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LEGISLATION TO AID FARMERS PROPOSED

Bills Introduced in Congress to Establish Farm Loan System.

Washington, D. C.—Rural credits legislation, said to have the approval of administration officials and proposing to create a farm credits department as a part of the present farm loan system, was introduced simultaneously in the senate and house by Senator Lenroot, republican of Wisconsin, and Representative Anderson, republican of Minnesota.

The two bills, similar in most particulars, would make available for farm loans a total of \$60,000,000, distributed equally among the 12 federal farm loan banks. The present government subscription to the 12 banks totals only \$12,000,000. The banks would be authorized to rediscunt farm paper having a maturity of from six months to three years.

The proposed legislation stipulates that farm paper could be rediscouted for national and state banks and trust companies, incorporated live-stock loan companies, farm credit companies, co-operative credit companies and other banking institutions.

One bill amending the farm loan act to provide additional credits was introduced by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Representative Strong, republican, Kansas; while another, introduced by Senator Norbeck and Representative A. P. Nelson, republican, Wisconsin, would authorize the war finance corporation to make loans to foreign purchasers of American agricultural products.

Both of the bills are introduced by the American Farm Bureau Federation and go beyond the administration proposals in the recently introduced Lenroot-Anderson bill.

STATE AND FEDERAL LIQUOR TRIALS LEGAL

Washington, D. C.—Two cases considered by the government of major importance in the enforcement of national prohibition have been decided by the supreme court. In one of them, coming from the state of Washington, the government scored a sweeping victory, the supreme court holding that both the federal and a state government can prosecute and punish the same unlawful act in the manufacture, possession, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquors.

The other case, coming from California, the government lost in its contention that in the enforcement of national prohibition an executive officer can impose and collect as taxes the assessments and penalties imposed by those sections of the revised statutes which remain un repealed by the Volstead act and which became law while the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor was not prohibited.

CHANGE CIVIL SERVICE

Chief Justice Taft Would Extend Scope of Act.

Washington, D. C.—Chief Justice Taft suggested in an address before the annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform league that the president be given power to make appointments to all local offices without senate confirmation. This would be of great assistance to the president, Taft said, because he could, by executive order, turn the entire burdensome task over to the civil service commission.

The change, which was suggested for postmasters, collectors of internal revenue, United States attorneys, federal marshals and other field officers of the government, he declared, should be welcomed by congress because of "the importunities of patronage seekers."

American Consul at Malta Shot.

Valletta, Malta.—Mason Mitchell of New York, American consul on the island of Malta, was shot and wounded near Baracca. His assailant escaped. Mitchell was taken to a physician for treatment. Mitchell was slightly wounded, the bullet embedding itself in his coat. He was confined to his bed, but with the expectation that he would be about in a day or two. The shooting is generally attributed to a madman.

Is Grain Buyer Absorbing Gains

Athena farmers will be interested in the following, from three sources, relative to results accruing from the Columbia basin rate decision:

A Pendleton special to the Oregon Journal says: Grain growers and shippers of this section of the Inland Empire today expressed themselves as in favor of the Columbia basin decision, but were unable to see any great benefits accruing from it to them since the lower rate to Portland over Seattle and Puget Sound has been in effect.

W. W. Harrah, shipper and grower, declared that last month the wheat shipments to Portland were five times as much as those to Seattle and Tacoma, and laid this record directly to the cut in rates for this territory. By securing Washington and Idaho wheat, more business is done in Portland, bigger payrolls created, expansions demanded and property in general boosted, he said.

On the other hand, Mr. Harrah said that the price basis of Seattle and Portland is about the same and that the lower rate was alone responsible for the wheat going to Portland mills. Seattle has lost a great deal of business through the operation of the award, he said.

The Portland Angle
When The Journal inaugurated the Columbia basin rate case it was primarily with the belief that producers of the interior should benefit in lower rates from water grade transportation.

The decision of the interstate commerce commission which ordered a differential of 10 per cent under the Puget Sound rate in the rates to and from Portland-Vancouver and a zone south of the Snake river that normally produces some 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, was accepted as a victory for the water grade route, for the growers and for Portland.

But for some time there has been mutterings from the interior that Portland exporters were pocketing the differential and letting the producers whistle for their share. Concerning the situation, ex-Governor Oswald West, who was counsel for the Inland Empire Shippers' league in the Columbia basin case, said:

"The whole purpose of the fight for lower rates to Portland was to secure for the Inland Empire shippers benefits which should have been theirs by reason of their favorable locations in reference to a water grade route. If the benefits which should have been theirs as a result of a favorable decision in the case are not coming to them but are being absorbed by the grain buyer then the fight is of no avail. Having won out over the railroads it is quite apparent that the producers still have another fight on their hands and that is to secure fair treatment at the hands of the grain buyers. If it wasn't the policy of the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to remain neutral on all matters that body might be asked to interest itself. By so doing it would not only help the shippers of the interior but take a long step toward further development of the port."

"When the market is dull like the present and wheat buying is slow I doubt if interior producers share to the fullest extent in the advantage from the differential ordered by the interstate commerce commission in favor of this city," said J. W. Gannon of Kerr-Gifford company, a recognized authority in the export wheat business. "When the market is sharp and buying is keenly competitive the differential enables us to bid at an advantage over other points and the producers get the benefit."

It should be understood, however, that much of the grain bought in Portland is for export. Seattle, on the other hand, is a milling, not an export wheat market. The mills there ask a certain quality and bid higher for it, just as our mills bid higher when quality is in question.

"We, like other grain exporters, receive our information as to grain prices from Liverpool by cable and make our offers on this basis always desiring to allow a reasonable profit for ourselves."

Walla Walla View
Growers in the Walla Walla valley have not benefited by the Columbia basin freight rate decision, according to statements of grain agents and produce men there. These are unanimous in the statement that prices

HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Is it possible to tell the absolute truth even for twenty-four hours? Bob Bennett will accomplish this feat in the play, "Nothing But the Truth," to be presented by the high school students in the auditorium, Thursday December twenty-first, at 8:00 P. M.

"Nothing But the Truth," is a tremendous Comedy hit in three acts. The following cast have been working on the play for sometime and they have thoroughly mastered their parts.

Robert Bennett.....Brooks Anderson
E. M. Ralston.....Leon Kretzer
Richard Donnelly.....James Hodgen
Clarence Van Dusen.....Velton Read
Bishop Doran.....Berle Hodgen
Gwendolyn Ralston.....Sadie Pambrun
Mrs. E. M. Ralston.....Ruth Hutt
Ethel Clark.....Walthia Haynie
Mable Jackson.....Blanche Wilson
Sable Jackson.....Leota Johnson
Martha.....Genevieve Rogers.

Unique and attractive scenery, for this sprightly and amusing Comedy is being made by Mr. Luttrell with the assistance of some of the high school students.

"Nothing But the Truth," will hold the interest of the audience every minute. Between acts there will be special music, so that there will be a single dull moment.

The admission will be \$.50 for adults \$.35 and \$.25 for children.

The proceeds of the play will go to the annual fund.

KING OF FISHERMEN

The above title has been unanimously bestowed upon Lucien Gagnon by Athena anglers. For he it known that Mr. Gagnon has again won the Watts and Rogers trophy for catching the largest trout of the season, receiving the handsome \$25 prize Colorado Special rod. Mr. Gagnon took the prize when he landed a beautiful steelhead trout on a certain gravelbar in the Umatilla, the fish measuring 31½ inches. He also won the prize fishing rod last year with a Rainbow trout. Hence the boys know he is a "go-getter" and the result is the title given him. The boys prize was won this year by George Pambrun, who gets the Bristol Steel rod hooking a 13½ inch Rainbow trout.

offered by dealers in Portland had not been adjusted to give the grower any part of the differential offered by the decision.

The grain dealers say that prices in Portland are generally 1 or 2 cents under those on the Sound. "The rate to Portland," said one, "is 1½ cents per bushel on wheat less than that to Seattle. For example, if the price is \$1.24 in Seattle it is generally \$1.22 or \$1.23 in Portland. We do not consider that the decision has any benefit to farmers here."

C. B. Auker, manager of the Walla Walla Gardeners' association, said that no benefit had accrued to the gardeners of this section, stating that wholesale prices in Portland have absorbed the differential.

Legislative Cuts Held Sole Means

A Pendleton special to the Oregon Journal says the County Taxpayers' league has been informed by its committee appointed to investigate local conditions, that tax reduction must come mainly from the state legislature, as opportunity for a cut in the county budget is slight.

Judge James A. Fee, president of the league and mayor-elect of Pendleton, advocated the abolition of various state commissions as a means toward lessening the tax burden.

Discussion of the county budget showed an inclination on the part of the people of the county to be permitted an opportunity to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the budget. Voters in Pendleton twice unsuccessful years have rejected increases in the city budget. J. T. Lieualien, James Johns Sr. and A. C. Funk were named as a committee from the league to investigate the situation in the sheriff's office, in an effort to determine whether a cut may be made in the salary of that official, inasmuch as in this county he retains all fees paid in to the office for service in civil cases. The sheriff's salary is \$2500 a year.

Three suggestions were made by the league's committee as possible avenues for relief from taxation. These were the working out of a plan for reaching wealth now escaping taxation or exempt so as to provide for an equalization of the tax burden; a hard and fast limitation to insure that when new sources of revenue are provided, the new revenue will be used only for the purpose of reducing the present tax on real property; more economical state administration through abolition of any state commission or department not absolutely necessary to the state's welfare.

Several planks in the platform on which Governor-elect Pierce was elected were referred as offering possible avenues of relief or additional revenue, and attention of members of the legislature directed toward them.

THE ONLY SURVIVOR

A Milton item has the following in relation to a former respected citizen of this city, where she still has many friends. Mrs. Jacobs now resides in Portland: Mr. and Mrs. Tassey Stewart had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Jacobs of Portland last Saturday and Sunday morning, when they brought her over from Walla Walla where she came to attend the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Whitman massacre. Mrs. Jacobs is the only living survivor of that historical event, and she is eighty-eight years old.

BLAST BREAKS LINE

Workmen on the O. W. R. & N. near Blakeley Station set off a blast Tuesday afternoon that broke the high power electric and the telephone wires, connecting Athena with Pendleton. For a time, until repairs could be made, motors were idle and telephone communication was held up.

FIGURES ON WHICH LAGRANDE BASES CLAIM

Considering the messed-up rules that misgovern football games in the high school conference schedule of the present season, perhaps LaGrande has as much right to claim the championship as any other team playing alleged conference games this season. Where the shoe pinches Athena is that the Union county team rose up to consideration of the conference officials. LaGrande gives as the basis for her claims, the following: Claiming championship of the Eastern Oregon football history this fall is the great indoor sport these days. Teams, in some instances that played the games are out for the honors. "In contrast to the wholly ridiculous claims of some schools stands the record of the LaGrande team" says a statement from Coach "Skeet" Reynolds (O. A. C.) in announcing the willingness of the LaGrande team to play post season game with any other team that has any justice behind its claim. Not in years have there been so many teams which were styled as champions. Principal E. D. Towler, of the local school has issued the following statements of fact concerning the LaGrande team, and upon which LaGrande bases its claims for championship:

"LaGrande has played seven inter-scholastic games as follows this year: LaGrande 58, Imbler 0; LaGrande 23, Elgin 0; LaGrande 7, Pendleton 25; LaGrande 72, Baker 6; LaGrande 52, Union 6; LaGrande 72, Wallowa 0; LaGrande 45, Enterprise 0. Total, LaGrande 329, total, opponents 37.

"Athena our closest competitor, has played five games and has scored 165 points while 13 points were scored against her; 106 of these 165 points were made in the game with Umatilla when Umatilla was defeated by 106-0 score. This left 59 points made in the other four games. These, figures we think, entitle us, without question, to the Eastern Oregon championship."

SETTLEMENT WANTED

The precarious condition of Dr. S. F. Sharp, veteran Athena physician who is very ill at St Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, makes it vitally necessary that all accounts owing him for professional services be settled promptly and at once. As Mrs. Sharp is compelled to remain at the bedside of her husband at the hospital, arrangements have been made for payments of these accounts to the First National Bank where receipts will be made out for the same.

FAIR COVERING LEFT

Except in spots, the snow covering yet remains over growing grain. In some fields the snow has drifted considerably, leaving spots of uncovered grain.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY OUT

Oregon's official school directory, a compilation of valuable information concerning the schools of the state, is now being distributed by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Mattie Coppock Called By Death

Miss Mattie Coppock, who has been ill for a period of many months, died Wednesday at Hot Lake, where she was taken for treatment several weeks ago.

Her father Robert Coppock and sister, Mrs. W. O. Read were at Hot Lake with her from the first. The remains were brought to Athena yesterday, and the funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Miss Coppock was born near Brownsville, Oregon, December 17, 1867, and died at Hot Lake, Union county, at the age of 54 years, 11 months and 26 days. She lived in Athena and vicinity for 50 years, coming here with her parents when about five years of age. She was a life long member of the Methodist church, and up to the time of her illness was an active church worker.

She resided in Athena, with her father for several years past. The deceased is survived by her father, Robert Coppock, three brothers, A. R. Coppock and Frank Coppock of Athena; Alfred Coppock, of Colfax, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. W. O. Read of Athena.

"MAN TO MAN"

Under ordinary conditions, Universal's superlative Western picture, "Man to Man," would have been screened on a Saturday night program, but the cost of the picture for a one night stand, was beyond the scale price of a small theatre. The Standard and Memorial Hall at Weston went in together on a contract for the picture, dividing the cost. Weston uses the picture Saturday night, from whence it comes for the showing here, Sunday night. For Saturday night, the Standard offers Will Rogers and Lila Lee in "One Glorious Day," a mirth-racking comedy drama, embellished with a fine Torchy comedy. Both shows are at regular prices; in fact the Standard has under contract but one picture at advanced prices, "Human Hearts," to be played on Christmas night.

A TOUCH OF WINTER

A touch of winter has been felt in Athena and vicinity this week. Saturday the snow drifted until the highway east of town was impassable, and remained so until a force of men, assisted by one of the county's caterpillars, drawing a road-grading machine, relieved the situation, but cutting through the snow and ice is slow work. Sunday and Monday nights the mercury hovered around the zero mark, with the result that water pipes in some instances froze up and burst.

CALLED TO PORTLAND

Principal O. C. Hadley left this morning for Portland, where he was called by the death of his father, who has been ill for some time. He recently made a trip there to visit his father.

REFLECTION IN ONE'S TRUST

Belief in Another's Goodness Well Explained as the Sympathetic Affection of Our Own.

USE FOR STILLS FOUND

Sheriffs and Policemen to Make Convention Badges of Metal.

Bill for Columbia River Survey

Washington, D. C.—The war department under a bill introduced by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, would make a survey of the Columbia river from Vancouver to Priest Rapids, Wash., and of the Snake river from its mouth to Asotin, Wash., to determine the feasibility of canalization of the two rivers for barge traffic, of irrigation and reclamation of the lands along the rivers in event of canalization and of development of hydro-electric power.

Washington, D. C.—Major General Leonard Wood has tendered his resignation as provost of the University of Pennsylvania and will remain in Manila permanently as governor general of the Philippines.

John Wanamaker Dead in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa.—John Wanamaker, the world famous merchant and former postmaster general passed away here Tuesday. He had been confined there since early in November with a heavy cold. He was 84 years old.

Four Women in Irish Senate.

Dublin.—The senate of the Irish Free State will have four women members.

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WHEN YOUR AMBITION WAS TO GO TO THE CITY TO WORK AND

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