

FARM AND TOWN

Why do not the farmers of Oregon elect more farmers to the legislature? Why have a legislature composed almost exclusively of lawyers?

All sources of information from every quarter show that more than 75 per cent of the taxes in Oregon is paid by real estate, including farms.

There is a widespread notion that only lawyers are competent to legislate, that they alone can frame and pass bills.

The biggest industry in Oregon is agriculture. What peculiar fitness have city lawyers, mostly concerned with litigation, lawsuits and fees, in legislating for the farm life and activities of an agricultural state?

Every large group ought to be represented in the legislature. Legislation should be for the service of all, not a narrow few.

It has been seen that a great service the so-called "farm bloc" in congress is rendering American agriculture. The same thing can be done in the state legislature if the farmers, who have the votes, will demand such membership in the body as their numbers and the importance of their industry entitle them to.

wards to those who contribute to the cause of world-wide peace, justice, democracy and human welfare.

In Flora, Or., a correspondent bemoans the existence there of five middle aged bachelors and blames their inability to procure mates on a tendency of girls to seek husbands who will provide homes near the bright lights.

There is deep concern in Portland over the proposed \$30,000,000 marine merger for operating ships on the Pacific.

There may well be such concern. This port has been working out its maritime destiny in its own way, unaided and unopposed by other Pacific ports.

It is the first time in history when such accomplishments have been attained. The local thought is that, having demonstrated our capacity to successfully operate ships independently and in our own way, we should, with a sound foundation laid, go forward with our own plans unhampered by entangling alliances.

And he has followers. Though thousands of people have journeyed around the earth and are doing it every day, he says it is flay with a wall of ice on its rim, and he leads others to believe him.

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ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT

Drift of Opinion in Two Nations Involved in Discussion of This Issue But American Editors See Little in It for the French to Worry About—Hope Cherished of a Renewal of Anglo-French Understanding.

Presenting to the French chamber of deputies the then latest of this winter's bumper crop of treaties, the draft of an Anglo-French alliance, ex-Premier Briand declared, in the American equivalent of a conference for three years: "I've tried at Cannes to get it for you. Here it is; take it or leave it; I'm through."

As the situation appears over here, the attitude of the French press indicates that unless the treaty is materially modified "le dossier" of the United States senate did to the Versailles treaty, as the Hartford Times (Dem.) predicts, though from the American viewpoint it will be difficult to understand their position.

But the French press feels that in negotiating this agreement "the premier has done well. He has secured for the United States a 'one-sided bargain' for French approval. The Houston Chronicle (Ind.) seems to feel the same way about it.

With the consummation of such an alliance "the best argument of the French chauvinists will be gone," the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier (Dem.) thinks, since "with England definitely bound" to stand by France, the country can no longer defend its military program "for the sake of the fleet controls the North sea and is pledged to the defense of France."

Indeed the Chicago Tribune (Ind. Rep.) is hopeful that a way is now open "for a revision of the French program that will make everybody happier."

Portland has a successfully conducted local shipping company, operating numerous lines. Its business and its field of operations are expanding. The port's hinterland as a cargo maker has no equal or near equal on the coast, a fact of very great importance in any proposed alliance with other ports.

The Chamber of Commerce is sound in its purpose and is rendering a most important community service in its proposal to fully safeguard the interests of this port at all hazards. That body, after helping achieve what has been done by Portland in a shipping way, is wholly right in its determination to see that no ground is lost.

France and England "have drifted so far apart in the three short years since the victory," observes the Aberdeen (S. D.) World (Ind.), "that they glare at each other now across the channel," and no ground is lost.

Although the Grand Rapids Press (Ind.) holds that American participation in the alliance will not be necessary, since "Belgium and Italy are reported to be ready to join and the four-power arrangement was created would be sufficient for every eventuality for many years to come," the Providence Journal (Ind.) pleads for America to "pledge" Great Britain's action "with pluck of the same sort," for we can give "an anti-stipulation our avoidance of entangling alliances," and "such a declaration will do more for the abolition of war than any other imaginable thing."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: The shot in the back is one of the first things that revealed the true color of the physical and mental coward.

DESPITE THE FACT that the groundhog did not see his shadow we are not planning a picnic in the woods for this afternoon.

Just offhand we'd say there's no advantage in this new double-mileage tellurium gasoline, for someone will double the price when it's marketed.

Twenty persons are snowbound in the hills near the mountains in the state of California, the shrine of salubrious climate and the home of perpetual summer.

The chemist who says he can get alcohol by distilling the urine of a drunkard is the "effect" of alcohol rather than the ingredient itself, for it is said that a glass of urine put in the lungs will accomplish the same as a good nip of moonshine in the stomach.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON: The Prouty Brothers' Lumber company has leased the big hotel at Warrenton and is ready to build a hotel and boarding house for its employees.

DAVID L. TURNER of the G. A. R., who attending physicians believed last week would not live, is now recovering after an operation.

Slipping on the icy playground at school, William, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Turner, fell and suffered internal injury from which he died at a Forest Grove hospital.

A re-manufacturing plant, which is ready to start building a hotel and boarding house for its employees.

Interest in Central Oregon lands is being shown all over the Northwest and letters and inquiries are being received from the Western Fur and Lumber company.

Applications for teachers for next year already are being received at the University of Oregon. The board will be placed this year by the appointment board maintained by the school that year.

A contract to furnish the Southern Pacific company with 200,000 pole feet of piling has just been received by Elmer R. Baker, Portland, Ore. The contract requires five months' time with a crew of 30 to 40 men.

Officers of the Pacific Paper & Light company, containing the best of the state game and fish commission for a permit to drive from the east fork of the Willamette river to the railroad station, are causing much trouble to the company's power lines.

WESTERN: Western Washington truck loggers are raising a "defense fund" to fight the state order prohibiting heavily loaded trucks on the Tacoma railroad.

Judge Cushman of the United States district court at Tacoma ruled Saturday that officers of the law have no right to search automobiles for liquor without a specific warrant.

Sweeping investigation of the \$2,000,000 Skagit bonds sale, in which the city of Seattle has been ordered by the Seattle city council, and February 17 is set as the date of hearing.

Guy Hudgins, a stock salesman, was found guilty of accepting \$1000 from a Bellingham woman with which to buy stock in a Tacoma bank association, which he was agent and withholding the money for his own use.

The Oregon District Chamber of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, which includes the big mills of the Inland Empire, should that shipments for west of the Columbia river be made as compared with 1749 cars a year ago.

Reports that a submarine, built in Seattle years ago and turned over to the Canadian navy, has been sold for junk, has brought large shipments of liquor into Seattle, which has been investigated by federal authorities.

The foreign trade bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce announces that the Chamber of Commerce has an unofficial business representative to China, who will also head the business education school of Canton Christian college.

Albert Hicks, an employe of the Robinson mill near Nisqually, was discovered by a rafter. He declared he was attacked by two men, shot in the arm, hit over the head and club and then hanged. He will recover.

Based on a complaint that telephone rates are "excessive and more than sufficient to cover the cost of the maintenance of public works is about to undertake an investigation of the service and cost of the telephone company.

Chief Strongheart, a Yakima Indian, lectured at the high school auditorium in Portland, Ore., on the subject of "From Peace Pipe to War Trail." He told of the history of the Spanish-American and World wars.

IDAHO: The Boise Streetcar company has been given permission to extend its service from Eighth and Grove streets to the Oregon street car line.

According to bills audited by the board of commissioners of Twin Falls county, the trial of Mrs. Lydia Southall for the murder of her husband cost the county approximately \$22,000.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

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Curious Bits of Information

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

A scene of a family noted in Oregon history tells Mr. Lockley of his father's career at the bar and his improvement. He tells how it was that the superior attorney, Tualatin Pioneer, had a family settlement, following unsatisfactory locations of a pioneer relative elsewhere in the Northwest.

When I called on Mrs. F. A. Bailey at Hillsboro recently, she told me that her father, Tom Tongue Jr., had told me about her. She said, "Why don't you see him and ask him about his father? I knew his father when he and I were children. He was 15 when I first met him and was 11 that was in 1839. He came to live with his uncle, Thomas Otchin, an old Hudson's Bay employe. Tom Tongue and I went to school together, and later we were at college at Forest Grove together. After I was married and we moved to Hillsboro, Tom Tongue, who had also married, was our next door neighbor. Go and see his father, Tom Junior, and ask him about his father and his own boyhood days."

Meeting Tom Tongue Jr. on the street half an hour later I took him by the arm and said, "We are going up to your office and you are going to spend the next half hour answering questions. When we were seated in his office he said in answer to my questions: 'Yes, I guess you are right. I look like my father. Here is his picture. You can see for yourself. Father was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 23, 1844. When he was 15 years old his parents decided to come to Oregon, where his mother's brother, Thomas Otchin, lived. Mr. Otchin was a most interesting character. He worked for Dr. John McLaughlin, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay company, in 1839. He was mentioned at Fort Vancouver. The following year he went up near where Tualatin now stands to become one of the settlers of the Puget Sound Agricultural company, but not liking it there he went to Hillsboro, where he was married to a girl named Mary. He was a half of his 640-acre claim and he took up 320 acres of hill land. The new settler died and later James W. Chambers, father of Dr. J. A. Bailey's wife of this city, took up the claim."

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ing panic-stricken my grandmother told him if he knew what was good for him he would take that ax back to the woodshed where he had found it and leave it there, and he did. Her brother, Thomas Otchin, never set a foot of his land nor did he ever have a mortgage on it."

"My father went to school in District No. 1 for two years and then went to Pacific university. He bached with Charley Hall. He was graduated in 1868 and studied law with W. D. Hare, an early day lawyer here. Father was admitted to the bar in 1870. The law was father's vocation, and fine livestock his recreation. He loved horses. He started with thoroughbreds but later sold them and raised standard breeds. He also raised Ayrshire cattle, and Berkshire hogs. Father owned the racetrack here for many years. You probably remember Fred Hamilton, his famous racing stallion that raced on the Northwest circuit for many years. One of the most popular horses he ever owned was Kittle King, a little dark bay mare that was true as steel. She never quit racing till she had passed under the wire, and she had a habit of passing under the wire ahead of the other horses pretty steadily. Father owned six or seven ranches in this county, so he had an opportunity to try out his ideas about breeding up the stock of the Willamette valley and thus eliminating the scrubs."

"In 1888 father was elected to the state senate and served as chairman of the judiciary committee. In 1890 he was chairman of the state Republican convention. Two years later he became chairman of the state organization of Republican clubs. In 1892 he was elected to the Republican national convention. In 1894 he was again chairman of the Republican state convention. He held many other offices in the Republican party and served in the Fifty-fifth congress and was re-elected to the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth congresses. He died in Washington in 1903."

"My father and mother were married in 1868. My eldest sister, Edith, married A. E. Reames. She died about three years ago. My brother, Edmund Burke, has been district attorney for some years. My sister Mary, who married Mr. Lombard, lives in Portland. My brother lives with mother at the Wickwacker apartments in Portland. I was the next child and after me came Elizabeth, who is married and lives at Seattle. The youngest child, Florence, is now Mrs. Munger and lives in Portland. If you know my father you know that when he was in a law case he fought from start to finish, and he was very successful in his practice."

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