

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Senate Ratifies Renewal of Treaties With Eight Nations for Five Years.

Washington.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the senate renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson.

The treaties, briefly, provide for reference to The Hague tribunal of legal differences and questions relating to the interpretation of other existing treaties which cannot be settled by diplomacy.

No matter affecting the vital interests, independence or honor of the contracting powers is included in the scope of these treaties and all disputes involving the interests of third parties also are excluded.

Although the majority for the ratification of the treaties was overwhelming and the amendment to exempt by more than a two-thirds vote, Senators who urge repeal of the tolls exemption provision insist that these votes are not significant of the attitude of the senate on the tolls issue.

### State's "Equity" in Power Recognized.

Assertion of the power of the federal government under the constitution to control the building of all water power projects, but recognition of the equities therein of the states of the union—this is the cardinal principle in the conservation policy of the Wilson administration so far as it affects the navigable streams of the country.

Secretary Garrison, of the war department, is the author of the plan, which has been indorsed by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Secretary Garrison, with President Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible. To protect the rights of states, revenues accruing will go to states, and not to the federal government. This suggestion is expected to heal the breach existing between advocates of states' rights and national control of the natural resources of the country.

### May Exempt Small Business Concerns

President Wilson indicated to callers that he desires that the proposed bills dealing with the trust problem be so phrased and adapted to the decisions already rendered by the Supreme court of the United States on the Sherman anti-trust law that the efficiency of that statute shall be neither impaired nor complicated, but supplemented.

Mr. Wilson indicated that serious consideration has been given in the framing of the trust legislation to provisions that would protect small business concerns from statutes prohibiting trade arrangements and combinations. He suggested that it was a difficult thing to frame an exemption in terms of dollars, and for this reason did not believe it was practicable to exempt all firms under \$5,000,000 in capitalization from the inquisitorial process of the interstate trade commission, as had been proposed, but that some other plan would be worked out.

### Would Reorganize Agricultural Dept.

Chairman Lever, of the house committee on agriculture, has completed the report to the house of the annual agricultural appropriation bill. It aggregates \$18,947,000 exclusive of permanent appropriations, an increase of \$960,000 over last year's total.

Many radical changes are proposed in the measure, including reorganization of the weather bureau and preparation by the secretary of agriculture of a plan for reorganizing and systematizing the department work.

Provision for attention to cost of living problems is made in several items. For investigating the preparation for market, handling, grading, packing, freezing, drying, storing and transporting of poultry and eggs a \$50,000 appropriation would be made.

### National Capital Brevities.

Application for admission into the federal reserve banking system has been made by 7107 banks representing 40 states.

Hearing on new law to regulate grazing on non-arable lands will be held at Washington March 3.

The bill amending the reclamation act permitting settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water, was reported favorably by the senate irrigation committee.

Delegates from every state and

province of North America are in attendance at the annual convention of the supreme council, Knights of Pythias, at Washington. The delegates were welcomed by President Wilson and praised by Secretary of State Bryan.

## COUNTY GLEANINGS

The Bellingham broom factory is now turning out 100 dozen brooms a day.

Friday evening, February 27, the Laurel Grange will visit Aiki Grange, when a special program of music and speech-making will be indulged in. All Grangers are especially invited in a spirit of get-together in order to give new life to the organization. Prof. Button and other prominent people will address the assemblage.

The Lynden Fruit Growers' Association will hold an important meeting at Jamieson's hall in Lynden next Saturday afternoon.

The Y. W. C. A. at Bellingham has maintained a home with three secretaries during the past year. Cafeteria meals numbering 19,935 have been served, at a profit of only \$110. The travelers' aid secretary met 2,233 trains and boats and assisted 824 people. Nearly 500 girls were aided in securing positions.

Three bandits boarded a north-bound train on the Great Northern road last Friday evening at Burlington, and when the train reached Saxon, the passengers attempted to repel the intruders and he and two other passengers who came to his aid, met death at the hands of the hold-ups. After committing the triple murder the bandits jumped from the train and disappeared. So far they have not been apprehended. A reward of \$30,000 has been offered.

It is said that several towns of the lower Skagit valley now plan to obtain an immense water supply from the South Fork of the Nooksack river. Anacortes has already made formal application to the forestry office, and Lyman, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon, Burlington, Edison and LeConner and other lower Skagit points intend to approach the project as a joint proposition.

Those who met death at the hands of the robbers were Thos. F. Wadsworth, a C. P. R. conductor, of Vancouver, B. C., H. R. Adkinson, a Vancouver business man, and Robert I. Lee, an employe of the Bremerton navy yards.

## FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET AGAIN ON SATURDAY.

The Lynden Fruit Growers' Association, after meeting last Saturday and transacting considerable business, adjourned to meet at the same place—Jamieson's hall—on Saturday afternoon of this week. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 o'clock.

The constitution and by laws of the association were amended so that ownership of stock in the association will in the future not be limited to 20 shares to the individual, but any number of shares may be acquired by a shareholder.

An amendment was also carried which makes it obligatory for the association to pay 8 per cent. interest on its stock. The capital stock was increased from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Thompson, the new superintendent of the cannery, addressed the meeting, giving some valuable information, and assuring the members that the cannery will be able to handle all the fruit and vegetables which they can produce.

Considerable additional stock was subscribed for by eight or ten members.

Mr. Thompson, the new superintendent of the cannery will again be present at this meeting to confer with the growers regarding the amount and kind of berries they expect to supply this season; also, to enter into contract with them for acreage to be set out to various kinds of vegetables.

It will be an important meeting and every grower in this section

## A DECREASED PRODUCTION

There was less butter manufactured in Washington during 1913 than the previous year, according to reports to the state department of agriculture, although the dairy industry showed an increase. Dr. H. T. Graves, head of the dairy and live stock division, attributes this fact to the increased demand for raw milk caused by the growth of the cities.

For the 12 months ending November 1, 1913, the reports show 12,832,145 pounds of butter manufactured in the state. For the preceding 12 months there were 13,078,648 pounds put out.

The decreased production was largely due to King county, which produced 2,482,473 pounds in 1913 as against 3,191,379 pounds in 1912.

In Eastern Washington most of the counties showed increased butter production.

## Law Is Far Behind the Progress of the Day

### Attacks Upon Courts Mean Unrest

By Justice OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES of the United States Supreme Court

SCIENCE has taught the world skepticism and made it legitimate to put everything to the TEST OF PROOF, the supreme court, of course, not excepted. Not only are we told that when Marshall pronounced an act of congress unconstitutional he usurped a power that the constitution did not give, but we are told that we are the representatives of a class—A TOOL OF THE MONEY POWER.

It is very painful when one spends all the energies of one's soul in trying to do good work, with no thought but that of solving a problem according to the rules by which one is bound, to know that MANY SEE SINISTER MOTIVES and would be glad of evidence that one was consciously bad.

THE ATTACKS UPON THE COURT ARE MERELY AN EXPRESSION OF THE UNREST THAT SEEMS TO WONDER VAGUELY WHETHER LAW AND ORDER PAY.

A very important truth to be extracted from the popular discontent is that judges, particularly in state courts, have read their conscious or unconscious sympathies prematurely into the law.

IT CANNOT BE HELPED—IT IS AT IT SHOULD BE—THAT THE LAW IS BEHIND THE TIMES.

## The Bad Boy Is Not Bad at Heart



### He Needs Your Greater Sympathy

By JACOB A. RIIS, Sociologist of New York

FIRST ask the question, "Is the boy bad at heart?" In nine cases out of ten the answer will be NO.

PERFECTLY GOOD CHILDREN ARE SPOILED BY NOT BEING UNDERSTOOD.

Never send a police officer after a boy. It is the worst thing you

can do. After the policeman has chased him he has a feeling of heroism which MAKES HIM WANT TO BREAK THE LAW AGAIN.

The little boy is like a little steam boiler and always boiling. You can sit on his safety valve, but you are a fool if you do.

A BOY WHO IS TIED DOWN NEVER BECOMES A WHOLE MAN.

The future of the republic lies not in our natural resources, but in the boys and girls.

Manual training is accomplishing a great work. It does not teach our children to become cooks and mechanics, but MEN AND WOMEN.

We must have greater sympathy for the bad boys if they are to be saved.

## POSTAL USERS WARNED.

Postmaster Bender calls attention to the danger of prosecution by the Federal authorities for the insertion of written matter in parcel post packages. The department claims that there is a growing tendency on the part of patrons to do this. The maximum fine upon conviction for violation of the postal laws in this particular is \$100 in addition to the collection of first class postage.

The government has a rule making all parcels going through the parcel post subject to inspection and

this inspection is supposed to be made. Not uncommonly are notes found tucked away in the parcel. This makes the parcel strictly subject to first class postage and rates must be charged accordingly. When it is considered that a letter could have been forwarded for two cents or a post card for one cent, and the parcel itself would have cost but a nominal amount, the chances taken are clearly not worth while. In most instances, however, the intention is not to defraud the government out of a few cents, but the violation of the law is done thoughtlessly or through ignorance of the postal requirements.

## WASHINGTON STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

### Important Happenings of the Week From Towns in Our State.

Capitol Grant Lands for Lease. Olympia.—At a meeting here the state capitol commission decided to accept applications for lease of all agricultural lands of the capitol grant, thus reversing what has been the policy of the commission ever since its organization in 1909.

The effect of the decision will be to open for occupancy several thousand acres of land in Stevens and Douglas counties. There are approximately 13,500 acres of capitol grant in Stevens and 12,000 acres in Douglas counties.

### Coal Lands to be Worked.

Morton.—Recent final proofs on a large number of coal claims in this vicinity are expected to result in extensive development of coal properties in the neighborhood of Morton within a short time. Details of the project have been withheld, but the report comes from reliable authority that the deposits of coal are to be worked extensively and a large number of miners will be employed.

### N. P. Taxes to High Court.

Tacoma.—L. B. DePonte, attorney for the Northern Pacific, has stated that the road would appear before the court of Thurston county March 2 and request an order to the treasurers of counties of the state to accept the taxes tendered by the railroad on its physical valuation minus the good will tax, without giving up their right to collect in full should the Northern Pacific lose in its tax suit.

### Absence of Comma Costly.

Colefax.—The absence of a comma in the statute is costing the officers of Whitman county the premium on their bonds furnished by surety companies. The commissioners interpret the law in a different light from Prosecuting Attorney Burgunder and refuse to allow the premium on the bonds of R. M. Burgunder, prosecuting attorney, and John M. Miller, county engineer.

### Lewis School Fairs Arranged.

Centralia.—District fairs are to be held by Lewis county schools between April 1 and the end of the school year. Plans already have been made. Some schools will hold fairs at the same time as the district spelling bees, which will be April 17. The Toledo, Adna and Forest districts have chosen judges.

## STATE ELECTION LAW STANDS

### Second Choice Votes to Determine Party Candidate at Primaries.

Olympia.—If the bill recently passed by the senate to provide machinery for the direct election of United States senators passes the house of representatives in the same form, second-choice votes will play a big factor in the democratic and possibly in the progressive primaries in Washington.

Copies of the bill received by Governor Lister show that the measure provides that in each state senators are to be nominated and elected in the same manner as is provided for representatives at large, but if there is no law providing specifically for the election of representatives at large as is the case in Washington, then the laws for the nomination and election of state officials are to be followed.

Under the state laws, whenever there are four or more candidates for a nomination, both first and second choice must be voted.

Whether second-choice voting is likely to obtain in the progressive primaries is not certain. There are three announced candidates at present in Representatives J. A. Falconer and G. W. Bruan and Ole Hanson. A fourth candidate would insure the second choice.

### Indians Powwow at Tacoma.

Tacoma.—Mats-Mats, Quinaults, Samish and about a dozen other tribes of Indians in the state of Washington, embraced in the fishing group, convened in a three-day powwow in Tacoma, beginning Saturday afternoon. The powwow is expected to lead to the formation of the brotherhood of the western North American Indians.

### Against California Tubers.

Everett.—Resolutions asking the state to prohibit the importation of potatoes infected with tuber moths from California and demanding that steps be taken to quarantine diseased orchards were adopted by the Western Washington Horticultural association in annual convention.

## WASHINGTON BRIEFLETS

All Seattle is planning to take part in a big street celebration of the signing of the Alaska railroad bill.

James E. McGovern of Wilbur, has been appointed by President Wilson to be United States marshal for eastern Washington.

The wheat crop in Walla Walla county is 90 per cent sold, approximately 220,000 bushels having been disposed of last week.

The Washington State college basketball team took the third game of the series from Whitman at Walla Walla by a score of 35 to 24.

Twenty-five hundred dollars will be raised by the fans of Walla Walla for the support of the local team in the Western Tri-State league this year.

The jury in the case of Charles F. Mundy of Seattle, charged with defrauding the government in the Tracey group of Alaska coal lands returned a verdict of not guilty.

Northern Pacific Overland passenger train No. 5, the Twin City Express, westbound, was partially derailed at Black River Junction, 10 miles from Seattle, and Engineer Charles Dulin, of Seattle, instantly killed.

Contract has been entered into by the owners of Cohasset Beach hotel with Aviator Crawford for the starting of a school of aviation at Cohasset beginning June 15 and continuing until September 15.

Four state banks have filed with State Bank Examiner W. E. Hanson notice of their intention to give up their state charters and take out national charters, to come under the new federal currency law.

The will of Mrs. Louisa A. Gholson, filed at Walla Walla, provides that her husband is to enjoy her estate if he remains unmarried; otherwise it is to go to her daughters and grandchildren.

Directors of the Walla Walla Fair association have authorized Secretary R. H. Johnson to go ahead with any plans he may have to make the 1914 frontier celebration better than last year. A better babies' contest was decided on as a feature for the fair.

E. D. Knuth of Raymond saved the lives of his wife and two babies in a fire which destroyed the residence. The woman tossed the tots out of the window, the father catching them. The woman jumped and was rescued in the same manner.

Voters in 50 townships in Spokane county will elect officers on March 3. Three supervisors, a clerk, assessor, treasurer, justice of the peace, constable and road overseer will be elected in each township, making about 500 officers in all.

The ordinance of the city of Seattle prohibiting the overcrowding of street cars was held void as conflicting with the authority of the state public service commission in a decision of the state supreme court. Suit was brought by the Seattle Electric company to enjoin enforcement of the ordinance.

Mrs. Frances K. Headlee, assistant labor commissioner, will make a tour of eastern Washington, beginning about the middle of March, investigating labor conditions among women, especially in regard to compliance with the eight-hour law. Mrs. Headlee will do her first work in Spokane.

Notice was received at the Walla Walla United States land office that some additional land covering 2900 acres in Asotin county has been designated as subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act. The tracts designated have always been subject to entry but by the latest order a 320 acre homestead entry can be filed in the area set apart.

C. W. Waters of Palouse will establish headquarters in Spokane for his work as income tax collector for eastern Washington under instructions received from Collector of Internal Revenue David J. Williams of Tacoma. Mr. Waters will begin his work March 1. He will work in central Washington for some time, however, before taking up collections in Spokane.

Following a test by City Bacteriologist Patten of Spokane, which showed approximately ninety million bacteria in one egg shipped in a consignment from China, Manager John F. Arnold of the Schallinger Produce company, sent 688 cases or over 60,000 eggs to the crematory to be destroyed. Some of them were declared to be sea gull eggs.

Miss Lucy R. Case, representing the grange and allied organizations which filed seven initiative measures recently, has appealed to the Thurston county superior court for new ballot titles for three of the measures; No. 8, the employment agency measure, No. 9, the first aid bill, and No. 10, the good roads bill, alleging that the titles prepared by the attorney general were misleading.

Herd Records, 50 cents a dozen at The Tribune office.