

WESTON LEADER

VOLUME 43

WESTON, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEB. 25, 1921

NUMBER 38

SENATE MEASURE LIMITS IMMIGRATION

Number to Be Admitted Reduced to 3 Per Cent of Those Already Here.

Washington, D. C.—A drastic measure against immigration during the next year was adopted by the senate, which, by 61 to 2, passed the Dillingham immigration restriction bill. The bill, it is estimated, would limit immigrants during the next year to slightly more than 355,000.

The bill was adopted as a substitute for the Johnson bill passed by the house.

Before passing the substitute the senate defeated, 43 to 19, a motion to adopt the Johnson bill.

The 3-per-cent standard of the bill, according to committee estimates, would permit the following number of immigrants during the next year after the bill becomes a law:

Belgium 1482, Denmark 5449, France 3523, Germany 75,940, Sweden 19,566, Switzerland 3748, United Kingdom 77,206, or 202,212 from western Europe. The maximum number estimated from northern and southern Europe is: Austria-Hungary 50,117, Bulgaria 248, Serbia 139, Montenegro 161, Greece 3038, Italy 40,293, Portugal 1781, Roumania 1978, Russia 51,974, Spain 663, Turkey in Europe 967, Turkey in Asia 1795, or 153,249 from that district.

The senate bill provides that it shall "not be construed as amending, repealing or modifying any law or agreement existing which forbids the admission of any alien of any nationality or geographical boundary."

This was interpreted to mean treaty provisions covering the subject of immigration with China and Japan would not be affected by the measure.

SUPERVISION OVER FIRE HAZARD ASKED

Olympia, Wash.—The legislature will be requested to vest in Governor Hart absolute power of supervision over the devastated area of the Olympic peninsula for the next two years and to place at his disposal an adequate appropriation to expend as he deems advisable in handling the situation created by the recent tornado.

Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the conference of more than 50 representatives of various interests called by the governor to consider relief measures.

That the problem of establishing effective protection against fire hazard is of first importance, with the question of salvaging the down timber of secondary consideration, was the opinion of practically all of the representatives at the conference.

From the report of state land department cruisers, Land Commissioner Savidge stated that only 26 per cent of the trees had been blown down. According to Commissioner Savidge's report the state is the heaviest holder of timber in the storm territory, owning 42,000 acres, or more than 200 square miles of valuable timber.

LANDIS CASE CONSIDERED

Right to Assume Baseball Job Questioned in Congress.

Washington, D. C.—Right of a federal judge to accept outside employment while on the bench was sharply questioned by members of the house judiciary committee in considering impeachment charges against Judge Landis.

After Representative Welty, democrat, Ohio, had outlined grounds on which he asked for impeachment because of the judge's \$42,500 a year contract as arbiter of organized baseball, members insisted that the committee should go thoroughly into the case. It will be left for the committee, composed of lawyers, to decide whether there is sufficient grounds to justify presentation of the case to the house.

Crop production in the Willamette valley could be doubled by the use of irrigation, according to C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the Union Pacific system. Mr. Smith estimates that the average cost of putting water on the land of the Willamette valley would range from \$10 to \$25 an acre. This cost, he declares, could be taken care of by a single crop.

STREET AND ROAD WORK WILL BE STARTED SOON

Street Improvement in Athena and the closing of the Weston-Milton gap on the State highway with hardsurfacing, will be under way at an early date. It is expected also that Weston's Main street will be paved.

March 7th the Athena council will open bids for improving and paving six blocks. This improvement includes five blocks on Fifth street, from the intersection of Fifth and Main, north to Lincoln street, and one block on Current street, between Second and Third streets. Also, contemplated improvement includes the scarifying and rolling the macadam portions of Third and Fourth streets, and macadamizing of Fifth street north from Lincoln street to the O.W.R. & N. track.

The Warren Construction company, contractors for State highway construction, have begun preparations for beginning spring work on the closing of the gap left last fall on the Weston-Milton section. The company is now getting out rock for this work, the quarry being located on the Corey-Sams place, a half mile west of Blue Mountain station.

The company is planning to begin hardsurfacing by the first of April, when double shifts of workmen will be employed, in expectation of completing the work by July 15. The distance to be completed is five and one-half miles, and when finished a hardsurfaced highway between Pendleton and Walla Walla will be realized.

Weather Capers.

Sunday night this section of Umatilla county was visited with the heaviest snowfall of the season, and the ground was covered with a soft white blanket from six to eight inches deep. Tuesday, a "chinook" arrived and caused the snow to disappear as though by magic. Wednesday morning, warm spring sunshine was sending golden invitations to our fortunate folk to come out and view the beauties of an awakening world.

Oregon News Notes

With 250 rabbits on exhibition, the annual show of the Oregon branch of the National Breeders' and Fanciers' association was held in Portland last week.

The Southern Pacific company has announced that until further notice the Saturday night special train from Wendling to Eugene will be discontinued.

The Lebanon Electric Light company has filed an application with the public service commission asking for an increase in rates for service in Lebanon.

Five indications of oil have been discovered near the old town of Scottsburg. Oil is oozing from the ground for over 300 yards along the county road.

According to Pendleton estimates, 65 per cent of the Umatilla county grain crop has now been sold. There has been considerable selling since the first of January.

Some 3000 sheep in the Mitchell country are infected with scab, according to word received at Bend by Dr. Parsons, United States bureau of animal industry expert.

Approximately 500 business men of The Dalles shouldered picks and shovels and put in a day's work upon the new city auto camp ground, west of The Dalles, on Washington's birthday.

The biggest still ever confiscated by the police was taken from the home of Edward Berry, in Portland. The still has a capacity of 90 gallons. It can turn out 35 gallons of finished whisky a day.

The Smythe-Loneragan company plant, comprising an ice plant, ice cream factory, creamery and cold storage facilities, was destroyed by fire at Pendleton, with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The citizens of Ash and Loon Lake section of Douglas county have voted a special road tax for the purpose of building a road from their neighborhood to connect with the Pacific highway.

Two new cheese factories have been added to the string of factories owned and operated by the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league. One of the new factories is at Gaston and the other at Amity.

Proposal to bond The Dalles for \$325,000 for construction of a storage reservoir and dam across Mill creek to increase the city's water supply will be submitted to the voters at a special election March 16.

"I Did It With My Little Hatchet"



FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Mrs. D. Scott Fisher is recovering after a very serious illness with tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chandler have moved to the J. M. Swaggart place north of town to reside, while Mr. Chandler is employed by A. L. Swaggart.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes of Weston, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnes.

Mrs. B. B. Richards visited Saturday in Walla Walla, with her sister, Mrs. C. O. Whiteman.

Miss Areta Barrett has been confined to her home this week with illness. John Rothrock has returned from his annual winter sojourn in California.

Mrs. John Banister Jr. and little daughter of Helix were visiting relatives and friends in Athena, Wednesday.

The evangelistic meetings in progress at the Baptist church are being well attended and are increasing in interest.

Ed Seabasky writes that much snow has fallen in Montana, at the Le Grow stock ranch near Philipsburg, where he was visiting.

Mrs. Virgil Willaby and Mrs. Walter motored to Milton yesterday, to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Newsom.

Lee Beckner, who was taken to Walla Walla last week by Dr. Smith is reported improving, without the necessity of a surgical operation.

Henry Barrett is getting ready for the lambing season. His two bands of ewes are in fine condition, having wintered on chopped alfalfa hay.

Charles and Will Smith, brothers of Jesse Smith, have returned to this city from Deepwater, Missouri, being unable to resist the call of the West after having once enjoyed its salubrious climate. Charles at one time was employed on the Roy Cannon ranch and will work for Henry Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager, Miss Francis Williams and W. E. Bennett motored to Pendleton to see the performance of "Robin Hood" which was declared by all who attended the opera, as being a very creditable production.

Mrs. Sherman and daughter Maude, will arrive home next week, from California, where they spent the winter. They are returning to Portland by ocean steamer. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Woodward came as far as Redding in their automobile, shipping the car from that point.

The body of June Gaston, a three-year-old child who was sent to the tuberculosis sanitarium at Salem by the Umatilla County Red Cross and who died Wednesday, will be buried today by the side of its father in Athena cemetery. The family resides in Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. George Banister arrived home from Long Beach, California, last Friday morning. They report the condition of Mr. Hugh McArthur as no better. With Mrs. McArthur, he has been over from Burbank, staying with relatives at Long Beach, and was quite ill while there.

Hostesses for a most pleasant afternoon and interesting program on Tuesday, were the members of the local W. C. T. U. The affair was held in the reception room of the Christian church.

A warm rain Tuesday night, took the snow off in a hurry, with the result that a number of streets in Athena carried water at flood stage for several hours. No damage whatever resulted. Downtown basements remained dry, much to the satisfaction

of business-house owners, who now feel immune from high water stage, owing to improvement of side-streets, which afford outlets for excessive flow of water, which formerly flowed almost exclusively through the Main street gutters.

"Engaged By Wednesday," as played by pupils of Umatilla high school at the Auditorium last night, was well received by the audience. A number of the parts were well taken, the characters being sustained to a point that gave evidence of the cast being even balanced. The proceeds totaled \$54.00, forty per cent of which goes to Athena high school.

The money-drawer at the Standard Theatre was tapped for what change it contained Sunday, while the show house was unlocked for the janitor to sweep out. The till contained one dollar, mostly in pennies, and the "burglar" made a clean sweep of these.

Athena Defeats Weston.

After the indifferent showing made by the Athena High school boys team at Helix week before last, the local basketball shooters came back Friday night strong enough to wallop Weston high school with the comfortable margin of 32-28. But they had no snap in winning, at that.

The Athena team had the game anchored in the home pond in the first half, which closed in their favor by the score of 16 to 6, spiced with fast floor work, plenty of fouls, 'n everything.

Weston came back strong in the second half—strong enough to garner 22 points, while the locals duplicated their first half total, 16. The second half was a hustling session for everybody concerned. The rooters on the sidelines tossed away the lids to their pepper cans, the contemporary students vied with school yells, and 'twas a g-l-o-r-i-ous ending.

Johnson is Checker Champion.

Alf. Johnson's Athena friends will be interested in reading the following from the Walla Walla Union:

All the champs and near champs of the Commercial club saw Assessor A. H. Johnson "wallop" K. D. Lamb, champion of Eastern Oregon in the checker games scheduled yesterday afternoon at the club rooms.

The final score was Johnson six wins; Lamb five wins and one draw. By yesterday's game Mr. Johnson can hereafter be dubbed the champion of Eastern Washington, a title he will probably have to defend quite often as the game is becoming exceedingly popular around the club rooms and new blood is constantly being developed.

The score was quite exciting to the checker players who crowded around the table where the two were playing and there was a big throng of them during the entire game. The first game went to a draw but Johnson lead throughout during the next 11 to complete the series.

Badly Washed Fields.

Farmers hereabouts are hopeful that the succession of snows, rains and thaws is over, and that spring sunshine will impart a new aspect to the landscape. Never have fields been so badly washed in this neighborhood. They are traversed by numerous ditches, ranging from a few inches to more than two feet in depth. Considerable plowing and spring-toothing will be necessary to put the sowed fields in shape to be harvested in the fall.

MANY DELEGATES ATTEND UMATILLA RAPIDS MEETING

More than a hundred delegates attended the meeting of the Umatilla Rapids Power Site association, at Walla Walla, Saturday, when permanent organization was effected, with Gilbert W. Phelps of Pendleton, president of the association.

Prominent men from Oregon and Washington, representing the legislatures and commercial interests of both states were present and all were heartily in favor of the project. Representatives were in attendance from Portland, Spokane, Pendleton, Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Boardman, Seattle, Helix, Yakima, Wenatchee, Pasco, Kennewick, Waitsburg, Dayton, Walla Walla. Athena was represented by F. S. Le Grow, W. R. Taylor, Oscar Cutler and Don Moore; Weston by Mayor Nelson H. Jones.

President G. W. Phelps briefly outlined the possibilities of the tremendous power now lying latent at Umatilla Rapids. H. A. Rands, reclamation engineer of Portland, stated that 558,000 acres of arid lands could be watered, atmospheric nitrogen, power for domestic and industrial uses and for transportation lines would accrue from the development of the rapids. A number of other prominent men in project activities addressed the meeting.

Spokane was selected as the next place of meeting, the date to be announced later.

Oregon News Notes

Prune week formally was closed with a big street demonstration in Portland. Prunes were served from army field kitchens on the street by the women's auxiliary of the Spanish-American War veterans.

Fire originating in the shop of the boiler plant of the Willamette Iron & Steel works in Portland, gutted the piling foundation and floor of the plant, with damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

In a recall election held in Polk county in which the road policy of A. B. Robinson, county judge, was assailed, Judge Robinson received a majority over J. F. Ulrich, a farmer of Airle, of approximately 1000 votes.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce was reorganized last week, following the resignation of President Sanborn and eight other members of the executive board, as the result of a controversy over purse seine legislation.

Burcham Bros., who have the contract for diking the Rainier diking project, commenced work last week. The right of way has been cleared, so there will be no further delay in the work. The project contains 1300 acres.

The Catholic church at Cornucopia, a mining camp 12 miles from Halfway, was totally destroyed last Sunday by the weight of snow upon it. The snow is eight feet at Cornucopia and 15 feet deep in the mountains near there.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Ball has informed Representative Hawley that the federal government has no available funds with which to conduct an investigation of a cattle disease prevalent in Wood river valley, Klamath county.

Evidence that the \$70,000 fire at Pilot Rock, which destroyed the warehouse of the Pilot Rock Elevator company, was of incendiary origin, has led to the posting of a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of the man responsible.

A total of 16,039,048 pounds of wool was produced in Oregon during the year 1919, according to census statistics. This is a decrease, as compared with the 18,841,862 pounds produced in Oregon during the year 1909, the year of the preceding census.

Penitentiary officials have sent out formal invitations for the execution of George Howard, who is under sentence to die Friday, February 25. Howard was convicted January 22, 1921, for the murder of George R. Sweeney in Malheur county on September 14, 1920.

At a luncheon in Heppner about 40 business and professional men heard an appeal in behalf of the famine sufferers in China. Morrow county's quota is fixed at \$3400 and by unanimous vote of those present it was decided to make up that amount in wheat to be sent to China.

Portland's annual spring "clean-up week" may be held earlier in the season this year than heretofore. Application has been made to Mayor Baker by the unemployment committee of the American Legion to proclaim the occasion in the near future, so as to provide odd jobs for the unemployed of the city.

HARDING SELECTS CABINET MEMBERS

List Announced of Men Who Will Advise New Administration.

St. Augustine, Fla.—President-elect Harding has reached a tentative decision on every place in his cabinet, and unless there are last-minute changes it will be composed of these men:

Secretary of state, Charles Evans Hughes of New York, ex-governor. Justice of the supreme court, and republican nominee for the presidency. Secretary of the treasury, Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania, banker and financier.

Secretary of war, John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, ex-senator.

Attorney-general, Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio, who managed Mr. Harding's pre-convention campaign.

Postmaster-general, Will H. Hays of Indiana, chairman of the republican national committee.

Secretary of the navy, Edwin Denby of Michigan, ex-member of congress.

Secretary of the interior, Albert A. Fall of New Mexico, now a senator.

Secretary of agriculture, Henry Wallace of Iowa, editor of farm publications.

Secretary of commerce, Herbert Hoover of California, ex-food administrator.

Secretary of labor, James J. Davis of Pennsylvania and Illinois, union ex-steel worker, who has become the highest official in the Moose fraternity.

GOLBY SENDS NOTE TO LEAGUE COUNCIL

Washington, D. C.—Equal opportunities for citizens of all allied and associated powers, whether members of the league of nations or not, in former enemy territories to be administered by the allied governments under mandates is insisted upon in a note dispatched by the state department to the league council at Paris.

That note was couched in firm language. Mr. Golby took issue with the British position that mandate agreements and treaties were to be considered only by members of the league, and declared that the United States as a contributor to the victory in the war could not consider "any of the associated powers debarred . . . from participation in the rights and privileges secured under the mandates."

BELGIUM AID URGED

Acceptance of German Bonds for Debt Is Suggested by Wilson.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson cleared his desk of another matter growing out of the Paris peace conference by sending to congress a copy of an agreement, which he and the British and French premiers entered into June 16, 1919, and under which the signatories bound themselves to recommend acceptance of German bonds in full payment of loans made to Belgium prior to the armistice.

The agreement and recommendations were read in congress without comment.

The executive made no explanation as to why the agreement had not been submitted earlier, except to say that the reparations commission "has not as yet finally determined the details of the issuance of the necessary bonds by the German government." He added that the agreement was not embodied in the treaty of Versailles "for various reasons."

Representative Hawley has made arrangements with the United States civil service commission to hold competitive examinations for candidates for appointment as midshipman at the naval academy at Annapolis. The examinations will be held at Corvallis, McMinnville and Marshfield on Saturday, March 12.

A naval radio compass bearing station will be in operation at the mouth of the Columbia river within the next week and vessels hundreds of miles from the mouth of the local harbor will then be able to learn their exact positions during the thickest fogs and heaviest gales. The navy department has just completed the new station at Fort Stevens.