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## A MERITORIOUS BILL

"Truth In Fabric" Measure Favored By Many.

(St. Paul Farmers' Dispatch)

The thousands of readers of the Farmers' Dispatch who clip and market wool should be greatly interested in the bill by Representative French of Idaho introduced in congress recently which would require "all wool" fabrics to contain all virgin wool, instead of the large amount of shoddy and cotton mixed with wool which most of the so-called all-wool goods of today are made of.

The treasurer of the Ohio Wool Growers association has characterized shoddy as the "arch-enemy of sheep." Shoddy is made of old soft woolen rags shredded and respun. The life of the original wool is gone. It may look like wool to the untrained eye and may feel like wool, but it is not the real stuff, and it quickly shows up in the wear. There would be no objection to that from the wool-growers, if it were properly labeled, and was sold at a price commensurate with its cost or worth. But unscrupulous manufacturers not only palm off shoddy as virgin wool, but they charge a price based on the cost if it were all virgin wool. Thus they libel the wool-growing industry, increase the cost of clothing abnormally, taking all the profits themselves, and reduce the demand and consumption of virgin wool. All this hits the wool growers right in the pocketbook.

The French bill, now known as the "Truth in Fabric" bill, is designed to stop the evil. It will protect both the consumer and the producer. Shoddy and cotton should no more be sold as all wool than should oleo be sold as butter or horse meat as potted ham. The Farmers' Dispatch not only gives its complete endorsement to the proposed law, but it hopes every reader will write his congressman and senators urging them to support it.

## Idaho State News Items.

Payette is to have an alfalfa mill.

Boise is to have a new lighting system.

Idaho farm lands have doubled in average price since 1916.

Carey has voted \$40,000 bonds for the erection of a new school building.

The state land board plans the sale of 150,000,000 feet of timber in the northern part of the state.

A county fruit growers' association was organized in Boundary county last week.

A log drive on the North Fork started with twenty million feet of logs on the way to mills down the river.

A Moscow farmer's hogs showed signs of being "drunk" after eating corn silage that had become too sour for cow feed.

An early morning blaze at Buhl last week caused a property loss of \$100,000. High wind and low water pressure hampered the fire fighters.

The Nonpartisan league is lining up its forces for the coming fall elections in Idaho, according to the league's official publication.

Strong demand for draft horses for public work and for those heavy enough to be of practical service on farms, is reported by E. F. Rinehart, head animal husbandman of the U. of

I. extension division.

Col. E. G. Davis, Boise attorney, is the fourth candidate to enter the race for the republican nomination for U. S. senator from Idaho. He was a former opponent of D. W. Davis for the republican nomination for governor.

Suit of the state of Idaho against Leroy C. Jones, former state game warden, for recovery of about \$24,000 the value of game licenses for which he is alleged to have failed to account, has reached the state supreme court on appeal from an order denying a change of venue.

While bear is classed as a fur-bearing animal there is no closed season on them. Bear may be taken all the year round if a regular hunting and fishing license and a trapper's license is first procured, says the attorney general.

Governor Davis will ask Dr. E. A. Bryan, state commissioner of education, to represent the state of Idaho at a conference of governors and state representatives soon to be held in Washington, D. C., in an attempt to solve the teacher shortage puzzle.

Adjutant General L. V. Patch did not file his resignation April 1 as he had intended doing according to his announcement of six weeks ago in order to campaign for U. S. senator. He now intimates he will continue to hold the office of adjutant general for awhile.

White fir from Latah county will be used by the Inland Paper company at its Millwood plant in the manufacture of paper. The company has closed a contract with the Potlatch Lumber company to take all the white fir, cut in 16-foot logs, that it can deliver at the plant.

Upon information that a cargo of Turkestan alfalfa seed amounting to 100 carloads has reached the northwest from Siberia, Deputy State Seed Inspector, C. B. Ahlson has issued a statement advising that this variety be not planted in the irrigated sections of Idaho.

Unable to meet its obligations with actual cash, the state of Idaho began Saturday to register against future tax payments the warrants with which it pays employes and contractors. These warrants will cost the state 6 per cent interest until they are called, which may be after several months.

## Teachers Suggest Minimum.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers' association closed at Spokane April 2, Orville C. Pratt of that city being elected president for the ensuing year. In their resolutions the teachers favored establishing a salary minimum of \$1200 a year for inexperienced teachers having two years of training, \$1300 for those having three years training and \$1400 if the training covers four years. The plan would add \$100 a year for each year's experience in teaching until the salary reached \$1800. Teachers having only emergency certificates would receive \$900, according to the proposed schedule.

## Chinese Lanterns.

Particularly gay and attractive are the shops of the lantern venders in the Chinese cities. All varieties of lanterns are to be seen—the large silken ones three and four feet high, gorgeously painted with variegated colors, embroidered in gold and silver or decorated with deep fringe of the same material, costing from \$100 to \$200 and used by the wealthy mandarins and others; and common small horn and paper lanterns, used by the coolies, which cost one-sixteenth of a dollar. The mode of making horn lanterns is very ingenious; the horns are cut into remarkably thin slices which, by means of heat and pressure, are joined together and formed into various shapes; round, square, hexagon, octagon, and some shaped to resemble an hour glass.

## TO SAVE FORESTS

Value of Periodical Surface Fires Is Urged.

For hundreds of years prior to the advent of the white man, the Indians, who were then the only custodians of our forests, prevented destructive fires by periodically setting surface fires to remove the litter of dead leaves, twigs, underbrush, etc., thus preventing its accumulation to the extent of furnishing fuel for destructive or crown fires, says a Salem, Ore., news bureau.

That this method of preventing destructive fires was successful is shown by the fact that the forests taken over by the white man rarely bore scars of trees destroyed by fires. On the contrary, these forests, including the Big Trees, thousands of years old, also the ordinary forests were intact, with trees uninjured by fire, hundreds of years old. Almost all of these trees, however, bore evidence by their charred bark of surface firing practiced by the Indians.

Notwithstanding the fire protection afforded to the forests by the Indians, the white man, oblivious of the wisdom he might have learned from the Indian, insists upon rigid suppression of all forest fires, with the result that the accumulation of litter in a few years furnishes the fuel for conflagrations which entirely destroy the forest.

Captain Joseph A. Kitts of Grass Valley, California, a civil engineer of many years experience in the woods, has prepared a plan which deals with the historical facts of this situation, and elucidates the practical methods which might be adopted by our government to protect our forests from destructive fires and encourage the reforestation of areas now bare of trees. Such reforestation is essential to our timber supply, but is now largely delayed and prevented by the inefficiency of our fire protection.

The Southern Pacific company is leading in a movement to bring the importance of this matter before the public.

## Sunday School Convention

The Kootenai County Sunday school convention will be held at Post Falls on Wednesday, April 14. Sessions will be at 2 and 7:30 p. m.

A splendid program of addresses and music is being prepared for this convention, and Post Falls is extending a cordial welcome to all who can attend, according to Eric Johnson, County S. S. Superintendent.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY

### POST FALLS

O. R. Shero, principal of the school at Athol, was in Post Falls last week. He was formerly principal of the school here and afterward county superintendent.

Frank Peteler arrived from California to oversee his mother's 800 acres of land on the prairie.

A fire in the Dillard home was extinguished with the chemical engine followed by water. It is believed to have started from a defective flue.

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The school was closed two days last week to permit the teachers to attend their convention in Spokane.

K. E. McLeod has sold his place south of Spokane Bridge and moved to Post Falls, purchasing the J. J. Schick residence property. Mr. Schick has purchased a 10 acre irrigated tract.

## SPIRIT LAKE

The gale last week swept the lake clear of ice.

An Easter dance was given Monday evening.

County Assessor Smith appointed J. B. Peterson to assess property in Spirit Lake precinct. Mr. Peterson has assessed the north end of the county for the past seven years.

A baseball team is being organized and funds raised in various ways for its support.

## HARRISON

Captain Eli Laird of the lake steamer Flyer has severed his connection with the Red Collar line to take a position with Fred Herrick, the lumber manufacturer. He has been on the lake and river for about 16 years.

Thomas O'Donnell, 60 years old, a blacksmith at Lane, dropped dead with heart disease.

On Monday a card party and dance was given at the Hotel Harrison for the benefit of the American Legion.

The Methodist ladies gave an Easter social last Saturday evening. An egg supper was served to the public.

## COEUR D'ALENE

A. Cook received word from his son, Earl Cook, at Tekoa, that he broke his leg while working with a team pulling an auto out of a hole.

Mrs. Ada Betsy Nogle, age 67, wife of E. M. Nogle of Post Falls, died Sunday, after long suffering with cancer, having been bedridden since the first of the year.

April 2 the highway department received a carload of T. N. T. and a similar shipment arrived Saturday to be used on highway construction in this district. The explosives are being stored in Tuft's warehouse.

Robert D. Leeper was selected as delegate of the Kootenai post to attend the state convention of the American Legion at Twin Falls, April 7, 8 and 9. Besides the many important questions which will come before this convention officers of the state headquarters of the legion are to be selected.

Kootenai post of the American Legion at a well-attended meeting in their club rooms Monday night adopted this resolution: "We are opposed to the nonpartisan league or any other secret meeting being held in municipal buildings."

The call for the republican party county central committee has been issued by County Chairman Ezra B. Whitla to meet April 10. Each of the 36 precincts in Kootenai county will be represented by a delegate, and upon them will devolve the duty of selecting six delegates to the republican state convention in Coeur d'Alene on April 29.

Through the cooperation of County Agent H. H. Beler and the Armour Packing Co., the following Kootenai county boys and girls have been elected in the Armour pig club and will receive a purebred Duroc-Jersey gilt from Armour: Robert Yowell, Marvin Wing and Virgil Pierson of Worley, Margaret Ford of Belmont; Vina M. Kyle of Post Falls and Robert Pyers of Mica.

The democratic county central committee in session Saturday afternoon selected 12 delegates to the state convention in Lewiston on June 15, and placed the delegation under the unit rule, requiring them to vote as a unit on all questions. The delegates were: Charles Waggoner, T. J. Deck, Clyde Quarles, R. H. Elder, K. M. Hanson, H. C. Shaver, George Weeks, Mrs. Theresa Grabam, Ernest Reiniger, R. D. Leeper, J. C. White and J. Ward Arvey. Alternates were: Mrs. B. J. Girking, John Wood, Gust Peters, Mrs. M. M. Barton, T. L. Quarles and G. W. Flemming.

## FARM REFERENDUM

On Proposition to Tax Large Land Holdings.

Boise, Idaho.—About 14,000 Idaho farm bureau members will be called upon before April 15 to approve or disapprove a tax plan proposed by a bill in congress whereby land holdings valued in excess of \$10,000 will be taxed one per cent. The American Farm Bureau association will compile the results of the referendum and make recommendations to congress.

L. W. Fluharty, secretary of the state farm bureau, issued the following statement on the referendum:

Submission of this referendum is the first result in Idaho of the action of the Idaho state farm bureau, at its recent meeting in Boise, in deciding to join the national federation. At the Boise meeting, especial approval was given by the delegates to the provision in the proposed federation constitution, that the federation should not be committed to opinions on national policies without submission of such questions to a referendum of the membership.

The referendum says: "February 7, 1920, Representative Nolan introduced in the house of representatives a bill to provide for the raising of public revenues by a tax upon the privileges of the use and enjoyment of lands of large value. Section 1 of said bill defines land to be 'the surface of the ground with all assessments in, on and over same,' includes forest, water rights and minerals, 'and not including improvements the result in whole or in part of the application of labor to land.'"

"Section 2 provides: 'That all persons, firms, associations and corporations owning land in value in excess of \$10,000, whether in possession or leased to others, shall be subject to an excise tax upon the privilege of the use and enjoyment of such excess at the rate of 1 per centum.'"

The referendum says: "The object of this act is to raise public revenues. It is not supposed that it will do away entirely with, but be supplementary to the present income tax laws. The proponents of this and similar measures believe that land does not at present bear its just proportion of taxes as compared to the industries.

"Effect: In considering this act you should not allow the fact that the revenues therefrom will come in principal part from the farmers, to prejudice your judgment, but should consider it in relation to fairness to other interests; and whether or not it would be of sufficient burden to affect land values, rentals or incomes and thus affect production.

"There is no provision made for deductions for liens or mortgages. The provisions merely call for one per cent per annum annually on actual valuations of all holdings above \$10,000. Since the farmers of the nation are most vitally concerned in this proposal we ask that you give this careful consideration and return the enclosed ballot to the American Bureau Federation, Ames, Iowa, not later than April 15, 1920."