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Portland and vicinity—Sunday, rain or snow; northerly winds. Oregon and Washington—Sunday, rain or snow; northerly winds. Increasing northerly winds.

LAND FRAUDS

INQUIRY WILL BE COMPLETED

Recovery of \$75,000 for School Fund, Title to Millions, Questioned, Prompts Further Efforts

Land Board Requested to Ask Legislature for More Money for Pushing of Investigation.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—The state land board, at the request of the attorney general's office, will ask the present legislature to appropriate \$15,000 with which to continue investigations into alleged frauds in connection with the acquisition of the state land.

The session of 1919 appropriated \$25,000 for this purpose, of which amount approximately \$11,000 has already been consumed in this investigation.

An additional \$5000 has been diverted for use by the state land board in cruising 50,000 acres of school land.

Scattered throughout the state which are to be exchanged for an equal area of lands located in a compact body in the Santiam national forest reserve in the eastern part of Marion county.

MORE FUNDS NEEDED

This leaves only \$7000 remaining in the fund, which, it is pointed out, will be entirely inadequate in prosecuting suits for the possession of lands which the state is about ready to file as a result of its investigations of the past two years conducted by Millard McGilchrist and L. A. Liljeqvist of the attorney general's office.

As a result of investigations conducted by Attorney General Brown under the provisions of the act of 1919, the state's irrefutable school fund has already been enriched through the payment of \$75,000 by the Pacific Livestock company through the terms of a compromise entered into to forestall a suit and another \$50,000 is still due the fund and payable within the next year.

LAND FOR SALE

Under the terms of this compromise, also, and as a result of investigations by the attorney general's office, 10,000 acres of the Pacific Livestock company's lands in Harney county are now on the market for sale to bona fide settlers at prices agreed upon by the state land board, with preference rights in the purchase given to ex-service men.

Under the provisions of the act of 1919 the state is also defending the suit instituted by the Lake County Land & Livestock company in Astoria to register title to some 2000 acres of land in the bed of Anderson lake under the Torrens act, and is incidentally defending title to some 2000 acres of land in the Warner valley to which the state is claiming title as swamp lands.

In order to protect the state's swamp lands under the act of 1880 the state has also drawn upon the fund appropriated in 1919 in conducting field investigations into the character of lands in Silver lake, Lake county; Warner lakes, in the Warner valley, and Malheur lake, in Harney county.

STATE FILES CLAIMS

As a result of these investigations the state has already made selections (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

SEN. CHAMBERLAIN IS ABLE TO SIT UP

Physicians Declare Oregon Man's Improvement Is Rapid and He Is Gaining Daily.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Chamberlain was able to sit up in a wheel chair for the first time since his operation. Physicians say his improvement is steady and expect it to soon be more rapid.

"Gas" Price Soars in Seaside

Lack of Stations Is Blamed

Gasoline sells for 35 cents a gallon in Seaside. Gasoline sells for 32 cents a gallon in Astoria. Gasoline sells for 29 cents a gallon in Portland. Gasoline consumed in this district is brought to the Columbia river in ships. It reaches Astoria before Portland.

Why the disparity in the price? The standard and the Union Oil companies hold the garages of Seaside and Astoria responsible.

DIFFERENCES NOTED

They deliver gasoline from ship to storage tanks at Astoria and hence to Astoria dealers at the same price as they wholesale the motor fuel to the garages in Portland, i. e., 27 cents a gallon, their managers reported Saturday.

An additional charge of 1 1/2 cents a gallon is made to cover the 1 1/2 mile haul between Astoria and Seaside, and

Bride, 76, and Bridegroom, 85, On Honeymoon

Wedding Result of Courtship Which Started Last Summer At G. A. R. Convention.

Freewater, Jan. 15.—Age, too, will be served the same as you, if you don't believe it, read about how Mrs. Martha Ringer of Freewater and W. J. Prickett of Sutherlin, and finally led them to the altar.

They were married at Walla Walla Wednesday as the culmination of a courtship which began last summer when they met at a Grand Army convention. The bride is a mere 76 years and the groom is a strapping youth of 85.

After the nuptial the wedding party held a picnic dinner in the K. of P. hall in Milton, and Mr. and Mrs. Prickett were the guests of honor. In the evening the newlyweds were the center of a roasting charivari, at which a wedding march was played on all the old tin cans that could be found. Mr. Prickett will make their home in East Freewater.

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WATER EXCITED

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MARY GARDEN

IS TO BE BOSS, SHE ASSERTS

Artists Must Obey Her or They Will Be Allowed to Go, Woman Opera Director Tells Press.

She Is Modern and Adores Mere Jazz; Will Allow Galli-Curci to Sing Whatever She Chooses.

By Earl L. Shaub

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Mary Garden, new executive director of the Chicago Grand Opera company, told newspaper men today that she is going to have a business manager.

"But I cannot reveal his name until Monday," she added. "He is coming from New York."

"Why business manager?" a reporter asked. "Can't you run the whole opera, box office, stars and all?"

"I" she responded. "Why, I have scarcely ever written a letter in my life. Do you suppose I would waste my time opening mail and adding two and two?"

"I will look into the salaries to see if they are too high or too low. I will be superintendent. And I will sing twice a week in my country estate."

DRESSED IN PEACOCK NEGLIGENCE

The star was dressed in peacock negligence, white silk stockings and a green turban as she sat back deep in a big plush chair when the press representatives were ushered in.

She talked of modernism.

"I adore jazz," she said. "Oh, very modern. Being modern, I adore the old opera."

"Galli-Curci can have anything she wants. Just let her sing. She can sing anything at any time. All the singers love me."

"I am going to give the public what it wants. That's the way to run an opera. And I know what the public wants."

After being questioned she said she liked jazz.

SHE ADORES MERE JAZZ

"I adore jazz," she said. "Indeed I do. You know there is some jazz in (Concluded on Page Four, Column Two)

FAMOUS PRELATE VISITS PORTLAND

Right Rev. William Lawrence Reaches Portland to Spend Few Days With Daughter.

The Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, bishop of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Lawrence, arrived in Portland Saturday evening to spend a few days visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Mills, 655 Irving street. They left Boston last Tuesday for a six weeks' tour, during which time the bishop hopes to get a much needed rest. Mr. and Mrs. Mills welcomed her parents at the Union station.

Both Bishop and Mrs. Lawrence were going to come to Portland, as a grandchild has been born since they were here several years ago.

The bishop's last trip to Portland was about the middle of the war period, when, as chairman of the war commission of the Episcopal church, he visited every cantonment in the United States.

Lawrence to preach at St. Stephens Cathedral next Sunday morning, January 23. The visiting bishop will also be entertained at dinner at Bishop Carel's home on Friday evening.

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SEND BONDS BACK TO PAR

Every Economy Should Be Practiced so Purchasers May Not Lose, President-Elect Is Told.

Federal Reserve Declared Steadying Influence That Should Be Retained With Few Changes.

By W. Bruce MacNamee

Marion, O., Jan. 15.—The government owes it to the patriotic Americans who bought Liberty bonds during the war to exercise every economy practicable so that these bonds will return to par.

This was the declaration of former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, following a conference with President-elect Harding today.

"Everybody would be glad to see this government make Liberty bonds with what the people paid for them," said Senator Weeks.

"But it must not be forgotten that a large proportion of the bonds have been resold and the government is not pledged to make the bonds worth par to persons who paid from \$0 to 90 for them. Liberty bonds will be restored to par, and the only way to do it is to quit spending money. If this policy is followed, the government will be able to pay them to help win the war will not lose on their investment."

FEDERAL RESERVE FAVORED

The federal reserve system, Senator Weeks said, has been steady factor throughout the period of financial stress following the war and with a few minor changes should be retained.

Senator Weeks indicated he did not favor the suggestion of a great central bank with branch agencies to eliminate competition between the federal reserve banks and cut down their profits.

"The profits supposed to be made by the regional banks in reality go into the hands of the few banks controlled by member banks," said Senator Weeks.

The proposed reestablishment of the War Finance Corporation to aid the farmers in exporting their surplus crop-tillage.

WORLD HAVE MINOR EFFECT

It would have only a minor effect, he said.

The attitude of Secretary of the Treasury, Charles E. Hughes, in the war finance plan was perfectly sound, Senator Weeks declared.

He strongly advocated to the president-elect the refunding of the floating debt outside the Liberty bond issues.

Senator Weeks is known to have discussed cabinet appointments with Senator Harding today, and this led to the belief that the president-elect will name a cabinet in the next few days.

TARIFF IS DISCUSSED

Representative Joseph A. Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, who conferred with Senator Harding today, discussed tariff legislation and stated that a plan is now under consideration to fix ad valorem duties based on American money instead of the currency of the country in which the exports originate.

Such a method, he said, would avoid many of the existing complications of depreciated foreign exchange. The new tariff legislation, Congressman Fordney said, would produce twice the revenue now secured under the Underwood tariff, and would bring in about \$500,000,000 annually.

Nurse of Annapolis Hospital Murdered; Negro Soldier Held

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—A negro soldier was in custody here tonight, held to testify before a naval board of inquiry investigating the murder of Miss Harriet M. Kavanaugh, nurse at the naval hospital. Search was made for an attendant at the naval academy, discharged yesterday and later seen loitering about the hospital grounds.

According to Miss Jane Oberlander, another nurse, the two were in Annapolis together Friday night. Miss Oberlander left her companion at one of the hospital gates.

Later, the woman's body was found. Her head had been beaten with a piece of lead pipe which was found nearby. She died early today.

The board of inquiry, headed by Admiral A. H. Scales, commandant of the academy, maintained the greatest secrecy tonight regarding developments in the testimony.

Yakima Provides Work for 12 Men Who Support 56

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 15.—Twelve men, having a total of 56 dependents, were selected to go to work on the city sewer job Monday by Mayor R. D. Rovig's special committee on unemployment. They will be given three days' work before they will be asked to step aside and give their places to 15 others, equally needy.

The city put on the work at this time to lessen unemployment, but so many applications appeared it was necessary to appoint a special committee to inquire into their needs on which to give them work. Those having dependents are to be given preference.

U. S. Sailors Are Targets Of Japanese

Hitherto Unreported Attack at Vladivostok Is Made Known by Crew of Battleship.

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