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\$34,978,033 ASKED TO AID AGRICULTURE

Bill Reported-By House Appropriations Body Is Under Budget Estimate.

Washington, D. C.—An appropriation of \$34,978,033 to meet expenses of the agriculture department during the coming year was recommended in a bill reported by the house appropriation committee. The total is \$3,710,026 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year and \$1,554,835 less than budget estimates.

Discussing the elimination from the bill of \$360,000 carried last year for distribution of seeds by members of congress, the committee in its report said the budget bureau in submitting estimates did not include provision for seed distribution.

The item of \$2,000,000 carried in last year's bill for loans to farmers for the purpose of seed grain in drought-stricken areas is not repeated in the bill, the committee reporting that no estimate was submitted for the purpose.

The bill carries \$2,578,800 for the eradication of tuberculosis in animals, \$1,728,800 for the payment of indemnities for tubercular cattle slaughtered by the government, \$600,000 for the prevention of the spread of moths, \$547,840 for eradication of the pink boll worm, \$200,000 to prevent the spread of the European corn borer, \$50,000 for eradication of the foot and mouth disease, \$13,000 for wiping out paratuberculosis and \$25,000 for prevention of the spread of the Mexican bean beetle.

The enforcement of the packers and stockyards act, a \$410,500 appropriation, is recommended, while a total of \$103,600 is carried for enforcement of the grain futures trading act.

CONFERENCE OVER NARCOTICS HELD

Portland, Or.—In response to a call for a conference by Governor Olcott, Governor Hart of Washington and representatives of Governor Stephens of California and Governor Davis of Idaho, met with Governor Olcott of Oregon in Portland Saturday to perfect plans for unified action to check the traffic in narcotics on the Pacific coast.

It was the consensus of opinion that if relief is to be found for the most pernicious moral scourge that ever beset humanity, it must be through international agreements, strengthening the hands of law and immediate elimination of those responsible for the traffic in narcotic drugs.

The conference passed resolutions memorializing congress for an international conference on the subject, for the immediate passage of the Jones-Miller bill, which regulates the manufacture of narcotics and prohibits shipping, a law whereby aliens peddling narcotics can be deported on conviction and adding to the penalties now imposed by the Harrison act.

Anglo-Irish Treaty Wins In Committee London.—A spirited debate in the house of commons in the resumption of the discussion in committee stage of the Irish bill, during the course of which all the Ulster members walked out, was followed by acceptance of the operative provision of the bill giving the Anglo-Irish treaty force of law and the adoption of an amendment dissolving the southern parliament and providing for the holding of elections not later than four months after the passage of the act.

VETERANS ARE PUT FIRST

Secretary Fall Replies to Wapato, Wash., Japanese Association.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Fall, replying to an inquiry from a Japanese association of Wapato, Wash., regarding the opportunity of its members leasing land in the Yakima Indian reservation, declared all Indian agents had been notified that leases must be confined to American citizens, with veterans of the world war being given preference.

The announcement of the interior department's policy was made in a telegram to W. K. Hirano, president of the Yakima Japanese association of Wapato, Wash., who had asked what would be the attitude of the department regarding leasing of the Yakima Indian reservation to Japanese farmers.

Genoa Conference to Open April 10.

Paris.—April 10 has been definitely settled upon as the date for the opening of the Genoa economic conference. Italy, from whom a request for delay had been expected, owing to the extended cabinet crises last month, informed the foreign office that she would be ready on that date.

How did you feel Sunday morning when that lark sang under your window. And say! Did you get the fever in the afternoon? Some folks did and actually began gardening.

A rumor ran thru the neighborhood that there were two or three cases of scarlet fever in the East End before the case reported in the West End. This for your information: There has been nothing but influenza in the East End.

A large crowd attended the dance at Mr. Hang's Friday night. Supper was served at midnight, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Little Mildred Kutzner is much improved but is still very weak.

Dont forget that all-day meeting of the Aid, at the church March 15, and bring that dish of salad, cream or cake.

Gorden Hall, of Willow Creek, who has rented the Crawford farm, received the sad news of the death of his mother the past week.

A. C. Partlow, who has been operating a butcher shop in Boardman, has closed up. This leaves Boardman without a butcher shop. For the present M. L. Morgan is cutting meat at the Cash Grocery. M. Morgan's meat is all raised on the project, as he buys direct from the farmer.

The road gangs are at last at work improving the roads. They are at present putting in concrete culverts on the Barnes-Dillabough road.

Mrs. Dan Rancier is the proud possessor of a new rug loom. For the next two months she is planning on weaving rugs for all who want them.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and the Leo Root family were guests of W. H. Mefford, last Sunday.

Messrs. Edmunds, Weston and Brice were business visitors in Hermiston, Tuesday.

Mrs. Brice, who has been on the Coast for the past few months, returned home last week. She is much improved in health.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

If the so-called "cabinet" form of government now in operation in Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, New York and other states is found by investigation to be superior to and more economical than the present Oregon system of handling governmental affairs, Governor Olcott will lend every influence at hand to obtain its adoption in this state. This statement by Governor Olcott followed the appointment of a committee of five prominent Oregon men to investigate the measure of success attained by the "cabinet" form of government in states where it has been established and file a report in his office for submission to the legislature at its next session.

Oregon's rivers and harbors fared especially well in the bill for improvements reported out by the house rivers and harbors committee. Provision is carried in the bill for the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland by widening of the channel to 600 feet and maintaining a depth of 30 feet. This improvement would eventually cost \$1,750,000, according to the engineer's estimates. Another provision is for the improvement of Willamette slough and still another for the construction of two jetties and the improvement of Isthmus slough at Coos Bay at a final cost of \$3,110,000. Improvement of the Clatskanie river also is included in the bill. Surveys are provided for Umpqua river, Tillamook bay and harbor, Deer Island slough and the North Portland harbor.

The lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river during the month of February were heavy, especially to foreign ports, a total of 36,777,611 feet, leaving for points across the sea in the 28 days.

The University of Oregon won a 2-to-1 decision at Eugene over the University of Washington debate team in one of the Oregon-Washington-Stanford contests for the Pacific coast championship.

Miss Willamene Fuller, 17-year-old student of Lincoln high school, was shot through the chest by an unidentified masked man or boy as she sang in the choir of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral in Portland.

Frances Green, 6 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Green of Springfield, died at Mercy hospital in Eugene as a result of injuries sustained when she was struck by a car driven by A. R. Gray, Eugene grocer.

Seven crates of Chinese pheasants were liberated on three Lin county game reserves by E. S. Hawker, district game warden. The birds are the first of a number of shipments to come to this county for propagation purposes.

The sinking of a 1000-foot shaft at an approximate cost of \$150,000 for the development of the Ben Harrison mine in the Greenhorn mountains is planned by the Ben Harrison company, according to W. C. Fellows, manager of the mine.

The woodenware plant established recently at the state penitentiary at Salem under an appropriation of \$30,000, authorized by the 1921 legislature, will begin operations early next week, according to L. F. Compton, warden of the institution.

W. H. Cook, for 48 years a resident of Salem, claims the distinction of having the most productive hen in Oregon. He says he has a White Leghorn which lays two eggs each day and every other day deposits in its nest an egg with a double yolk.

Oregon Governor Will Be Candidate. Portland, Or.—Ben W. Olcott announced here Saturday that he would become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon at the coming primary election.

Unless the number of cases of influenza at the state hospital at Salem decreases the institution will be quarantined by the superintendent and visitors will not be allowed. The state penitentiary has been under quarantine for more than two weeks.

A party of 500 Swiss farmers is preparing to come to Oregon for colonization purposes, according to Arnold Keller, of Portland. He has returned from Europe, where he was commissioned by the Swiss government to take up the colonization matter with Governor Olcott.

A total of 3210 checks, aggregating \$805,879.20, issued by the secretary of state at the direction of the world war veterans' state aid commission to applicants for cash benefits under the so-called soldier cash bonus and loan law were mailed to the recipients from Salem Friday.

At the request of Crook county post of the American Legion the business and professional men of the city met with the legion members and the Crook County Co-operative association was formed. The association has as its main object settling Crook county with white settlers.

Damages in the sum of \$20,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, Mrs. Pearl Lindsey, is asked in a "heart-balm" suit filed in the circuit court at The Dalles by H. H. Lindsey of Salem. J. F. McCulloch and Noel McCulloch of Antelope are named as the defendants in the suit.

When Joseph Laundry, under two years' sentence for violation of the Oregon criminal syndicalism act, arrived at the state penitentiary from Portland to start serving his term, he was agreeably surprised by Warden Compton, who refused to accept him for the reason that a few minutes before he reached the prison his case had been reversed by the supreme court.

Approximately 11,500 acres under the proposed Powell butte high-line canal will be irrigated by water stored in the Crane prairie reservoir of the North Canal company if directors of the district accept an offer made by ex-Governor West, secretary of the North Canal company. Mr. West proposed to furnish storage, do all necessary engineering and complete canals to the lands for \$53.75 an acre.

Fred C. Baker of Tillamook, secretary of the Roosevelt Memorial Coast Highway association, has received a telegram from Washington, D. C., stating that Senator McNary had submitted data to the secretary of agriculture urging that the Roosevelt highway be designated a road of primary importance. This is the brief that was submitted to the state highway commission and was written by the secretary of the association.

That the district forester will grant a concession for the operation of a summer hotel at Diamond lake within the next few weeks was the information received at Bend by Forest Supervisor Plumb. A 10 or 20-year lease would be given and an initial investment of \$12,000 to \$15,000 required. In the last few years Diamond lake has become one of the most popular central Oregon camping spots, both from the standpoint of the tourist and the angler.

Members of the Portland city council voted to withdraw its application filed several months ago with the Oregon public service commission, requesting that body to make an appraisal of the physical properties of the city water department. The withdrawal was made, it was announced by Mayor Baker, because it was the belief of members of the city council that "any confidence reposed in the public service commission by the citizens of Portland has been forfeited by that commission through recent acts and decisions."



Mr. Warren is here from Portland. He is the man with whom Mr. Kingsley traded and he has come to take possession of his business interests. Mr. Warren has lived in Morrow County before so the sage brush is not new to him, and he knows the trials and vicissitudes of the people who farm in this country. Mr. Warren had a general store in Heppner about twenty years ago.

Gardening time is at hand and many yards have been plowed and spaded. Mr. Cramer has been leveling the Stewart yard and they intend to plant a lawn. That will make several lawns in town, where as two years ago, the Blayden's, were the only ones who boasted a lawn.

Rev. B. Seely, of Portland delivered a fine sermon at church last Sunday. He and Mrs. Lee sang "In the Garden" as a duet and it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. A. L. Larsen did not have her operation last Sunday as had been planned. Word came that Dr. Hall of Portland could not come, and also that two of the nurses at the hospital were ill with the flu. She plans to leave Saturday, and Dr. Hall is expected Sunday. Mr. Larsen came home last week.

The ladies annual roll call is to be held next Wednesday and an all-day meeting is planned. Every woman is to bring a lunch and the tables will be set in the church. The members of the ladies aid all remember what a good time they had last year.

The Ladies Aid is planning to give the Tom Thumb Wedding, the latter part of the month. At this time the C. E. will also have a candy sale. The Tom Thumb Wedding has been given all over the U. S. and is always enjoyed. All the wifely in Miss Watkins room are to be in the wedding and a number of the town children who are too young to go to school. The very best talent has been selected for the leading characters. So far, the cast is as follows: Mildred Allen, Bride; Ted Albright, Groom; Sybil Grace Macomber, Mother; Howard Klages, Father; Dale Albright, Minister.

FEDERAL REVENUES DROP

January Receipts \$65,000,000 Less Than Same Month of 1921.

Washington, D. C.—Government revenues collected during January—the first month of operation of the revised tax law—showed a decrease in receipts of nearly \$65,000,000 compared with January, 1921, according to reports compiled by the internal revenue bureau.

Receipts during January aggregated \$131,900,000, against \$196,900,000 for the same month last year, the major shrinkage being in the income and profits taxes, which declined from \$87,000,000 to \$44,000,000.

Collections under the national prohibition act increased nearly \$50,000, receipts for January aggregating \$214,000, compared with \$164,000 in January, 1921. The advance was accounted for by an increase of \$144,000 in taxes on grape brandy used in fortifying sweet wines, all the other items showing decreases.

SENATE ASKS EFFECT OF PACIFIC TREATY

Senator New Declares There Is No "Alliance" in the Covenant.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution asking President Harding what effect ratification of the four power Pacific treaty will have on the Lansing-Ishih agreement between the United States and Japan, was adopted by the senate. The resolution was presented by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, one of the treaty opponents, and was agreed to without a roll call, after a short debate in which Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader, and a member of the American arms delegation, declared that in his opinion, "that the agreement would be wiped out entirely by the series of conference treaties."

There is no "alliance" in the four-power Pacific treaty nor any obligation to use force, Senator New, of Indiana, republican member of the foreign relations committee, declared in opening in the senate discussion of the treaties on behalf of the administration.

The four-power Pacific treaty was taken up Monday by the senate and will be discussed every day until a vote on ratification is obtained under a programme said to have been agreed to at a conference between President Harding and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader.

President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Senator Lodge's plans for proceeding with the arms conference treaties. Their conference at the White House was said to have been to discuss procedure and inform the president as to the situation, and the effect of legislative matters also before the senate.

REPUBLICANS AGREE ON BONUS MEASURE

Washington, D. C.—Unanimous agreement on a compromise soldiers' bonus bill, under which the cash feature would be eliminated, where the ex-service men would be entitled to more than \$50 adjusted service pay, was reached by house ways and means committee republicans, who believed they had found a solution of the problem which has been giving administration and congressional leaders concern for several weeks. The revised measure, however, still has a long road to travel before it reaches the statute books.

As drawn, the bill provides for cash payments only to those men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50, and these four optional measures:

Adjusted service certificates with an added loan provision which would enable the men to obtain immediately from banks a sum equal to 50 per cent of the adjusted service pay; vocational training, home and farm aid and land settlement.

Railway Wage Reductions Asked. Chicago, Ill.—Railroad labor and the nation's largest transportation lines opened their fight over the present scale of wages Monday before the United States railroad labor board. More than 175 roads have placed petitions for reductions averaging 10 per cent before the board.

Vesuvius In Eruption. Naples.—Mount Vesuvius again is in eruption. The phenomenon began with two mild shocks of earthquakes which were followed by the collapse of the eruptive cone, 200 feet high, which stood inside the crater.

