

NEW IRRIGATION BILL

Proposed Amendments in National Law

AS TO FORMER INDIAN LAND

Would Permit Reclamation and Purchase Under Cash Entry Law—Also Allow Leasing of Water Power Developed by Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—A bill was introduced in Congress today to amend the Government irrigation law of last session in two important particulars. The first proposed change is to permit the acquisition of reclaimed lands under the cash entry law, when the land sought to be acquired is a part of a former Indian reservation, and there has been a treaty agreement to pay the Indians a specified price per acre for their lands.

SITE FOR SPOKANE BUILDING. None of Those Offered Acceptable—Turner May Choose.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—The Secretary of the Treasury was about to select a site for the Spokane public building, he found that none of the properties offered comply with the requirements of the law, namely, that the site should be a full city square. It is learned, however, that the city is willing to cut new streets through on the fourth side of any one of the several sites offered, if they be chosen.

INVESTIGATE GORE CASE. Appeal to Government From Republicans of Ferry County, Wash.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—Representative Jones today laid before the House a memorial department a request from the Republican Central Committee of Ferry County, Washington, that a thorough investigation be made into the circumstances leading to the recent death of Mrs. Ellen Gore in Paris. Mrs. Gore was the sister of a Mr. Stopdl, of Republic, who insists that she came to her end by foul means. Her brother further demands that the perpetrator of the crime be brought to speedy justice. A request is also made that the personal effects of the deceased be returned to her two brothers in this county. In view of the investigation recently made by our officials at Paris, it is not expected that the State Department will take any action, at least until the report on the way is received.

MANY RECESS NOMINATIONS. List of Men Appointed to Office is Sent to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Justices—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Massachusetts, and Associate Justices of the Court of the United States; Francis M. Wright, Illinois, Judge of the Court of Claims; John T. Debit, Hawaii, first Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of the Territory of Hawaii; United States Attorney—Solomon H. Bethea, Northern District of Illinois; United States Marshals—William H. Mackay, Jr., District of Kansas; C. Lloyd, District of Montana; Dewey C. Bailey, District of Colorado; War—James F. Smith, California, member of the Philippine Commission and Secretary of Public Instruction in the government of the Philippine Islands; State—Henry West, District of Columbia, Commissioner of the District of Columbia; Robert A. McCormick, Illinois, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary; Charlesmagne Tower, Pennsylvania, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Germany; Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary—Charles Page Bryan, Illinois, to Switzerland; Leslie Coombs, Kentucky, to Guatemala and Honduras; Arthur B. Hay, New Hampshire, to Spain; John B. Jackson, New Jersey, to Greece, Roumania and Serbia; William B. Sorsby, Mississippi, to Bolivia; David Thompson, Nebraska, to Mexico; Consuls of the United States—William F. Doty, New Jersey, at Tahiti, Sully Island; Albert R. Morawetz, Arizona, at Nogales, Mex.; John B. Richardson, Kansas, at Utila, Honduras; Director of the Census—William R. Merriam, of Minnesota; Registers of Land Offices—John B. West, at Lewiston, Idaho; John P. Armstrong, at Sacramento, Cal.; Harry D. Sims, at Boise, Idaho; Neal J. Sharp, at Hatley, Idaho; Receiver of Public Money—Charles H. Garby, Lewiston, Idaho; Richard Fish, at Independence, Cal.; Secretaries of Embassies—H. Percival Dodge, Massachusetts, at Berlin; R. S. Reynolds Hill, Illinois, Second Secretary, at Berlin; Peter A. Jay, Rhode Island, Third Secretary, at Paris; Postmasters—Alaska—R. S. Hubbard, Douglas Oregon—L. A. Githens, Athens; H. Proctor, Elgin; F. E. Wilcox, Milton; M. E. Merwin, Independence, Washington—C. A. Gwynn, Gardfield.

SENATORS WELCOME ALGER. Ex-Secretary of War Takes Oath in New Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Interest in the session of the Senate today was heightened by the fact that the President's message to Congress would be read and also General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, ex-Secretary of War under President McKinley, would be sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan. His desk and chair were hidden beneath a mass of flowers, and as he took his seat he was surrounded by a number of his colleagues, who extended hearty congratulations. In the gallery were a number of General Alger's personal friends and members of his family. One hour and 15 minutes were consumed in reading the President's message. Almost all the Republican Senators were in their seats, but not more than half the seats on the Democratic side were occupied. The closest attention was paid to the message as it was being read, and frequently Senators would center regarding some special part of it which had attracted their particular notice. A number of bills and resolutions were introduced following a brief executive session. The resignation of Rev. W. H.

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Extraordinary Lamp Selling

You can make your selection of Christmas Lamps this week and be sure of satisfaction. We have everything from a dainty bedroom lamp to large, handsome, drawing-room lamps, beautifully tinted and decorated by hand. Following are a few of this week's prices:

Table with 2 columns: Price range and corresponding value. \$10.50 values now \$ 7.65, \$10.00 values now \$ 6.75, \$14.00 values now \$ 9.75, \$16.25 values now \$11.35, \$22.50 values now \$15.40

Christmas Dolls

The Dolly that is to be provided with pretty dresses between now and Christmas cannot be secured too soon, because it takes some time to fashion the pretty garments. Our dolls will be sure to please you.

Ladies' "Majamas"

Ladies can now secure "Majamas" in all sizes in our Muslin Underwear Department. We have just received a new lot in very pretty pink or blue-striped flannelette.

Art Department New Spring Challies

A new lot has just come to us in 12 different sizes. The work is simple and the lace very effective. Call and see samples of commenced work. Our Battenberg pieces all at reduced prices this week.

Great Shoe Special For Ladies

Our Shoe Sale this week provides street or dress shoes at small outlay. Street shoes of box calf in ten different styles in 8 or 10-inch tops; kid shoes in ten different styles, with heavy or light soles, all \$3.00 values—this week for \$1.78.

Early Christmas Selections

We are amply prepared to take care of all purchases made and left in our care for Christmas delivery. We do this in order to enable you to do your choosing early and avoid the rush and confusion of late buying.

Extra Values in Plaid Taffetas

Among the newest things this season for fancy waists are rich plaid Taffetas, and our showing of them is the handsomest that could be secured. Regular value per yard \$1.25, special this week 98c.

More Pay for the Judges, Recommends Attorney-General Knox

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Attorney-General Knox, in his annual report submitted to Congress today, renews his recommendation for an increase of the salaries of judicial officers throughout the country. The report shows that the number of cases remaining undisposed of in the United States Supreme Court at the close of the October, 1902, term, was 34 on the appellate and eleven on the original docket. At the close of the previous term, there were 328 cases undisposed of. The number of cases docketed at the term was 383; number disposed of was 375.

Annual Reports are Required to be Made by the Persons, Firms and Corporations Engaged in Interstate Commerce

Annual reports are required to be made by the persons, firms and corporations engaged in interstate commerce. They are to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and they are to be subject to the scrutiny of the Attorney-General, who is authorized to appoint 15 special agents to seek out violations of the law.

Brief Session of House

Bill to Pay for Coal Strike Commission Comes Up Today. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The House was in session an hour and 40 minutes today. One hour of that time was consumed in reading the President's message. The reading was listened to with attention by members without regard to party, but without demonstration, except at the conclusion of the reading when the Republicans applauded generously.

Worst Difficulty Gone

Columbia Now Concedes Perpetual Control of Canal Strip. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Following the change in the Colombian negotiations reported yesterday, steps have been taken immediately to resume the exchanges between the State Department and the Colombian Legation, with a view to the perfecting of a canal treaty. Dr. Herran, who is to conduct the negotiations for Colombia, has an appointment to meet Secretary Root tomorrow.

Trials for Election Frauds

Bartholdt Proposes to Enlist Them to Federal Courts. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—It is the purpose of Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, to urge the present Congress to pass a measure providing for the prosecution in the Federal Courts of offenders against election laws. Today Mr. Bartholdt had an interview with President Roosevelt on the subject and, as he left the executive office, said: "Objection was raised at the last session of Congress to a general law conferring jurisdiction in all election fraud cases on Federal Courts, but my proposition has been modified so that the jurisdiction of Federal Courts will extend over only such cases as may involve fraud in the election of a President or of members of Congress. I informed the President that it was my intention to introduce a measure conferring such power on Federal Courts."

Effect of Sealing Decisions

Two Important Principles of International Law Laid Down. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Reports from United States Minister Newell at The Hague, with details of the arbitration of the Russian sealing cases, announced last week, have reached Assistant Secretary Pierce, who conducted the case of the United States Government, and they make it appear that on all substantial points the arbitrator sustained the contentions of the United States.

Buy Submarine Boats

But Naval Board Recommends That They Have Sea Tests. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The board of naval officers appointed to conduct the trials of the submarine torpedo-boats Adler and Adder, which reported on the Adler and recommended the acceptance of that vessel, after certain defects and unfinished work are completed satisfactorily. The board calls attention to the fact, however, "although the trials to which the Adler has been subjected fulfill the strict letter of the contract under which this vessel was built, yet they do not provide for any trial under service conditions at sea and on account of the extremely novel character of the vessel it is impossible to predict from her performance in the smooth waters of the land-

Law to Curb Trusts

House Committee at Work on Measure Under New Chairman. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Judiciary committee of the House held its first meeting today and took prompt action in the direction of getting an anti-trust measure before Congress at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Jenkins (Wis.), who has become active chairman owing to the retirement of John Ray, referred all measures dealing with trusts to the subcommittee of which Mr. Littlefield (Me.) is chairman, and that subcommittee will go to work at once. It is the hope of Mr. Littlefield that a bill can be reported out of the full committee before the Christmas adjournment. The committee today unanimously voted to request the Speaker to appoint Mr. Jenkins chairman of the committee.

Rivals for Army Transports

San Francisco Struggles to Defeat Seattle's Ambition. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—A Washington special says Senator Perkins this morning took up the matter of the proposed removal of the Army transport business from San Francisco to Seattle. Senator Perkins' information, secured from the War Department officials, is that bills for transporting men and supplies across the Pacific were invited for the fixed purpose of securing a basis for doing this business by commercial lines and that the War Department is now soliciting proposals for the business. Senator Perkins regards this movement as one demanding vigorous action upon the part of the business men of San Francisco, especially as San Francisco shipping interests have bid for the business. Under the general system of doing business in the War Department through Secretary Root's administration, sentiment and abolition of the service in the conduct of affairs, and if San Francisco is to meet Puget Sound in competition it must be upon a business basis, backed by capital.

Changes of Ambassadors

London, Dec. 2.—Robert McCormick, the retiring United States Ambassador to Austria-Hungary and newly appointed Ambassador to Russia, started today for the Continent, where he will confer with his predecessor at St. Petersburg. Mr. Tower, who is awaiting him at Paris, Mr. McCormick goes to St. Petersburg at the end of the week to take a house, returning to Vienna next week. He will present his letters of recall to Emperor Francis Joseph about December 15.

Work of Bankrupt Law

Last Year Shows Decrease in Number of Petitions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A report on the practical operation of the bankruptcy law for the year has been submitted to the Attorney-General by E. C. Bradenburgh, in charge of such matters for the Government. The aggregate number of voluntary petitions filed during the year was 16,574, against 15,609 in 1901 and 20,000 in 1900. During the same period 219 involuntary petitions were filed. The states showing the greatest number of voluntary proceedings were New York, with 4,317, and Illinois, with 1,814. A year ago Illinois led the list with 2,296 petitions. The smallest numbers filed were one case in Alaska, six each in Arizona, New Mexico and Porto Rico, seven in Nevada, and eight in Hawaii and Idaho.

French Approve Message

No Commonplace Document, Like Those of European Sovereigns. PARIS, Dec. 2.—Most of the morning papers give considerable notice of President Roosevelt's message. The few journals that comment on the message pronounce it an original and highly interesting document, inspired by ardent patriotism and manifesting great courage on the part of its author, especially in his treatment of the trust question. These papers approve his enunciations regarding the future policy of the United States and the Monroe Doctrine.

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CHRISTMAS AND FURS

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