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JUDGE LANDIS IS IMPEACHED IN HOUSE

Accusations Based on Acceptance of Position as Baseball Arbitrator.

Washington.—Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of Chicago was impeached in the house of representatives by Representative Welby, democrat, Ohio, who charged him with "high crimes and misdemeanors." In connection with his acceptance of the position of supreme arbitrator of baseball at a salary of \$42,000 a year.

Should the house decide to institute proceedings against Judge Landis on the basis of Mr. Welby's charges, a formal trial before the bar of the house would be held and a decision rendered.

Mr. Welby did not introduce a resolution proposing impeachment, as is the usual procedure in such matters. Instead, he arose to "a question of high personal privilege," and announced that he "impeached" the judge.

Without debate, the Welby charges, on Mr. Welby's motion, were referred to the judiciary committee for investigation and report.

There were a few scattering noes.

Senator Would Impeach Judge Landis.

Washington.—Impeachment proceedings against Judge K. M. Landis of Chicago were threatened in the senate by Senator Dial of South Carolina. Senator Dial said he had sent to Chicago for the facts in the case in which Judge Landis is alleged to have discharged a youth who was charged with stealing money after the youth had testified that his salary was but \$90 a month. "If I find these facts are true I shall seek the impeachment of Judge Landis," Senator Dial said.

SECRETARY IS SILENT ON JAPANESE TREATY

Washington.—The letter of Secretary Colby declining to transmit information on the negotiations conducted with the view to treaty action with Japan was received without comment by the senate foreign relations committee. The letter was in reply to a communication of the committee, forwarded at the instance of Senator Johnson of California, requesting information on the subject.

Secretary Colby said in his letter that the record of the negotiations was "practically that of a preliminary comparison of views, coupled with recommendations still the subject of examination."

"Substantial progress has been made toward an ultimate agreement," Mr. Colby added, "through informal conversations conducted by Roland S. Morris, ambassador to Japan, and Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador."

RAYMOND BARS RADICAL

Elmer Smith, From Centralia, Refused Permission to Speak.

Raymond, Wash.—Elmer Smith, radical speaker, was prevented from speaking at an advertised meeting which was to be held here Sunday afternoon at the Arcadia hall.

City officials and leading members of the Raymond post of the American Legion met Smith at the station when he arrived from Centralia. As he got off the train he was told of the uselessness of his attempt to speak. Mayor Lawler, at a special meeting of the city commission Saturday issued a proclamation prohibiting the speech.

Smith insisted on going to the building. When Smith arrived at the Arcadia hall City Marshal Pederson would not let him enter.

Girl Talks Over Week.

Chicago.—Miriam Rubin, 8-year-old victim of an illness which has baffled physicians Sunday slept silently for an hour. The girl started talking more than a week ago and Sunday was the first time her conversation had ceased in more than 212 hours. After the nap, however, she began talking.

Jail Sentences For Bootleggers.

Portland, Or.—Federal Judge R. S. Bean announced from the bench that hereafter he would sentence to the penitentiary persons convicted of violating the national prohibition laws. He made the declaration after he had sentenced a man to three months in jail for illicit manufacturing of liquor.

KICKED BY A HORSE, YOUNG FARMER HAS A CLOSE CALL

Robert Tweedy was quite seriously hurt by being kicked by a horse Tuesday at his home on Weston mountain. He was knocked unconscious for a time, and it was later found that a rib had been dislocated. Dr. Smith was summoned from Athena, and being unable to get up the mountain in his car had to be met with a team at a point a short distance beyond Weston.

Mr. Tweedy lives alone on the Ed. Tucker place, and was trying to handle an intractable horse in the barn. The animal struck him in the head and kicked him in the stomach and side. He managed to reach the house and telephone for assistance. He then lost consciousness, and was found prone upon the floor by the first neighbor, Vernie Marr, to arrive. Had he been unable to reach the phone it is thought that he might have perished from the cold and the effects of his injuries, in which event the cause of his death would always have been a mystery.

The young farmer was moved to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mark Henderson, where he soon rallied. His condition is not serious.

Changeable Weather Conditions.

A decided change in the weather the first days of the week occasioned surprise and considerable comment. Sunday the air was mild and balmy and scores of motorists were out to observe the signs of spring's arrival. Monday morning the ground was covered with snow and wintry conditions prevailed. More snow fell Tuesday evening, and Tuesday night the mercury sank to the lowest point of the winter. Residents who got up to read their thermometers early the next morning reported a temperature of from four to six degrees above zero. People who stood for twenty degrees below zero last winter without much complaint shivered in dismay and said disagreeable things about the weather man.

Wheat Land Damaged.

Veteran wheat growers declare that never in their memory has wheat land washed so badly from merely rains as during this winter, says the East Oregonian. Without a really serious cold spell thus far, wheat fields have washed as deep this month as during the worst thaws. The condition is due to the super-saturation of the ground from continual rains since last August. There is no finding bottom in some of the wheat fields at this time, the growers say. The condition of the growing crop is excellent, however, where it has not been washed out of the ground.

Oregon News Notes

More than 4,000,000 trout eggs have arrived at the McKenzie river hatchery for distribution in the streams of Lane county. They were brought from Elk lake, in the heart of the Cascades.

More than a score of former state, county or municipal officials have organized an X-club in Pendleton and will devote their efforts to giving present and future officials the benefit of their experience.

Interest in the drilling at the Trigon oil well in Jackson county has much increased in the past week, during which oil indications have become more pronounced. The 800 feet of 10-inch casing has all been set.

From 50 to 75 messages from every American Legion post in Oregon were dispatched to Senator McNary, requesting him to support the appointment of Senator George E. Chamberlain as a member of the United States shipping board under the Harding administration.

Senator McNary secured the adoption of an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill increasing the appropriation for forest fire prevention and forest preservation from \$125,000 to \$625,000. This money will be used in co-operation with the states of the northwest.

There were two fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending February 10, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were William Campbell, carpenter, Portland, and Orville Smith, logger, Deschutes.

Two Deschutes county townships, Harper and Imperial, existing only on paper for years, will cease to appear on the map within two more months. Taxes delinquent since 1913 are the basis for a judgment order signed by Circuit Judge Duffy which authorizes a sheriff's sale of the properties.

Greetings and Salutations



FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Hoot Gibson at Standard Theatre Sunday night.

Emery Worthington was in the city Monday night, being a member of Fletcher's orchestra.

A. M. Gillis came down from his home at Washtucna, Wash., to attend the funeral of his friend, the late A. B. McEwen.

Mrs. Mary Tompkins was over from Walla Walla the first of the week, visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Coppock.

John Vert, C. E. Roosevelt and J. W. Maloney were among the Masons attending the funeral of the late A. B. McEwen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor arrived home from a two weeks visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Clore, on their ranch near Vale, Malheur county.

Mrs. F. S. Le Grow and Mrs. F. B. Boyd were guests at the J. H. Sturgis home in Pendleton, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sheard returned home Saturday evening from Spokane, where Mr. Sheard attended the tractor school. They visited at the homes of Fine Long and Frank Knowlton.

Mrs. Mattie Kidder came over from Walla Walla Saturday and reports that her mother, Mrs. E. H. Caton is somewhat better and is expected home this week.

Mrs. Anna Ahrens left Tuesday for Spokane where she will have charge of a case as nurse. Mrs. Ahrens expects to return here for the summer to make her headquarters while doing professional nursing.

Lee Becker, who for some time has been ill at the Burden boarding house, was taken to Walla Walla by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dudley, an operation being thought necessary by Dr. C. H. Smith.

Whitman College and Willamette University clashed in basketball at Walla Walla Wednesday evening. Result, Whitman 19, Willamette 11. Miss Blanche Drake, Miss Hazel Herr, Miss Iris Lowther, Mr. Louis Stewart and Mr. Bennett motored over and witnessed the game.

The W. C. T. U. announces a silver tea, which will be given in connection with the program for Frances Willard memorial day, next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. F. E. Russell and Miss Lowther are in charge of the program and Mrs. W. K. Wall and Mrs. Wm. Schimpf will serve the refreshments, assisted by others. The program and tea will be in the Christian church basement reception rooms, beginning at 2 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

The boys basketball team will meet the Weston team on the home gym floor at 7:30 this evening. The Pilot Rock team play here on the evening of February 25. This will be the last game, probably, of the season.

The Umapine High school will put on a play entitled, "Engaged by Wednesday," in Athena High school auditorium, Thursday evening, February 24. The local school is to get a share of the receipts of the evening.

The pupils of the Athena Branch of the Malen Burnett School of Music, studying under Miss Lois Cassil, were heard in delightful recital at High school auditorium, Saturday evening. The different numbers were well rendered, and those in attendance give much praise to the class, both individually and collectively.

The funeral of the late A. B. McEwen was held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, with a large attendance of friends from over the state to pay respect to his memory.

WENAH CATTLE GROWERS RETAIN PRESENT OFFICERS

J. P. Liewallen, leading Weston stockman, is again president of the Wenaha Cattlegrowers' association. At the annual meeting of the association held Saturday in Walla Walla, a motion was unanimously passed that all officers be retained for the coming year. R. W. Walters of Milton is vice president, and C. A. Winn of Milton is secretary-treasurer.

Stockmen to the number of 65 were present from all parts of the Wenaha section. The question of the appraisal of national forest reserves was brought up and the association went on record as unanimously opposed to the present law. A motion against any increase in range fees was also passed, on the ground that such increase would force many cattle growers of the Pacific Northwest out of business. The brand book committee reported that 350 copies of the book, which contains the brand of every member of the association are ready for distribution.

The association embraces nine districts, each of which is represented on the advisory board. The Weston district is represented by P. A. McBride.

With the top of the head chopped off, probably with an ax, the body of Geb Hansen, 60-year-old recluse, living in a three-room shack on the bank of the Columbia river, west of The Dalles, was found lodged among a pile of boulders at the foot of a 40-foot cliff which dropped to the river, below his shack.

Allegations that the Deschutes Lumber company cut 1,297,000 feet of pine timber belonging to the Alworth-Washburn company during the past year are contained in a complaint filed by the latter corporation in circuit court at Bend, in which recovery of \$15,000 is sought, together with \$5000 damages.

H. Prestone of Saskatchewan, Canada, will be the first alien ever to receive final papers on a central Oregon homestead. The fact that his son, Thomas, who made the filing, was killed in action in France, has made it possible for the father to obtain title, under the rules of the United States land office.

Definite information received in Portland that United States Senator George E. Chamberlain will accept appointment to the United States shipping board if the position is offered him has given the Portland Chamber of Commerce and his supporters throughout the entire state an added incentive to work for his appointment.

That the proposal of J. J. Hand-saker, state director of the China famine fund and the near-east relief to accept foodstuffs in lieu of cash, to be shipped direct from Portland to northern China points in government vessels, has met with a hearty response throughout the state, according to reports received at headquarters in Portland.

Notice of the pardon and release of W. M. Reivo of Astoria, sentenced to serve two years at McNeil's island for publishing matter that cast reflection on the United States military forces has been received by federal authorities. According to the notice, Reivo's pardon was signed by President Wilson on January 26, and he was released on January 27.

Reduction of the work-day week to four days in the shops and repair department and a general cut in the working force of other branches of the Southern Pacific railroad, took place at Roseburg. A small shift of men is at work in the round house but the repair shops are idle. Approximately 100 trainmen are idle and a number of engineers are also out of work.

To conduct a campaign for the eradication of scab among central Oregon sheep, Dr. R. A. Parsons, representing the United States bureau of animal industry has arrived in Oregon and will make his headquarters in Bend. Dr. Parsons considers that the prevalence of scab is decreasing in Oregon, and that the chief source of infection is from sheep imported from northern California and Nevada.

Enough coal of a good grade will be taken from the Beaver Hill mine near Marshfield to supply all the needs of the Willamette valley, in addition to those of the Coos Bay country, according to G. W. Evans, consulting engineer of the Southern Pacific company. The mine, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific, has been under development for a number of years and the company has made energetic efforts in the last year to increase the production to an amount which would be sufficient to supply the needs of the valley.

BILLIONS IN WAR CLAIMS EXPECTED

Attorney-General Says Suits to Collect From United States Increasing.

Washington, D. C.—Millions of dollars—and promises of billions—are represented in the great tide of lawsuits which is beginning to pour into the United States court of claims as one of the results of the world war. The court was expressly created to determine legal controversies between private citizens and the government.

The attorney-general says that the amount of war claims is enormous and that indications are the influx of cases has only begun. Actions upon claims involving approximately \$124,000,000 have already been filed. The ultimate aggregate of claims, it is estimated, will reach between two and three billions of dollars.

These war claims are brought into the court by plaintiffs having claims against all departments of the government. The war department has claims involving approximately \$5,000,000,000. The bureau of internal revenue now has pending claims for refunds and rebates aggregating \$650,000,000. The shipping board has cancellations of contracts involving more than \$550,000,000. Claims for patent infringement are estimated by the attorney-general at \$100,000,000. The railroad administration has differences with the railroads amounting to approximately \$750,000,000.

VESSELS TO CARRY FAMINE AID SOUGHT

Washington, D. C.—Congress will be asked to enact special legislation authorizing the shipping board to employ vessels to haul to China grain donated by American farmers for the relief of the starving there and giving the navy department permission to pay expenses of volunteer naval reserves to form crews. It was announced after a conference between Secretary Daniels and Chairman Benton of the shipping board.

The decision was reached after a committee, headed by Carl Vrooman, ex-assistant secretary of agriculture, had said grain already had been given by farmers in the west and that members of the railroad brotherhoods stood ready to haul to the coast without charge for their services.

Chairman Benson agreed to ascertain what ships are available on the Pacific coast.

POPULATION CENTER MOVES

Growth of Coastal Communities Held Principal Cause of Change.

Washington.—The center of population as disclosed by the 1920 census is located in the extreme southeast corner of Owen county, Indiana, 8.3 miles southeast of the town of Spencer, the census bureau announced recently.

During the last decade the center of population continued to move westward, advancing 9.8 miles in that direction and about one-fifth of a mile north of Bloomington, Ind., where it was located by the census of 1910.

The bureau attributed the westward movement in the last decade "principally to the increase of more than one million in the population of the state of California."

Idaho House Passes Anti-Allen Bill. Boise, Idaho.—The first decisive blow at Japanese ownership of land in the state of Idaho was struck with smashing force when the house passed the Van de Steeg anti-alien land bill. It is one of the most stringent measures before the legislature and now goes to the senate for approval. If it passes that body and is signed by Governor Davis, Japanese not now citizens or any other aliens owning land in Idaho will be required to forfeit, and hereafter aliens will be unable to acquire title.

250 Millions Voted for War Veterans. Washington, D. C.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was passed by the senate carrying \$412,350,000, of which amount \$250,000,000 is for war veterans. Among principal items was \$18,000,000 for new hospitals and enlargement of hospital facilities for service men as requested by the American Legion. Funds for compensation and vocational training of the service men also were carried.