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RAILROADS ADVISED TO BE MORE CANDID

W. J. Bryan Tells the Transportation Men
That the People Are at
Heart Friendly

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—Charging that the railroads do not treat the public with the fullest honesty and sincerity, Wm. J. Bryan spoke on "The Railroads' Relation to the Business World" at the annual banquet of the Transportation Club here last night. He told his audience which was largely composed of railroad men, that all reform railroad legislation had been brought about against the wishes of the railroads. He denounced "watered stock" and declared that the railroads should have enough surplus "laid by" to pay dividends.

Twenty years ago, when he and other men were fighting against rebates and other evils, he said, they were denounced as "demagogues." He had the support of only two railroad presidents when he ran for president, the secretary said, yet he bore the railroads no malice. "This is the first chance I have had to speak as I have wanted to to railroad men," he said.

"Don't be afraid of the people," was Mr. Bryan's advice to the railroads. "They are not your enemies; they are your friends. Evils in this country have not been eradicated until the plain people of the country have done it. You railroad men were not the ones to correct the mistakes upon which your systems were built.

"If, instead of sending lobbyists to the state legislatures and to congress, the railroads would send their presidents and officials, the country would look with greater favor on them. Every step that has been taken in the interest of bringing the people and the railroads closer together, and not for the purpose of shackling the railroads. The railroads themselves have come to realize the justice in the reforms that have been made in abolishing rebates and passes. These measures were condemned by the railroads and their author called a demagogue and an anarchist, but now the railroads would not want to go back to them."

Mr. Bryan declared that one of worst practices of railroads at the present time was the "watering of stock," and this alone had worked more than all else against increased wages. Until the government "rises to its position in this question and puts an end to the practice, it cannot be hoped to prevent the fluctuation of stocks, and especially railroad securities."

The secretary said that he was in favor of permitting railroads to have a surplus like banks have "as long as they show a disposition to act honestly in all matters" and to enact a law whereby railroads could pay dividends and still keep their stock at par.

The Pope, at Rome, has prayed for peace. It is in order, now, for the warring nations to arrange terms of peace.

President Wilson Will Start on Trip West

Washington, Feb. 8.—Today President Wilson notified Senator Phelan of San Francisco that he had definitely decided to leave Washington next month on a contemplated trip of the west, in time to reach San Francisco March 21.

The president also said that he would send a member of the cabinet to San Francisco to open the exposition February 20, the date set for the opening of the fair.

TRAVELERS' RIGHTS WILL BE DEFENDED

War Zone Question to Be Taken Up With
Vigor—President Wilson Talks
to Germans

Washington, Feb. 8.—Informal discussion by President Wilson with his German advisers of the dangers to which neutral ships may be subjected in the newly-prescribed war zones around Great Britain and Ireland and the use of the liner Lusitania of the American flag foreshadowed today a diplomatic correspondence between the United States and both Great Britain and Germany, respectively, on these questions.

In each case the American government, because of its neutrality, cannot discuss the rules which the belligerents may adopt toward each other. The prescription of the war zone itself, however, or the use of a neutral flag by belligerent-owned vessels as a stratagem of war has not given the American officials concern so much as the prospect that these acts may endanger the lives of American citizens whose right to travel on the high seas on neutral ships during time of war, it is intimated, will be vigorously defended.

Tax Roll Completed

Albany, Feb. 10.—County Assessor Earl Fisher finished the tax rolls today on which he has been working for the past two months and will turn them over to the county treasurer immediately for collection. According to the present law, the first half of the taxes must be paid by April 1 and the second half by October 1. The law provides penalties for non-payment of the first half, while taxes not paid up by October 1 becomes delinquent.

The entire amount of taxes to be collected, totals up to \$564,692.23. The state and county general tax amounts to \$294,665.95, and is the biggest item on the entire list. The special school levy is \$89,642.86 and comes next. Road tax, and cities, have \$77,882.39, and \$76,991.32 against them respectively, while for special road taxes, \$22,088.92 is listed. The amount for the support of the Union high schools is \$3,421.79.

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REVENUE DEFICIT IS LOAD ON CONGRESS

Extra Session Looms Up as Solution
Seems Unlikely in 22 Days
Left to Work

Washington, Feb. 8.—The opinion is growing that an extra session of congress is inevitable, and that it must be called to consider revenue legislation, even though the appropriation bills all be passed before March 4. The state of the Federal treasury, with its steadily increasing deficit, has presented a situation which must be met. Time seems to be lacking to adjust this problem during the 22 remaining days of this session.

Speaker Clarke, Representative Underwood and Democratic Leader-elect Kitchin, at a conference today over the legislative situation, argued that if the congestion in the senate continues a week an extra session was virtually certain. They estimated the ship bill could pass by a majority of 15 to 20 votes in the House under a special rule, with probably two or three days of debate.

The deficit of nearly \$80,000,000 is something that the president cannot ignore. Brought out by the daily treasury statements, it has begun at last to sink into the minds of the democratic leaders in congress. Already the administration is placing the blame for the deficit upon congress, and congress is hurling back the accusation.

EXHAUSTION ENDS LONG FILIBUSTER

Senate Adjourns After 54-Hour Session
—Physical Strain Enormous

Washington, Feb. 10.—Republican and democratic senators who oppose the government ship purchase bill, aided by Senators Norris and Kenyon, Progressive republicans, who have stood by the bill, forced an adjournment tonight of the longest continuous session in the history of the senate and made more uncertain than ever the fate of the measure which the administration has so urgently pushed on congress.

On the adjournment, after 54 hours and 11 minutes of continuous debate, leading members of both houses of congress conceded that an extra session to be called soon after March 4 seemed inevitable. There were some, however, who still hoped that there yet might be time to dispose of appropriation bills and the ship purchase measure in some form before adjournment.

A Pioneer of '47 Dead

A. E. Randall received the intelligence of the death of his brother, Chester E. Randall, of Santa Rosa, California last Monday morning.

The deceased was an old Oregon pioneer of 1847. He was raised on the Randall donation land claim, just south of town. His age was nearly 75 years. He was buried at Santa Rosa, under the auspices of the A. F. & A. M. on Tuesday.

Seattle Healthiest City, Spokane Next and Portland is Third

Washington, Feb. 8.—Seattle was the healthiest place in the United States in 1913, according to an announcement made by the government census bureau today. Spokane was second and Portland, Ore. the third.

The death rate of Seattle was 8.4 per thousand; Spokane was 8.9 and Portland 9.5. The highest rate was at Memphis, Tennessee, which was 20.8.

GARLAND'S BRIDGE BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Amended By Committee in Way
Which Takes No Power From
County Court

Senator Garland of this county won a victory in the legislature Saturday afternoon when his bill providing that county courts may reject any and all bids on bridge work and proceed to build the bridge by day labor, passed the senate with only one dissenting vote. The negative vote was cast by Senator Day.

After a stormy debate a few days ago over this measure, Senator Garland consented that it be referred back to the committee for amendment. As amended, however, the bill provides only that the court must make an estimate by which contractors are to be guided, and no reference is made to the compulsory acceptance of any bids whatsoever.

The bill provides that if the county court rejects all bids and proceeds to build a bridge, when the structure is completed, a statement of the cost and of the lowest bid rejected must be published.

An Aged Cream Pitcher

J. S. Warwick is the possessor of a very old cream pitcher, which he brought home with him from a visit to Tennessee, some three years ago.

The relic was brought from England by a forebear of the Warwick family some 250 years ago. It is made of earthenware, is nearly black and is richly figured in relief work all over the outside. Mr. Warwick prizes the heirloom very highly.

Valuable Barn Burned

At about 4:30 o'clock last Monday morning, Marion Downing discovered his fine new barn to be on fire. How the blaze started is a matter of conjecture. The building was erected only two or three years ago and was regarded as the best barn in this section of the country. About 50 tons of hay, and feed oats, seed wheat and many other articles were destroyed. No estimate of the loss is given, though it is large.

Let every citizen, especially the business men, concentrate his mind on improving Main Street during the coming spring. The street is good now, but you have to go through about six inches of mud to find it.

YOCUBETS DIES AGED 53 YEARS

Matrimonial Ventures Stirred Linn County
Few Years Ago—Funeral Was
Held Tuesday

Antone Yocubets, whose matrimonial ventures several years ago stirred Linn county, died at his home in Portland February 4 at the age of 53. He was born in Bohemia 1862. Coming to America when he was young, he located in Iowa and came to Oregon a few years later. Prior to moving to Portland three years ago, he was a farmer residing near Crabtree. The remains have been brought to Albany for burial.

Yocubets' first wife committed suicide, the second disappeared under mysterious circumstances and the third was divorced. All of this happened within a period of seven years.

It was on November 7, 1915 that the first wife was found dead in the barn at the farm near Crabtree with a bullet wound. The gun was found on the floor beside the body.

Yocubets then took his two sons and went back to Iowa. He became sick and was taken to a Chicago hospital. While there he met the woman who became the second Mrs. Yocubets and they were married in August, 1907. Yocubets then returned to Linn county, bringing his new wife and two sons with him.

September 30, 1908 Mrs. Yocubets mysteriously disappeared and nothing has been heard of her since. The disappearance baffled the Linn county authorities. On suspicion of foul play, they conducted rigid investigations but could find no evidence, however. Yocubets said he got up early and went to the barn, leaving his wife at the house, and when he returned, she was not there.

He was married the third time on June 29, 1911, when he claimed Mrs. Alice Burns as his wife. Less than two weeks after the marriage she fled to a neighbor's house, saying her life was in danger. The trouble was patched up but soon afterwards the wife and Yocubets oldest son came to Albany and lodged a complaint against him, claiming he had threatened their lives. Yocubets was placed under bonds to keep the peace. Soon afterwards Mrs. Yocubets filed suit for divorce and was granted the decree May 8, 1912.—Monday Albany Herald.

Salem Youth is Suicide

Jefferson, Ore., Feb. 9.—At an early hour this morning the body of a young man was found lying by the Southern Pacific track at the eastern edge of this city. A revolver was lying near him. Coroner Clough came up from Salem at 12 o'clock, but after investigation decided that it was a case of suicide and an inquest was not necessary.

The young man proved to be J. B. Bliven, and his father lives at Salem. On the body were found \$25 in cash and a checkbook on a Salem National bank. He stopped at a Jefferson hotel last night, but left at an early hour this morning without his breakfast.