

SENATOR BOURNE, AUTHOR.

Title to Distinction Beside Direct Election Speech.

Washington, August 3.—Senator Bourne of Oregon is probably the most popular author in the senate, for he has written and published a speech on the direct election of senators and other phases of the popular government movement which has circulated, it is said, to the extent of more than a million copies. But Senator Bourne is the author of another proposition of less controversial character than his famous speech, and many people in Washington interested in the technicalities of law-making say that if the path laid down by Senator Bourne is followed by his successors, there will be a vast saving in the amount of time and energy spent in making laws in the national capital.

Senator Bourne is chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, and as such it has been his duty to steer the great postoffice appropriation bill through its difficult course in the senate. It occurred to Senator Bourne about the time the bill was nearly completed in committee that he could save both himself and his fellow members an enormous amount of trouble by a very simple mechanical device. As a result of his work, apparently for the first time in the history of congress, senators have found themselves supplied with a 90-page booklet entitled "Information Print for Use of the Senate." The purpose of this special print is described by Senator Bourne in these words:

"Realizing the importance of placing before members of the senate in concise and convenient form the information upon which the committee based its recommendations in reporting this bill, this committee print has been prepared by the chairman. Each paragraph in the bill is numbered for better reference in explanation, and subheaded by giving page and lines as contained in the bill as reported to the senate and to be read by the clerk."

The "Information Print."

What the "Information Print" amounts to is this: At the end of the opening paragraph of the bill, which begins with the familiar phrase, "Be it enacted," etc., we find in small type a number numbered with a bracketed numeral numeral one, the word "explanation"—then a dash, then the brief phrase, "Customary paragraph." At the end of the first item of appropriation calling for \$34,400 for the rent of buildings for the use of the post-office and other purposes, this "Explanation" is found: "Agreed to, because same as estimates, appropriations and expenditures of past four years, based on existing leases." At the end of item No. 100, one of the biggest items in the bill, appropriating, as it does, over \$40,000,000 for the pay of letter carriers, their substitutes, clerks in charge of substations, tolls and ferrage, in the rural delivery service (an item in which in this particular instance considerable change was made by the senate), we find a succinct explanation fully outlining the arguments in favor of the bill in the apparent increase there is an actual saving by the senate's substitute of \$761,900.

And so it goes, item after item being neatly labeled and illuminated by terse footnotes prepared in the committee room with the aid of clerks intimately acquainted with the bill, the hearings on the bill, and all the other information from miscellaneous sources which goes into the construction of a big supply measure.

The result of the Bourne scheme—a result which was noticeable during the discussion of the bill on the floor of the senate this week—has been that every senator has been able at a glance to understand the essential facts about every section of the bill, and facts, after all, make the foundation of all legislation. Therefore, this year, in consequence of Senator Bourne's device, there has been much less of the customary wrangling over facts than usual.

Instances in Postoffice Bill.

There are, of course, controverted points in the postoffice appropriation bill, but the controversies have concerned themselves with matters of policy rather than with dispute as to whether the third assistant postmaster general on page 50 and so on of the hearings before the house said one thing, and then contradicted himself by saying another before the senate committee. Senators have been spared the trouble of doing as much work apiece as the committee itself has done, and the committee, in turn, rather its chairman, has been spared the waste of energy which used to be necessary to satisfy literally the thousands of questions hurled at him by the opposition.

One more example: A section of the postoffice appropriation bill which annually causes almost endless debate is that dealing with the railway mail clerks. In the discussion of this item matters relating to civil service, labor conditions, administrative economies, etc., have often occupied hours of time. It is not argued by Senator Bourne that his "Information Print" has done or will do away with all this, but it is evident to any one who has delved into the complicated problems of the railway mail service that the chief trouble that congress had relative to this service relates to facts. And the facts which are adduced by the committee in explanation of these paragraphs of the bill are summed up in about a quarter of a page of brief footnotes.

Senator Bourne's scheme, on the whole, has met with favor from his colleagues, and around the capitol one hears the prophecy that his innovation in the matter of the "Information Print" will be imitated by other committee chairmen in the preparation of other long and involved measures. Should this prophecy turn out to be accurate, it is expected that those who have been prone to criticize the workings of the legislative gristmill as ponderous and archaic

IMPORTANT BILL PASSED.

Protection of Innocent Purchasers of Oregon Land Provided.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Chamberlain secured the passage in the senate Thursday of the bill for the protection of innocent purchasers under the Oregon & California Railroad land grant. The bill now goes to the president for signature.

Congressman Lafferty secured permission to insert in the Record a letter written by him to Chamberlain, calling upon him to amend the bill when it was before the senate, by changing Section 2 so that, as amended, persons who have established squatter's residence upon lands with in grants should be given preference rights when the lands are forfeited. Section 2, as passed, restores all forfeited lands to the public domain.

"The passage of this bill is a great thing for western Oregon," said Senator R. A. Booth, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, at Eugene. Continuing, Senator Booth said: "About 70,000 acres, approximately one-half of the Booth-Kelly holdings, are in the timber lands involved. The company was interested in the relief bill in common with 44 other innocent holders of the lands. The suits were instituted against those who held 1,000 acres or over, of which there were 45 and of which the Booth-Kelly company was one. The measure as passed, as I understand it, was simply a relief bill. At one time it had a number of other things tacked on it, such as laws relating to homesteaders entering on the forest reserve and other provisions, which were eliminated before its passage through the senate. My understanding of the measure is that any one of the defendants in the suits may enter court and confess judgment and then have a right to have a new patent issued, on the payment of \$2.50 per acre, which was the amount provided for in the old law. Unless I am mistaken, it also provides that in the case of smaller holders, unless action be brought within 12 months, further proceeding is estopped, so that it has the effect of quieting the title of smaller holders, as the government will not bring prosecutions against them under the circumstances. As the department favored the passage of the measure, I have no doubt that it will receive the signature of President Taft."

FOREMAN IS KILLED.

New Bridge Over Butte Creek Scene of Tragedy.

William Vincent, well-known resident of Medford, who for the past few weeks has been acting in the capacity of foreman of the construction gang that is building the Pacific & Eastern bridge over Butte creek, died Thursday night at the P. & E. station while waiting for an ambulance as a result of injuries received in the afternoon when a large timber struck him, fracturing the skull and the lower jaw.

Vincent was superintending some work from the pile driver when a timber that was being raised to place by the derrick swung toward him. Presumably thinking that he would not be struck, he waited until it was but a few feet from him before jumping. Just as he did so the timber struck his head, but, to onlookers, with but little force. Examination by doctors who were summoned from Eagle Point disclosed the fact that the lower jaw has broken in two places and that a compound fracture had been produced at the base of the brain.

The injured man was immediately placed aboard the train and hurried to Medford. Upon arrival he was taken from the coach to wait for the ambulance, but before it arrived he succumbed to his injuries.

Vincent was about 32 years old and has lived in Medford for some time. Mrs. Vincent is prostrated over the accident and under the care of physicians. Besides a wife he leaves a boy 8 years of age.

CHINA AFTER NAVY.

Maritime Awakening Expected Under New Republic.

Washington, D. C.—China is expected a maritime awakening, according to consular reports received here. Some of the foreign steamship companies, notably the North German Lloyd's, it is stated, are beginning to feel the effect of this increased activity.

It is reported that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has put himself to the task of commercial reform and that steamship lines and railways connecting the interior provinces of China with coast ports will be the first consideration. Large numbers of motor boats are to be employed to open up trade on the different waterways. Many vessels of the type are already in commission.

According to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, there is ample Chinese capital available to start the needed enterprises, but foreign financial assistance will be wanted as the movement expands, and this, he says, will be readily obtained through the liberal terms which will be extended to all who seek investment.

It is said that Chinese in the United States, Mexico and South America have already subscribed half of the capital of \$10,000,000 for the organization of a new line between San Francisco and Hongkong to compete with the Japanese lines.

John Velbert, Foster, Cal., writes: "I have suffered a great deal with kidney and bladder trouble. Although I have paid out hundreds of dollars to doctors and have taken all kinds of kidney pills, I could never get any relief until I tried Foley Kidney Pills. They effected a complete cure." East Side Pharmacy.

will have to revise their opinions and admit that a long step toward efficiency and economy of time and work has been taken.

Niederwald Monument, Goal of German-American Pilgrimage



SEVERAL hundred members of the German-American Teachers' league are to tour Germany this summer. They are instructors in schools and colleges throughout the United States who are combining pleasure and instruction by visiting many of the large cities and centers of learning of the Fatherland. The tour, which will last for five weeks, will include the cities of Bremen, Hamburg, Cologne, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin, in which last named city will be held the fortieth annual convention of the league. A notable feature of the pilgrimage will be the gathering of the tourists at the foot of the gigantic Niederwald monument, opposite Bingen, on the Rhine, commemorating the war of 1870-71. The pedestal, eighty-two feet in height, is surmounted by a heroic size bronze figure of Germania holding the imperial crown, typifying the founding of the German empire. Here the tourists will sing "Die Wacht am Rhein" and other patriotic songs with a fervor which only those who know the German temperament can appreciate.

PRISONER SETS FIRE.

Laughs and Fights Guards as Flames Burn Clothing.

Chicago.—Grinning insanely as the flames he had started in his cell licked his face, body and hands, Jacob Guthrie, the man who stole \$350,000 worth of merchandise "just for the fun of stealing," was saved from death here recently by six turnkeys after a terrific fight. Guthrie attracted the attention of other prisoners by shouts of laughter after he had set fire to his clothing. When the turnkeys attempted to extinguish the flames he fought with the strength of a maniac.

"Go away, you idiots," he shouted. "It's fun to die. Go away and let me alone."

Guthrie was seriously burned before the clothing was torn from his body.

THINKS 'AFT WILL WIN.

Manager Hilles Concedes no States to Progressives.

Chicago.—Chairman Hilles of the republican national committee has issued a statement claiming 34 states with a total electoral vote of 384 for the republican ticket.

He concedes 10 states with an electoral vote of 114 to the democratic party and listed four states with an electoral vote of 34 as doubtful. He concedes no states to the progressives.

He concedes to the democratic party Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. Doubtful, Arizona, California, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Hilles said the progressive party would draw no more heavily from the republican than from the democratic party.

CHINESE REBELS CHECKED.

Sensation Caused by Discovery of Conspiracy Against Republic.

Hongkong, China.—The Chinese manager of a secret society of revolutionists, whose headquarters are in Kwan Tung province, was arrested Thursday and sent to prison. Documents and badges found on him indicated that the revolutionaries had selected their own officials to succeed those at present holding positions under the Chinese government.

A great sensation has been caused in Chinese circles here by the discovery of the revolutionary conspiracy.

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WEST GIVES REASONS.

Governor States Flatly He Will Retire From Politics.

Salem, Ore.—Governor West explained his principal reason for declaring that he will not become a candidate for the office of governor again and that he will retire from politics at the end of his present term of office.

His present crusade for moral reform and against vice is, he asserts, mainly responsible for this declaration.

"Some time ago when I determined to take the stand that I have taken and to inaugurate the present crusade, I also determined that I could carry on the crusade and inaugurate certain reforms that I have in mind, in much stronger, safer and certain manner by deciding to renounce all future political ambitions," said the executive.

"In the first instance I will have no political strings to tie to, there will be no ground upon which I must tread lightly, and there will be no 'fences' to build up or tear down."

"In the second place, with this end in view, no one can accuse me of entering into this crusade for political reasons. I am positive that there are public officers in this state who are not doing their duty. There are municipal and county officers who are not doing their duty. There are laws upon the statute books which must be enforced and I intend to see that they are enforced."

"To absolve myself of possible accusations that my mind in this respect is actuated by political motives and for political purposes, I decided to make a public statement at the end of my present term in office. This statement I have made several times and I now repeat it."

"The strongest reason for this statement I have expressed and I intend to carry out the crusade along the line I have started with no fear of any political grave or of being accused of endeavoring to build up any political machine or following."

WARDEN PREVENTS ESCAPE.

Convict Furnishes Information That Thwarts Scheme.

Salem, Ore.—Through information received from a convict, Warden Benzen of the state penitentiary was enabled recently to prevent the escape of three prisoners. While the attempted escape was made several days ago, it was suppressed until today, when it leaked out. Robert Owens, John Harris and John Walter were the convicts who had planned the break. They hoped to effect it by sawing their way through the bars guarding a flume that passes under the walls of the institution, and which is supposed to be under the eye of the guard constantly.

In order to avoid detection, the prisoner doing the sawing had a string attached to his hand, and this was pulled by a convict in the yard whenever a guard approached. So satisfied were the convicts of effecting their escape that they had prepared a note, bidding farewell to the warden and criticizing the lenient prison policy of Governor West, when caught they had sawed through several of the bars.

Owens was formerly an "honor man" and was sentenced from Union county for larceny. Harris was sentenced from Washington county, and Walters from Douglas, both being convicted of robbery.

BOOK NEARLY FINISHED.

La Follette Expected to Assail Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin is putting the finishing touches to his autobiography, which will be issued in book form in about a month. He has added three or four chapters to the story of his political career that ran for several months in one of the magazines. The revised and down-to-date autobiography will be on the market in time to be read prior to the November elections.

Close friends of the Wisconsin senator expect some intimate details of the original union and subsequent break between the La Follette and Roosevelt forces, heretofore only vaguely hinted at, which in their fullness will be likely to create a lively sensation.

Some of his friends feel that the senator is riding rough shod for a headlong tumble into the Ananias Club, but this is not troubling him. That Colonel Roosevelt will be brought into the story in a personal manner is assured. Some intimate views regarding Gifford Pinchot and other leaders who turned from La Follette to Roosevelt also will be presented.

PEACE PROPOSALS MADE.

Orozco Would Abandon Struggle Against Madero Government.

Mexico City.—Definite proposals for peace were received by President Francisco I. Madero, Friday, from General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces. It is expected that a truce will be declared immediately, and negotiations opened which will result in the rebels laying down their arms.

General Orozco telegraphed President Madero stipulating that all terms must be in keeping "with the dignity of the provisional government." It agreed to not insist on Madero's retirement, but demands that all revolutionists, including himself, be restored to full citizenship.

Orozco, however, insisted that Madero pledge himself immediately to fulfill reform promises made when he took the presidency and that 300 of Madero's relatives be ousted from their jobs. It is expected that an extra session of congress will be called to consider the proposal.

A rumor that has not been confirmed states that General Orozco has secretly returned to Juarez.

ROGUE WELL STOCKED.

12,000,000 Salmon and Trout Liberated This Year.

Over ten and a half million salmon eggs and over 1,600,000 steelhead or rainbow trout eggs and 100,000 cut-throat trout eggs were taken, hatched and liberated this season in the Rogue and its tributaries, the trout fry being kept to the fingerling state, by the United States Bureau of Hatcheries at the Elk creek hatchery, working in conjunction with the state fish and game association.

"This has been one of the most successful seasons on Rogue river which the Bureau of Fisheries has experienced in many years," says Superintendent Henry O'Malley. "During the fall of 1911, 4,830,000 chinook salmon eggs were collected at the station located near Trail. On the lower Rogue river near Grants Pass we collected 5,726,000 chinook salmon eggs, making a total of 10,556,000. These were hatched and then liberated into Rogue river and its tributaries."

"During the early spring, steelhead and cut-throat trout eggs were collected at Elk creek near Trail, also in Applegate creek, results being about 200,000 steelhead trout received at Elk creek and 48,000 cut-throat trout. The larger portion of the eggs collected at Applegate creek were shipped to Rogue river, there being 1,221,260 steelhead trout. These were hatched at Rogue river station, and when they reached the feeding stage, W. L. Finley, state game warden, at the request of the Rogue River Fish Protective Association and approval of the State Game and Fish Commission, provided ample funds for feeding them and also paid for lumber to construct extra troughs at the station located near Trail as well as for labor in connection with the feeding. These fish were held up until the early part of August and are being liberated into the main Rogue river and its upper tributaries."

"Much credit is due Hugh C. Mitchell, who is fish culturist at this station, for the fine lot of fish he has liberated this summer, and we feel sure that results will be forthcoming from planting such fish, for they were strong, vigorous and healthy, and of a size amply able to take care of themselves."

"In addition to this, the cut-throat trout were also fed to the fingerling stage and liberated into the river. Mr. Finley also provided funds for the collecting of rainbow trout eggs at Fish Lake, some 45 miles from Trail, Ore. A portion of these eggs were hatched out and liberated into Fish Lake, the balance, some 255,000, being packed out to Rogue river station to be hatched and liberated into that river. It is understood the funds for this work were provided by the game department, and, of course, comes from the licenses paid by the rod and line fishermen of Rogue river."

LA FOLLETTE CENSURES.

All Candidates Unfit for High Position of President.

Madison, Wis.—Sarcastic references to Governor Woodrow Wilson, denunciation of Colonel Roosevelt and criticism of President Taft are voiced by Senator Robert M. La Follette in the last issue of La Follette's Weekly.

The article says: "Restraint and under-statement of facts characterize and, in a degree weaken Governor Wilson's presentation of the political issues. However, there is no uncertainty about them. He frankly announces that he believes in tariff for revenue only."

La Follette then referred to Col. Roosevelt as follows:

"Roosevelt's 'confession of faith' is just Roosevelt. He is forcible and positive on matters which are undisputed. He asserts with the enthusiasm of an original discoverer progressive principles advanced years ago."

La Follette charged that the president cared nothing about the people, adding:

"Taft's acceptance speech is a direct appeal to the conservatives. The president does not recognize the people's move for legislation which would aid in making the government more responsive to the will of the majority."

GIRL FALLS 500 FEET.

Tragedy Occurs as Party is Descending Mount Ranier.

Tacoma, Wash.—Suddenly growing dizzy in the rarified mountain air, after she had climbed to the summit of Pinnacle Peak, Mount Ranier, Miss Helen Hunt, a school teacher and a member of the Tacoma Y. M. C. A. party that left Tacoma last week for a ten days' stay in Paradise valley, fell 500 feet to her death Monday.

Her body, with practically every bone broken, was found in the valley, and on a litter of alpine stocks and sweaters was carried to the camp. It was then taken by automobile to Longmire Springs, where another car was obtained and the body brought into Tacoma.

Unnerved by the sense of horror they had witnessed, the other young women in the party of 16, that had surmounted Pinnacle Peak, were unable to continue the ascent. Physical Director Carter of the Y. M. C. A., who acted as guide, aided by the other men of the party, let the shuddering girls down with ropes and the remainder of the party reached the valley unhurt.

Jas. C. Dahlmann, mayor of Omaha, Neb., writes: "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them." What Foley Kidney Pills have done for Mayor Dahlmann they will do for any other person bothered with backache, rheumatism or kidney trouble. East Side Pharmacy.

Ranch for Sale!

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