

M'ARTHUR'S BILL IS ONE OF FIVE OF SAME TEXTURE

Oregon Congressman Differs Only Because He's Bit Late With Measure Regarding Presidents.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(Washington Bureau of the Journal)—Representative McArthur in introducing a bill to deal with presidential disabilities, makes the fifth member of a Republican quartette that views with alarm the dangers which they see arising from President Wilson's trips to Paris and his subsequent illness.

Representative Fess of Ohio, chairman of the Republican congressional committee; Senator Sherman of Illinois, who assails all acts of the president with equal enthusiasm; Representative Madden of Illinois, rabid critic of the administration, and Representative Rogers of Massachusetts, another of the same class, are others who have become greatly concerned over the country's alleged danger.

NOT AIMED AT WILSON

These members have each achieved considerable publicity from prompt action in presenting bills immediately after Lansing's resignation. McArthur is somewhat late, but will henceforth have his name woven into stories sent from Washington as an introducer of a measure to keep the republic from tottering while the president is ill.

McArthur issued a disclaimer of intention to reflect upon President Wilson, saying he was moved by a desire to "prevent recurrence of conditions that have existed during the last 15 months. I am more concerned about tomorrow than yesterday."

McArthur's bill provides that in absence of the president from the United States, or illness which requires attention to official duties for more than 30 days, the vice president shall perform the duties of the office, and a majority of the cabinet is directed to give notice when the kind of illness has continued the prescribed length of time.

LOGE SITS ON FENCE

Senator Lodge, majority leader in the senate, is understood to have counseled caution when consulted by Representative Rogers, introducer of a disability bill, though saying he would interpose no obstacles if any considerable number of senators want to consider it.

Some Republican leaders think the move unwise and that it should be postponed until the next congress. Others believe it good campaign material.

Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee promises a special committee consideration if the judiciary committee reports it.

Only the more rapid are proposing to make the legislation apply before 1921. McArthur follows the majority in that respect, and proposes to make the law effective March 4, 1921.

Warren Firm Paving Patents Will Expire May 5, McNary Hears

Washington, Feb. 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Basic patents held by the Warren Construction company covering paving processes will expire May 5 of this year, according to information given Senator McNary by the patent office.

Inquiry was made by the senator following receipt of a letter from Judge Busby of Salem. The patent office reported that several patents were issued to Fred J. Warren of Massachusetts on May 5, 1903, and will therefore expire by limitation that year.

It is thought this change of status in the Warren patents may have important bearing in the making of future contracts for paving where the Warren company is a bidder.

Drought at Medford Is Broken by Snow

Medford, Feb. 21.—The long spell of mild weather and long drought in Medford and vicinity was broken when snow began falling Friday. A depth of two inches was reached by evening.

Baker Brings Action To Obtain Water for New City Natatorium

Baker, Feb. 21.—Condemnation proceedings against any claims that the Hot Springs Land & Improvement company and George O. Pollman have in overflow waters from the Sam-O hot springs users who hold last circuit court here Wednesday, when complaint was filed by State Senator W. H. Strayer and McCulloch & McCulloch, attorneys for the city commission of Baker.

Julius Rosch of La Grande is included among the defendants because he is said to hold a mortgage upon two blocks of land, owned by the company, and sought by the city along with the water rights. The purpose of the suit is to insure the city's rights to the Sam-O waters, which will be used to supply the municipal natatorium, upon which construction work has begun.

Filing of this complaint followed a stipulation between the city and 25 water users who hold last circuit court here Wednesday, when complaint was filed by State Senator W. H. Strayer and McCulloch & McCulloch, attorneys for the city commission of Baker.

Orin Green, aged 29 years, died at his home at Haines Wednesday, the ninth victim of influenza-pneumonia reported in this section. He was a son of Mayor and Mrs. William A. Green of Haines. He was born at Haines. He is survived by his wife and two children.

War Veterans Join College Professors In Branding Books

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 21.—Committees from the American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans and the Whittman college faculty Friday declared "detrimantal to the welfare and dignity of American public spirited citizens" Mace's "United States History" and Brigham & McFarlane's "essentials of Geography" (second book).

These books are now in use in Walla Walla county schools. They recommend that the commanders of the local posts of the Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion try to eliminate these two books from the public institutions of Walla Walla county.

The committees say that Mace's history contains statements to the effect that the Filipinos, whom the Spanish War veterans fought were poorly armed, when, as government records show, they were armed with the best German weapons of that time.

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35,000 SLACKERS ARE ROUNDED UP

Nearly 300,000 More Are Being Sought by Department of Justice Agents.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Approximately 35,000 "slackers" have been rounded up so far, the justice department let it be known today. These arrests represent the work of months by department agents who are running down suspects, the names of whom are furnished by the war department.

The names are divided into two categories, 175,911 men being classed as "willful deserters" from the draft, 151,354 being regarded as "suspects," who must be questioned and investigated.

Of the 35,000 so far arrested hundreds have been convicted and sentenced to jail terms in federal penitentiaries. Others are awaiting arraignment. Some have been let off with little punishment because it was found that while their registrations could be classed as "irregular" there was no intention of draft.

The penalty for violation of the draft law provided in the act itself is one year imprisonment.

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PRUNE BLOOM SEASON WILL FEAST VISION

Salems of visitors are expected to view the beauties of the prune orchards surrounding Salem during blossom time, if plans made at a conference between T. E. McCroskey, secretary of the Salem Commercial club, John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific railroad and Manager Richey of the Oregon Electric railway materialize.

Under these plans it is proposed to run special tourist trains from Portland and other points to Salem during the prune blossom period.

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MAN IN CAR WITH OPEN MUFFLER IS FINED \$44 BY VANCOUVER JUSTICE

Chester Paul of Portland Over-taken by Deputies as He Goes Roaring Along Street.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 21.—The serenity of the justice's office on Eleventh street, opposite the courthouse, was broken Friday for a few seconds when a large car roared past at an estimated speed of 50 miles an hour, with the muffler wide open.

Deputy Sheriffs Wiley and Laws were in the office and the sheriff's car was outside. Wiley made a run for the car and as it lurched forward Laws sprang aboard, though a trouser leg was torn to shreds at the knee.

The chase lasted as far as second street, when the speeding machine was overtaken. Chester Paul of Portland, driver, was arraigned at once and pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and driving with muffler open. His total fine amounted to \$44, including costs.

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It Might Be Dye, But No One Would Ever Recognize It

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U. S. Envoy Meets Hun Ambassador at Deschanel Function

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