

CALIFORNIA VOTERS TO SETTLE FATE OF JAP'S LAND RIGHTS

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The fate of Japanese farmers in California will be decided Tuesday, Nov. 2, when the electorate of this state passes on an initiative measure that would drastically amend the present alien land law by withdrawing entirely the three-year agricultural land leasing privilege from aliens who are ineligible to American citizenship.

The measure aims also to place minor land-owning aliens under the guardianship of a public administrator. The actual ownership of farm lands by aliens ineligible to citizenship already is prohibited by the alien land law enacted by the state legislature in 1913.

Conforms to Treaty.
The initiative measure, its proponents assert, will conform strictly to the letter of the treaty between Japan and the United States, in which Japanese residents were granted certain privileges.

The opponents of the proposed new law declare that the issue raises the question of an interpretation of phraseology in the treaty, wherein it is provided that the Japanese residents in the United States "may own or hire or occupy houses, manufactures, warehouses, shops and premises and lease lands for residential and commercial purposes."

It is pointed out by persons opposed to amending the present law that the leasing of land for "commercial purposes" contemplated the privilege of leasing agricultural lands. The voters of the state have had the legal verbiage of the measure clarified by arguments for and against it respectively by V. S. McClatchy, publisher of the Sacramento, Cal., Bee, and by John P. Irish, an extensive land owner of Stockton, Cal.

Seek to Preserve Lands.
In behalf of the measure, Mr. McClatchy says in part: "Through the measure, California seeks, as is her inherent right, to preserve her lands for Americans, precisely as Japan preserves her lands for the Japanese. Its primary purpose is to prohibit Orientalists who cannot become American citizens from controlling our rich agricultural lands."

"Our present treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan deliberately omits from the privileges granted the Japanese in this country either ownership or lease of agricultural lands. Japan has always prohibited ownership or lease or use of agricultural lands in Japan by Americans or other foreigners."

"The initiative measure simply closes the loophole in the 1913 law which permits violation and evasion thereof. In addition, it forbids even short leases."

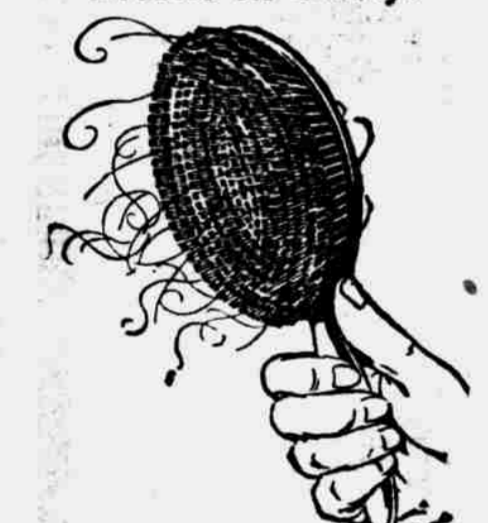
Argues Against Measure.
In his argument against the measure, Mr. Irish discusses the commercial treaty with Japan and declares that "in its economic definition commerce consists of production, transmission and exchange; production is the ranking element, because without it there can be no commerce."

"The treaty is intended then," the opposition argument continues, "to give the Japanese privilege to enter upon complete commerce, and therefore protects their right to lease land for production. Any other interpretation twists the plain language of the treaty into vain repetition."

"Considered in the light of the Fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which says, 'No state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws,' we find the initiative is in conflict with our constitution since it proposes a discriminatory classification of aliens, conferring upon one class the protection of the law which it denies to another class."

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CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind. — A. R. Kirkwood of College Corner, Ohio, visited his mother, Mrs. Kirkwood, here Friday. Charles Wheeler went to Indianapolis Monday. Dr. Little made a business trip to Chicago Friday. The first high school basketball was played at Community hall Friday evening. Mrs. Laura Richey and Mrs. J. E. Brooks visited Mrs. Richey's sister, Mrs. Frank Parson, at Richmond Friday. Mrs. Alice Medsker, Mrs. Kate Evers and Mrs. Belle Wade, Mrs. Stella Bird, Mrs. Emma Graves, Mrs. Retta Kelsey and Mrs. Jessie Cornell recently attended the Great Council of Degree of Pocomtass. Miss Fern Hester who has been ill, is again able to resume her duties as teacher in the public high school. John Bond and Wade Powell are ill. The traction company recently completed a new crossing on the Big Four tracks on Green street, the trouble having been caused by a broken water main. Mr. and Mrs. Warren and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neils, in Eaton.

BROWNVILLE, Ind. — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parks and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougal Sunday. Miss Elizabeth Rigby, of Richmond, spent a few days last week here with Mr. and Mrs. George Funk. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kaufman spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rose and family. Mrs. Smith Strickland and Mrs. Crockran of Indianapolis were guests of their brother Ed Needlander, Monday. James Conner is visiting relatives at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wadsworth of Richmond, are visiting relatives here this week. Mrs. L. J. Cully and Miss Minnie Freeman were visiting friends in Connersville Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walling, of Abington, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parks and daughter, Ruth. Russell Whitesell of Richmond, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Gorman and daughter Marie, of Chicago, who has been spending the summer here, returned Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Maze spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White. Mr. and Mrs. George Maze and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Maze, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Maze, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Maze and Mrs. Charles Maze attended the Schull-Henry wedding, near Connersville, Thursday evening.

COTTAGE GROVE. — Omar Miller and family entertained at dinner Sunday. Rev. Hendley and Miss Pauline Ratliff of Richmond, and Charles Padock and family. Several from here attended the baseball game at Lotus Sunday afternoon. Harry Conner spent Tuesday in Richmond. Mrs. Eddie Williamson and Miss Verda Miller spent Wednesday in Richmond. John Benner of Hamilton, O., spent the week-end with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Riley Maddux of Cincinnati,

O., spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alveron Logue. Lawson Sanford and family spent Wednesday evening with Eddie Williams and family. Miss Edna Logue, of Chicago, Ill., spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Omar Miller and family. Miss Pauline Ratliff of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gardner. The C. G. S. club met with Mrs. Howard Higgins Friday afternoon. Mrs. Molly McComis of Richmond, Misses Lillian and Minnie Howern, Mrs. Elva Stanton and Cam Miller, spent Thursday with Omar Miller and family. Mrs. Charles Drinkwater and son Crawford spent Monday in Boston, Ind. Mrs. Emma Logue and children of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alveron Logue. Mr. and Mrs. Will Logue spent Friday in New Madison, O., the guests of their daughter, Mrs. George Sauer. Rev. Aaron Napier assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kinsey of Richmond, is holding a revival meeting at Salem church. Mr. and Mrs. Alveron Logue spent Friday with Mrs. Omar Miller and family. Clarence Logue spent the week-end with home folks. Mrs. Mike Conner spent the week-end with home folks in Liberty.

LOSANTVILLE — Mrs. Frank Gory, of Centerville, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lumpkin. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaines and little son, of Huntsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Moore, of Unionport, spent Sunday with Misses Martha Gaines and Alice Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and daughter, Bernice, of Hagerstown, were Sunday visitors at Mr. B. Johnson's. Miss Emma Gwin and Mrs. Ben Martin were shopping in Muncie, Wednesday. Mrs. Zerelda Gaines has been spending ten days with her daughter, Miss Martha Gaines. She returned to her home at Huntsville, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brewer spent the week-end at Muncie, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brewer and daughter, Miss Winnie, spent Sunday at the same place. Mrs. Arthur Van Skylock and two children are visiting friends at Dunkirk. Arthur Van Skylock and Rufus Curry, and Miss Alice Nichols, Lesta Curry, Winnie Brewer, Marguerite Beeson and Martha Gaines are attending the State Teachers' Association, at Indianapolis. Mr. John Chenoweth and Miss Martha Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Ves Sulteen, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wiggins were in Muncie, Saturday night. Miss Georgia Wiggins, who teaches near Centerville, and Miss Sibyl Brewer, who teaches in the Green Township High School, came home Wednesday and will attend the State Teachers' Association meeting. Mr. and Mrs.

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Ves Sulteen and Mr. and Mrs. Wright Sulteen spent Sunday with Charles Isley at Modoc. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lumpkin and their guest, Mrs. Catherine Canada, of Moreland, were present at his meeting at Little Creek, Sunday. Mr. William Wine, an old and respected resident of this township, passed away Friday evening. The funeral services were held at Modoc. Mr. and Mrs. Boyden Lieka were business callers at Winchester, Wednesday. Miss Ruth Wiggins was with friends at Farmland, Wednesday afternoon. Miss Margaret Johnson is visiting friends in New Castle.

LEWISBURG, O. — Walter Mollett is spending the week in Bluffton, superintending a lot of men in the stone plant there which belongs to the Bluffton-Lewisburg Stone company. Mrs. A. C. Miller was called to Anderson Friday by the serious illness of her daughter, Joseph Studebaker. Anna Broyn, Leon Disher, Anna Rice and Hazel Gay attended Delta Theta Tau party in Richmond Wednesday night. Helen Little returned Tuesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. James Tucker and husband. Mr. and Mrs. John Randall of Eaton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Elsie. Anna Unger is spending the week in New Bremen with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Albert. Mr. and Mrs. McKee were called to Patterson, O., Sunday by the serious illness of his mother, who suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Civilla DeMotte spent Thursday in West Manchester with Mrs. Ella Leas. Price Miller is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. T. J. Etzler and grandson are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Levi Jordan and husband near Gettysburg. Rev. Joseph Bennett attended a conference in Middletown of the Dayton district of the M. E. church, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Elmer Unger and children are spending the week at the home of Mrs. Ada Rice and family. G. C. Albert and family visited relatives in Columbus Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoerner came Sunday for a visit with her son, Frank and family. Clifford Locke and family were in Richmond Saturday. Mrs. Arless Furry of West Manchester spent Wednesday with her father, Eli Bean. E. C. Crider is in poor health. Leo Schlatterbeck was in Columbus several days last week attending the annual convention of the secretaries of the I. O. O. F. lodges of Ohio. Mrs. Farmerfee has gone to Paulding for an extended visit with her nephew, Paul Coleman and family. The Avonmoor trio will appear in the local opera house Thursday, Nov. 4, under the auspices of the girls of class No. 12, of Trinity Lutheran Sunday school taught by Ira C. Albert. The proceeds from the entertainment will go into the building fund of the new church. The trio has an entirely new program this season, which will be thoroughly enjoyable. Rev. George F. Dittmar, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church is in Washington, D. C., attending the synodical sessions of the national body of the United Lutheran church in America. Kate Floyd spent Friday with Mrs. Joseph Sweeney and family. The teachers of the local schools were royally entertained by the Monroe teachers at Monroe Wednesday. Charles Sweeney was in Columbus Tuesday.

PHILOMATH, Ind. — Mrs. James Helms visited her daughter, Mrs. Roy Kiser, Thursday. Miss Ethel Myers spent Wednesday evening as the guest of Miss Elsie Houser. Miss Elsie Fulton is assisting Henry Snyder with cleaning and moving. A box social was given at the Helms school Wednesday evening. A large crowd attended. Elsie Houser was awarded a box of candy as the most popular girl. Miss Inez Fulton and Virgil Yoder spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fulton. Mr. and Mrs. William Plankenhorn and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Plankenhorn and son attended a sale near Chester Thursday. John Pierce and Elsie Houser received word Thursday evening of the marriage of Miss Schull of Connersville and Herbert Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry, of this neighborhood. Mrs. Charles Garrett, whose shoulder was dislocated recently, is improving. Miss Dorothy Meyers spent Wednesday evening as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner. A large crowd attended the Housenworing sale Friday. John Pierce and Miss Elsie Houser spent Wednesday evening as the guest of Miss Lydia Shelton. Floyd Doddridge was the guest of Miss Marie Little Wednesday evening.

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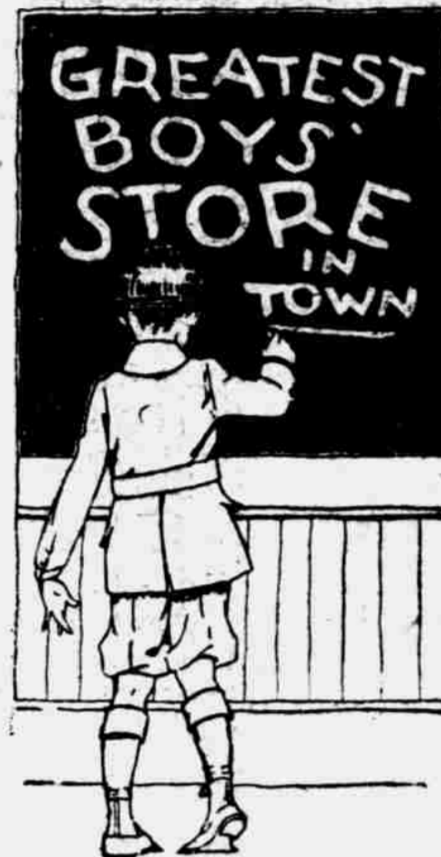
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