

HOUSE PASSES TREASURY BILL FOR PROHIBITION

Washington, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—After sharp debate during which present methods were alternately assailed and defended, the house Tuesday approved the appropriation bill for prohibition for the next year.

A move led by Representative Tucker, democrat, Virginia, an avowed dry, to place certain conditions about an appropriation of \$250,000 for the procurement of evidence, was defeated. It would have stipulated that "fraud, deceit or falsehood" should not be used in obtaining evidence.

Although a fire of criticism was directed by a number of wet members at other appropriations, all were retained.

Besides the \$250,000 appropriation, other items approved included \$24,213,000 for the coast guard, which is an increase of \$3,615,000 over current funds, to permit an addition of 1580 men to the enlisted personnel and to maintain the present fleet combating liquor smuggling.

A direct appropriation for dry law enforcement of \$9,006,000, a sum of \$50,000 for posters displaying information on enforcement work.

LIST OF AUTO CAMP VISITORS REMAINING HERE

The chamber of commerce has compiled a list showing the people who stopped at the municipal auto camp for a few days last summer and have cast their lots with Salem as permanent residents, the list being as follows:

A. C. Johnson from Long Beach, Cal. Remained in Salem.

A. J. Salisbury of Colorado. Now on farm near Salem.

H. C. Hart, Denver. Now in Salem.

Geo. F. Taylor, Colorado. Remained in Salem.

Mr. Davis and family from Roseburg. On farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Tully of Colorado. In city.

Mr. Mosberg and family of South Dakota. On farm near Salem.

Mr. Simons and family of Minnesota. Remained in Salem.

Mr. Bidwell and family of Colorado. Went on farm.

Mr. Fisher and family of Montana. On farm.

A. C. Faris of Washington. In Salem.

D. W. Dawson of Washington. In Salem.

E. Clement and family. Stayed in Salem.

Loyal Smith of Idaho Falls. Settled near Salem.

Oliver Taylor and family of Washington. Remained in Salem.

J. Boyd of Oklahoma. Settled near Salem.

F. A. Jameson of Oakland. Near Salem.

W. C. Hall and family. Bought ranch near Salem.

Two families by the name of Heck from Idaho, remained in Salem.

PARLIAMENT IS PROROGUED

London, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—Parliament has prorogued over the holidays today with a speech from the throne.

London, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—With the abstention of the laborites, who left the chamber in a body, from voting the house of commons last night approved in principle the British government's policy with regard to Mosul. A majority of the liberals also refrained from casting their ballots. The vote was 239 to 4.

London, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—Premier Baldwin had a 20-minute interview in Downing street this afternoon with the Turkish ambassador with a view to paving the way for possible Anglo-Turkish negotiations on the Mosul affair.

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Palmito Del Verde Promoters are Facing Third Fraud Charge

(The Oregonian.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—With the arrest by federal authorities of Mrs. Ena W. Harper of Los Angeles for alleged misuse of the mails the operations of O'Bryan y Campagna are once more before the public. A secret indictment had been made by the grand jury against Mrs. Harper and another against W. H. O'Bryan, founder of the company.

It was the third time this company had been brought into court, each time charged with dishonest business methods. This time proceedings were started at the instigation of hundreds of investors in Mexican land resident in Portland, Salem and other Oregon cities.

Off the coast of Mexico lies the island of Palmito del Verde. On one side is the ocean, the balance of its shore is bounded by an estuary.

Hacienda Built in 1770.
For close to two centuries this island has been owned by the descendants of Ponce de Leon—the man who sought the fountain of youth. The original hacienda, built in 1770, is still in use.

One-half of it is owned and farmed by the family of Echandia, descendants of the original owner. Of the remaining portion a part is fertile highland, capable of fulfilling the boasts of the most enthusiastic real estate. However, much of that which borders on the estuary is low and marshy, and only extensive drainage could make it fit for use and human habitation.

Pathless Jungle Found.
During the World War O'Bryan induced a colony of Americans to buy on the island. When some of them went to take possession they found their holdings still in a pathless jungle. O'Bryan had not carried out his promises of roads, wharves, warehouses and other improvements.

Several of the colonists who went there at this time, with not sufficient funds to make the return trip, experienced terrible sufferings. Some of them later located at Mazatlan, where they have watched the affairs of the island with a jealous eye. Others returned to the states and caused O'Bryan's arrest. Due to world conditions at that time, it was adjudged that O'Bryan was not able to get the material or machinery necessary, and he was discharged.

Second Colony Organized.
In 1919 another body of colonists was organized by O'Bryan, mostly from Imperial valley and Los Angeles and vicinity. This group made investments amounting to \$50,000 or more. They formed an organization which was to send certain of its members on ahead to prepare for the others. The first year's crops were to be put in, after having cleared the land, before the rest of the people went down.

Shortly before that time O'Bryan engaged Mrs. Ena W. Harper, a charming and seemingly well-bred woman, as lecturer. Her particular qualification for the position was that she had lived for some years in Tepele and could explain conditions in Mexico, the customs of the people and describe the fertility of the land.

O'Bryan Has No Title.
When the time came for the final meeting of the organization before the departure of the advance group dissatisfaction arose among the colonists, said to have been caused by the authority assumed by Mrs. Harper, which was resented. Investigations were made. It was found that O'Bryan had misrepresented himself as owner of the land. He, therefore, was not in position to guarantee titles. The company had been organized with one Mexican stockholder for the express purpose of evading the Mexican law concern-

ing titles. But it owned no land. The property belonged to the widow of the late of the Ponce de Leon, who had died a short time before in Los Angeles.

Divorces and Suits Start.
A warrant was issued for the arrest of O'Bryan. Strange things happened in rapid succession. A banker in Arizona appeared to great disadvantage in the affairs of the company. Mrs. O'Bryan obtained a divorce. Mrs. Harper brought suit for defamation of character against some of the colonists. O'Bryan went into hiding for months, leaving his family destitute. The books of the company disappeared. A receiver was appointed, upon the petition of Mrs. O'Bryan, who owned more than 90 per cent of the stock of the company. One of the lawyers for the prosecution was the ex-husband of Mrs. Harper.

After a period of several months' fighting, the colonists, who had spent more for legal advice than their land had cost them, gave it up. Only two or three finished their payments and went to the island. These took Mexican citizens for partners and so got titles directly from the owner. Most of the colonists lost all they had put in. An attempt was made to get O'Bryan for misuse of the mails. However, those who could have testified concerning this were unwilling to add the inspectors for fear of their own skins.

Gambling Project Started.
When O'Bryan came from hiding and affairs had been straightened with his ex-wife he became "manager" of O'Bryan y Campagna. Mrs. Harper was advertised as a "wealthy land holder from Mexico." For a few years they tried

to make a second Monte Carlo for Palmito del Verde, which was said to have been opposed by the Echandias, who owned part of the island. They got no further than an occasional party of sportsmen going down from the states and the plans for a club house.

Mexico has a law that no foreigner may own land within 50 miles of the coast. It is said the authorities were greatly offended by remarks concerning the ability of O'Bryan y Campagna to get around this. It is understood that the Mexican government is behind those who started the present investigation.

Oregonians Contribute Sums.
Recently the operations of O'Bryan y Campagna have been in Oregon. There have been sold to hundreds of residents of this state lots of lands on Palmito del Verde—"the Garden of Eden"—at from \$20 to \$50 per lot. These were not only to support, but to make the fortune of the owners.

When the Oregonians went down to their new holdings they found them on the estuary side of the island, sometimes, even, covered by tides. No schools; no roads; no railroad building; no wharves.

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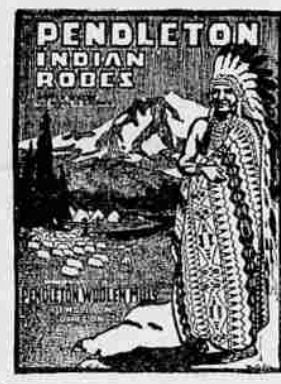
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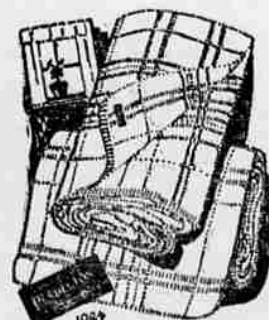
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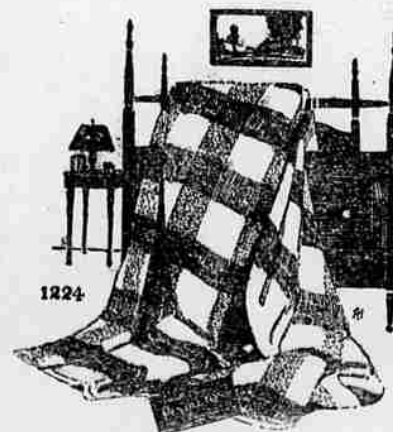
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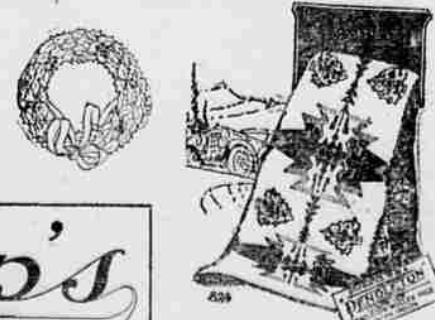
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