

URGES BOARD TO DEVELOP ALASKA

Secretary Lane Would Eliminate Much Red Tape.

WANTS THREE GOVERNORS.

Suggests That This Body Have Supervision of All the Governmental Affairs—Would Replace Many Offices and Bureaus and Control All Features of Development in Territory.

Washington. — In a report sent to Senator Key Pittman and Representative William C. Houston, chairmen of the senate and house committees on territories respectively, Secretary Lane of the interior department urges the creation of a development board to have complete control of the natural resources of Alaska.

Bills for the creation of boards or commissions to administer the government of Alaska have been introduced in the senate by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and in the house by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska. These bills differ only in detail, and the general purpose of both is in accord with the recommendation of Secretary Lane.

The development plan urged by the secretary provides for a board of three members, appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, which is to have headquarters in Alaska and is to be charged with the general conduct of all governmental affairs connected with the natural resources and development of the territory.

"It is proposed and urged," says Mr. Lane, "that the board shall take over such authority now exercised by various departments and bureaus as may be necessary to give it supervision over practically the entire public domain and all the natural resources of Alaska and control of such activities as are closely related and essential to the development of the physical resources of the country."

"The board would do the work now done in Alaska by the general land office, the forest service, the road commission, the bureau of mines, the bureau of education and the secretary of the interior. It should take over a part of the work and authority of the bureau of fisheries. Beginning at the shore line, the development board should have complete control of all governmental activities and interests connected with the development of industries and transportation and the settling of the country."

"This should include the control of water powers, building and maintenance of roads and trails and operation and rates of the railroads and telegraph lines. It should include protection and control of game, fur bearing animals, public lands, mineral deposits, coal, oil, gas, hot springs, timber lands and timber."

Secretary Lane also urges that this board should take over the supervision of educational work among the Indians and natives, the reindeer industry, control of the surveyor general's office and the supervision in cooperation with the department of agriculture of agricultural experiments and demonstration work in the territory.

It is pointed out in the report that at present each of at least a score of Government bureaus in Washington divided among the various departments has something to do with the government of Alaska and that there is a vast amount of red tape and circumlocution in the administration of public affairs under this system.

Instances are given in the report of delays of several years in the handling of uncomplicated land and other matters which should have been promptly disposed of.

"There must be new and simple machinery," says Mr. Lane. "The new policy is not to invite a few men to exploit the cream of Alaska's riches, but to develop all the resources and possibilities of the territory harmoniously for the best interests of both the people who go to Alaska and the people of the United States who own this great public domain."

Mr. Lane points out that there are now only 862 miles of wagon roads, 617 miles of sled roads and 2,106 miles of trails in the whole of Alaska, for the construction and maintenance of which about \$2,600,000 has been spent.

He urges that roads and trails are as essential to the opening of Alaska to settlement as railroads, and that these roads for several years to come must be built by the government.

The reindeer industry, now monopolized by the natives, Mr. Lane looks upon as the beginning of a great industry which may have something to do with solving the meat supply problem of the United States.

The secretary discusses at considerable length the cable and telegraph system in Alaska now operated by the signal corps of the war department and proposes that this should probably be managed by the development board.

Coffin Ready, Kills Himself.

Montgomery City, Mo.—Nicholas De-toul, the oldest merchant in Montgomery, had a carpenter here make for him a walnut coffin, which he kept under his counter. He took pleasure in showing the coffin to customers. De-toul tried to kill himself a number of times, saying he was too old. A widow survives since he shot and killed himself recently.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President Declares Trust Legislation Will Be Pushed at Present Session.

Washington. — President Wilson came out with a flat declaration that, despite what he characterized as a deliberate campaign by certain interests to bring about an adjournment of congress and postponement of the administration's trust legislation program, he would use every influence at his command to get the pending bills through the senate at this session.

Choosing his words carefully, the president disclosed his belief that organized distribution of circular letters and telegrams among business men, members of congress and other public officials, calling for an adjournment of congress, a halt in the trust bills, an increase in freight rates for the rail roads and a "rest for business" was responsible for what he recently described as a "psychological depression."

Some Letters Made Public.

In support of that view the White House made public copies of such letters and telegrams which have been brought in by friends of the administration. One of the letters which fell into the hands of White House officials was circulated by the Simmons Hardware Company, of St. Louis, under date of June 9.

Just prior to that date President Wilson had offered to E. C. Simmons, president of that company, a place on the Federal Reserve Board. Just before the president expressed his views on the trust program, it was announced that Mr. Simmons had declined the appointment and that Charles S. Hamlin, of Boston, would be nominated in his stead.

Statements Create Sensation.

White House officials denied the Simmons letter had to do with the declaration of the appointment. It was said, moreover, that the president did not know of the letter when he offered Mr. Simmons the place.

The president's declaration and the publication of the letters created a mild sensation approaching that which followed the president's denunciation of the "insidious lobby" which, he said, was threatening the tariff bill last year.

Wilson Will Open Canal Formally.

President Wilson will leave Washington on March 5, 1915, for Panama, to attend formal opening ceremonies of the Panama canal at a date to be determined later. The president will leave the capital the day after congress goes out of session. He will make the journey to Panama on the battleship New York. The date of the formal opening ceremony for the canal will be decided before the president leaves here and the exercises will take place soon after he reaches there.

On the old battleship Oregon, which attracted world-wide attention on her famous run around the Horn just before the Spanish War, the president with members of his cabinet will make the first official passage through the canal, and then proceed to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

National Capital Brevities.

Peace treaties will soon be signed by the United States, Great Britain and France, after plans suggested by Secretary of State Bryan.

Action on the Hobson national prohibition amendment has been postponed by the house rules committee until July 1.

Immunity of members of congress from civil and criminal action as result of their official duties, has been strengthened as by ruling of the United States supreme court.

Impeachment charges were presented in the house against A. G. Dayton, United States district judge for the northern district of West Virginia.

The interstate commerce commission suspended until October 13, the proposed increase of the carload minimum weight on mixed carload shipments of vegetables from California points to points in Oregon. Hearings will be held before fall to determine the reasonableness of suspended order.

The unusually prolonged fight in congress over canal tolls ended when the house, after a brief debate and without the formality of a conference, accepted by a vote of 216 to 71 the senate amendment specifically reserving all rights the United States may have under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty or otherwise.

The house of representatives passed Congressman Sinnott's bill amending the homestead law by providing that homesteaders may divide their five months' leave of absence each year into two periods if they so elect, provided they reside on their homestead seven months in each year. As the law now stands the leave of absence must be taken during five consecutive months.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Coquille will be added to the cities in Oregon that are dry July 1.

Pilot Rock has shipped 700,000 pounds of wool this season of a better grade than last year.

The Southern Oregon-Northern California Mining Congress will meet in Ashland July 9 and 10.

D. K. Sheldon, who lives near Prineville, has been arrested, charged with having slain his infant child and burned the body.

Senators Chamberlain and Lane are in receipt of resolutions passed by a mass meeting at Springfield deprecating a war with Mexico.

Total of 2,500,000 Chinook salmon fry have been released from the Chinook hatchery at the mouth of the Columbia.

The 29th annual grand encampment of Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast was held Wednesday at Portland.

Grants Pass is making headway on its new municipal railroad, several carloads of steel and rails having been received for use in the work. First ten miles will be completed this week.

The Rogue River valley creamery is planning to buy a carload of cows for us by the farmers on easy terms. The creamery has a surplus fund for the purpose on hand.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered hearings in the Oregon strawberry express rate matter in Spokane July 30, before Commissioner Hall.

At the meeting of the Oregon Exposition Commissioners it was definitely decided that \$10,000 be appropriated as awards for Oregon live-stock at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. On the completion of the budget, it is hoped to raise this sum to \$15,000.

In the debate over mileage, Senator Lane advocated the allowance to members of congress of actual expenses instead of 20 cents a mile. The present system, he said, amounts to an indirect increase of salary, and the people look upon it as "Backsheeh."

Initiative petitions have been placed in circulation in Hood River county to reduce the salaries of county officials in the aggregate sum of \$1400. All officials except the treasurer are affected by the proposed schedule. County judge is reduced to \$800.

With a view to determining the value of the salt beds of Sumner and Albert lakes, in order that the state land board or legislature may intelligently dispose of them, Governor West has asked the director of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology to make an examination of them.

An ordinance declaring it a nuisance to solicit orders for intoxicating liquors in Springfield, and providing a penalty of from \$25 to \$100 for the first offense and of \$200 for subsequent offenses has been passed unanimously by the town council.

The Albany Retail Merchants' association are considering reorganizing into a county association, which will probably be known as the Linn County Credit association. The purpose of the association will be for better cooperation among the merchants, the establishment of certain rules governing the credit business and for the adoption of a credit rating guide.

Lane county will lose at least \$160,000 and possibly more tax money in two years on account of a ruling just made by Attorney General A. M. Crawford. He has sent an opinion to B. F. Keeney, assessor of this county, that the Oregon & California grant lands cannot be listed for assessment until the suit to revert the land to the government is settled in the United States supreme court.

The quartermaster general of the army informs Senator Chamberlain that in accordance with his request, instructions have been issued to the quartermasters at San Francisco and Seattle to invite Oregon lumbermen to bid on all lumber required by the war department on the Pacific coast. Senator Chamberlain expects similar action by other departments of the government.

After success at Coquille in obtaining the sanction of the city council for closing saloons, the anti-saloon faction has planned to start a quick petition campaign at Marshfield and hopes to have the city closed before July 4. Women are making a house-to-house canvass for signatures to petitions, which they will later present to the council. No effort has been made as yet to circumvent the movement, the wet element relying on the state law.

Judges Henry L. Benson and Chas. L. McNary appeared before the state canvassing board and requested the board to ask for a recheck of the tally sheets in all the counties of the state, so far as their votes for fourth place on the republican ticket for supreme judge are concerned. Thus a contest was avoided and the exciting race between these two candidates is not yet at an end. As the figures now stand McNary is credited with a lead of 12 votes. The vote for all the other candidates was officially canvassed by the secretary of state in the presence of the governor and state treasurer.

MANY MEASURES FOR VOTERS OF OREGON

Taxation Proposals Are Held to Be of Far-Reaching Importance to the State.

Salem.—That the electorate of the state will have nearly the same number of proposed bills and constitutional amendments to wrestle with at the November election as it had at the last general election is indicated by the number referred by the last general assembly and those filed with the secretary of state for approval as to form. The general assembly referred eight amendments and three bills and 16 other amendments and 10 measures to be initiated have been filed with the secretary of state.

Nearly all measures suggested, discussed and "rumored" have been filed and, July 2 being the last day for filing completed petitions, it is not likely there will be many more.

The measures probably of the most far-reaching importance to be determined at the coming election relate to taxation. The \$1500 tax exemption constitutional amendment is certain to go on the ballot, for the petitions for it have been completed.

This measure provides that every person be exempt from tax on \$1500 of the total assessed value of his dwelling, household furniture, livestock, machinery, orchard, vines, bushes, shrubs, nursery stock, merchandise, buildings and other improvements, in and under his lands made by clearing, ditching and draining.

A constitutional amendment creating the office of lieutenant-governor is referred by the legislative assembly.

Officers of the State Grange, State Federation of Labor, People's Power League, Farmers' Union, Farmers' Society of Equity and the Proportional Representation Bureau have filed a constitutional amendment to abolish the state senate. The amendment is in all respects self-executing and if approved shall be immediately operative.

With all the agitation for abolition of state boards and commissions, only three measures have been filed looking to this end.

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., ex-United States senator, offers a measure to "prohibit the giving or promising of any valuable consideration to induce another to circulate or secure signatures to any petition for the initiative, referendum or recall, or for placing any name on any official ballot, and to provide penalties for violation thereof."

The Socialist party of Oregon has a constitutional amendment which would establish a department of industry and public works to be under the control of the state labor commissioner. Its function would be to establish industries, systems of transportation, distributing stations and public works for the employment of unemployed persons and for the sale and distribution of their products.

The money for operating the department would be derived from a tax upon the estates of dead persons appraised at \$50,000 or more and from appropriations that may be made for the purpose. The tax on estates shall not be less than 10 per cent, and may be graduated above that percentage by law.

Typhoid Germs For Militia.

Eugene.—Six tubes of typhoid germs, prepared for inoculation purposes, have been received by Colonel Creed Hammond of the Oregon Coast artillery corps for use among the members of the two militia companies in Eugene. The men will be treated in small groups after working hours.

Brief News of the Week

English suffragettes staged one of the most dramatic acts of their campaign when they exploded a bomb in Westminster Abbey.

San Francisco's population is 518,365, according to the new city directory. The gain in the past year is estimated at 12,733.

A series of tornadoes swept through South Dakota and caused considerable damage to farm buildings. Heavy rains fell in some sections.

The strike of the 10,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company has spread to the Union Switch & Signal company, says a report from Pittsburgh.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention at Chicago, went on record as favoring votes for women.

The National Association of Mexican war veterans met for its annual reunion at Chillicothe, O., less than a dozen members being in attendance. The parade was led by a man 90 years old.

The total number of Americans who have registered at the Brazilian legation at Mexico City and declared their intention to remain in Mexico at their own risk is 1271. Only 300 of these persons live outside the capital.

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Ontario, Oregon

Queer Sea Catch.

One of the queerest deep sea creatures seen in the vicinity was brought in a few days ago by a fisherman of Venice, Cal. It is five feet in length black and green mottled, with a tail like that of a shark. It has a dorsal fin and four feet, shaped like those of a parrot. Its mouth resembles that of a Gila monster, while its head is a replica on a large scale of that of a California horned toad. The man who brought it to land has never touched golden grain belt beers, advertisement.

GOOD SUGGESTION TO ONTARIO PEOPLE

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