

MEASURES OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO THE FARMERS NOW LAWS

One Creating State Lime Board and Other for Bulk Handling of Grain.

LIME BILL SOLVES ISSUE

Both Bills Are Expected to Inure to Benefit of Agriculture in Supplying Long Felt Wants.

Two measures of outstanding importance to the agricultural growth and development of the state were enacted by the legislature just closed. One that should be the most immediately beneficial to the farmers of the state is the Hawley-Eddy act, creating a state lime board and providing means and machinery for the manufacture of agricultural lime and its sale to the farmers at cost of manufacture. The other is the Pierce grain standard bill, providing for bulk handling of grain and hay products.

The lime bill, if its practice demonstrates its theory, will yield a two-fold benefit, for it not only will provide agricultural lime for tens of thousands of acres of land, particularly in the Willamette valley, have so long been waiting, but it will go far toward solving the question of unemployment among the prisoners of the Oregon state penitentiary.

Promises of Lime Bill.

The act provides, in substance, that a state lime board of five members, one of whom shall be the warden of the penitentiary, shall be appointed by the governor. Three of the board are to be appointed from lists of names furnished by the Oregon State Lime Association, the Educational and Cooperative union and the State Taxpayers League. These three members, with the warden, shall select the firm which will quarry and produce agricultural lime.

This board is given power to lease, purchase or condemn limestone property, to secure rights of way, to purchase and install machinery and to do all things necessary to quarry and produce agricultural lime.

It is especially provided by the act that so far as practicable all work shall be performed by convicts from the penitentiary, working under the control and custody of the warden, and it is provided that the convicts so engaged shall be paid not to exceed 50 cents a day for their labor.

Price Merely to Pay Cost.

The lime, when manufactured, shall be sold to farmers at a price just sufficient to pay the cost of operating the plant from which it is produced, including a charge sufficient to meet necessary depreciation on plant and equipment, plus 10 cents per ton for the establishment of a sinking fund for the purchase of new plants and the establishment of new plants should this sinking fund grow to a size greater than necessary for the purposes named, the surplus is to be used in repaying to the state the amount of the original appropriation carried in the bill, amounting to \$20,000.

It has been demonstrated that the application of agricultural lime to the farm lands of the Willamette valley, in many cases, will more than double their present productivity, from which the far reaching importance of the act can be seen. Up to this time, the cost of lime has been prohibitive, as furnished by private-owned corporations or companies.

Why Bean Bill Failed.

Representative Bean of Lane county also introduced a bill in the house authorizing the manufacture of agricultural lime by private corporations for profit, and the people back of this measure, representing the owners of limestone deposits, maintained an active lobby at Salem throughout the session in an effort to put the Bean bill across. It failed of passage, however, partly because of the insistence of the lobby, and also because it was believed the Bean plan meant the perpetuation of the present system of prohibitive cost to farmers.

U. S. Standards for Grain and Hay.

This act established the same standards for grain and hay as are promulgated and enforced by the United States department of agriculture. It also places the grading and weighing of grain and hay under the supervision of the public service commission and gives that body ample authority and machinery for carrying out the purposes of the act.

In addition to these measures the legislature provided for an experiment station in Hood River county, giving it a maintenance appropriation of

NINETY-FIVE YEARS YOUNG



Charles Bold, oldest living pioneer in Oregon and Indian war veteran, with his twin grandchildren.

Ninety-five years young, Charles Bold, oldest living pioneer in Oregon and oldest living Indian war veteran, will celebrate his birthday Tuesday with a reception. All his old friends are invited to call upon him after 3 p. m. at his home in the Baron apartments, Fourteenth and Columbia streets.

Mr. Bold was born in Springfield, Ky., February 22, 1822. He removed to Warsaw, Mo., in 1840 and crossed

the plains five years later, reaching Linnott, Or., in October, 1845. He later went to Oregon City and since has spent his long life there and in Portland.

Mr. Bold fought in the Cayuse war in 1847 and 1848 under Captain Thompson. He has three living children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His children are Mrs. N. C. Welch, Mrs. Josephine Hayne and C. Edward Bold.

\$5000 annually. It enacted the Thomas bill, providing for the inspection of orchards and places where orchard products are stored, and declaring infected trees, shrubs and plants to be public nuisances.

Importation and Sale of Fruits.

It provided funds for the continuation of agricultural experiments and investigations at the agricultural college, in cooperation with the federal government. It gave the state board of horticulture added powers over the importation and sale of infected or diseased fruit. It passed an act authorizing county courts to establish public markets for the sale of farm produce direct to the consumer.

INDEMNITY FOR SEVEN CRAFT SUNK MAY BE SOUGHT BY HOLLAND

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thousand troops and crew aboard. No information has been received here yet in confirmation of this claim, from the Italian minister of marine.

INDIGNATION VOICED AT THE HAGUE WHEN REPORT IS RECEIVED

The Hague, Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—The acuteness of Holland's relations with Germany was emphasized tonight at general expressions of indignation at the sinking of Dutch ships in the German submarine zone.

The tension was accentuated by an announcement that Germany some time ago had tacitly agreed to except Dutch ships from attack up to February 22, "but could not guarantee absolute safety."

The seven ships sunk all went down on February 22. They were the Holland-American liners Zaandijk and Noorderdijk, the Rotterdamche-Lloyd liners Jacatra and Menado, and the Remland, Gaasterland and Bandoneo. The total tonnage represented in these seven ships is over 27,000.

Emphasis was laid tonight on the fact that four of the ships were not bound for England, but were en route home with cargoes of grain. Two others were en route for the United States. The cargo of the Bandoneo

Terwilliger Folk In Special Meeting

The Terwilliger Industrials association, consisting of business men and property owners interested in building up the city south of Hamilton avenue, is to hold a special meeting in the auditorium of the new Terwilliger school, Corbett and Dakota streets, at 8 o'clock Monday night. George I. Baker, John Tait and others are to speak. W. L. Walker is to sing and refreshments are to be served.

Trouble Follows Trouble.

A sequel to the midnight ride of C. Montgomery which resulted in his automobile going over the bank on the St. Helens road was his arrest Saturday by deputy sheriffs on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

NOTORIOUS BEAN BILL IS NOW PROVED TO BE RAILROAD'S MEASURE

Three Separate Acts on Part of Southern Pacific Shows Its Fine Italian Hand.

ITS LOBBY RIGHT ON DECK

Legislators' Arguments Shaped Right Along Line of Those of Company Officials.

Any lingering doubt possibly existent that the notorious Bean bill, asserting the sovereign right of the state to place the Oregon-California grant lands upon the assessment rolls, is not in furtherance of the contentions of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, if not drafted at its behest, is completely settled by the statement of that company's position, made by B. A. McAllister, its land commissioner, to Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division, general office, under date of November 24, 1916. And if that statement were not sufficient to settle all doubt, the protest of the company, made June 30, 1915, under separate enclosure, to the president, congress, the secretaries of the interior and of agriculture, and to the treasurer and the attorney general of the United States, in which the question, and should the statement and the protest be not sufficient, the letter of William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, published in the California press, under date of March 10, 1916, would make the whole controversy clear, and plain.

Sent Itemized Tax Claims. September 27, 1916, Louis L. Sharp, in carrying out the terms of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, sent the itemized claim of Multnomah county for taxes due on the grant lands in the county to B. A. McAllister, Southern Pacific land commissioner, asking that the items be checked preparatory to the government paying the back taxes as provided in the act.

Mr. Sharp sent other itemized claims from other counties, and under date of November 24, McAllister wrote Sharp, protesting against any payment being made by the government, and outlining the position of the Southern Pacific company as to the provisions of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, and the contentions growing out of it.

Critical Period Is Ahead of America

President Is Expected to Address Congress and Austria Reply on Divers Is Expected.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—As this government today entered its fourth week of broken relations with Germany, there loomed immediately ahead one of the most critical periods in the nation's history.

President Wilson is expected to appear before a joint session of congress during the coming week and discuss the general foreign situation and means of handling it after congress adjourns.

Austria is expected to reply to this government's virtual ultimatum on the submarine question.

The reply will bring the Austro-American crisis either to an abrupt end or will serve to eliminate all danger of a break for the time being.

It appears unlikely tonight the president will be called upon to announce a break with Austria. In Austrian circles it is freely predicted that country will make such a reply as to make a rupture unlikely.

Act Is Violation of Property Rights.

This protest said, among other things, that "each of the undersigned claims and asserts that that certain act of congress, entitled 'An Act to Amend the Act of October 3, 1915, (the Chamberlain-Ferris act) is a violation of the property rights of the Oregon & California Railroad company, and of the rights of each of the undersigned."

The undersigned protest, and each of them protests, against the United States making or asserting any claim of title or ownership in or to any of the lands, the title to which by section 1 of said act, declared to be reverted in the United States or in or to any of the money arising out of said grant, or to any of the lands declared by section 8 of said act to be vested in the United States or against its interfering with the possession of said lands by the Oregon & California Railroad company, or against any step, action or proceeding of any kind being taken by any officers or officer, or agent of the government in furtherance of the purposes of said act for the purpose of carrying out its provisions."

Mad Right to Sell Timber.

President Sproule, in his San Francisco letter of March 10, 1916, said: "The position of the company is that it being the owner of these timber lands; and under no obligation to sell them, and, in fact, it being impossible to sell them under restrictions of the grant, it has the right of any other owner to dispose of the timber on these lands, just as it would dispose of any other crop on the land; at the same time admitting that, when it comes to sell the lands themselves, it must do so under the terms of the grant. The timber on the lands from these lands is, in fact, a step toward making them fit for settlement so that they may be disposed of under the terms of the grant."

The company therefore insists upon its legal rights, as the owner of these lands, and any fair adjustment of this matter with the government, considering the fact that the government does not deny to the company this right—a right which in a similar transaction between private individuals would not be questioned for a moment."

Why Lobby Was Maintained.

When these statements in mind, it can well be understood why the head lobbyist for the Southern Pacific, maintained at Salem throughout the session, were in the front rank among the spectators in house and senate when Mr. Bean was presenting the arguments in support of his bill when

IS RECIPIENT OF AN ODD FELLOW'S JEWEL



Thomas Guinean.

Thomas Guinean, a long time resident of this city and well known hotel man, was last night presented with a beautiful jeweled emblem of the Order of Odd Fellows by Hasato Lodge. The pin is the gift of Capitol Lodge, Sacramento, Cal., of which Mr. Guinean was a charter member and has been identified with that lodge ever since, never having had his membership transferred.

Villa Orders Men to Attack Two Cities

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—Simultaneous attacks against Juarez and Chihuahua have been ordered by Villa. The troops are now being concentrated in the vicinity of both cities. The vanguard of the Chihuahua attacking force already has reached the outskirts of the city.

Villa himself is reported to have left his headquarters at Bustillos and, at the head of 1000 men, to be moving northward into the Casa Grandes country.

Turn Verein Scores Gymnastic Success

Featured by the Oberon, opera song and dance, the annual gymnastic exhibition of the Portland Social Turn Verein was staged in the Heilig theatre last night before a crowded house. Success crowned every act and every girl in the drill, which was carefully arranged by Professor Richard Genserowski. The audience showed its appreciation of his undertaking by continuing to applaud.

Between 60 and 75 girls participated in the Oberon. All were dressed in white frocks. The color effects were beautiful. The graceful movements of each and every girl in the drill, combined with the toe dancing of Miss Cornelia Lelek, made the number one of fascinating attraction.

The tennis drill also was very good. The other numbers, which included the members of the youngest and oldest classes, were rendered in perfect union.

Paris, Tex., Doctor Is Killed by Wife

Paris, Texas, Feb. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Dan S. Ashby was shot twice and killed this morning by his wife at their residence on Cherry street. Mrs. Ashby was exonerated by a coroner's jury, being put under nominal bond.

Nine Arrested in Raid.

The police arrested, on a gambling charge, nine Greeks in a raid made at 28 1/2 North Fourth street Saturday night. About \$35 and gambling paraphernalia were taken. The prisoners were released on lump bail of \$220 each. Sergeants Van Over and Sherwood and Patrolmen Shad and Barker took part in the raid.

he declared the title to the grant lands was vested in the railroad company, notwithstanding the provisions of the Chamberlain-Ferris act; the previous prayers of the Oregon legislature or the present contentions of the United States government in support of its position in pending litigation before the United States supreme court; which position the railroad company is now combating.

Bill in Aid and Comfort.

With these statements in mind it can not be denied that the Bean bill was not drafted in aid and comfort of the Southern Pacific contentions. Following the reasoning of Mr. McAllister, of the protest signed by all the parties in interest and of President Sproule, Mr. Bean shaped the arguments of the company and its officials into a long preamble upon which to predicate his claim that the grant lands were the property of the state to tax the grant lands. The Bean bill is the complement to the official arguments of the railroad company against the government in its land grant litigation.

COLLISION WITH CIVIL CONDITION SAME, BUT RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

B. K. Clear Was With S. L. Roberts; Both Badly Hurt When Mishap Occurred.

CAR AND AUTO IN CRASH

Slowness in Ambulance's Arrival Explained by Manager—City Has No Ambulance of Its Own.

The condition of B. K. Clear, one of the victims of the auto-street car accident at Glenn and Hawthorne avenues early yesterday morning, remained unchanged at the Good Samaritan hospital last night, although he was reported to be resting easily under the influence of opiates. His condition is serious, and chances of his recovery are considered doubtful by attending physicians.

Mr. Clear and Seth L. Roberts, both public accountants, residing in the same block on East Stephens street, were riding to town in Mr. Roberts' machine. An east-bound Hawthorne car met the automobile at the intersection, and carried the machine 96 feet. The auto was wrecked, and the bodies of both men were fractured, but his condition is not serious. Clear's skull is fractured.

There was much comment yesterday on the fact that the victim of the accident had to be taken to the hospital in a police patrol because of delayed ambulance service.

Ambulance Delay Explained.

An occupant of the City's ambulance phoned the ambulance service company immediately after the accident occurred. Ten minutes elapsed before the ambulance arrived, and in the meantime the police patrol reached the scene and bore the victims away.

It was reported that the ambulance company was notified three times of the accident before its machine moved, but this is vigorously denied by Her. Buck, manager of the concern. Mr. Buck stated last night that he had carefully investigated the matter, and found that his driver received a call from a Mrs. Thompson, asking for the ambulance. As the machine left the garage, the phone rang again and the police patrol was notified.

Buck explains the delay in his service by stating that the ambulance engine failed on the Hawthorne avenue hill west of Grand avenue, necessitating a stop of several minutes for repairs.

B. F. Boynton, claim agent of the P. R. L. & P. company, stated this morning that he had immediately called an ambulance, but did not do it on learning that someone else had already called.

City Has No Ambulance.

"The ambulance company has no instruction from us to wait for a call from our office before responding to a street railway personal injury accident," said Mr. Boynton. "Our crews are ordered to summon an ambulance immediately, before they do anything else. In the future they will call the ambulance whether or not anyone else has called. I regret as much as anyone else yesterday that an ambulance of Juarez with Manuel Ochoa in command, was not available."

The police department is to be congratulated on the prompt manner in which its patrolmen took the victims to the hospital. The department's investigation goes a great deal that the city does not have an ambulance of its own to go out on emergencies. Those who know aver that the patrol wagons are rough riders under the best of circumstances.

Read College Professors at Party Return to Happy School Days of Seat Jumping and Book Throwing.

Back to the good old "golden school days" went the Reed college faculty at the annual Washington birthday party held in the college assembly hall last Thursday evening. They put on a "stunt" which was the feature of the evening's entertainment because of its merit. The party was given by the organization of the faculty children's school which is conducted by students at the college.

William T. Foster, who represented his small son, Barrie, and Professor Norman Coleman, in the role of his son, Frank, were the prize actors. President Foster rolled over the desks and turned somersaults with an agility that spoke well for intra-mural sports. Professor William C. Morgan, with his scanty hair brushed straight up, was indispensable in the amusements, being active in throwing books at President Foster. The other members of the faculty, who had their share of the fun, were Miss Eleanor Rowland, Miss Malda, Rosetta M. Florence Read, Miss Susan Eason, Professor Frank L. Griffin, Professor Harry B. Torrey, Professor Joseph K. Hart, Professor Hudson B. Hastings, Dr. C. S. White and Mrs. Harold G. Merriam.

Besides the faculty "stunts" one was put on by the students and another by the day students. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed, and small American flags were given as favors.

Astoria Veterans With the President

Astoria, Or., Feb. 24.—Members of Edward Young camp, No. 18, United Spanish War Veterans of Astoria, met tonight to discuss the following message to President Wilson: "Edward Young camp, No. 18, regularly assembled, resolves to respectfully commend your decisive action in the present international crisis, and unanimously pledges to the nation the same loyal support and allegiance to the flag as in 1898."

A. H. Martin Dies.

Albany, Or., Feb. 24.—A. H. Martin, a prominent resident of this city, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Barker. He was 75 years old. He was born in Michigan, December 22, 1840, and lived there until 1858, when he moved to Oregon. Most of the time had been spent in Albany. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Barker, he was survived by two grandchildren, Edmund Martin Parker of Albany and Mrs. Claire H. Corson of Cottage Grove. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

Clerk of District Court Had Record Day Friday Last

According to the records of District Court Clerk Hornsby Friday was the second largest day since the establishment of the office. The number of complaints filed was 44, together with five small claims. The total amount sued for was \$2,109.92. The fees taken in amounted to \$115.

Robbery and Deaths Of Aged Pair Puzzle

No Indications of Unnatural Death Found and House Is Securely Locked, But Ransacked.

Hoopston, Ill., Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—Police tonight are still baffled over the deaths and robbery disclosed today when the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Foundersmith, each 75 years old, were found in bed at their home here.

There were no indications of unnatural death, but the house had been ransacked. Drawers were emptied on the floor and valuables, and between \$700 and \$800, the savings of a lifetime, believed to have been kept in the house, were missing.

The doors and windows were locked and a nephew, who discovered the bodies, with the assistance of police, had to break into the house. The sheriff and officials have questioned relatives of the aged couple, but tonight had been unable to secure the slightest clue. Both were apparently in good health when last seen several days ago.

Man Who Chastised Small Boy Convicted

William Ormand, who admitted chastising Stanley Tomlinson, a 7-year-old child, was found guilty of assault and battery by a jury in Judge Tucker's court Saturday.

The boy was punished, it was contended by the defense, on request of Mrs. S. Solars, who is caring for him. Witnesses testified that the lad had marks on his neck that showed he had been choked. This was denied by both Ormand and Solars. The defendant testified the punishment was inflicted with a razor strop, in good faith and for the boy's good.

The maximum punishment provided is a year's imprisonment in jail.

Verdict for Defendant.

A verdict was returned for the defendant in the trial of the suit of Mathilda Leasing against the Commonwealth Insurance company of New York, to recover \$1750 on an insurance policy covering a hotel at Whiteson, which was destroyed by fire. The trial was operated by the plaintiff. The jury was out only a short time. The case was on trial two days before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh.

Civil Service for Postmasters Lost

Washington, Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—An attempt by Senator Poindexter to place all postmasters under civil service failed today. Poindexter's bill had been offered as an amendment to the legislative bill. The legislative bill passed without the amendment.

GERMAN FORCES ARE IMPROVING POSITIONS ON EASTERN FRONTS

Tactics of Local Advances Continue and Armies' Conditions Are Bettered.

Another Note From Cruger Girl Found

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—(U. P.)—"They are taking me to Chicago. Save me!"—Ruth Cruger.

Those were the words scribbled on a scrap of paper tossed from a window of Baltimore & Ohio express No. 15, as it flew through Schenley Park tonight, en route to Chicago. Police believe the message a fake.

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An Announcement WE have just received and placed on display our initial shipment of Laird-Schober & Co.'s SPAT PUMPS The Latest Eastern Novelty We show them both in dull leather and in patent calf. You are invited to call in and see this novelty. Newest Spring Novelties in High-Class Footwear. S. & H. Green Stamps Given ROSENTHAL'S 129 Tenth St., Bet. Washington and Alder

"BERRY BARS" Baked by TRU-BLU BISCUIT COMPANY MADE RIGHT IN PORTLAND Something New! Just a description of Berry Bars tells the story of their goodness: They're delicious oblong cakes, dipped in raspberry jam and then coated with coconut frosting. Sounds Good! Tastes Better! 30c per pound, everywhere.

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