

LAFEAN APPLE BOX BILL COME BACK; WILL WAGE FIGHT

Bill is Almost Certain to Be Reintroduced in Congress This Session—Adjustment May Be Reached to Protect Western Growers.

MALBOEUF IS AFTER COLOR PLATES OF FRUIT

Whole Subject of Apple Legislation Will Be Gone Over by Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—It is believed that apple growers of the Pacific coast will have to conduct another fight this winter against eastern apple packages. It is almost certain that the Lafean apple box bill will be reintroduced in modified form. It will propose that the size of the box in which apples are shipped shall be stipulated by the federal government, and it will impose other conditions, so it is expected, which will not be friendly to western apple growing interests. It is possible, however, that an adjustment will be reached which will sufficiently protect western interests, and at the same time give eastern growers what they can legitimately ask for.

It is admitted that western apple growers have organized the apple industry and introduced a system of standardizing, which has revolutionized the whole industry. While the eastern grower was still packing and shipping apples in barrels, according to the method followed from the earliest days, western men adopted the box and organized so effectively that they established certain grades and maintained them so carefully that the western apple displaced the eastern apple as the prime product of American orchards. They claimed, it was conceded, that their product was superior in color, size, uniformity, texture of flesh, oiliness of skin and in keeping and shipping qualities.

The fight over the Lafean apple bill a year ago resulted in a victory for western growers because they showed to the agricultural committee of the house that its passage would be unjust to western orchardists. That some sort of a bill will be passed this winter is believed quite generally.

C. A. Malboeuf, secretary of the Northwestern Fruit exchange at Portland, is in correspondence with western members of the house and senate in an effort to procure an appropriation to enable the department of agriculture to print plates and descriptions of standard grades of apples. The department has a large number of paintings and descriptions filed away, but has not the money to get them out for distribution. Mr. Malboeuf's enterprise is pertinent to the subject of apple legislation, the whole subject of which is to be gone over and some sort of an adjustment reached that will protect all legitimate interests.

DEMAND LITTLETON BE IMPEACHED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—A demand that Congressman Littleton of New York be impeached and expelled from congress was presented today to Speaker Champ Clark, to be filed in the house by H. B. Martin of the Anti-Trust league. The demand is framed as a memorial which characterizes Littleton as a trust ally.

WARE IS ALTERNATE FOR ANNAPOLIS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—Raymond Kenneth Bailey, of Grants Pass, and Milton O. Carlson, of Marshfield, were appointed to the naval academy at Annapolis today by Congressman Hawley. As alternatives to these two appointments Congressman Hawley named Fletcher K. Ware, of Medford, and Charles Graham of Oak Grove. Each congressional district is entitled to one appointment each year as a rule, but owing to the failure of last year's appointee there are two to be named this year.

TAX COMMISSION BEGINS ITS TASK

Equalization of Assessments and Apportionment of Corporation Assessment Are Its Chief Tasks—Takes Up Its Labors Today.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—The state tax commission, sitting as a board of equalization, began its work today. It must first review and equalize its own assessment on public service corporations. Then the board must equalize the county assessments in relation to each other that any which may be assessed too low may be brought up and any which may be assessed too high may be brought down so all will be placed on an equal basis for the apportionment of the state taxes. The third division of the work outlined before the board will be the apportionment to the several counties of the assessment on public service corporations.

The summaries of the assessment rolls are in with the exception of about seven counties. Of the seven counties whose summaries are now in, there is shown an increase in property valuation of approximately \$30,000,000. The following counties among those whose reports are in report increases in property valuations over last year: Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Lake Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco and Washington.

Beaton, Hood River, Klamath, Malheur, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler have not yet reported their summaries.

The total amount assessed by the several assessors in 1910 was \$747,000,000, a round number, which, added to the \$97,000,000 apportioned by the board of tax commissioners, raised the total amount to \$844,000,000. With an increase in the state of \$30,000,000 already in sight, it is probable that the total property valuation in the state this year may reach \$900,000,000.

CASH REGISTER COMPANY SUED BY UNCLE SAM

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Suit was filed today in the United States circuit court by District Attorney McPherson against the National Cash Register company of Dayton, Ohio, charging conspiracy in restraint of trade.

It is asserted that the company has a monopoly on the cash register industry and other registering devices, and that it has forced other concerns out of business. The suit aims to prevent a monopoly of these industries.

ERNEST J. SLAS.

The following from the Chautauqua Journal, of Kansas: "Thursday evening the second number of the Chautauqua lecture course was rendered by Ernest J. Slas, in his lecture 'The Lost Chord.' We do not believe there was a per-



son present but felt that he was better able to face life's battles on Friday morning than he ever was before. We heard one of our business men remark this morning, 'Because of that lecture this will be a better town in the future.' It was worth the price of the whole course," said another. It was full from beginning to end of just such advice to humanity, if followed, as would make this world more worth living in. If the committee will furnish us a Slas for our next lecture, the house will be packed rain or shine, 'boots or no boots.'"

Mr. Slas will deliver his lecture at the Natatorium, Medford, on Thursday evening, December 7th.

SOCIALISTS MAY 'GET' M'MANIGAL

Are Planning to Wreak Vengeance on Him Should He Be Released in Los Angeles—Derrick Dynamiting to Be Pressed.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 4.—That the socialists of Milwaukee who have been bitter in their denunciations of Orrie McManigal as an informer and a traitor, may have a chance to wreak vengeance upon the confessed dynamiter by trying him for his alleged dynamiting of the hoisting derrick of the Milwaukee Western Fuel company, is announced today. McManigal is said to have told of the derrick dynamiting in his confession against the McNamara brothers.

District Attorney Seabel stated that if McManigal is released in California he will immediately take steps to have him tried here.

The derrick was blown up on the night of March 16, 1910, causing a loss of \$100,000 and injury to five persons.

BERGER WANTS ANTI-TRUST LAW REPEALED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Congressman Victor Berger, the socialist member from Milwaukee, introduced a resolution this afternoon in the house of representatives providing for the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law.

JOHN D. QUILTS AS DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Standard Oil company today, John D. Rockefeller resigned as presiding director.

Other resignations were: Henry Flagler, as director; William Rockefeller, as vice president and director; John D. Archbold and C. M. Pratt, as vice president; H. C. Folger, Jr., as secretary, assistant treasurer and director; L. J. Drake, as director, and William G. Rockefeller, as assistant treasurer.

The board of directors was reduced from fourteen to nine and the following officers were elected:

President, John G. Archbold; vice presidents, A. C. Bedford and W. C. Teagle. F. H. Bedford was elected as a director.

ASHLAND DECISIVELY REJECTS COMMISSION

Ashland voters have showed once more by a decisive vote that they were satisfied with the present mode of city government. The vote was light, only 521 being cast, 426 against the commission charter and 95 for it. Reasons assigned for the defeat of the new proposition are many, among them the numerous defects in the new instrument and the many loopholes for centralization of power. The vote was more decisive than the one of last year.

DARROW TALKS WITH M'NAMARAS

HALL OF RECORDS, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 4.—Attorneys Darrow and Davis went to the jail at 2:15 and were closeted with the McNamara brothers for some minutes.

They then telephoned to District Attorney Fredericks that they would like to have an immediate conference with him, and he went there.

It is reported that one of the results of the conference will be determining what tomorrow's sentences shall be and also whether the demand of the authorities that the McNamaras "come through" shall be answered by their attorneys.

LOS ANGELES EXCURSION.

Leaving Medford December 29th, an excursion will be run to Los Angeles, round trip rate will be \$35, tickets limited to 90 days for the round trip, stopovers in both directions at the pleasure of the excursionists. Whatever equipment in the way of Pullman and tourist cars will be provided, also chair cars for those who prefer to make entire trip by daylight. Those desiring to go should call, phone or write passenger office Southern Pacific company, Medford, Oregon, and give their orders for sleeping accommodations. The date set will enable those who desire to be in San Francisco for New Years eve (a great treat in itself) and also reach southern California for other attractions.

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