

### CAN STEP CHILD BE CITIZEN BY NATURALIZATION

There may be persons in Marion county and other parts of Oregon who will be interested in the situation here presented.

John Smith came to the United States as a child a few years old. His father died in a short time, never having been naturalized. His mother married in a few years and while John Smith was still quite young his step father became a naturalized citizen. Is John now a man grown, a citizen? The proofs of the above facts are complete and in his possession, so there is only the legal conclusion to be reached.

A Salem citizen asked advice from a United States official on the matter and has received the following:

"The bureau of naturalization for administrative purposes holds that step children do not become citizens by virtue of the naturalization of the step father, and advises all such persons to apply for and procure citizenship in their own personal right. There is no affirmative statement in the law conferring citizenship upon a step child by virtue of the naturalization of the step father. There are numerous court decisions which are conflicting, some courts having decided that the step child is naturalized by virtue of its step father's naturalization, while others take the contrary view, and as the matter has never reached the supreme court of the United States, it still remains a moot question. I do not know of any decision of any of the Oregon courts touching the matter, so that it is virtually impossible to say just what the status of the step child is until such time as we get a final adjudication of the matter."

Under the naturalization laws the citizenship conferred upon the man made his wife also a citizen and section 4367 of the U. S. statutes, included in the new law on that subject says:

"The children of persons who have been duly naturalized un-

der any law of the United States, or who, previous to the passing of any law on the subject, by the government of the United States, may have become citizens of any one of the states, under the laws thereof, being under the age of twenty one years at the time of the naturalization of their parents, shall, if dwelling in the United States, be considered as citizens thereof."

Inasmuch as John Smith's mother became a citizen while John was a minor the average layman would conclude that the intent of the law is to recognize him as a citizen upon reaching his majority.

There is enough of uncertainty about the matter, however, to cause John to look into it further.

### SIX CENT DYNAMITE DISCOVERED, IS CLAIM

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—Discovery of a process to make for six cents a pound, dynamite that will do the work in stump blasting for which an explosive costing 15 cents a pound has been required, is announced by Professor William M. Dehn of the chemical department at the University of Washington. Sawdust instead of T. N. T. is used in his process. He is going to ask the legislature to have the new dynamite manufactured by the state and sold to farmers at cost.

### SAY WALLACE REID FIGHTING FOR LIFE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, film actor, is "fighting for his life" in a small Hollywood sanitarium, according to a story the Los Angeles Times published today, quoting his wife, known professionally as Dorothy Davenport, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Davenport.

Reid suffered a breakdown nearly two months ago, after his health had been failing for three years, they said, and for several weeks he has been under the care of two physicians and two male nurses.

Halifax—The United States shipping board steamer West Hardaway which had been adrift for 24 hours without fuel oil was picked up by a shipping vessel.

### MUTT AND JEFF Jeff's Right Arm Beats a Niblick All Hollow.



### MAIL GIFTS NOW, SALEM IS URGED

As there is but one more week for mailing Christmas packages, John H. Farrar, postmaster, again urges every one to hurry up with mailing. And again the old injunction is given not to enclose letters in packages, and to tie packages instead of sealing them.

Small-sized envelopes or small cards are likely to go astray in the holiday rush as the cancelling machine used for letters does not catch small cards or envelopes. Nor may one mail tinsel cards, unless enclosed in an envelope.

In mailing packages to eastern points, Mr. Farrar says one should remember that in the Christmas rush there is likely to be a delay of a day or more. It is already too late to mail packages to states on the Atlantic coast and expect them to arrive before Christmas.

Monday, December 18, is the last day for mailing Christmas presents to arrive before December 25 to the following states: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas.

Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota.

December 19 is the last day for mailing to Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California south of San Francisco.

Wednesday, December 20, is the final days for mailing to northern California and Idaho.

Thursday, December 21, the last day for Washington and Oregon. Packages mailed next Friday or Saturday will probably not be delivered until Tuesday, December 26.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GO OF FEATHERWEIGHTS DUE

Paris, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—A meeting between Johnny Kilbane and Eugene Criqui for the featherweight championship of the world has practically been decided upon, the bout to be held at the Polo Grounds in New York on May 30, next.

Criqui's manager, Robert Eudeline, today cabled Jack Kearns authorizing him to accept an offer from Tom O'Rourke, New York promoter, with a slight modification as to the division of the gross receipts which Eudeline feels certain O'Rourke will accept.



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