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BALLINGER TELLS HOW TO CONSERVE

Bottling Up Resources Is Not Purpose.

WASTE MUST BE PREVENTED

Government Favors Use Under Federal Regulation.

ALASKA IS PRIZE PACKAGE

Secretary Says Private Enterprise Must Have Reasonable Independence, but Resources Must Be Perpetuated.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 29.—Alaska is a prize package, the full value of which no man can estimate now, said Secretary Ballinger before the Conservation Club of Rhode Island and the Economic Club of Providence tonight.

In declaring the natural wealth of the land should be conserved, the Secretary made no reference to the controversy with Gifford Pinchot. He announced his willingness to answer any questions after he had concluded his address, but no questions were put to him.

The Secretary said the homestead statute signed by President Lincoln was one of the most beneficial ever enacted for the upbuilding of this country and was of especial value in relation to the farms of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and other places in the West, but was an absurdity in the forest lands of Oregon, which were so thickly timbered as to be almost impenetrable, and almost equally absurd when applied to the valuable mineral lands of Alaska.

Resources Not to Be Bottled Up.
"Some people, I fear," declared the Secretary, "have a notion that to conserve our natural resources we must pickle them or bottle them up. All kinds of extreme notions are likely to be advanced by those who take an impractical view of the subject. I was confronted by the suggestion that the Government build homes on the remaining public lands, stock them and rent them to applicants and become the landlord of the public domain."

Business Must Not Be Hampered.
"It is all right to place reasonable restraints upon the use of our natural resources to prevent the mischiefs which result from monopoly and greed and extortion, but when you attempt to regulate a man's private business or declare he shall use his property, so that he can no longer exercise a reasonable independence over it, he may as well surrender his business and his property to the state and let the state operate it."
"Individuality and incentive for industry will certainly disappear under any system of public regulation and control that imposes a strictly governmental guardianship over the citizen. The American system of government contemplates the freest possible exercise of individual liberty consistent with the public good, and in discussing the conservation of our natural resources and the supervision, regulation and control that is proper to be exercised by Federal or state authority, this principle should be constantly recognized."

Waste Must Be Restrained.
"After all, the question of conservation is a question of practicing with our resources frugality and economy. Profligacy and wanton waste of our inheritance in this particular, of course, is to be restrained whenever and wherever the power exists, and particularly when the loss affects the future happiness of mankind."

"Our Nation's future in the highest degree is involved in the perpetuation of our wealth and the ability of our people to live in happiness and prosperity in all generations to come. Therefore we can justly say that no man can gratify his lust for wealth or his ambition for power by destroying

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SYNDICATE READY TO TAKE HOLDINGS

ROCKEFELLER AND MORGAN AWAITING MERGER DECISION.

If Government Says Union Pacific Holds Southern Unlawfully, Bonds Will Be Gobbled.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Wall street today heard an unverified report that if the Government wins its suit to dissolve the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, a syndicate composed of John D. Rockefeller, through the National City Bank, J. P. Morgan, through the First National Bank, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., will take over the Union Pacific's holdings of Southern Pacific bonds and stock. These are said to amount to \$125,000,000.

Judge Lovett and other representatives of the Harriman roads declined today to comment on the decision of the government to proceed with the suit against the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems.

It is learned, however, that the defendants will open their case in this city February 15 and that witnesses will be called. The Government has practically finished its case.

It is expected the case will go before the United States Circuit Court of the Eighth District early in the Fall and a decision ought to follow toward the end of the year.

U. S. IS TEMPTING JAPAN

Diplomat Fears Unpreparedness Is Provocation of Conquest.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 29.—That the United States in its unpreparedness for war is unwittingly tempting Japan to attack her was the declaration of Horace Newton Allen, of Toledo, O., former Minister to Mexico, in an address before the Knickerbocker Club here last night.

"Prior to the Japanese-Chinese war," continued Mr. Allen, "Japan had spies all through China so that she knew the latter's weakness better than did the Chinese themselves. The factor is true of the Russian conflict. In both cases it was the weakness of her antagonists that tempted Japan. Shall we offer such temptation? It looks as if we were bent on doing so."

"When Japan has taken Hawaii, as military authorities say she could do over night, as I were, she could land over three million men on the Pacific Coast in 20 days, while we could not get 100,000 there in three months. But Japan did make war on us it would be the end of Japan, for we would sacrifice every son and spend every dollar. If necessary, in a few days we could have the Japanese-English treaty."

COAL AND OIL SOUGHT

Portlanders Lease Tract Near Eugene and Will Prospect.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—J. W. Perkins, of Portland, was in Eugene today in the interest of Portlander capitalists who are leasing large tracts of land along the route of the proposed Roseburg-Coos Bay Railroad. Mr. Perkins' stop in this city was for the purpose of closing a contract with E. J. Crow, of this city, who owns a 1000-acre tract of land 15 miles west of the City of Roseburg and on which appear abundant indications of both coal and oil. The object in securing a lease on this tract is to develop the coal beds and prospect for oil.

Mr. Crow has leased his land to a company, whom Mr. Perkins represents, on a royalty basis and will receive a money consideration in proportion to the amount of coal or oil produced on the land. There are numerous coal croppings on the Crow tract. Mr. Perkins went on to Roseburg this afternoon.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT EBB

Moral Wave, Says Faunce, Reacts Against Devotions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—William H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University, thinks religious sentiment, as measured by the standards of worship and church-going, is on the wane. In the current American Journal of Theology, issued at the University of Chicago Press, yesterday he says:

"Moral awakening, which has taken possession of the country, has had a reactionary effect on devout religion. A wave of social consciousness is now sweeping over our land, and at the same time there is obviously a wave of recession from public worship. The tide of corporate devotion mysteriously ebbs. This disinclination exists not alone among the irreligious or immoral; it exists most obviously among the devout and the

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STATISTICS SHOW NO-LICENSE FAILS

Worcester Quits Plan After Fair Trial.

TWO-YEAR TEST SUFFICIENT

More of Drunkenness and Excess Liquor Sales Shown.

YOUNG MEN DEMORALIZED

Lack of Ability to Place Any Restrictions Upon Sale of Intoxicants Pointed to as Great Fault of Dry Regime.

BY W. B. BOYDEN.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 29.—(Special Correspondence.)—The fallacy of prohibition in a city large enough to cut a figure in the commerce of the country has been demonstrated by the City of Worcester, Mass. The population of Worcester is considerably over 100,000; it is a busy, enterprising city, and the first of its size in the world to have the temerity to apply the prohibition doctrine. The peculiar feature of the Worcester object lesson is that the local liquor interests are credited with actually placing the city in the dry column for two years—from which it will emerge on the first of May—to accomplish a purpose of their own.

There is the best sort of reason for believing that in holding up this Massachusetts municipality as one of their notable, victorious battle-grounds, the prohibitionists are but deceiving themselves. Because no-license proved a failure, in a trial of two years, and because the interests which decreed no-license were not strong enough to stand the test of a two-year trial, had won their point, the city went back to the wet column at the end of the year.

No-License Regime Fails.

The recent experiences of not only Worcester, but other Massachusetts cities, Salem, Lynn, Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill, have provided the strongest sort of argument to uphold the statement that no-license in any city of more than 50,000 inhabitants is not alone impractical, but is harmful. In Worcester the question offers a good opportunity for study, and for the gathering of statistics; and this opportunity has been improved by a very considerable number of investigators, whose personal feelings in the matter take both sides. The statistics, however, show an increase in immorality and law-breaking, rather than the decrease so confidently predicted by the prohibitionists when the no-license regime began; and there has as yet been no argument presented seriously affecting this conclusion.

The late Carroll D. Wright, a resident of Worcester, by the way, said: "Statistics, candidly and intelligently studied, with care to include all the factors and relations in analyzing them, constitute the best evidence. Handled any other way they furnish a highly efficient means of hiding the truth."

Liquor Sales Increased.

It has been the truth which I sought to obtain, and from statistics, three glaring defects in the no-license system stand out beyond dispute, namely, that in Worcester under no-license arrests for drunkenness have increased; more liquors have been consumed, and kitchen dives have increased in such a proportion that the police have found themselves practically powerless to cope with the situation. But getting back to the primary cause of Worcester going dry, it is learned that the liquor dealers were responsible for it. If we take their word for it, the brewers were crowding them beyond the point of endurance, and to retaliate the dealers turned the city over to the "dry column." The first year, however, was not enough to convince the voters that Worcester had made a mistake; so they again tried

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BOISE PRICES ARE SCANNED NARROWLY

GRAND JURY TO DELVE INTO ALLEGED TRUSTS.

Probers to Meet for Ten Days to Find Why Cost of Fuel and Meat Is High.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A petty complaint and a grand jury will be called to probe the existence of a combination known as the Union Feed & Fuel Company to control the sale and supply of coal and to boost the price. The Boise Meatmen's Association will also come into the limelight for a probe, it being alleged this trust controls all shops in the city and dictates the price of meats, raising it at will.

The milk, butter, dry and other smaller trusts of local prominence will be investigated also, says the County Attorney.

BRISTOL URGES DIVISION

Free Courthouse Offered in Kilkenny County Seat Fight.

BRISTOL, Wash., Jan. 29.—Sentiment in favor of the division of Kilkenny County is growing stronger. Commercial organizations in the western end of the county are taking the subject up individually. At the same time, there is a disposition to sway a result of a movement in the eastern end of the county, fostered by S. W. Hill, for the removal of the county seat from Kilkenny to Bristol. As an inducement for the change in that section of the county, Mr. Hill has agreed to erect a new courthouse at Bristol, to be completed by the first of May. The Bristol Development Club, is giving a circular letter to all commercial organizations in the western end of the county to crystallize sentiment for division.

The Bristol Club is unalterably for division, and in this stand is backed up by public sentiment in White Salmon and Blingen, nearest home, and Ilwaco and other towns in the northwestern part of the county. Lyle is expected to fall into line. All unite in saying the time is ripe for such a move.

OREGON GIRL DIES ALONE

Epilepsy, Not Poison, Believed to Have Been Cause.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—Miss Helen Bradbury, of Jefferson, Or., aged 22, who died suddenly in a hotel here last night, was supposed to have taken poison with suicidal intent, succumbed to a chronic trouble resembling epilepsy, the coroner learned today.

JEFFERSON, Or., Jan. 29.—Helen Bradbury is daughter of C. Bradbury, a farmer who has been living a mile north of this place for about 10 months. Mr. Bradbury left for Portland Tuesday night, and his wife, Mrs. Bradbury, was subject to attacks during which she became unconscious and likely she may have died during one of these.

NANAIMO FUGITIVE CAUGHT

Man Wanted for Embezzlement Found in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Charles Bisco, a fugitive from Nanaimo, B. C., was arrested in the Los Angeles-Redondo Railway ticket office today. A tourist from his home city recognized him and told an officer he was wanted in the Canadian town.

Nanaimo authorities in response to a telegram sent a dispatch stating he was charged with embezzling \$200 and that they would send an officer for him.

Widows Make Best Wives?

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—"As a rule second marriages are the happier," said Judge A. J. Dittenhofer, of New York, in an interview published here today. "The woman who marries for a second time is more apt to make her home, because she is more settled, more domestic, more prudent. She has profited by her mistakes."

Seumas McManus III.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 29.—Seumas McManus, Irish story-teller, who appeared here last night in a lecture to the students at Michigan University, was unable to finish his address owing to illness. He was taken to a hospital, where physicians diagnosed his case as incipient pneumonia.

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LEADERS OF PARTY DESIRE ASSEMBLY

Out of 143 Republicans, 11 Alone Oppose Plan.

PARTY UNISON IS AT STAKE

With but Few Exceptions Demand Is Statewide.

CROOK COUNTY IS OPPOSED

Clackamas County, Hotbed of Radical Ideas, Is Favorable to Plan, but No County Assembly Is Likely.

The Oregonian today publishes the fourth of a series of interviews with Republicans of the state on the assembly question. Interviews were not obtained from members of the party in the following outside counties, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington and Wheeler. The result of these interviews, not including Republicans in Multnomah County, who have not been quoted, is as follows:

Counties represented..... 143
Favorable to assembly..... 132
Opposed to assembly..... 11
Effect delegates by precincts..... 56
Or otherwise..... 12
No suggestion as to election of delegates..... 75

Summarizing the interviews with representatives of the state, outside of the 34 counties of the state, outside of Multnomah County, which have been published in The Oregonian, including those presented today, 132 out of 143 interviewed on the subject have declared themselves unqualifiedly in favor of the proposed assembly plan, both state and county. Only 11 oppose the assembly. While only 55 of the total number suggested a plan for selecting the delegates, 56 recommended that delegates be elected by precinct primaries. The other 12 would have the delegates selected either by precinct or county mass meetings, or by the members of the County Central Committee.

The purpose of The Oregonian in compiling these expressions was to obtain the sentiment on the assembly plan from the Republican voters of the state. The interviews gathered by The Oregonian are representative of the party in the state, outside of Multnomah County, which is not included. They were obtained from men representing every walk in life—the logger, farmer, business man, banker, an occasional state and county official being quoted.

Plan of Action Outlined.

Fully two-thirds of those interviewed endorse the following plan of procedure: Election by precincts of delegates to the county assembly; county assembly to suggest candidates for county offices and elect delegates to state assembly, the state gathering to recommend candidates for all state offices. A large majority of those expressing themselves favor holding the county assemblies early in May, or not later than June 1. The same Republicans propose that the state assembly be held between July 1 and July 15, or at least 60 days before the direct primary nominating election, which will be held September 12.

Of the 26 interviews submitted today from the counties of Benton, Clackamas, Crook, Lake and Polk, not one Republican opposes the assembly. While members of the party in Curry County are not quoted, it is understood that the assembly does not meet with the approval of Republicans in that county.

Grant County Pro-Assembly.

The Oregonian correspondent in Grant County failed to interview Republicans, but in describing political conditions in that section of the state indicates a pro-assembly sentiment. In Benton County, 19 of the 12 men questioned in that county.

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HOTEL PLANS FOR AEROPLANE GARAGE

NEW CHICAGO HOSTELRY WILL FIT UP 20TH FLOOR.

First Building of Kind Actually to Make Ready for Travel of Future Days.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Blackstone Hotel, an exclusive hostelry for millionaires, now nearing completion in this city, will have the twentieth floor fitted up as an aeroplane garage.

It is believed this is the first serious attempt in this country to provide for the coming method of travel. Managers of the Blackstone say they feel confident that aeroplanes travel will be general in the course of a few years at the outside, and that the majority of their patrons will own airplanes. For this reason it is preferable to prepare now than to remodel the house.

Engineers are now consulting the most successful aeronauts for ideas as to the proper equipment of the garage. The hotel overlooks Grant Park and Lake Michigan and plans, as far as determined upon, are to have entrances to the garage from four sides, so that ingress and egress will be easily made at all times.

It is also planned to have large and small aeroplanes for rental for use of guests and sightseers.

GATZERT REACHES DALLES

Steamer Succeeds Cutting Through Ice First Time This Year.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The steamer Bailey Gatzert reached The Dalles dock at 12:30 today, the first through trip from Portland since January 1. She started from Portland Friday at 7 A. M. and tied up at Kildin's, a mile or two below Crates Point, last night and started backing the ice in the bend at 7 this morning. In some places she cut through cakes piled 25 feet high. The Columbia is clear of ice for two or three miles both above and below The Dalles, but the ferryboat, which is tied up in Hungry Harbor, will not resume service until the ice is out of Big Eddy. The open river line steamer J. N. Neal will make her first run since January 1 between Portland and The Dalles on Tuesday.

LAD PLEADS OWN CASE

12 Year-Old Successfully Resists Sentence to School.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Every boy his own lawyer is the ideal of Charles Wilson, 12 years old, who appeared in the juvenile court yesterday to resist efforts to place him in the Parental School for Truancy. He won the support of the prosecutor, Superintendent W. L. Bodine of the Compulsory Education Department, and won his case before Judge Pinckney.

"I have come down to face the music alone," he said, when asked where his parents were. "No, I don't want no parent, no officer nor nobody to show me the way to this court, Judge. If I am sent to the Parental school I'll go and give myself up there and won't run away, either."

The lad's case had been continued to see what record he would make at the Mount Carmel school. "And I made good," said Charles, drawing from his pocket the credentials signed by the authorities of the Mount Carmel school.

FRUIT MEN PLAN UNION

Clackamas County Growers Limit Number of Varieties.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Spitzenbergs, Roman Beauties, Yellow Newtowns, Grimes Golden and Baldwin are the five varieties of apples recommended to the growers of Clackamas County as being the best adapted for the soil and climate by the Clackamas County Horticultural Society this afternoon. It is the purpose of the society eventually to form a fruitgrowers' union and to carry on a campaign of carrying out a such a plan unless there is a limit placed on the varieties grown.

The society held an enthusiastic meeting this afternoon. The main address was given by H. M. Williamson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture. In future the members of the society will not accept trees from nurserymen unless the first pass the inspection of the officers of the society, who are A. J. Lewis, president; C. W. Swallow, vice-president; M. J. Lazelle, secretary-treasurer.

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PARIS GIVES PRAISE, FLOOD FURY SPENT

Buildings, Undermined, in Danger, Though.

EPIDEMIC IS ALSO FEARED

Conditions Pitiful in Districts Below City.

NEED OF CHARITY GREAT

Red Cross Active as Are French Societies and Contributions to Relief Fund Pour in From All Parts of the World.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Slowly the swollen waters of the Seine, which reached their high mark at 2 o'clock this morning, are subsiding, and at midnight the fall marks four and one-half inches—enough to bring a sense of relief to the desolated and distracted city.

The danger of some great calamity, such as has been predicted, now seems over, although the situation continues critical, particularly near the St. Lazare station, where whole streets and solid blocks of buildings threaten to sink through the crust into the waters beneath.

Building Foundations Weakened.

The effect of the removal of the water pressure has been to weaken foundations greatly and this causes the greatest anxiety. Besides, there will be thousands of acres to be cleared or repaired when the water has receded and there is also the possibility of an epidemic.

It is believed the breaking of the dam at Gennevilliers appreciably has hastened the climax by releasing an immense amount of water, but the consequences below are appalling.

Below Paris Conditions Bad.

Gennevilliers and Colombes have 30,000 inhabitants. These sections are completely submerged, the water reaching the tops of houses in the lower section, while the flood is backing up into the center of Amiens.

Certainly 40,000 people have been driven from their homes in the valley of the Seine to hospitals and other buildings placed at the disposition of refugees.

Dispatches from the provinces indicate a general improvement except in the lower valley of the Seine.

State of Siege Unnecessary.

Premier Briand today gave a categorical denial to reports that the government contemplates proclaiming a state of siege in the city. He said there would have been no hesitation to do this if the necessity had arisen, but that the public had manifested complete confidence in the government and was co-operating in such splendid fashion that France might well be proud before the world.

A number of deplorable incidents have been reported. Several shopkeepers who attempted to charge quadruple prices have been mobbed, while a groceryman who was driven to the upper story of his house by an angry crowd, fired a revolver, wounding a woman. In the city have been reports to pillage many houses, and at several towns they have been driven off by the military.

Flood Has Geological Cause.

Explanations of the floods given by French scientists are of especial interest. Etienne Stanislas Meunier, an eminent geologist, considers the phenomenon to be more of a geological than a meteorological nature. He declares the soil of the entire basin of the Seine has become impenetrably filled to the point of complete saturation in the preceding three months of general rains, with moderate temperatures, which retarded evaporation. When the heavy rains came last week the ground was impermeable and the water ran off as if from a cement floor. Mr. Meunier concludes the power given to an area of country to take care of the water, outside of considerations as to natural soil, is measured by the evaporation.

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HARRY MURPHY MAKES ANOTHER WEEK'S-END CONTRIBUTION OF HUMOROUS PICTORIAL COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS.



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