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IN LANE'S OPINION LAND LAW CAN PASS

Favorably Reported in Both House and Senate.

SIMILAR BILL FOR NEXT SESSION

Preliminary Work of Investigation Being Continued as Far as Limited Funds Will Permit.

Although Congress adjourned without bringing to a vote the proposed legislation which, if enacted into law, would have made it possible for the Department of the Interior to begin work immediately on the construction of soldiers-settlements and provide work and homes for thousands of our returned soldiers, sailors, and marines on reclaimed land, the fact that the bill was favorably reported in both the House and the Senate, and the nation-wide approval of the plan as evidenced by the hundreds of letters of endorsement received daily at the Department, have led Secretary Lane to take the stand that there is every reason to believe that a similar bill will be favorably considered at the coming special session of Congress. He is accordingly continuing the preliminary work of investigation as far as the limited funds at his disposal will permit and is also endeavoring to ascertain for the information of Congress the attitude toward the plan of as many men in the service as he is able to reach through the distribution of questionnaires at the various camps and naval stations throughout the country.

Secretary Lane is in thorough accord with Congressman Taylor, of Colorado, the author of the bill introduced at the last session of Congress for putting the soldier-settlement into effect, who said:

"I can only say to the House and to the country, and to the many thousands of our splendid boys who will be sorely disappointed by this failure of the House to pass this bill or act upon this subject, that I will reintroduce the bill on the opening day of the next session of Congress and push the measure with all the energy I possess, and I sincerely hope and believe that it will be speedily enacted into law. And I also hope that instead of the appropriation being for \$100,000,000, it may be five times that amount; because even then we will not, in proportion to our wealth and resources, be doing nearly as much for our returning soldiers as is being done by Canada, Australia, and all other English-speaking countries. I am not only confident that this measure will be adopted, but I firmly believe it will go down in history as one of the great constructive policies of our country."

Many of the State legislatures have met recently, but a large number of the states have already taken action by appropriation or by the appointment of committees to co-operate with the Federal Government in connection with the soldier-settlement plan of the Department.

RED CROSS ELECTION APRIL 8.

The Times-Herald has been authorized to announce that the annual election of officers of Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at the Liberty Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 8. This was decided upon at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Chapter. It will be remembered that the annual election was called for the latter part of last October, but the prevalence of influenza prevented the election and was postponed indefinitely. All who hold membership in the Red Cross are invited to be present at this meeting and take part in the election of a Board of Managers. Those selected on this board will be the further selection of the officers as is the method of the organization.

The Red Cross is still taking a very active part in affairs, even though the season has closed. It is doing some important work in looking after suffering humanity in the European countries and also aiding the returned soldier. Don't lose your interest in the Red Cross. Attend this meeting and hear the reports of the several departments on the work of the year.

NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR SAILS FOR DENMARK



Norman Hapgood, famous American editor, sails this week for Denmark, to take up his duties as ambassador to that country from the United States. Hapgood made an international reputation for himself with his pen, through his advanced thinking and independent style. His appointment came when Ambassador Egan resigned the post.

WANTS TO GET BIRD BILL BEFORE PEOPLE

Finley Threatens to Initiate Bill to Vote on Matter of Malheur Preserve.

Mr. Finley threatens to initiate a bill to vote on the matter of the bird preserve at Malheur Lake. He will find things rather interesting when he attempts to put this hobby over in the face of real conditions. Harney Valley people have no objections to the bird preserve so long as it does not interfere with the development of the country, but if it means the abandonment of irrigation in this Valley the people are not going to sit down and let it go on. Under present conditions the preserve is not doing any particular harm, but if the people are to be prevented from using the water of streams flowing into the lake for irrigation purposes—if the birds are to be given preference over babies—then we're going to make a vigorous kick and the people of this state will not allow such a thing to take place.

OWNER OF LOCAL STORE BUYS COASTWISE SHIP.

A. Ottlinger and a number of his friends have purchased the White Flyer steamer "Humboldt" and are going to put her on the run between San Francisco and Los Angeles on about April 15th. The boat will make eight round trips per month, and carry 175 to 200 passengers and 700 tons of freight. She will be operated on a 30 hour schedule.

The "Humboldt" formerly plied between Seattle and Alaska points and has established one of the best reputations for first class service. There is no doubt that a regular line will be established in the near future with a good schedule and the best of service.

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAN HERE.

Fred F. Henshaw, in charge of the water gauges of this territory, arrived from Portland the first of the week to get things moving on the streams of this county during the Spring run-off. He went up the river Tuesday to confer with Mrs. Lute Parker, who is in charge of the gauge up there, and then went down to the lake section to see that the gauges in that territory were working. Mr. Henshaw made the trip up from Portland in his Ford car. He found the roads rather bad but had no serious trouble. He was met here by a government man who came from the East to take active charge of this territory during the Spring run-off and this will permit Mr. Henshaw to return to Portland and look after affairs in his office.

As congress started on a wild rush for home a perturbed voice called after it, "Hey there! you've forgotten to fix up the railroads!" But congress evidently didn't hear, as it only ran the faster.

DOLLAR DAY CAN BE MADE REAL SUCCESS

Will Be Benefit to All Concerned If Everyone Works. Dollar Worth More Than That Day.

The Times-Herald is ready to co-operate with the business men of this city in making "Dollar Day" a real live red letter day. This is a matter that can be of much benefit to all concerned if all will work for it. The people of Harney county are to be invited to Burns on this day, April 2, to take part in the formation of a big organization having for its purpose the aiding of every legitimate enterprise looking to the advancement of the country, regardless of where it is located or who promotes it. We are to take the initiative in this move, as the people of the country naturally look to Burns to assume that position in such organizations. The merchant is going to show his hospitality by making it attractive in the line of shopping on that day. He is going to say to his visitors on "Dollar Day" that his dollar is worth more on that day and prove it to him by having special bargains placed before him. We have noted that several of our neighboring towns have market days when there are sales of live stock and produce. This is a fine thing in communities more thickly settled and might be tried in this at some future time, but let's make this "Dollar Day" one that our visitors will remember.

NORTHWEST BREEDERS SHORTHORN SALE.

Ranch men who are interested in breeding Shorthorn cattle will have an excellent opportunity to get the kind of bulls they want to use in their herds if they attend the annual spring sale of registered Shorthorns held by the Northwest Shorthorn Breeders Association at Portland on April 1. There will be offered in this sale something like 35 or 90 head of registered Shorthorns.

The annual spring sale of Shorthorns at Portland has been the most influential factor in the building up of good herds of Shorthorn cattle in the Northwest. It has offered the opportunity for breeders to see side by side a large number of the best bred animals and to pick out bulls that they believe will improve the offspring from their herds. The manager of the sale, Frank Brown, of Carlton, Ore., states that he has never had a more rugged lot of bulls than has been listed in the sale this spring. Readers of this paper who are interested in Shorthorn cattle are invited to send to the Rural Spirit, Portland, Oregon, for a copy of the catalog.

OIL MEN EXPECTING HEAD OF COMPANY

M. G. Nease Coming to Take Active Part in Management of Dog Mountain Project.

Local men interested in the well at Dog Mountain were looking forward to the arrival of M. G. Nease, president of the company, with the expectation of activities beginning at the well. We had been given to understand the cement cap that has sealed this hole since beginning to remove the water would be tapped at once and disclose whether there was oil there or not. So far this has not occurred, so far as the writer is able to learn. Mr. Nease has been in consultation with stockholders of the enterprise and we understand some new leases have been secured on land in the vicinity of the well. That is as far as things have progressed.

There is every reason to believe a flow of oil will be disclosed upon the removal of the cement cap now in the Dog Mountain well—at least that is what many of those interested believe and have given their friends to understand. The Times-Herald hopes this is confirmed and that it may be developed at once. Nothing would be a greater boon to this country.

CLINGANS BUY FURNITURE STORE OF L. L. NOONCHESTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clingan have purchased the furniture store of L. L. Noonchester and will take charge at once. Mrs. Clingan had been saleswoman for Mr. Noonchester for the past several months and was quite familiar with the business before taking it over. In conversation with a representative of this paper she stated that they are beginning at once to enlarge the quarters wherein the furniture is stored and get it in better shape for the additional stock which will be ordered immediately. Mrs. Clingan expects to leave within a few days for Portland to purchase more stock.

PUMPING IRRIGATION PAID

E. W. Liddle installed a small irrigation pumping plant on his farm west of Corvallis last year, says the Benton Farm Bureau News. The engine cost \$165 and the remainder of the outfit \$115. The irrigation doubled the yield on nine acres of corn.

YANKS TURN TABLES FOR BRITISH BRIDES



Yankee boys are turning the table on the British youths in the "brides from across sea" act. A. J. Drexel, son of the famous Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia, is the latest American to marry a British beauty. This is the bride, formerly Miss Nancy Grayson, daughter of Lieut.-Col. H. M. Grayson, M. P.

HIGH PRICES NOT FAULT OF GROCER

Goods Bought Before War Was Over Have Not Declined in Price.

The grocer has received many complaints about the holding up the most part of his prices after the war's over. The public that gives itself up to this idle talk is not well informed and should arrive to be before smirching the town grocer as a hold-upist and purse-puller.

As a matter of fact the war is over, but not so the goods laid in for the supposed continuance of the war by the enterprising merchant. The buying was made by this person when he thought the prices were perhaps the lowest he would be likely to find them in some while. When negotiating his purchases he had the welfare of the people, his customers, at heart and was striving to secure for them the lowest retail prices that he could while the securing was good. The fact that the war ended and left him with so much so-bought goods on his hands was his misfortune as well as the customers who immediately started out to adjudge him everything that could find its way into print and conversation.

Let us rather thank him for the good intent with which he served us and refrain from more abusive criticism in the future.

R. L. HAINES' REGIMENT PRESIDENT-GUARD IN FRANCE

The following clipping was handed The Times-Herald the other day. It refers to the Regiment of which R. L. Haines, former city marshal of this city, was a member:

For the sake of "Auld Lang Syne," a dinner party was given last night at Hotel Henry Watterson by officers of the 83d Field Artillery Regiment. The officers included in the party were only the men who had been with the regiment since the beginning, seventeen in number. They have served at Camp Fremont, Cal.; Fort Sill, Ark.; Camp Mills, N. Y., and then overseas, expecting to fight arm in arm at the front, but the armistice was signed just a few days after they landed in France.

However, they were selected as the guard of honor for President Wilson the day he landed at Brest, France, and took part in the spectacular parade that introduced President Wilson to the continent. Shortly thereafter they embarked for America, landing at Hoboken, N. J., on January 18. They were transferred immediately to Camp Knox, where they are awaiting discharges.

The 83d Regiment was cited by Brig. Gen. Alfred A. Starboard as being the best-trained outfit that America had sent to France. Officers who had charge of the arrangement last night are Capt. B. R. Skinner, Lieut. George C. Morris, Lieut. F. B. Cappelman, Lieut. A. J. Rawlings and Lieut. F. M. Bunch.

STATE ORGANIZATION MUCH TO THIS COUNTY

Would Be Unit in Body With 800,000 Members.

LOCAL PROBLEMS BECOME STATE'S

Instances Such as Malheur Bird Preserve Could Be Placed Before Public in Its True Light.

The Times-Herald hopes the citizens of Harney county appreciate what the organization of a representative Chamber of Commerce covering every part of the county would mean toward accomplishing results in the undertakings of the several communities in development. The move is state wide and means that should this county take an active part it would be a unit in a big organization with the backing of some 800,000 people. It is not local in any sense and yet it is for the purpose of aiding every locality of the state in whatever meritorious undertaking it has. The local problem becomes the problem of the entire state when once placed before it.

We have had an instance placed before us recently that illustrates the necessity of such an organization: State Biologist Finley tried to get the Malheur Lake ceded to the government as a permanent bird reserve and so regulated that it would have been a serious drawback to the development of the country, in that it would have interfered with the establishment of an irrigation system having the impounding of the waters of the Sillies River as a part of the system. Mr. Finley is still busy with his propaganda in this direction and has a following. One Portland newspaper has devoted pages to this propaganda in which the minds of thousands of people are put in a wrong idea of our condition. The people of Harney county have no objection to the bird refuge, in fact they rather favor it, so long as it doesn't interfere with the advancement of the material welfare of the country; but when the big world is vying for greater production and the possibility is before us to aid in relieving this situation and in addition give many hundreds of people homes where they can make a living, it places the matter in an entirely different light.

Don't get this confused that the proposition to form such an organization is a move by Burns or any other town in Oregon. It is for the purpose of uniting the entire state and bringing the problems of each community before all the people that each may aid the other in working out better conditions. We want the people of the entire state to know of our aspirations and desires. We want them to know of the great possibilities in this big country—what can be accomplished with the proper handling of the water supply as compared to raising water fowl. We want the backing of the entire state in working for a better system of roads, the solution of improving our mail service to the more remote sections of this big empire that is so little known and less understood.

These are some of the things such an organization would take care of; the local organizations could work together in community affairs and be the means of cementing the county in all matters of neighborhood concern and make us more of a unit than in the past.

If this sort of an organization appeals to the citizens of the county as being one worthy of inaugurating, it is hoped they will come to Burns on April 2 and take part in putting it through.

FARM NAMES LEND DIGNITY

"Inwood," name of a farm near Corvallis, written on the envelope by children away from home, inspires more pride than "R. F. D. 4," says the O. A. C. Press Bulletin. Also, "Cumtux," an Indian word meaning "understand," is more dignified than "the old Smith ranch." Name your farm from its land of water, tree or grass or historical relation—Indian names are especially good in Oregon. Get your local newspaper publisher to print your stationery and advertise your most important farm produce. Announce the non-commercial supplies for sale and wanted in your farm bureau news. This may end the present-day reference to "farmers and business men."

