

PARLIAMENT TO OPEN TOMORROW

Lord Balfour Assures Premier That Conservatives Will Aid in Passing Budget—No Longer Wish Responsibility.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Lord Balfour today assured Premier Asquith that the conservatives in the coming parliament will help the Liberals pass the budget prepared by Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George. This has effectively allayed the fears of a parliamentary deadlock.

Balfour declared that the conservatives are as much opposed to the budget as ever, but that they are unwilling to assume the responsibility of further tying up the nation's finances. Business throughout the country has been noticeably affected by the uncertainty caused while the budget was pending.

Despite the fact that parliament convenes tomorrow, the personnel of the new cabinet is yet undecided. The delay in choosing the cabinet members is unprecedented.

It is reported that Asquith's delay in forming the cabinet is due to the king's refusal to "swamp" the house of lords with liberal peers in the event the lords continue to oppose liberal legislation. If this report is well founded it indicates that the early resignation of the cabinet, making another general election a matter of days instead of months.

NO AMERICANS ON FOUNDERED S. S. CHANZY

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The American consul at Marseilles wired the United Press today that so far as he has been able to determine there were no Americans aboard the French trans-Atlantic liner General Chanzy, which foundered off Majorca, in the Mediterranean late last week.

The consul had been requested to investigate the report that George Green and A. Drona, vandeville actors of San Francisco, were among the 155 persons who lost their lives when the liner struck. He has so far been unable to establish the truth of the report that the Americans were on the ship. He is continuing the investigation.

SHORT WINTER COURSES WERE MOST SUCCESSFUL

CORVALLIS, Feb. 14.—The Oregon Agricultural College winter short courses which close this week with the regular "farmers' meet," have been the most successful from every point of view of any of the college short course work. The work offered has been more extensive and more thorough and the class of students has been more mature and more progressive than those that attended in former years.

The efforts of the college authorities were appreciated as attested by the resolutions passed by the short course students expressing "appreciation and gratitude to the president and faculty of the college, and to the members of the experimental station for the benefits and opportunities which they enjoyed, and for the many courtesies and the interest in their behalf."

Farmers' week promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever held at the college. The institution has added to its equipment and has received very valuable assistance from farmers, stockmen and poultrymen who have loaned specimens of livestock and poultry for the short course work.

The following prominent and successful Oregon men have been secured to talk during farmers' week: L. T. Reynolds, Salem; C. E. Whisler, Medford; Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; H. M. Williamson, Portland; Walter M. Pierce, La Grande; D. O. Lively, Portland; W. K. Newell, Gaston; A. T. Mason, Hood River; A. H. Lea, Portland; Ferd Groner, Hillsboro.

GRANTS PASS DEALERS SHIP WOOD TO MEDFORD

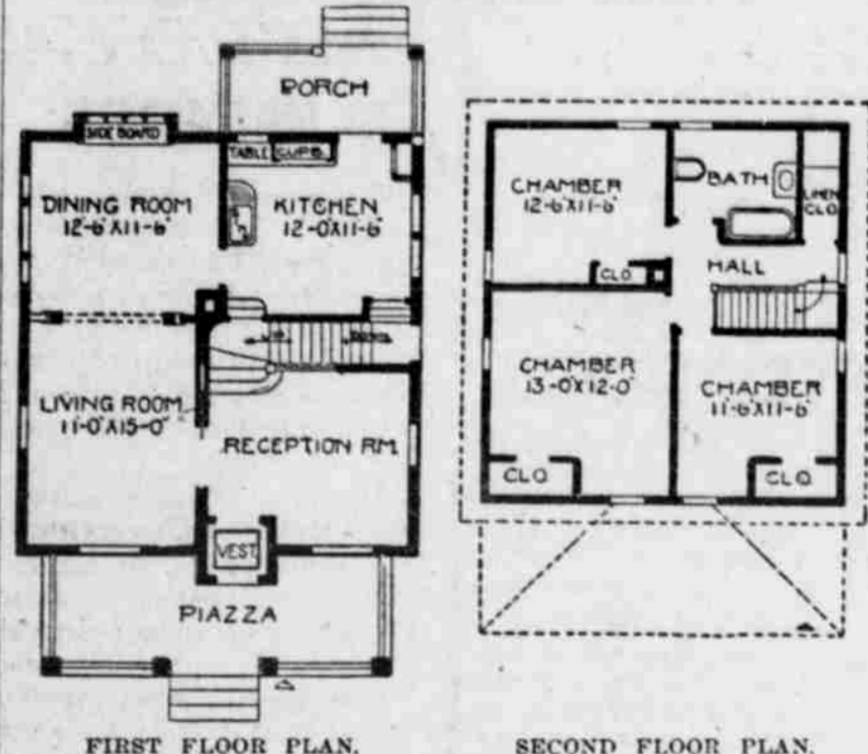
GRANTS PASS, Feb. 14.—As usual, there is a scarcity of dry wood everywhere, and in some sections it amounts to a famine. At the Grants Pass yards dry hard wood is bringing \$8.25 a cord and there is not much to be had at that price. In Medford the demand is so much greater and the price so much higher that the local dealers find they can ship it up there by the carload and make a better profit than by selling it at home. Queer that the owners of woodland do not forestall this annual wood famine and make a big addition to their income by having a generous supply cut and dried during the summer. With wood between \$8 and \$9 a cord it should be worth while for any man to swing an axe.

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By special arrangement with me the editor of this paper will furnish one complete set of plans and specifications of design No. 93 for \$15.

GLENN L. SAXTON.

ACTING TOO GOOD FOR CHEAP PLAY

Play Will Not Stand Critical Review—Hanford Is An Actor of Ability.

Mr. Charles B. Hanford in the "American Lord," gave us a performance that pleased the audience. "The American Lord" is a comedy that contains some very good humor, with now and then a situation that appeals to one's patriotism. Some of the supporting cast was very good indeed. Mr. McGregor, as the Scotchman, deserves special mention, for he is a real artist. Perhaps the name McGregor has something to do with his excellent Scotch dialect.

Miss Drona, Mr. Hanford's associate star, and by the way his wife, is a good actress and plays her part with intelligence.

As to Mr. George Broadhurst and his play—well, it is hardly worth while to review the play from a critical viewpoint, for in truth the piece will not bear close inspection. Mr. Broadhurst has written some good comedies in his time. His first success was the "Wrong Mr. Wright," which was written for the late Roland Reed. The play had merit and made a reputation for its author, who was at that time a newspaper reporter earning only enough to keep the wolf at bay.

His next play was a comedy entitled, "What Happened to Jones." The success of this venture established Mr. Broadhurst as a playwright and making him a lot of money. He was then taken up by Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, the Hebrew head and front of the theatrical trust, and George, the erstwhile reporter on a Grand Forks, Dakota, daily, began to wax fat and important, and what little ability and art he once possessed began to ossify in his new quarters on Broadway, until he has given us at last as his crowning effort, "The American Lord," which to say the least is reminiscent of two or three of Hoyt's comedies. His negro servant and the two wild and woolly western politicians remind one very much of similar characters in the "Texas Steer." In fact, it might be called a

dead steal.

Mr. Hanford is an actor of ability. He is a gentleman and a finished scholar, and to waste his ability on a play like the "American Lord" is like setting Paderskiski playing rag-time, or adding "Cuddle Up a Little Closer" to Kubelk's repertoire.

"The Great Divide" is a real play. Don't get cold feet and pass it up on account of what has happened.

ED. M. ANDREWS.

FAILED TO GET POSITION AS NOBLE IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 14.—After a checkered career, the petition of Ernest Henry Sackville-West for the title and estate of Lord Sackville, was denied today by Justice Bigham. The petitioner sought by witnesses and record to prove himself the son of Lord Sackville by a Spanish dancing girl, who, he alleged, was married to Lord Sackville in Paris and who was his mother.

In weighing the evidence, the court ruled that even if Lord Sackville had been married to the dancer, the marriage was illegal because she already had a husband living.

Anticipating an adverse decision, the plaintiff withdrew his petition, but was commanded by the court to resubmit it. West pleaded for a delay of proceedings on the ground that he desired to bring in further evidence from Spain, but his attorneys, who previously had withdrawn the case, told the court, in candor, that they could not vouch for the material in the evidence.

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