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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Rural Credits and Trust Bills Measures Likely to Be Given Preference Over Others.

Washington.—Trust legislation and a new law to enhance rural credits before adjournment of congress are the only measures on the "must" list of the administration for the permanent session of congress. It was made known recently. This excepts the necessary appropriation bills, which are now rapidly being disposed of.

A bill to repeal the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal act probably will be introduced within 10 days by Representative Adamson, chairman of the interstate commerce committee. It will offer no compromise whatever in the situation and is certain to provoke opposition both in the house and senate.

The immigration bill, which has passed the house and is to be reported from the senate committee this week, also will be urged to a conclusion.

The trust bills. It is now apparent will require considerable more time in perfecting than originally anticipated. March 1 was set a month ago as the time for beginning consideration of the proposed administration bills, but not one of the bills proposed is ready for consideration in either branch.

Congress Give Up June Adjournment

Representative Underwood, democratic leader of the house, admitted that plans to adjourn congress in June had "gone glimmering." He would not make a new prediction regarding adjournment, stating that the speeding up process would continue.

Congestion and delay in considering appropriation bills, and not the "administration program," are responsible for the inability of congress to adjourn in June, Underwood stated. He expressed confidence that the anti-trust and rural candidate legislation would not interfere with an early adjournment, but that routine business would extend the session longer than anticipated.

May Ignore Protest of Italy.

Members of the senate immigration committee are inclined to ignore intimations that the Italian government will not sign a new arbitration treaty with the United States unless assured that the section of the pending immigration bill providing for the United States health inspectors on immigrant ships, shall not apply to Italian steamers and that the proposed literacy test shall not interfere with Italian immigration.

Senators are inclined to attribute Italian opposition to the influence of steamship companies. Committee members believe that even if they were disposed to favor Italy, there is no way to frame a provision for a literacy test so as to make an exception of any country.

Bills Provide for Leasing of Land.

Administration bills to regulate development of the vast resources of government-owned lands in the west will be introduced in the senate and house by Senator Myers, of Montana and Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, chairman of the congressional public lands committee.

These measures, drafted after extended conferences between the two chairmen and Secretary Lane, of the interior department, are designed to make available for immediate development treasures in coal, oil, phosphate and potash deposits.

The bills would provide for the leasing of public lands under restrictions to guard against monopoly and to insure development. Resulting royalties would go in the first place to the reclamation fund to be used for development of irrigation projects in the arid and semi-arid states.

National Capital Brevities.

Representative L'Engle, in a house bill, proposes the construction of a \$15,000,000 aeroplane fleet for the protection of cities from bombardment by a hostile aerial army.

The millers of the west won a victory when the supreme court of the United States held that bleached flour was not injurious to health unless it could be proved that it contained injurious ingredients.

The administration's plans for two battleships were approved by the house naval committee. It is proposed to build submarines for the defense of the Pacific coast and to construct and maintain them on this coast.

The supreme court holds that land is land, even if the government surveyors did report it as water. The Washington courts had held that the litigant had no title because the land did not exist.

The fact that the house committee on rivers and harbors agreed to an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river makes it practically certain that an appropriation of at least that amount will be carried by the river and harbor bill when it becomes a law.

COUNTY GLEANINGS

Claiming that they had no alternative but to proceed with the construction of the Hannegan road improvement, the county commissioners on Monday awarded the contract to Charles E. Lind for the construction of section 1, and Worthen & Satterthwaite the contract for the building of section 2 of the highway. Mr. Lind's bid was \$34,996 and Worthen & Satterthwaite's \$36,191.50, making the total cost \$71,187.50. It is expected that the work will start in about two weeks. The protestants, in view of the position of the county commissioners, decided to waive all further rights in the matter.

Under the new system adopted by the state horticultural department ten instead of fifteen inspectors will hereafter be employed by the state. Mr. C. E. Flint, one of the very best and most faithful men in the service has with four others, been dismissed, an official act which will meet only with disapproval from the people of Whatcom and San Juan counties, in which Mr. Flint has been so long engaged as an efficient official of the horticultural department.

County Assessor McArthur has appointed the following field deputies for the county districts: Ben W. Loring, Lynden; B. N. Kingsley, Blaine; Henry Schroeder, Nooksack; Tom Brown, Sumas; and Ira C. Robinson, Ferndale. The deputies are to take up their work at once.

Many of the shingle mills after being idle during the winter months have resumed operations.

John Brown, a brother of ex-county assessor Brown, and a resident of the county for more than 15 years, died at his home in Ferndale on Monday.

The county commissioners have called for bids for the construction of about 4 miles of road between Sumas and Nooksack to complete the highway between the two towns.

SECOND LARGEST CANNERY IN STATE

An important meeting of the Lynden Fruit Growers' Association was held on Saturday with a large number of stockholders and other interested persons present. The principal proposition under consideration was the cannery, and although about \$2,400 additional stock had been subscribed by members, it was the final decision to sell the cannery. Robert Heaton, who has always been deeply interested in the association, stood ready to purchase the cannery, and the sale of plant and building to him was authorized.

It was found that in order to put the cannery on the desired basis it would require at least \$8000 and it appeared that the amount could not be easily raised. It was therefore deemed best to allow the business to pass into the hands of private individuals.

There is no question but what Mr. Heaton, the new owner, will make an entire success of the enterprise. He is one of Lynden's best business men, has ample means to finance the proposition, and is certain to attain the greatest success in the undertaking.

Mr. Heaton proposes to begin the erection of another cannery building at once. The new building will be larger than the present one, and all the needed machinery and other equipment necessary for canning all kinds of fruit and vegetables will be installed. The present building is also to be equipped with syrup cans and two additional crimpers. All the latest and best devices will be purchased by Mr. Heaton, and plans are being made to care for all the orchard and garden products grown in this section.

When the Lynden cannery starts up this summer it will be the second largest cannery in the state of Washington, and will give employment to a large number of people. The management of the cannery wants at least 50 acres of vegetables and Superintendent Thompson will be at the cannery after this week to make contracts with fruit and vegetable-growers.

Governor Lister has announced the appointment of James Allen, chief engineer of the state highway department, to act for this state on a commission composed of representative of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the federal government, to investigate the navigation possibilities and needs of the Columbia and Snake rivers. The governor also designated Allen to act on a commission representing Washington, Oregon and the federal government to investigate the power possibilities of the Cello falls on the Columbia.

Cost of Living Is High Because We Are a Nation of Cities

We Are Poor Farmers



Get Rid of Middle-man Of New York

By Rev. Dr. MADISON C. PETERS

THE COST OF LIVING IS HIGH BECAUSE WE HAVE RAPIDLY BECOME A NATION OF CITIES.

Fifty-five per cent of our population today lives in cities and towns. Twenty-five per cent of our population lives in cities of one hundred thousand or more. In 1950 there will be three hundred million people in the United States, and if the present drift continues seventy-five per cent of them will live in our cities. Then we will have a FAMINE AND THEN A REVOLUTION. The high cost of living brought on the French revolution.

OUR LIVING IS HIGH BECAUSE WE ARE POOR FARMERS. TO REDUCE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING OUR FARMERS MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO INCREASE THEIR YEARLY YIELD. TO THIS END I WOULD GIVE NATIONAL AID TO AGRICULTURE AND TEACH AGRICULTURE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The living is high because our immigration of more than one million a year CROWDS, EIGHTY PER CENT OF IT, INTO OUR CITIES. These newcomers should be distributed on the soil and become producers rather than consumers.

I would reduce the high cost of living by ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC MARKET IN EVERY CITY IN AMERICA, as they have done in Europe. The ELIMINATION OF THE MIDDLEMAN and his profits and expenses by buying direct from the factory is the solution of the problem, and the parcel post is helping in that direction.

Saving of Nation's Waste Our Biggest Problem

By BENJAMIN F. YOAKUM,
Chairman of the Frisco Railway System

THE PLACE TO LOOK FOR A SAVING IN THE COST OF LIVING IS IN THE SELLING EXPENSE AND LOSS BY WASTE, THE ITEMS AMOUNTING TO SIX AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN THE PRODUCERS RECEIVE.

We are now squarely up against the plain question of what is to be done. The problem is not as simple as increasing crops or live stock production. It is as COMPLICATED as it is immense in volume and calls for treatment different from what has ever been given in this country.

From other countries we get some good suggestions as to what we should do, but our country is nearly as large as all Europe, and conditions are so different that WE CANNOT GET AS MUCH HELP FROM ACROSS THE SEA in the way of business methods in marketing our crops as we do about soil, breeding and other lessons which we are learning from the older countries.

It is therefore the plain duty of the government to AID IN PIONEERING WORK for better market conditions. PROPER PACKING AND SHIPPING ARE AS NECESSARY AS SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

NEW BASE BALL ASS'N.

More than fifty enthusiastic base ball fans met at the Firemen's club room Monday evening and perfected the organization of the Lynden Base Ball Association. The following officers were elected: P. M. Serrurier, president; John Breckenridge, secretary-treasurer; Walter G. Hemmingway, manager.

The committee appointed at a former meeting to solicit subscriptions reported that \$153 had been subscribed, with considerable more in view. The committee will continue its work during the week, and it is expected that the 1914 team will be given ample financial backing. New uniforms are to be purchased and Lynden will be prominent on the base ball map this season.

Another meeting will be held next Monday night when it is probable that Manager Hemmingway will be on hand and ready to report the

line-up of a cracker-jack good team.

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP VOTE.

At the election in Lynden Township held on Tuesday a total of 218 votes were cast, the number for the various officers being as follows: Supervisor, First District: E. Zweegman, 130; H. M. Bartels, 57. Supervisor Second District: S. B. Day 90; J. H. Ohlund 115. Supervisor Third District: A. B. Colyer 127; G. J. Polinder 47. Clerk: F. P. Close 180. Treasurer, Nels Jacobson 189. Assessor: Guy Dyk 95; Geo. Whipple 107. Overseer District No. 1: Jacob Stopp 20; Sam Stuurman 23. Overseer District No. 2: Geo. Mundell 54; W. E. Hyatt 14. Overseer District No. 3: John Bosman 27; W. Brooks 1.

All of the tax levy propositions were carried.

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Important Happenings of the Week From Towns in Our State.

Merging Offices Urged.

Hoquiam.—Consolidation of the federal land offices of western Washington into one, to be located at Olympia, will be urged by the Hoquiam commercial club. This was embodied in action taken by the club at its weekly luncheon, when the report of a special committee appointed a week ago to investigate was submitted. Discontinuance of the Olympia United States land office, as now proposed, would be a great inconvenience to people of the Grays Harbor country, the club members say.

Three Seek One Office.

Olympia.—Three men are being discussed as possible successors to J. H. Perkins, commissioner of agriculture, when the latter retires March 15. These are Frank R. Spinning, of Sumner, member of the public service commission; J. A. Tormey, of Washington state college, head of the extension work of the Pullman institution, and Edward A. McDonald, federal food and drug inspector at Seattle.

Licenses Pay City Expense.

Olympia.—The town of Metaline Falls never has been compelled to make a tax levy, a report filed by the state bureau of inspection shows, but is in excellent financial condition with assets of \$8125 and liabilities of only \$15. Liquor licenses form the principal source of town revenue. All offices are well conducted, the bureau states, only friendly criticisms being made.

Victim of Attack by Dogs Dead.

Spokane.—Mike Testa, age 10 years died from lockjaw resulting from injuries inflicted by two dogs two weeks ago. The animals tore the flesh from the boy's right leg, necessitating amputation above the knee.

Shellfish Are Not Fish.

Olympia.—Shellfish are not fish. Atorney-General Tanner ruled in an opinion rendered Fish Commissioner Darwin, and the same ruling applies to crabs.

STATE MAKES PREPARATIONS

Washington Gathering to Plan Caring for Settlers.

Olympia.—A state conference of all commercial organizations, to make joint plans for caring for the thousands of new settlers expected to come to the Pacific northwest with the opening of the Panama canal, has been called by Secretary of State Howell, an ex-officio commissioner of the bureau of statistics and immigration.

As another subject to be taken up at the proposed meeting, Secretary Howell points to the need for concerted action to obtain tourist travel in this direction, particularly to have eastern visitors to the Panama exposition in California in 1915 route their tickets through the state of Washington one way.

The meeting is called for Olympia and March 27 and 28 are given as tentative dates. Secretary Howell has sent a circular letter on the subject to all organized commercial bodies asking each to send one or more representatives. That other matters concerning the commercial welfare of the entire state will be brought up at the meeting is stated.

Date Set for Rate Cut.

Olympia.—March 10 has been fixed by the public service commission of Washington as the date on which the new reduced express rates, on the "block system" basis, are to go into effect. On the same date it is expected the block system rates will be made effective in Oregon.

Fair Japanese Barred.

Tacoma.—Mrs. Sado McDaniels, the Japanese wife of an American physician living in the orient, who arrived unattended from Yokohama on the Japanese steamer Chicago Maru last week, has been ordered deported by the United States immigration authorities.

Serving Time for Dispensing Liquor.

South Bend.—George Simpson and Abe Reeves are in jail serving 30 days each because they could not pay the fine of \$100 each imposed upon them when they pleaded guilty of selling liquor to Indians.

WASHINGTON BRIEFLETS

Formal opening of Hoquiam's new \$40,000 union depot will be held the latter part of March.

Friday, March 13, is given official status as Salmon day by a proclamation issued by Governor Lister.

The Wapato Fruitgrowers' association has been formed at Wapato to fight fruit pests, the object being to keep the orchards in the section in the best of condition.

Civil service examinations will be held at Spokane and Colfax April 18, to fill vacancies in fourth-class postmasterships in various Washington towns.

The Pacific Northwest Rose society has been formed at Seattle, any grower being eligible to join on payment of \$1. A. Reynolds of Seattle was elected president.

Mrs. Stella Maries and two daughters, aged six years and four years, were burned to death at Hillyard, near Spokane. Two boys escaped by jumping from the second story.

The many lumber and tile mills on the east and north forks of Lewis river are in receipt of a large order for ties to be used in railroad construction in far-away India.

Special editions of the University of Washington Daily, a student publication, may be prohibited in the future, as a result of the law school edition which was issued recently.

J. L. Mohundro, former state bank examiner of Washington, died at Bellingham while enroute to Seattle. He was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage and never recovered his senses after the attack.

Builders and contractors of Spokane have renewed their fight for an "open shop," which was begun about two years ago. The fight will be waged with more energy than ever before, it is declared.

Fungus growth is eating away the massive fir pillars supporting the forestry building erected at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, and it is said the building will be rendered useless in two or three years.

An incandescent light installed in the vault of the sheriff of Clark county 22 years ago is still in good condition. The light was put in when the building was first wired, and is one of the old style incandescents.

Herbert Kimbrough, head of the music department of the state college at Pullman, is making plans for the annual May music festival, which will be held this year on May 7 and 8. A feature of the festival will be several choruses, each of 40 voices, from the high schools of eastern Washington.

The income tax, which went into effect March 2, will compel about 25 officers in the post at Vancouver to make reports to the collector of internal revenue. The officers affected will be a few of those who receive additional mounted pay, increased pay by reason of long service.

A remarkable increase in the number of malpractice suits filed against physicians in the last two years, has resulted in liability companies giving serious consideration to a proposal to abandon furnishing the medical profession in this state with liability insurance.

Governor Lister has ordered an investigation of the strike of 400 laborers at the Guggenheim smelter in Ruston, an incorporated town adjoining Tacoma, according to advices received at central labor union headquarters. The investigation will be made by E. W. Olson, state commissioner of labor, who will go to the smelter. The strike was begun last December, when the men were notified that they would be expected to work 10 hours instead of nine, with out increase of wages.

County prosecutors are practically a unit in favor of an adult probation law, proposed in a bill submitted to the last legislature, their annual reports to Governor Lister indicate. Under the proposed parole or probation law a superior judge would be allowed to place prisoners convicted of felonies on parole under the suspended sentence plan, without the necessity of their passing through the penitentiary or reformatory.

A community center meeting will be held at Mansfield March 4. This center comprises five districts, from which representatives are sent who compete for prizes in oral and written spelling, oratory and cooking. County Agriculturalist Richardson and County Superintendent of Schools Sellers will be present. The winners at the centers throughout the county will compete at the "truck meet" to be held here in May.

Dairy Records can be secured at The Tribune office, at 5 cents each or 50 cents a dozen.

Take time to register!