

### WORKS DEFENDS STATES RIGHT TO PASS LAND LAW

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Defense of the stand taken by Governor Johnson and members of the California state legislature on the anti-alien land law problem was voiced here today by United States Senator John D. Works of California.

"Every state has a right to provide by law who will own its land and to except aliens from this right. The national government has no right to enact any law or make any treaty either denying or impairing this right of a state.

"Governor Johnson and the California legislature are strictly within their rights when they insist on enacting an alien land law whether it excludes citizens of all or but one foreign nation. If a government treaty infringes on that right, a state is not bound to abide by its provisions. On the other hand, the president is within his right when endeavoring to persuade a state to waive its rights and respect a treaty.

### BOSTON PEOPLE FIND ROADS IN POOR SHAPE

R. E. Dame and a party of automobilists of Boston tarried in Medford last night on their way from Southern California to Seattle. They state that the roads over the mountains are in very poor condition making touring rather unpleasant.

The party left Boston last August and motored to Los Angeles where they spent three months. They are now on their way home over the northern route. This is Mr. Dame's fourth transcontinental trip.

### JUDGE CALKINS TO MAKE HOME HERE

Judge F. M. Calkins of the circuit court, after several years residence at Ashland, has moved to this city and will make his home here in the future. He decided upon this step owing to the large amount of court business on hand which made it necessary that he eliminate the long trip to and from Ashland.

### ENGINEER IS HERE TO MAKE SURVEY OF ROGUE

J. R. Luper, engineer of the state water board, is in Medford looking over the Rogue river and its tributaries securing data to be used in the adjudication of the pending water cases before Supervisor Chinook. He will determine the flow of the stream, the rate per acre and other facts entering into the settlement of claims. Mr. Luper, who is stopping at the Hotel Medford, will remain in the city and vicinity until August.

#### Died.

REESER—At Portland, April 24. B. F. Reeser, pioneer of Ashland. Born Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1838.

Came to Oregon in 1860, settling at Jacksonville, a few years later moving to Ashland, where he built the Stephenson building and conducted a hardware business for many years. Afterwards he operated a sawmill in the Dead Indian country.

The following children survive him as well as a number of grand-children: Mrs. F. L. Camps, Ashland; Mrs. D. C. Herria, Portland; Mrs. G. W. Pennabaker, Ashland, Ore.; Mrs. C. E. Hooper, Ashland; Miss Margaret Reeser, Portland; Horace F. Reeser, Ashland, and Mrs. H. H. Carpenter, Dunsmuir, Cal. Interment took place at Ashland, Sunday.

#### BORN.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Bondinot Connor in Portland, a son, April 27, 1913.

### CITY TO BE MADE ATTRACTIVE FOR LODGE VISITORS

Judging from the plans formulated by committees of the local lodge of Oddfellows Medford will be more elaborately decorated with bunting and electric lights than at any previous time in her history when the grand lodge meets here in May. All of the business houses on Main street were solicited today for orders for bunting to decorate their places. The committee is specifying the colors to be used.

Several thousand yards of bunting is to be used while long strings of electric lights will be strung across Main street. Every place of business in the city is to be appropriately decorated.

The local lodge has taken over the Natatorium complete. This building will be used for all assemblies of the grand lodge and for festivities.

### BIXBY WITNESS IN WHITE SLAVE PROBE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 29.—With George H. Bixby of Long Beach, scheduled to be the first witness called, the deliberations of the county grand jury were the center today of anti-white slavery crusade here.

Bixby, who appeared at the courthouse yesterday after a mysterious absence of a week, was ordered to report today. His attorney, Oscar Lawler, stated that he would testify in detail regarding the alleged blackmail plot of which he claimed to be the object.

Two more Los Angeles business men are drawn to the edge of the limelight today by the stories told the police by two motion picture actresses who heretofore have not appeared in the police investigation or grand jury probe. The names of the girls, both of whom are said to be minors, like the names of the men they accused, were withheld.

Several witnesses in the cases of Christine Neal and Eva Serel Nesbith have been carried over until next week, Judge Wilbur of the juvenile court having intimated that a dozen warrants for the arrest of men of their acquaintance will be issued.

### DETECTIVES OFF FOR INSURANCE SWINDLERS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—Detectives are en route to Portland from Marshfield today with J. C. LaFrance and wife, wanted here on the charge of swindling insurance companies out of \$15,000. According to Marshfield authorities, LaFrance has admitted his identity.

In July last year, a body in an advanced state of decomposition was found near Estacada, Oregon, and was identified as being that of LaFrance by the clothing it wore. Mrs. LaFrance is alleged to have collected the \$15,000 insurance her husband carried on his life.

LaFrance was located through detectives shadowing his wife. There is much conjecture as to the identity of the body on which the insurance was collected and LaFrance has refused to comment in this connection.

#### WILSON STANDS PAT.

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officials, and it may be he will go direct from San Francisco to Washington. It is possible, however, that developments may bring him to Sacramento before ending his efforts to meet the president's views on the anti-alien land bill.

#### Exclusion Is Certain.

The apparent determination of the state administration to go ahead with Japanese exclusion was practically pressed last evening at Bryan's second conference with the legislators. When there seemed a possibility that Bryan's pleas might induce delay, Governor Johnson arose and, in a few words, practically set forth the state's position.

"The bill proposed for passage by the California legislature can call forth no just criticism from any foreign nation," said the governor. "Here in California it is not a question of whether the Japanese government takes offense at what we do, but whether we give that government just cause for offense. I do not believe that the proposed bill limiting citizenship to aliens who are eligible to citizenship gives the Japanese just cause for taking offense."

### ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, THE I. W. W. ORATOR



Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the Industrial Workers of the World orator, is trying to ship 5,000 children of the silk mill strikers of Paterson, N. J., to New York to have them cared for during the strike which has already resulted in bloodshed. She insists they will soon be without anything to eat and must be sent to relatives and sympathizers to avert starvation while their mothers and fathers are holding out.

"Do you want to help your fathers and mothers win the strike?" she cried to a meeting largely attended by children.

"Yes," was the answer. "Would you be willing to leave home for a while and go to New York where friends will care for you so as to take the burden off your parents while they are fighting for their rights?" she asked.

There was another chorus of assent from the children.

Miss Flynn has become, perhaps, the most prominent woman labor agitator in the country. The Industrial Workers organization rely on her almost as much as on William D. Haywood, the chief of it.

### MRS. GORE CHOSEN HEAD OF GREATER MEDFORD CLUB

Mrs. E. E. Gore was chosen president of the Greater Medford club at a meeting held Monday afternoon and will assume office at the annual meeting to be held next month. Mrs. W. G. Davidson, the retiring president, declined to serve another year. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. W. G. Davidson, first vice president; Mrs. F. E. Merrick, second vice president; Mrs. W. W. Harmon, treasurer; Mrs. A. B. Schuster, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Robinson, corresponding secretary.

The club's retiring officers will file their reports at the annual meeting to be held next month. At that time work for the coming year will be outlined and discussed.

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### SEEK TO CLOSE KENNET SMELTER ACCOUNT FUMES

REDDING, Cal., April 29.—That the Mammoth Copper smelter plant at Kennet should be abated as a public nuisance because fume-filled smoke destroys vegetation and animal life for miles around, was recommended to the supervisors by a grand jury here today. The jury further recommended that the board of supervisors instruct the district attorney to proceed against the smelter. The smelter and adjoining mine employ more than one thousand men.

The smelter people claim that the plant is doing no damage whatever since the installation of a \$350,000 bag house five years ago. The smelter is operating under a decree of the United States supreme court which permits a small amount of sulphur dioxide to be emitted from its stacks. The smelter at Coram, nearby, was closed three years ago because it did not comply with this decree.

### TAXICAB DRIVES CABMAN TO COMMIT SUICIDE

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—Driven to desperation by the advent of the taxicab and the automobile hack which seriously diminished his earning power, H. E. Crew, fifty-three, one of the best known hack drivers in Seattle, shot himself through the head and is dead here today. Crew had at one time been well to do.

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