record he has made in office, asking for indorsement.

A. S. Bennett Will Speak.

A. S. Bennett of The Dalles has accepted an invitation to address the Woodrow Wilson league on Wednesday night, February 23. His subject will be "The Achievements of the Wilson Administration."

G. O. P. WARHORSES AND RADICALS MUST GO, SAYS SPEAKER

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Oregon plan of government must cease, and loyalty to it must be shown by the Republicans who seek to lead for the rank and file of the party is and has been loyal to it.

"There is another reason for this feeling: In the nation's standing army you observe after a man has served for a long period as an officer he is retired. Now, I do not like the word 'Standpatter,' for the statute of limitation has run on it along with other objectionable things, but I believe I speak the sentiment of the upstate country when I say to you candidly and frankly the Republican party of Oregon has a number of officers, or would-be or has-been officers, who should be retired. Some of these men, probably unintentionally, have done a great deal to bring defeat to the party in the last few years. And if the Republican party is to escape a fight within its own ranks between what may be termed the Progressive and Reactionery elements, it is well for the "army officers" to retire from attempted leadership.

"While they have contributed to the party's defeat, I realize full well that a number of we extreme Progressives have also contributed to that defeat, and tonight in the name of him whom we here do honor—in the name of Lincoln Republicanism and opposition to Democratic principles, let these men of long party service, who were once known as "Standpatters," join with the extreme Progressives who also carry our scars of battle, and together let us march to the rear rank, thus turning over the Republican ship to be manned by the level-headed, calm-minded young men of the John McCourt type.

50,000 Voters Bolted.

Mr. Dennis pointed out that in 1912 50,000 voters in the Republican ranks of Oregon bolted.

"Oh, yes," he said, "there were many of us. Approximately 12,000 of those votes went to President Wilson and 38,000 went to my bashful, retiring and unassuming friend who lives at Oyster Bay. There were about 35,000 Republicans who stood hitched, to use the old political expression.

"No, I am not going into the why nor the wherefore. That is ancient history, and the thing that must be done in Oregon this year is to induce the 50,000 bolters and the 35,000 regulars to vote the same ticket in order that this state may clear her conscience of having given a plurality vote for free trade in 1912, and thus by her own hand seriously crippled her own industries."

He said the Progressive voters in Oregon are making no demands for any particular candidate for the presidency.

"Hughes suits us fine," he said, "and I believe, since Elihu Root made his masterly address in New York against the 'invisible government,' he has more friends among the Progressives than elsewhere."

Speaking on "The Young Republican," Mr. Robison said:

"The time has passed, gentlemen, when you can put the badge of a Republican on a yellow dog and expect the young Republicans to follow him.

"Clean" Men Wanted.

"Until you put up clean men for office you may expect Democrats to be put in power."

Mr. Jones, speaking as a representative of labor, said that Abraham Lincoln was with the laboring man. He declared that the wage slavery of the present time is more terrible than was chattel slavery of Lincoln's time, and he expressed the belief that if Lincoln were living today he would be fighting the battles of the wage earners.

As the closing big gun, Wallace McCamant pointed to Lincoln's fidelity to principle and then gave his comparison of the Democratic platform of 1912 with the achievements of the Wilson administration. He did not mention any achievements but said the platform had not been kept, citing the planks favoring a single presidential term, the rehabilitation of the merchant marine, the exemption of canal tolls for American shipping, the pledge of economy, merit and ability as a ground for appointment to office. All these planks, he said, had not been kept.

Louis Brandeis Scored.

He characterized the administration's Mexican policy as indefensible and shameless.

"Woodrow Wilson will be remembered in history," he said, "as the president who was on both sides of many questions of his day, and was on the wrong side of the rest."

He termed Louis Brandeis an "avaricious mountebank," and declared that by his appointment to the supreme court President Wilson had demonstrated his utter unfitness to dispense public patronage.

All the speakers paid lofty tribute to Abraham Lincoln. Music was furnished by the "Veteran Quartet," composed of W. N. Morse, Dr. J. E. Hall, A. W. Mills and Z. M. Parvin. Over 400 men and women were at the banquet.

Tailor Takes His Life Despite Girl's Pleas

Daughter Reminds Him of Obligations to Wife and Six Children; Heavy Drinking Caused Despondency.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—While his pretty 17-year-old daughter, Bernice, clung to him hysterically pleading that he spare his own life, Max Levine, a tailor, shot himself through the temple in his home today and died immediately in the arms of the girl, who was making a fervent plea that he remember the obligations of life to his wife and family of six children.

Levine was employed by the Park Woolen mills. He was 40 years old and of late has been drinking heavily. It was, while suffering from despondency, that he called the girl to his room and announced that he had determined to end it all.

Rain Is Next.

During the rainy season now due, health demands warmth of the sort furnished by fuel sold by dealers whose ads are in the classified section today.

SUFFERED FROM LAME BACK, WEAK KIDNEYS AND DIZZINESS

Dear Editor:

Last winter I suffered terribly from lame back, weak kidneys and dizziness, and uric acid in the blood caused rheumatic pains. I sent to Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., for his new remedy, "Anuric." As soon as the box of tablets came by mail I commenced taking them, and reaped untold good from their use.

(Signed) MRS. KATE THOMPSON.

NOTE:—This "Anuric" is adapted especially for kidney complaints and diseases arising from disorders of the kidneys and bladder, such as backache, weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, congestion of the kidneys, inflammation of the bladder, scalding urine and urinary troubles. The paysicians and specialists at Dr. Pierce's great Institution, in Buffalo, N. Y., have thoroughly tested this prescription and have been with one accord successful in eradicating these troubles, and in most cases absolutely curing the diseased kidneys.

Patients having once used "Anuric" at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, have repeatedly sent back for more. Such a demand has been created that Dr. Pierce has decided to put "Anuric" in the drug stores of this country, in a ready-to-use form. If not obtainable, send one dime by mail to Dr. Pierce for trial package, or 50 cents for full treatment.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood cleanser and alterative that starts the liver and stomach into vigorous action. It thus assists in making rich, red blood, which feeds the heart, nerves, brain and all organs of the body. You feel clean, strong and strenuous—instead of tired, weak, and "all-in."

FEDERAL SERVICE IS MAGNET FOR GUARD, DECLARES GENERAL

Officers and Men Heartily in Accord With Plan, Asserts Adjutant General White.

OBJECTION IS CONSIDERED

Problem of Getting Use of National Guard in War Time Has Been the Chief Obstacle.

"Federalization of the National guard is precisely what the officers in the service want," was the response of Adjutant General White yesterday when asked by The Journal of the effect on the citizen soldiery of legislation now being proposed in congress as a substitute for the Continental army plan.

"It is the idea of Federal service that takes the men into the state service and the fact that legal obstacles have been in the way during the past has been a thorn in the side of guardsmen generally.

"Objection to the Continental army was based upon the fact that it imposed terms of service which guardsmen could not meet," he added, "although the idea of a nationalized citizen soldiery appealed to all. Federalization of the state service may be said to embrace the best features of the Continental army idea while, at the same time, making full use of the military resources which have been developed through many years of patient service on the part of thousands of guardsmen.

Guard Chance Good.

"Federal pay and more federal control will give the National guard the chance that the service needs to carry itself to a point of efficiency, and if congress proceeds with the plans which appear to be favored at the present time, I believe, with others, that the National guard will make good. Federal control is nothing new as a principle. At the present time the war department has a great deal to say as to how the National guard of the country shall be trained and conducted.

"The difficulty has been that some of the states, especially in the south and extreme east, have refused to work in complete accord with the federal authorities, especially in the matter of appointing inefficient officers for political reasons, and keeping them in service at the head of troops which they were not fitted to command. Some states have also insisted upon keeping large numbers of high-ranking staff officers on their rolls.

"Neglect and waste of federal property has been another militia weakness and one which has resulted in the waste of hundreds of thousands of dollars in military property.

Power Is Limited.

"Where states have refused to meet federal obligations, the power of the war department has been limited to a withdrawal, or partial withdrawal, of the limited federal support. But under the laws this has been possible only in extreme cases, and was a step taken only in the most extreme cases. So long as the states made a reasonable showing, they were able to get along; and in some cases, I am reliably informed, the war department has continued to cooperate under the most discouraging conditions. State neglect in some cases has been almost as bad as state defiance.

"The worst drawback, however has been that of the problematical use of the guard in war time. In order to get the guard to the front in case of war, it is necessary to have the members volunteer. If they would not volunteer, no method has been provided of forcing them into the service. While the majority of the guardsmen entered for the sole purpose of training themselves for war service, the lack of legal requirements or of a uniform central control of them, upon the outbreak of war, was a flaw of the most serious order.

Flaw Is Deplored.

"It might be added that this flaw is one which no one has deplored more than the citizen soldiers themselves. They have enlisted for possible war service. The idea of possible riot duty is repulsive and revolting to every man in the service.

"Immediate federalization of the Oregon National guard would cause fewer changes than in the average state. It has been Oregon's policy to adopt war department suggestions and regulations as rapidly as they were put forward. At the present time the Oregon service is organized according to federal requirements. There is not a surplus officer. Those in excess of the tables of organization have been dropped during the past year as well as those who have failed to meet federal requirments as to proficiency.

"The physical standards are the same as those for the regular army, and men of defective physique are turned down every week, badly as men are needed to keep the various organizations recruited up.

Examinations Are Severe.

"The examinations for commissioned officers are severe throughout and only the man who is exceedingly well qualified can expect to pass an examining board.

"I believe Oregon has gone nearly as far in the development of a citizen soldiery as can be expected without federal support and higher federal requirements. When the government provides pay for the men, as now proposed, and the war department is vested with authority to insist upon certain requirements on penalty of withdrawing all support, the militia, not only of this state but of the whole country, will rapidly be welded into an effective and efficient instrument of national defense.

Body of Missing Student Is Found

Henry C. Norman Found Dead—Bottle That Had Held Chloroform Is Found by His Side.

Henry C. Norman, 21 years old, a student at Reed college, was found dead yesterday near Mount Tabor reservoir No. 5.

A bottle that had contained chloroform was found beside the body.

Norman had been missing since February 1. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norman. The mother is dangerously ill with heart disease and has not been informed of the death of her son.

Norman was last seen January 31, when he left the dormitory without his overcoat and walked in the direction of Woodstock.

No inquest will be held.

"Cocaine King" Was Expelled by French

American General's Son Is Alleged to Have Had Extensive Traffic Among War Crazed Women.

Paris, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Harry Thomas, of Portland, Me., son of the late Major-General Henry G. Thomas, yesterday was expelled from France on account of his alleged extensive traffic in noxious drugs which were sold principally to women of Montmarte overstrung by the war. Thomas' big trade earned him the title "Cocaine King."

RICHARD T. DABNEY MAN OF KEEN LOVE FOR BIG OUTDOORS

Advocate of Columbia Highway Hotel Closes Career of Work Among Plants.

—Photo by Bushnell.

Richard T. Dabney

Richard T. Dabney, whose funeral was held Friday afternoon, was one of the most enthusiastic advocates of Columbia river highway improvement in Portland. He, it was, who suggested the establishment of hotels along this scenic boulevard to provide for the comfort of tourists.

Mr. Dabney was born in Illinois in 1855, spending his boyhood in that state and in Iowa. He came to Montana in 1881, thence to the coast in 1887, first to California, then to Washington, and in 1905 to Portland. He married Miss Mattie Renshaw in Iowa in 1887. Eight children were born to them, of whom six are alive today: Clifford R., Henry R., Doris M., Virginia B., Charlotte E., and Eleanor E.

Mr. Dabney was one of 12 children; nine brothers and three sisters. One sister and five brothers are living; O. P. Dabney of Hood River, Or., Mrs. S. L. Holladay of Livingstone, Mont., and Joseph B. Dabney of Los Angeles, Cal., the other three brothers also live in California.

Though Mr. Dabney's health has been impaired for some time, he always manifested a rare mental vigor, abundantly evidenced in his business activities and the depth of thought given to religious, civic and other subjects. Deeply engaged as he was in what might be termed the more rugged lines of business activity, he was exceptionally fond of art, literature and music, and of the study of birds and the smaller animals.

His was considered an authority on flower and tree culture. From many distant sections of the land he brought to his city home and to his country place rare plants, shrubs and flowers.

The funeral services took place at the family residence, 133 East Twenty-ninth street, Friday afternoon, with interment at Mt. Scott cemetery. Dr. J. J. Staub, pastor of the Sunnyside Congregational church, had charge of the service, and Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller was vocalist.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

The commissioners requested the district attorney to advise them how to legally dispose of property of unclaimed persons who died at the Multnomah Farm and Multnomah hospital and which is being turned into the county treasurer from time to time by the superintendent of the said institution.

A warrant for $10 was ordered drawn on the county treasurer for the support of Mrs. A. L. Ashlock.

The indemnity case of Charles Backstrom, 780 Kirby street, Portland, Or., was set for a hearing on Friday, February 18.

H. N. Roth was allowed $200 as indemnity for 16 cows slaughtered because of infection with tuberculosis.

The communication of R. M. Dodson, postmaster at Corbett, Or., reporting the condition of the road as impassable was referred to the roadmaster.

A claim from Fred A. Ballin, 508 Worcester building for a new fender to replace one on his car which he contends was demolished when crossing the Hawthorne bridge Feb. 1, was referred to Madison Welch, superintendent of bridges and ferries.

Panoramic views of the Columbia river highway belonging to Multnomah county and now in the custody of Ed P. Judd, custodian for the Oregon commission to the Panama-Pacific International exposition, were presented to the University of Oregon by Multnomah county.

A form of order in the matter of the relief of Charles Eatchel was referred to the district attornby for approval as to form and as to legality and regularity of procedure.

Bids for the cremation of patients who die at the Multnomah farm and hospital were ordered by the board to be called for by the purchasing agent, to a separate bid be invited for the removal of bodies from the office of the county coroner as well as the cremation of same.

For motorists a cap has been invented that carries in its front an incandescent lamp supplied with current by dry batteries within the cap.

MEMORY OF LINCOLN HONORED IN GREAT GERMAN HOUSE MEET

Police Band Leads Procession of Veterans to Scene of Natal Celebration.

PLAIN LIFE STORY TOLD

Son of Martyred President Writes Letter to C. J. Schnabel Regarding Father—Great From All Angles.

Exercises in memory of Abraham Lincoln were held at the German House, Thirteenth and Main streets, yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Lincoln Memorial society of Oregon.

Veterans of the Civil war, members of the society and others gathered to listen to the stories of the great war president that never wear with the telling and to remember in a simple way the one hundred and seventh anniversary of his birth.

Led by the Portland police band, the members of the society marched to Thirteenth street through the principal downtown streets, the colors being escorted to the platform from the door by the drill team of Scout Young camp, United Spanish War veterans.

Schnabel, Northup Speakers.

Charles J. Schnabel, Portland attorney, and Judge H. H. Northup, were the speakers and there were appropriate numbers opened by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience, Professor Jasper Dean MacFall leading.

Rev. W. T. Kerr, chaplain of Sumner post, G. A. R., pronounced a benediction, Professor MacFall sang "The Veteran's Last Song," Captain J. P. Shaw read the "Gettysburg Address," Mrs. June McMillan Ordway read an original poem and Millie B. W. Herwick sang "Down on the Rappahannock."

Mr. Schnabel related a number of stories of Lincoln and eulogized the war president for his writings as well as for his statesmanship. "Lincoln was a great man from any angle," he said, "but particularly he was a prose poet."

His writings, declared Mr. Schnabel, with their beautiful diction and specific sweetness, reveal one of the chief qualities of the man—generosity.

Lincoln Made Dictator.

Mr. Schnabel pointed out that congress made Lincoln to all intents and purposes a dictator; that no other president ever had such power, but that he never abused the confidence placed in him.

He reviewed Lincoln's great pieces of writing such as the letter written to the mother who had lost five sons in the war, the letter to his brother refusing to lend him $80, his Gettysburg speech and his second inaugural.

As a speciman of perfect English one of these stands on a wall of one of the Oxford colleges, pointed out Mr. Schnabel, an honor not even accorded to Gladstone who was born the same year as Lincoln and considered one of the greatest statesmen of his time.

The reading of a letter from Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son of the martyred president, former secretary of war and minister to Great Britain, and former president of the Pullman company, formed an interesting part of the exercises.

Letter From Robert T. Lincoln.

Mr. Schnabel had written Mr. Lincoln asking for some word from him about his father. Mr. Lincoln's modest reply, dated at Washington, follows:

"I assure you that I greatly appreciate the celebration you have in charge in honor of my father's memory on the approaching anniversary of his birthday, but I must ask you to excuse me from writing in the way you suggest.

"In the many years that have gone by since his death I have, of course, often been requested to make contributions to what has become a great amount of literature in relation to him, but I have always consistently refrained from doing so; this does not mean that I am not very grateful for the very numerous and often recurring testimonials to his memory, but I have always felt that it is more becoming that I should not, myself, take part in them."

Judge H. H. Northup made an instructive address in which he gave a comprehensive review of the slavery question as it affected the union.

LOVELAND LAUDS LINCOLN

In an address surcharged with magnetism, force and eloquence, Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First M. E. church, yesterday addressed the Civic league on "Abraham Lincoln." He declared that Jesus Christ, Moses and Lincoln formed the great human and divine trinity and that Lincoln was the first type of American civilization.

"He had conscience and courage," he said. "He stood for those two things throughout his life. Lincoln's greatest trial was his friends," he declared.

"We can all carry crosses, but Lincoln wore a crown of thorns fashioned by his friends. Lincoln symbolized 'a government of the people, for the people and by the people,' and the greatest honor that can be shown him today is to live his life and give yourself for a country worth dying for."

The league will be addressed next Saturday by Franklin T. Griffith on "Business Efficiency" and a week from Saturday the subject will be "Rural Credits."

Retaliation Leads To Liquor Seizure

"Hot Time" Record Grinds Out Tune As Bojona Skovich Is Led Off to Jail.

Retaliation yesterday caused the arrest of Bojona Skovich, an Austrian woman living at 302 North Fourteenth street, and the seizure of 150 gallons of homemade port wine and two gallons of whiskey.

Mike Christ, a Serbian, resides next door. On complaint of Mike Bubich, an Austrian, who lives with the Skovich family, Christ was arrested Wednesday, his liquor seized and he was fined $200.

"I don't mind being pinched, but you ought to get that outfit next door," said Christ to Deputy District Attorney Deich. "They're selling booze, too."

Deich told him to prove his allegation. Yesterday Christ sent three fellow-Serbians, Peter and Louis George and Mike Miller, to the district attorney's office with affidavits that they had purchased wine from Bojona Skovich.

On this information the house was raided by Detectives Leonard, LaSalle, Moloney and Swehnes. They found Mrs. Skovich presiding over many barrels of liquor.

"Let me play this tune first," she begged the officers, placing a record, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

REACTIONARIES IN SENATE ARE MUCH PUZLED

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horror was undisguised, said this only mildly stated it.

Overman Selects Sub-committee.

Overman is acting head of the judiciary committee because of the ill health of Culberson, the chairman, and it fell to him to name the subcommittee to consider the nomination. He did not stack the sub-committee against Brandeis, however, as some had thought might be done. He is given credit for having selected five senators who will give a fair field, whatever their final report to the full committee may be.

It is not yet clear that Brandeis will be confirmed, but his strength is growing. A peculiar development is that the chief element of doubt lies in the attitude of certain progressive Republican senators. While the backbone of the opposition consists in the reactionary group, these few progressive Republicans are hesitating because of things that have been said in connection with the eastern advance rate case, wherein Brandeis, as counsel, made an admission favorable to the contention of the railroads that they needed some increase in rates.

In view of the consistent course of Brandeis in battling for larger power for the people and fewer favors for the interests, his friends say that his statement in this case cannot be considered as showing either a lapse of principle or lack of fitness. If upon one occasion his judgment called for a concession, they say, it is a tribute to his quality of fairness. What he had to say was said openly at the bar of the interstate commerce commission, and not behind closed doors.

La Follette and Clapp are two Republicans who have not wavered in their support of Brandeis. The Wisconsin leader has suggested that this nomination brings "a sympathetic knowledge of modern social needs to the supreme bench." This indicates that La Follette has sensed the situation from the beginning. He is favoring the nomination for the same reason that old line guardsmen on both sides of the chamber are opposing it.

Action Will Be Delayed.

There is prospect of long delay before the nomination finally comes to vote. Some of the best time-killing devices of senatorial privilege are to be used to stave off action. Senators Lodge and Weeks, of Massachusetts, have been urged to state that Brandeis is "personally objectionable," one of the senatorial phrases with which worthy nominees have in times past been laid low.

In this case such a plea of privilege is not promising. To defeat the progressive nominee of a progressive president as a personal favor to a reactionary Republican senator from the state in which the nominee lives would be too clumsy a trick. If Brandeis is defeated it will be upon other grounds.

Merchant Marine Bill Introduced.

The administration's merchant marine bill, introduced by Representative Alexander, placates some of its opponents of the last session, but not all of them. The bill provides for the sale of $50,000,000 of Panama canal bonds, the proceeds to be used for the purchase or construction of ships by the government, of types suitable for use as auxiliary vessels in time of war. The shipping board created by the bill is to lease the government merchant fleet for private operation, but if private capital should not respond, the board is given power to operate government lines.

This reservation of power to operate government lines if the leasing plan fails is objected to by a remnant of the Democratic opposition, the objection also extending to the failure to provide that under no condition should a government line be operated in competition with private lines. It appears that the fight of the last session over ship purchase, which resulted in deadlock, will be renewed on almost the same terms.

The new bill contains additional important provisions for licensing all vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, for regulation of steamship rates on a reasonable basis, and of joint rail and steamship rates. No ship under American registry, the bill provides, may be transferred to a foreigner or to foreign registry without the consent of the shipping board.

This board is to consist of the secretaries of the navy and of commerce and three commissioners appointed by the president.

There is little indication that Philippine affairs have commanded much attention in the United States recently, except in Washington. The United States senate, however, has been discussing Filipinos and the problem of "letting go" for an average of two to four hours each day for several weeks.

So laborious has been the debate that suspicion has arisen that some of the senators engaged in debate were perhaps more interested in prolonging debate than they were in the Filipinos. But at last the senate voted, and by a narrow squeak it adopted the amendment of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, pledging independence to the Philippines in not less than two nor more than four years, in the discretion of the president.

Even then it is made possible to postpone the day if the president deems action at the end of the four year period inexpedient. He may submit the matter in that event to the following session of congress, and it would be possible for that congress to undo all the pledging that has been done.

The senate also declined to attach to the bill a plan for inviting other nations to join the United States in guaranteeing the future independence of the islands.

Five Republicans, all of progressive stamp, joined the Democrats in adopting the momentous Clarke amendment. They were Borah, Clapp, Kenyon, La Follette and Works. One other Republican, Norris, joined the majority on the passage of the bill. On the final vote the Democrats presented a solid front.

Water Power Bills Attacked.

Gifford Pinchot, in an open letter to the president, protests against the Shields water power bill, dealing with the development of power on navigable streams, and also swats the Myers bill, reported to the senate as a substitute for the Ferris bill, passed by the house.

The Shields bill is attacked because, it is stated, it opens the way for indefinite litigation and confers on power corporations the right to condemn both public and private lands on navigable rivers. It is safe to say that these provisions will not pass muster in the house, if they do go through the senate.

As to the Myers bill, it is well understood that several concessions were made to the "state's rights" champions in committee in order to get the bill out on the floor of the senate that the friends of the Ferris bill expect to be able to change in the larger forum. The Myers bill and the Ferris bill will have to be blended before legislation is finally shaped.

The friends of water power legislation just now are more concerned in getting the Myers bill into a favorable position on the senate calendar than they are in the details of the bill that is presented to work upon. This is the point where the struggle hinges.

The test is expected to arise before long in an effort to have the Myers bill made the unfinished business following disposition of the Shields bill.

Movies Will Be Used To Fight Liquor Evil

"The Beast," a Dramatization of the Liquor Traffic, Will Be Photoplay Produced in Campaign.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Motion pictures are to figure conspicuously in the California campaign federation's fight this year against the liquor evil.

With a view of arousing public support for the two constitutional amendments directed against the liquor traffic and to be voted on at the next general elections, the Moral Feature Films corporation of Los Angeles will shortly produce a photoplay, "The Beast."

Indorsement of the proposed picture has been given by the California campaign federation, scores of ministers and leaders in reform movements throughout the state.

Bruce Mitchell, director-general of the Moral Feature Films corporation, is author of "The Beast." Throughout the picture "The Beast" appears in the form of an apparation gloating over his victims. "The Beast" is the liquor traffic visualized.

The film will be shown all over California and in the east. It will be the official picture of the "drys" 1916 campaign. Miss B. Cervelli is in San Francisco arranging preliminary details for the appearance of the picture.

COMPLAINT IS MADE AGAINST OPERTION OF A SANITARIUM

Abatement Proceedings to Be Brought Against Institution on Council Crest Drive.

WOMAN RECENTLY FINED

Treatment of Tubercular Patients Contrary to the City Ordinances Said to Be Practiced.

As a result of repeated complaints that have reached the city health department, nuisance abatement proceedings will be brought against the sanitarium conducted by Mrs. L. Church at 927 Council Crest Drive.

This is the statement made by Stanley Myers, assistant city attorney, who says residents in the vicinity of the sanitorium have lodged a number of protests with the city health bureau against the place.

All of these complaints allege that the sanitarium is conducted at a place for the treatment of tuberculosis patients contrary to city ordinances.

Mrs. Church recently was convicted by Municipal Judge Stevenson and fined $50 for treating tubercular sufferers at the place. She appealed, and the case was brought before Circuit Judge McGinn last Friday. Judge McGinn offered to permit a hearing of the appeal by a jury, but said that in event of conviction he would parole Mrs. Church. On this pre-decision, Myers refused to go through the formality of a trial.

According to the city health records, Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the state board of health, is the only physician who has taken patients to the Council Crest Drive auditorium.

The city health records also show that two tuberculosis victims have died at the place within the last two months.

Dr. Pierce formerly conducted a tuberculosis hospital in East Twentieth street. Mrs. Church was associated with the physician at this address until the place was suppressed by city authorities.

Under the city ordinance it is unlawful to maintain an establishment within the city limits for the treatment of tubercular diseases.

Driver Justifies His Plan for Collection

After P. P. Fisher of 889 East Caruthers street, driver for the National Laundry company, had explained to District Judge Dayton why he had held out more than $700 of collections made for his employer, the court refused to bind the man over to the grand jury.

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