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WORLD COURT IS FAVORED BY SENATE

Cloture Is Imposed For Second Time in History By Vote of 68 to 26.

Washington, D. C.—Entry of the United States into the world court was made certain when the senate upset a cherished tradition and imposed cloture on itself for the second time in its history. The vote was 68 to 26.

Cloture came to the test after last-minute efforts to hold the olive branch of unanimous consent agreement to limit discussion had been swept brusquely aside.

Every senator except two was in his seat, the floor was crowded by members of the house and galleries were overflowing. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the war president, sat with Mrs. Swanson, wife of the senior senator from Virginia, in the presidents' row, and many other notables were in the private galleries.

An hour of debate with many barbed exchanges preceded the vote, and as this went forward scouts for both sides were busy here and there, trying to keep their forces in line. There was much shifting about, and the strength rolled up by the opposition was somewhat surprising.

Thirty-seven republicans and 31 democrats voted to impose the rule limiting each senator to one hour on the resolution of adhesion and all reservations, while 18 republicans, seven democrats and the one farmer-labor, Shipstead of Minnesota, voted against cloture.

HOUSE OBJECTS TO COMPROMISE MEASURE

Washington, D. C.—The compromise tax reduction bill reported by the senate finance committee encountered new troubles with notice from house leaders that it was unacceptable there.

Already facing serious opposition in the senate, the measure was assailed by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, which drafted the bill as approved by the house, because of its provisions to repeal the inheritance and capital stock taxes.

In addition, he declared in a statement, the senate measure would reduce taxes, when in full force, by more than \$467,000,000 annually, instead of \$352,661,000 as estimated by the senate committee for this calendar year, and \$330,000,000 as approved by the house.

House opposition to prospective senate provisions in the bill was viewed in many quarters as placing an important stumbling block in the way of plans to have the bill in effect before March 15, when first income tax installments are due.

NEW RULES ON GRAZING

Ten-Year Permits to Have Force of Contracts.

Washington, D. C.—New regulations concerning grazing fees in national forests were made public by the department of agriculture. They give 10-year permits the full force and effect of contracts, provide for the organizing of local grazing boards and are designed to encourage individual allotments where practicable. Effective as of January 18, they affect all of the 160 national forests.

Local grazing boards provided for in the new regulations will consist of three members in case where the board governs one forest and five when the board governs a group of forests.

In each case, there would be only one representative from the department of agriculture on the boards, the other members being stockmen in the area affected.

Snow Blankets State of Texas.

Kansas City.—The southwest Monday lay under a blanket of snow which extended to the Mexican border. The heaviest snow in 41 years covered San Antonio, Tex. The Texans of the western plains saw their first snow fall in years. Ice and snow covered the ground in Oklahoma. Streets in Oklahoma City were a mass of ice and traffic was impeded.

Washington Starts Drive on Lights.

Olympia, Wash.—A state-wide campaign against illegal lights on motor vehicles will be staged this week by the state highway patrol.

MAY TAX ANOTHER CENT ON GASOLINE FOR ROADS

Automobile owners of the state will be assessed another tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline, for country road purposes, if legislation proposed at the annual meeting of the state county judges and commissioners association at Multnomah county courthouse becomes effective says the Oregonian.

Surface sentiment as indicated and sensed at the meeting was in favor of such a tax, on the ground that the present state gasoline tax of 3 cents a gallon reverts to the state, and that the counties, as such, derive no direct benefit therefrom.

Discussion ended with adoption of a motion to refer the question to the association's committee on roads.

The gasoline tax question was presented by C. P. Barnard, county judge of Lane county, who reviewed the circumstances of increasing wear and tear on county roads as a result of steadily growing automobile traffic, and particularly of the increasing use of motor transportation for freight and passenger traffic.

R. H. Mast, county judge of Coquille county, also spoke in favor of a 1-cent tax and others of the judges and commissioners thought enough of the idea to have it referred to the road committee for consideration and resolution.

The county judges and commissioners also adopted unanimously a resolution favoring congressional reimbursement of Oregon-California land grant counties for taxes during the last ten years because of the withdrawals of such lands.

According to the resolution, the assessed valuation of such lands in 1919, amounted to approximately \$22,235,000, their removal from the tax rolls entailing a loss to the counties of \$465,000 a year in tax revenues.

The resolution held that the present request for congressional reimbursements is not without precedent, in that congress has given some recognition to the counties' claims in the matter by an appropriation of \$1,300,000, which sum was paid to the counties to reimburse their treasurers for taxes already levied upon the lands for 1913, 1914 and 1915, but not collected by the counties.

The resolution held that the counties affected had been drastically crippled in resources and sources of taxation because of the lands' withdrawal.

The gasoline tax question and the land grant issue were outstanding features of the county judges and county commissioners' session at which H. L. Habrouck, county judge of Hood River county, president of the association, and J. E. Smith, county commissioner of Marion county, secretary-treasurer, presided.

A COLD WINTER

In the "When Walla Walla Was Young" column in the Walla Walla Union, this item taken from the files of January 24, 1874, says: Many cattle suffered from frozen feet during the winter, according to the stories told by cattlemen who are beginning to drift into Walla Walla. Some of the feet are so badly frozen that the hoofs are dropping off and many of the cattle leave blood in their tracks as they walk. Why the cattle suffer so from frozen feet here and never in colder countries is a mystery.

\$50 ADDED TO FUND

Athena Civic club sponsored a luncheon Saturday from eleven thirty till two when a representative number of Athena citizens were present. A cooked food sale was held in connection and the sum of fifty dollars was realized. The fund is to augment the sum already in the treasury which will be used to build a community house some time in the future. A committee has been appointed and reports that plans are going forward to give a play in the early spring, the proceeds to be used for the same purpose.

STANDARD PICTURE PROGRAM

"Captain Blood," a splendid photoplay, with J. Warren Kerrigan in the leading role, supported by Jean Paige and a strong cast, will be presented at the Standard tomorrow night. Sunday night, "The Devil's Cargo," featuring Pauline Starke, William Collier, Jr., Wallace Beery and Claire Adams, will be enjoyed by patrons of the Athena Theatre. Comedies, news reel and Review, as usual.

NEW ASIATIC WEED HAS MADE APPEARANCE IN IDAHO

A weed from Asia has invaded Idaho and is threatening to establish itself as a permanent colonist. A specimen of the plant was sent to the United States national herbarium at Washington for identification by Mrs. M. E. Soth of Pocatello, Idaho, and it was finally shown to be a member of the crucifer or mustard family, known to botanists as *hymenophyllum pubescens*. So completely unknown had the plant hitherto been in this country that the herbarium authorities had to send to Berlin for specimens for comparison before its identity could be fully established.

According to Mrs. Soth, the plant is found in a colony at the edge of a field where alfalfa was formerly cultivated, and she believes that its seeds may have come in with imported alfalfa or grain seed. It is a free-flowering and free-seeding plant, producing seeds during its first season of growth, so that it will prove difficult to eradicate.

According to Paul C. Standley of the United States national herbarium the home of the species is interior Asia, the same region that gave us alfalfa. The climate of the region is similar to that of parts of the United States, which will favor the weed.

It is recalled that many of our worst weeds, like the dandelion, Russian thistle, sow thistle and Jimson weed are alien invaders. Mr. Standley states that another old-world plant belonging to the same family as the newcomer, *depidium perfoliatum*, has spread with almost incredible rapidity through the Rocky mountain states during the last few years.

FREE RADIO CONTEST

The free Radio concert to be given at the Standard theatre tonight, when the Athena community program will be broadcast from KOWW station at Walla Walla, promises to be largely attended. The Radiola used for the concert, has been generously loaned for the occasion by Mrs. Charles Dudley. It will be operated by H. J. Cunningham, local agent for the Radiola receiving sets.

ORTHOPHONIC CONCERT

Under auspices of the Pendleton Music House, a free concert on the new Orthophonic Victrola, will be given at High School auditorium, next Tuesday evening, February 2. The concert promises to be of extraordinary interest, and will consist of high class music. The Orthophonic Victrola is a national musical sensation and is attracting attention and enthusiastic interest everywhere.

THIRTY WILL GRADUATE

A class of thirty will graduate from the Walla Walla high school this week at the mid-year commencement exercises. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday by Rev. E. A. Davis, and commencement will be tonight.

WEST WINS VICTORY IN BUDGET PROBE OVER EAST

The Oregonian News Bureau, at Washington, D. C., says efforts of the agricultural sub-committee of the house appropriations committee to uphold reductions in items intended for the benefit of the Pacific northwest were ineffectual in the face of convincing arguments presented by representatives from that section, the findings of the sub-committee, released for publication, indicate.

Members of the committee did their best to find flaws in some of the figures proposed by bureau heads, in seeking further to reduce the total amount authorized by the bill, but seem to have failed.

Colonel W. B. Greely, head of the forestry service, was cross-questioned at the hearings as to why contracts for \$9,900,000 worth of forest roads had been let for the fiscal year 1926. Although the second deficiency bill of 1925 authorized a contract limit of \$7,500,000, thus far only \$4,000,000 has actually been appropriated for this purpose, the amount which was carried in last year's agricultural bill.

After extending their questioning over some 20 pages in the printed hearings they finally recommended \$5,000,000 for forest roads, the amount mentioned in the budget, and \$1,000,000 more than was appropriated last year.

Representatives Crumpacker and Hawley of Oregon and Johnson of Washington induced the committee to increase the appropriation for combating white pine blister rust to \$348,280, as recommended by the secretary of agriculture, a full \$35,000 over the figure recommended by the budget bureau.

Representative Sinnott of the Dalles was instrumental in securing the restoration of \$84,340 clipped by the budget from the item for cereal investigation and the amount recommended by the committee is consequently \$89,340. Mr. Sinnott mentioned the investigations conducted by Superintendent Stephens of the Moro, Oregon, station as a specific instance of benefit to grain growers and quoted from The Oregonian as to the burning of mortgages at Moro, December 20, 1925, in celebration of repayment of state loans.

At the request of Representative Johnson of Washington and E. T. Allen of Portland, the committee also increased the budget estimate for station expenses of the weather bureau sufficiently to extend the work of the bureau in Washington and Oregon during the forest fire season.

MONSTER STILL TAKEN

A one hundred and seventy-five gallon still, the largest ever taken in Jefferson county, together with a ton of sugar, 1,000 pounds of corn and 150 gallons of mash, was seized by Sheriff Ray Freeburn and two deputies in a dugout moonshine plant near Opal City, early Thursday morning.

CHANGE IN HARDWARE STORE OWNERSHIP HERE

A change has gone into effect with the first of the coming month in the ownership of the hardware and implement store of Sturgis, Storie & Rogers, a mercantile trust, doing business in Athena.

M. W. Hansell and Wade Goodman assume the interests of Sturgis-Storie in the institution, and hereafter the firm name will be "Rogers and Goodman, a Mercantile Trust," successors to Sturgis, Storie & Rogers, a Mercantile Trust.

The trustees of the new concern are: E. C. Rogers, Athena; Wade Goodman, Walla Walla, Washington; M. W. Hansell, Athena; W. A. Bell, Yakima, Washington. Mr. Rogers will continue as manager of the store. Mr. Bell who becomes trustee in place of A. G. West, of Portland, is a member of the Yakima Hardware company.

NO GAMES THIS WEEK

Steve's Athena league basketball team had no games scheduled this week. Two games of the season's schedule remain to be played, one with Adams and one with Helix. On next Wednesday evening, February 3 the Helix "Red Devils" come to Athena for a game, and on Wednesday evening following, Athena goes to Adams to play the last game of the season. By losing to Adams the other night on the Athena floor, the home team is but one game in the lead in the league percentage column and should Helix win next Wednesday evening it would throw these teams into a tie, but leaving the locals a chance for the pennant, by taking the remaining game from Adams.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Weston Leader: The revival of the Weston Commercial association has proved to be a popular move and it now has a membership of 50 or more—indicating active work on the part of the membership committee, which consists of G. G. Ellis, P. T. Harbour and C. L. Pinkerton. The association meets regularly every Monday evening at the office of Frank Pierce.

K. OF P. CONVENTION

Athena members of the Knights of Pythias who attended the annual convention of the lodges of that order in Umatilla county, are unanimous in the declaration that they had a grand and glorious time. The Jolly Joy-Maker's orchestra of Athena made the hit of the evening, and the team from Stevens Lodge, Weston, brought home the honors for superior work in the Rank of Knight.

NOW MAGAZINE OWNER

Following the death of A. F. Alexander one of the publishers of Up-to-the-Times Magazine at Walla Walla, that publication has been sold to D. Harold McGrath, formerly city editor of the Walla Walla Bulletin, who resigned that position a year ago to engage in life insurance work.

ATHENA-PORTLAND PEOPLE TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

Former Athenaites, now residents of Portland and vicinity will have the pleasure of a reunion picnic during the coming summer. Doubtless it will be made an annual event, for the proposal was made at a luncheon served to former Athena ladies by Mrs. G. C. Osburn, at her home in Portland, last Friday, the following details of which, the Press is indebted to Mrs. Alma Koontz:

"Mrs. G. C. Osburn entertained at a delightful luncheon at her home in Irvington, Friday, January 22 in honor of Mrs. Effie Edington Smith, formerly of Athena but now of Corvallis. She is spending the winter in Portland with her sister Mrs. George Clore and niece Mrs. Byram. "The day was greatly enjoyed by all and plans were made to hold a picnic sometime in June so that all may get together again. It is hoped to make this an annual affair for all Athena people making Portland and vicinity their home.

"Laurelhurst Park was chosen as the place to hold the picnic. Just before leaving for their homes Mrs. E. C. Callender announced the engagement of her daughter Ruby, to Mr. Frank Wescott of Portland. The wedding to be some time in the spring.

"The guests who were former Athena and Eastern Oregon residents were: Mrs. Effie Edington Smith, Mrs. George Clore, Mrs. Byram, Mrs. C. A. Barrett and granddaughter Beverly Barrett, Miss Areta Barrett, Mrs. E. C. Callender, Mrs. Jacob Proebstel, Mrs. Link Swaggart, Mrs. William McBride, Mrs. E. Huntington, Mrs. Jacob Bloch, Mrs. Dolly Bloch Loeb, Mrs. Bessie McBride Sturges, Mrs. Ivah Callender Kilthau, Mrs. Grover Hays, Mrs. E. L. Barnett, Miss Flora Kemp, Mrs. Clever, Mrs. Alma Koontz, the hostess and her daughter Helen.

THE MOSGROVE WILL

The will of the late Matt Mosgrove, former Athena merchant, has been filed for probate. The provisions of the will are that his sisters, Eliza A. Beattie and Bella Mosgrove, are to receive \$50 per month each during her lifetime and are to have the use of his home place in Milton as long as they live. A trust fund of \$8,000 was left for the benefit of his brother Charles Mosgrove and the brother's wife, Jennie Mosgrove, the interest from the fund to be for their use. The remainder of the estate of every kind and nature was left to his son, Thomas H. Mosgrove. In Athena, it is estimated that Mr. Mosgrove left an estate, worth approximately \$100,000.

OLD TIME DANCE MUSIC

An added number to the community program to be broadcast tonight from station KOWW at Walla Walla, will be old time dance music played by Al Johnson 81 year old Athena pioneer, on a violin he used 63 years ago on the Old Oregon Trail for the amusement of the members of his emigrant train. The violin, a hand instrument, according to Mr. Johnson has improved in quality by age, and tonight the audience at the Standard Theatre will hear "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Money Musk," "Pop Goes the Weasle," and other old time favorites, vibrate melodiously from its strings.

F. E. WOOD SERIOUSLY ILL

F. E. Wood, agent at the Northern Pacific station in Athena, is seriously ill at his home in the west part of town. A nurse from Walla Walla, Miss Carrie Upcraft, has been summoned to take care of the patient, who is reported some better this morning. Miss Upcraft is a friend of Mrs. John Stanton, and at one time nursed Mrs. Stanton through a serious illness.

ON TRIP NORTH

Athena High School basketball squad left yesterday morning on its northern barnstorming trip. Games will be played with the high school teams of Winona, Hay and Endicott, Washington. Will Kirk and F. B. Radtke transported members of the team in their cars. Verne Dudley, O. O. Stephens and Dale Stephens left Wednesday afternoon, and last night witnessed the Oregon-W. S. C. game at Pullman.

Bill Morris, salesman for the Pacific Biscuit Company, transacted business in Athena, Monday.

FARM ACREAGE IN WASHINGTON DROPS

Land Values Also Slump, Although Total Number of Farms Increases.

Washington, D. C.—While the total number of farms in the state of Washington increased by nearly 7000 in the last five years and the number operated by owners increased 7500, the farm acreage dropped 636,486 acres, a reported made public by the department of commerce showed. The 1925 figures are preliminary and subject to change, it was stated.

Total farms in the state last year were 73,267, of which 10,339 were operated by owners and 11,943 by tenants. Managers operated 935. The percentage operated by tenants was 16.3, as compared with 18.7 in 1920.

The total farm acreage was 12,608,234 last year, as against 13,244,720 five years ago, and the average acreage per farm had shrunk from 199.8 to 172.1.

Farm values of the state decreased from \$920,392,341 in 1920 to \$726,890,147 last year. The land value dropped from \$797,651,120 to \$584,286,164, while that of buildings increased from \$122,741,321 to \$142,503,983.

Sharp decreases were shown in acreage and production of principal crops from 1919 to 1924. The only exception was white potatoes, which showed an increase in production of nearly 1,000,000 bushels, although the acreage was smaller.

Decreases were shown also in numbers of fruit trees and production. Exceptions to this were the number of apple trees not of bearing age, which showed an increase from 755,898 to 1,049,849; pear trees of all ages, which increased from 1,049,980 to 1,487,947, and plum and prune trees of all ages, which increased from 1,184,593 to 1,512,152.

MERCIER LEAVES RELIGIOUS WILL

Mallin, Belgium. — Much interest was aroused Monday by the revelation that Cardinal Mercier who died Saturday, had left a religious will, addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The details of this document have not been made public, but as it was written shortly after the visit to the dying cardinal by Lord Halifax, president of the Anglican church union, it is believed that it has reference to the question of a union of the Roman and Anglican churches, for which the cardinal long had been working.

Although only three Belgians thus far have been honored with a national funeral, the homage that is being paid Cardinal Mercier transcends even that given a monarch.

From all parts of the world have come messages of condolence. Among these is one from President Coolidge, sent to the embassy here by Secretary of State Kellogg. It was in reference to the indomitable courage of the cardinal in the interests of humanity and betterment of world conditions.

PICTURE PRODUCERS WIN

Jim Bridger's Daughter Loses in Attempt to Collect Million.

Kansas City, Kan.—It is impossible to defame anyone's ancestors, Federal Judge Reeves ruled here when he sustained a demurrer to a suit for \$1,000,000 damages brought by Mrs. Virginia Bridger Hahn, Kansas City, against the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, producers of the motion picture, "The Covered Wagon."

In her suit Mrs. Hahn contended the company had defamed the character of her father, Jim Bridger, famous Indian scout, by depicting him as the husband of Indian wives and as a drunkard. The picture, Mrs. Hahn contended, cast reflections upon her life.

In sustaining the demurrer, Judge Reeves held that one's ancestors might not be defamed because the habits and standards of mankind change so with the generations. What might be considered perfectly proper in one age, the court ruled, would be considered improper in another.

Senate Committee O. K.'s Gooding Bill

Washington, D. C.—The senate interstate commerce committee voted to report favorably the Gooding bill, prohibiting railroads from charging more for short hauls than for long hauls of freight over the same routes. The bill was passed in the senate last year, but failed in the house.

Whoa, There! January



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