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**BRYAN'S MISSION NOT SUCCESSFUL**  
**Majority in California Legislature Still in Favor of Alien Laws**

Sacramento.—California in the fullness of her right as a state, may enact a rigid land law barring Orientals from ownership, but such action would be against the earnest wish of President Wilson and the national administration.

This is the substance of the message from Washington which W. J. Bryan, secretary of state and personal representative of the president, delivered to a secret conference attended only by Governor Johnson, Lieutenant-Governor Wallace and the 120 members of the state legislature.

Secretary Bryan's mission, however, seems to have failed, insofar as preventing action by the California legislature, as gleaned from a review of the proceedings. Governor Johnson sounded the keynote of the position of the majority party in a brief but intense speech in defense of California's position at the end of an all-day discussion with Secretary Bryan. He told Secretary Bryan that the right of California to follow the lead of other states was unquestioned, and declared that such a course now seems assured.

The address was brief, but it indicated plainly that the opinion of the governor remained unchanged by the arguments put forward by Mr. Bryan. Those who expected Secretary Bryan to expound a new theory of states' rights were disappointed, as were those who expected threats of war or other sinister predictions.

Advice in the name of President Wilson was all that Secretary Bryan had to offer, and the paramount question here is whether such advice will overcome the previously announced intention of the Republican majority to enact an alien land-holding law along lines already agreed upon.

**Friedmann Said to Have Sold Rights.**  
 New York.—Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann is reported to have sold the American rights for the sale of his turtle serum for \$1,925,000 to the Elser-Mendelson company of this city. He received \$125,000 in cash and the balance in stock in the 36 Friedmann institutes which will be established in as many states, with a total capitalization of \$5,400,000. The first states to receive the Friedmann institutes will be New York, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and California, where there are thousands of tuberculosis patients.

**\$15,000 OBTAINED THROUGH SWINDLE**

Portland.—Charged with dressing a dead body, the source of which is shrouded in mystery, in his clothing, having passed it off as his dead body and thereafter collecting through his wife a total of approximately \$15,000 from the Portland offices of an insurance company, the Postal Life, and two fraternal organizations, the Modern Woodmen of America and the United Artisans, James C. La France was placed under arrest at Coquille, Or., and is held as an accessory on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

His wife and the mother of his four children, the youngest less than six months old, was arrested with him and is being held as a principal. She it was, it is alleged, who collected the insurance money after the finding of what was supposed to be the dead body of her husband July 1, 1912, by a party of fishermen along the Clackamas river above Estacada.

La France's identity was first conclusively proved when, during the excitement of arrest, the children gathered around him and kept calling him "papa, papa," instead of "uncle," as Mrs. La France had declared Fergar was her brother-in-law.

The trail was taken up after the insurance people had satisfied themselves, by the evidence of acquaintances of La France who declared that they had seen him on the streets of Portland after his supposed death, that the alleged dead man was still in the land of the living.

**WOULD COMPEL DIVORCE**

**"No Woman Should Spend Her Days With a Brute or a Sot."**  
 Chicago.—Compulsory divorce laws, instead of laws to make divorce harder to obtain, were advocated by Judge Gemill, who, in the court of domestic relations hears perhaps more tales of marital woe than any other judge in the land.

"There are people living together today who should be forced by law to separate," said Judge Gemill. "There are women suffering untold misery through a mistaken sense of the binding quality of the marriage tie. God never meant that a woman should spend all her days with a brute."

**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**  
**Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.**

**Ralph Henry is Free**  
 Salem.—Ralph Henry, who was acquitted of the charge of murdering George Dodd in Linn county on the plea of insanity, and a few weeks ago was committed to the state insane asylum, has been discharged from that institution.

"We kept Henry under close observation for a full month, and could not detect the least trace of insanity," said Dr. R. E. L. Stelner, superintendent of the asylum. "He was not insane when he was brought here, and he was not insane when he left. Neither do I believe he was insane when he committed the crime. This opinion is held by all the members of our staff."

**MOTHER POISONS CHILDREN**

**Father Returning Home Finds Family in Throes.**  
 Portland.—In a moment of emotional insanity Mrs. Lillian Strang, 26, living at 1489 Macrum street, administered bichloride of mercury to two of her three small children and herself and then shot herself and two of the children in the heads with a small rifle. Recovering her senses, probably at the shock of the bullet wound, she set about administering emetics to the children and was found at this occupation by her husband, returning home.

In one room at the Good Samaritan hospital the woman, with a terrible wound in her brain and her condition further imperiled by the corrosive poison, lies surrounded by her moaning children, slowly sinking, but rational and languidly remorseful for her mad deed.

**Mrs. Bourne is Given Divorce**

Portland.—Affection for the two elderly sisters of her husband and the feeling that she owed the state of Oregon a duty on account of the honor of United States senator which had been conferred upon her husband, was given by Mrs. Lillian Elizabeth Bourne as her reasons for not having sued Jonathan Bourne, Jr., while he was a member of the United States senate.

Mrs. Bourne was granted a decree of divorce by Circuit Judge Gatena. Senator Bourne made no contest.

**Chamberlain Offers Land Law Change**

Washington.—Senator Chamberlain has introduced bills as follows:  
 To adjust claims of Serman county settlers; making lands withdrawn or classified as oil lands subject to entry under homestead or desert land laws; to make it easier to file on mineral lands.

**WEST AFTER BOOTLEGGERS**

**Finds Government Action is Too Slow To Get Results**  
 Salem.—Governor West is going after the bootleggers on the Indian reservations in this state. He declared he was going to see they were cleaned out. In the past the question has been raised whether it was the duty of the federal government or the state to apprehend and prosecute persons guilty of selling liquor to Indians on their reservations. The responsibility has been shifted first on the shoulders of one and then the other, with the result that it is said bootlegging has thrived.

The question as to who should be responsible was recently raised on the Siletz reservation. The governor looked up the matter and found the state should take just as active a hand as the government. Therefore he is writing to district attorneys to get busy. The matter will also be taken up with the federal authorities so there may be co-operation.

**S. P. Must Again Raise Fill**

Chemawa.—For many years the Southern Pacific company experienced difficulty in crossing Lake Labish, using a trestle which was a menace, one wreck occurring a number of years ago and some lives being lost. Some few years ago the company removed the trestle work from the lake and made a partial fill of gravel, which has not yet solved the difficulty. The lowest part of the fill in the lake will now be raised six feet. When the partial fill was made a few years ago the gravel used dropped from sight over one night, which caused the water to rise on each side of the right of way.

**Indian War Veterans Paid**

Monmouth.—After 57 years of patient waiting and contentment, the only eight survivors out of the 200 who enrolled in the North Yakima Indian war of 1855-1856 from Polk county have received pay for the horses and mules they lost while on duty. The recent remuneration is due to the action by the last legislature.

**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

While resisting arrest for being intoxicated, R. S. Smith stabbed City Marshal F. H. McCrea in the back at Antelope.

The Oregon State Sunday School convention will hold its 1914 meeting in La Grande, having so decided at the convention just held in Baker.

Governor West has selected Marshall N. Dana to succeed the late A. F. Hofer of Salem as member of the Oregon state immigration commission.

The contract for hauling the mail from Prairie City to Burns has been let. Louis Wolenberg of Canyon City secured the contract for \$11,875 per year.

Petitions have been circulated at Klamath Falls for the recall of Judge Worden on a charge of carelessness and extravagance in the management of the county business.

Myrtle Garner, 12, lay quietly between the rails of an O. W. R. & N. track at The Dalles while four box cars passed over her and was only slightly scratched and bruised.

Fire at Haines did damage to the amount of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 by destroying two warehouses and three cars, despite the fact that citizens worked heroically to control the flames.

About 80 veterans of the civil war who served at Gettysburg and live in Oregon, have applied to Adjutant General W. E. Finzer for the privilege of attending the Gettysburg encampment next July.

Though bare of details, information has been received from Honolulu, H. I., of the death by shooting of Miss Elma Snyder, for two years an employe of Roberts Brothers' store in Portland.

Single men are not as prompt in payment of their bills as are married men, according to a credit man who gave an address on the subject of credit at a dinner of the Portland retail merchants.

Beginning May 6, a campaign will be started in La Grande for the raising of funds for the building of a Y. M. C. A. to cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. The site for the building has been selected.

The Kerry Timber company has sold bonds to the amount of \$800,000 to build a logging railroad from Wood landing, on the Columbia river, to Nehalem, 31 miles, and to erect mills and operate logging camps.

The Pacific Power & Light company has asked for a franchise to extend its transmission lines from Astoria to Warrenton, Hammond and Fort Stevens, and thence to Gearhart Park. Construction will begin this year.

The residence of Amos Kaufman, a farmer residing near Woodburn, was totally destroyed by fire. Two infant girls, 1 and 3 years old, were cremated before their frantic parents could reach them, so fierce was the fire.

It is announced that the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., intends investing millions of dollars in improved property in Oregon. The first step was taken in the loan of \$150,000 on the Henry building in Portland.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N. company, has a large quantity of acclimated seed corn in 12-pound lots which will be given free to all farmers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho who want to plant corn this year.

Henry Bangert, convict, made a murderous assault on W. H. Fisher, chapel guard of the state prison at Salem. He viciously stabbed Fisher with a knife rudely made of a file, and wounded him deeply in the abdomen.


The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union fixed the rates for salmon for the season commencing May 1 at the same rates as last year—6 cents a pound for cannerly fish and 7½ cents for cold-storage salmon, those weighing 25 pounds or over.

In a barn fire on the hop farm of H. Hirschberg, near Independence, 16 horses were burned to death and 70 tons of hay destroyed. One of the horses was a first prize winner at the Independence fair. The fire was of unknown origin, and caused a loss of about \$6000.

Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle handed down an opinion in which he holds that the bill passed by the legislature, forbidding the sale of liquor outside of incorporated towns, save in hotels and clubs, applies to wholesale as well as retail liquor establishments.

To attend the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, which will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., from June 9 to July 6, inclusive, four Albany men who participated in that famous battle will leave for the east during the latter part of June.

The respective commands of Captain Murphy of Fort Columbia and Lieutenant Towns of Fort Stevens are laying miles of heavy sea cable and scores of steel submarine mines at the mouth of the Columbia. Part of this work is done by Filipinos. They are regarded as most efficient workmen, but are not educationally qualified to reveal important secrets with relation to the mines.



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