

END OF LAND EVIL

Senate Committee for Repeal of Timber Act.

FORESTS ARE TO BE SOLD

Secretary of the Interior Will Accept Highest Bid.

FUNDS FOR IRRIGATION

Wooded Tracts Can No Longer Be Entered Under Homestead Commutation Law—House Would Prevent Lieu-Land Grab.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 16.—By unanimous vote, the Senate committee on public lands today favorably reported a compromise bill intended to modify the public land laws so as to minimize the opportunity for fraudulent operations, and to insure the settlement of the public lands by bona fide entrymen. This compromise is the result of a protracted and heated discussion of the public land question, and, to a large extent, carries out the recommendations of the Public Land Commission.

The bill agreed upon authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to sell to the highest bidder the right to cut and remove timber from any unappropriated, nonmineral surveyed public lands after first having such timber appraised and giving due notice of such sale. The funds derived from timber sales in the arid and semi-arid Western States are to be placed to the credit of those states in the fund ultimately to be expended in the construction of National irrigation works.

The bill repeals the act permitting the entry of timber lands, though it does not effect the acquisition of stone lands. It provides further that lands chiefly valuable for timber shall hereafter not be subject to entry under the commutation clause of the homestead law. This last provision removes the most objectionable feature of the commutation clause, and the one under which the Government has heretofore been generally injured.

The committee did not feel justified in going further in the way of modifying the land laws. The unanimous report on the bill today is thought to insure its early passage by the Senate, and it may get through the House this session, though there are several members of the House public lands committee who will oppose it and attempt to prevent a report. Nevertheless, advocates of reform in the land laws are greatly encouraged by the action of the committee today and regard it as a long step in the right direction.

No bill introduced in Congress in several years has been pushed with more vigor by its friends, or fought more stubbornly by its enemies. For two years the committee on public lands has had the measure almost constantly before it. Last year the committee reported the bill upon the head of the chairman, Senator Hansbrough, but he served notice that it could not be passed, and it died with the Congress. This year all the Democratic members of the committee except Senator Dubois and three Republicans members, Bard, Nelson and Dietrich, were again against it, making a majority of one in favor of reporting the bill. Chairman Hansbrough declined to put the motion for reporting the bill without having a chance to be heard in opposition to the measure. He was charged with filibustering, but remained steadfast. Chairman Hansbrough talked to members of the committee individually, and gave as his view that the bill, if passed, would upset the land laws of the entire country and turn to Canada the great stream of immigration that was now building up the West. He declared the homestead law vital to the interests of the unimproved West, and suggested to the friends of the bill that a measure be introduced for the repeal of the timber and stone act only. He won Senator Nelson to the same view, and the bill was approved by Senator Quarles and approved by the committee.

The House committee on public lands also today favorably reported a bill, which, if enacted, will rob the land law of an objectionable and dangerous feature. But the chances of its final passage are not bright, as it is opposed by the land-grant railroad, still recognized to be powerful before Congress, and in a position to block legislation this late in the session, when every attempt is being made to adjourn by the first of May. The bill provides that no vacant public lands chiefly valuable for their timber shall be subject to selection in lieu of tracts relinquished within forest reservations, except in cases where owners of lands within reserve relinquish to the Government lands which are chiefly valuable for their timber, in which event land selections can be made on any public land subject to homestead entry, including timber lands. This bill will effectively prevent the exchanging of arid, rocky and other non-timbered land within reserves for valuable timber outside, yet permit an owner of timber land within a reserve to procure timber land outside if he so desires.

TRIUMPH OVER HITCHCOCK.

Washington Senators Will Have Cole Made Register at Spokane.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 16.—The Washington Senators have at last triumphed over Secretary Hitchcock and have won their fight to have Hall J. Cole appointed register of the Spokane Land Office. Secretary Hitchcock, for more than a year has prevented Cole's appointment, but withdrew his opposition, so he could not fully sustain his objections. Cole's appointment was sent to the White House today, and the President is expected to sign it.

CONSIDERS '05 FAIR BILL TODAY

House Committee is Expected to Make Liberal Appropriation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 16.—The House committee

on appropriations will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 to consider the Lewis and Clark Centennial bill. Chairman Tawney announces this will probably be the final meeting of the committee on this subject, and that the bill which has been under preparation for some time would be reported at this meeting. Of course, it cannot yet be known what appropriation it will carry, but it is believed by members of the committee who have talked with the Oregon people about it that the appropriation will be a generous one, though not equal to the amount appropriated by the Senate.

New Northwest Postmasters. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 16.—Northwest Postmasters were appointed today as follows: Oregon—Viento, W. K. Coughlin, vice Charles T. Barry, resigned. Washington—Enterprise, Albert B. Clark, vice Thomas M. Allen, resigned.

LITHOGRAPHERS WON'T YIELD Arbitration Plan is Rejected and a Great Lockout is in Sight.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The various unions of the Allied Lithographing Trade today refused to accept the arbitration plan proposed to them by the Employers' Association. The arbitration plan was submitted individually today to every workman employed by a member of the association, and they were told if they did not accept the plan they would be locked out. The men were given until Saturday to decide. If the men refuse to sign the agreement, more than 10,000 men will be locked out. The lockout will be all over the United States and also in Canada.

Buffalo Lithographers to Be Out. BUFFALO, N. Y., March 16.—Employees in the seven large lithographing establishments in this city went to work today after adopting a resolution not to sign the agreement submitted to them by the National Association of Lithographers' Employers. Each employer will now proceed to deal with the men individually. By the end of this week it is expected practically all the men will have been locked out.

WILL FIGHT UNIONS TO FINISH New York Strike Leads Employers to Decide on an Open Shop.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Employers and their men in the building trades here are preparing, according to the Herald, for a life-and-death struggle over the question of unionism. The struggle probably will be precipitated by a declaration on the part of the employers for the open-shop policy and the destruction of the building trades unions.

The disastrous strike here last Summer, which caused losses amounting to the millions, ended in agreement to arbitrate future troubles, but now that the bricklayers' laborers have gone on strike, followed by the bricklayers, resulting in idleness of 10,000 men, and tying up of work all over the city, the employers declare that they cannot afford to enter into further agreements with the unions, and it is asserted they are preparing to settle the matter in an open shop. The employers maintain that the open-shop policy is the only course left to them if they wish to continue in business. A firm stand is being taken by the men, however, on the ground that their plans for arbitration were thrown aside by the employers.

Circulars are being distributed broadcast warning the men to prepare for a determined fight against the open shop. These contain copies of letters that have been sent out by the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, which includes employed associations in every branch of manufacturing, and is said to be making a National campaign in favor of the open shop.

The building trades strike was inaugurated by the masons' laborers who claim that it was caused by their employers posting a notice cutting down overtime wages. The plan of the employers, they assert, is to inaugurate an "open shop" policy. The laborers were quickly supported by the bricklayers and the allied trades. The housewrights were followed by the riggers, steamfitters, boiler-makers and ironworkers, as well as a number of electrical workers. Twenty thousand men are out of work.

WILL BE NO MINERS' STRIKE.

Unions Vote Overwhelmingly to Accept a Reduction in Wages.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—National officers of the United Mineworkers of America say today that from reports they have received from locals of the nine states which yesterday voted on the subject of accepting or refusing the offer of the operators the two-year scale is accepted and there will be no strike. Returns from Central Pennsylvania show 2 to 1 against a strike. In a few places in Indiana where the foreign element predominates there is a small majority in favor of a strike. The tellers will begin the count tomorrow, and the result will be made known as soon as the count is completed.

President Mitchell today said he was pleased with the reports that have come in. He expressed confidence that the proposition of the operators would be accepted. He said that in case it were accepted a meeting of the joint scale committee would probably be called for Monday of next week to sign the contract.

The greatest opposition to the acceptance of the operators' proposition was expected from Illinois and Iowa, representing about 55,000 of the total of 190,000 miners. A telegram from Danville, Ill., stated that the vote in that district had resulted in a total of 1475 for a strike and 673 against a strike.

Reports from Pittsburgh, Pa., estimate that the miners of No. 3 district have voted against a strike by a great majority. Reports from Michigan state that the vote there has been favorable to an acceptance of the operators' proposition. It is reported that 96 per cent of the 5000 miners about Wheeling, W. Va., voted against a strike, and reports announce that the miners in the Massillon, Coshocton and Athens fields in Ohio have shown a heavy majority against a strike.

PAYNE WILL NOT SOON BE OUT Postmaster-General is Much Weaker Than Generally Believed.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Postmaster-General Payne is now confined to his bed and is much weaker than has generally been believed. It is not likely that he will be able to resume his duties for several weeks. He has undergone a severe attack of gonorrhea, the disease which he contracted, and has had much difficulty in taking nourishment, but he is gradually improving in this respect. Mr. Payne normally is never strong, and has been very ill on a number of occasions, but heretofore has rallied quickly. He chafes under the restraint of medical treatment and becomes depressed in spirit.

Harper is Recovering Rapidly.

CHICAGO, March 16.—President Harper, of the University of Chicago, who has so far recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis that he has been moved



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from the Presbyterian Hospital to his home.

Baron von Sternberg Better. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Baron von Sternberg, the German Ambassador, who has been suffering from a cold, was much better today. He was discharged from the Chicago Saturday to welcome the five German professors who are the guests of the University of Chicago.

TROUBLE IN SANTO DOMINGO.

Minister Powell Reports the Usual Daily Revolution.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The usual daily revolution is reported from Santo Domingo by Minister Powell today in a cablegram dated March 14. He records trouble at Sanchez. It is admitted at the State Department that some representations have been made in forcible way to American firms and individuals having an interest in Santo Domingo, that they have small ground for complaint of revolutionary disturbances affecting their interests unfavorably so long as they themselves are in the habit of furnishing arms, ammunition and money to both sides engaged in this strife.

America Shuts Off War Supplies.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Instructions are understood to have been received by officials of the Clyde Steamship Line from the State Department at Washington to accept no more arms and ammunition for the Jimenez revolutionists in Santo Domingo. General Jimenez is said to be arranging for munitions of war from Canada.

CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

Milwaukee Grand Jury Files Report Indicating Scandal.

MILWAUKEE, March 16.—Several arrests were made today on warrants covering indictments returned by the grand jury last evening. Among those arrested and the charges are the following: Building Inspector Michael Dunn, bribery; ex-Alderman Charles Cook, bribery; ex-Alderman William Murphy, bribery; Supervisor William Stratton, bribery; ex-Court Clerk Otis Hare and Frank Keogh, printer, conspiracy to defraud the County; Frank Himmelstein, Deputy Tax Commissioner, conspiracy.

Confesses to Robbing Mail.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Edward Kerlin, who has been arrested, has confessed to stealing hundreds of letters from mailboxes in Hyde Park in the last three months. He says that after forging indorsements on checks and money orders

FORMAL SPRING OPENINGS OCCUR HERE NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

THE "DIFFERENT STORE"

April "Designer" now ready at Pattern Counter, 10c—or 80c year—Annex, First Floor.

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

Portland Agency for Reliable Standard Patterns—Annex—First Floor.

"Quick-Meal" Cooking Ranges and "Detroit" Cook Stoves—Best, or Wouldn't Be Here.

FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STS.

Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled by Experienced Shoppers.

THE BOX OF MYSTERIES

Yesterday a huge box, large enough to form living-rooms for a small family was unloaded off a dray and landed in front of the entrance to our huge freight elevator on Washington st. "There was nothing singular about that," you'll say—for huge boxes of new goods land there every day. But this was a "DIFFERENT" box. Strange noises emanated from it, and sounds of life within were manifest to the gaping, curious throng that quickly surrounded it. "Must be some entries for the Kennel Show," suggested a fancier of the canine race. "Sounds more like a parrot convention," ventured another. "Well, surely there's something in it," remarked a well-known local attorney. And while guessing and conjecture was rife the box was surrounded by our force of husky shippers and trundled onto the elevator, as gingerly and carefully—"right side up with care"—as though it contained a huge aquarium of gold fish, and lowered to the subterranean regions below, there to join other novel features, all under engagement to form a part of OUR GRAND, WONDERFUL, SCENIC OPENING ATTRACTIONS NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY. A Patti concert or Kiralfy spectacular production would look like a tramp steamer alongside an ocean grayhound as compared to the grand attractions prepared for this store's OPENING NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY. Life, art and music combine, and Nature itself has been made captive and compelled to do our bidding for the entertainment of this store's guests, AT THE OPENINGS, NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY. Some "Meanwhile Doings"—Today.

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"Sale of Jap Silks" Continues

ANNEX—FIRST FLOOR.

27-inch, 60c value, at, yard	45¢
27-inch, 66c value, at, yard	49¢
27-inch, 85c value, at, yard	59¢
27-inch, \$1.00 value, at, yard	75¢
36-inch, \$1.25 value, at, yard	82¢
36-inch, \$1.50 value, at, yard	97¢
36-inch, 85c value, at, yard	59¢
36-inch, \$1.25 value, at, yard	82¢
36-inch, \$1.50 value, at, yard	97¢
36-inch, \$1.75 value, at, yard	1.23

40c Swiss Shopping Baskets 29c

Thoroughfare Aisle—2d Floor.

Women's \$1.50 Muslin Gowns 93c

Square or round neck, handsomely trimmed with embroidery, beading and drawn ribbons—Annex 2d floor.

That Wonderful "Defiance Sale" of Good Shoes

FIRST FLOOR.

Shoes that defy competition for style—Shoes that defy wear of the most strenuous wearers—Shoes that defy wet walks, at prices that defy the world to produce equal values—and Rubbers, too—

WOMEN'S 50¢ STORM RUBBERS.....25¢

UNPARALLELED SHOE BARGAINS.

Women's new "Empress" \$3.50 Street Shoes in 10 styles, all of latest Spring lasts, Oxford or high cut, blacks or the new, smart tans, so much in vogue for Spring wear. All popular leathers, Blucher style in high cut, all latest shape toes and heights of heel, patent or stock tips, all sizes, for a few days at a special price of.....\$2.79

Women's new Dress Shoes, regular \$3.00 values, in patent colt-skin stock, newest, latest styles.....\$1.71

Women's regular \$1.50 House Slippers.....98¢

Men's Patent Colt-skin or Velour Calf Shoes, in blacks or the stylish new tans, Oxford or high cut, all styles, sizes and widths. The very newest and latest Spring styles; regular \$3.50 values.....\$2.83

Dresses for the Tots and Portland's Junior Women—Annex—2d Floor.

Little Tots' and Children's New Wash Dresses in all the new Summer fabrics in light blue, pink, navy, red and cadet, striped, polka dot, figured, plain or combination of colors. Dresses for tots from 1 to 5 years in "Mother Hubbard," French and Russian styles at prices ranging up from 30¢ to \$3.00—in white from 50¢ to \$2.00. Dresses for children from 4 to 14 years. Our newest additions are the Russian, French, Sailor and Peter Thompson styles in colored wash material, up from 35¢ to \$6.50—in white from 4 to 14 years at \$1.75 to \$25.00.

New Royal Worcester Corsets

Our complete line of Royal Worcester Summer Corsets are now in—in white netting, with or without dip hip, at 50¢ and \$1.00—in fine plain or silk embroidered batiste with high or low bust, Princess hip with garter attachments at sides and in front, from \$1.00 to \$6. Expert Corset-Fitters always in attendance.

Sensational Half-Price Sale of Beautiful Embroideries

All new, Beautiful Embroideries, up from 50¢ to \$1.25 a yard, at exactly HALF price this week—First Floor.

Attend the "Openings" around town this week that you may the better enjoy the ONE GREAT AUTHORITY TATIVE FASHION EVENT OF NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY in comparison. THE TALK OF THE TOWN. OLDS, WORTMAN & KING'S SPRING OPENINGS occur next week, March 21 and 22.

he cashed them, chiefly at department stores. Kerlin was released from the Joliet penitentiary last October, at the expiration of a three years' sentence for robbing mailboxes. He declares that when released from the penitentiary he secured a position with a real estate firm in Woodlawn, but the constant surveillance of Government detectives who learned of his whereabouts annoyed his employers and he was discharged. He decided to resume criminal operations.

On Trial for Soliciting a Bribe.

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Jesse J. Jewell, State Senator, of Kansas City, was brought to trial in the Criminal Court here today upon a charge of soliciting a bribe. The charge is that Senator Jewell went to J. W. Hess, manager of a baking powder company, and offered for \$500 to influence legislation in the State Legislature that would be beneficial to the company. E. C. Crow, Attorney-General of the State, and his assistant, Samuel B. Jeffries, will personally conduct the case for the state.

Indicted for Peonage.

JACKSON, Miss., March 17.—The Federal Grand Jury today indicted Ross Lagette, Irving Henderson and Manson Lagette on a charge of peonage in holding Shap Griffin, a negro farmhand. The accused are all young men.

GREAT INSURANCE TRUST.

Fire Companies Will Have Uniform Rates in All Cities.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The Inquirer tomorrow will say the National Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters, at a meeting held in New York today, came to an agreement by which all fire insurance companies in this country and all foreign companies represented here will form a combination.

Uniform rates, says the Inquirer, are to be fixed for the same class of risks in all cities, uniform legislation in all states and cities is to be advocated, and all technical work of all the companies is hereafter to be done by a central board, instead of local, state or city boards, as has been the custom.

Old insurance men state this is the first time the companies have been able to agree upon plans, although the subject has been frequently proposed. A special committee of seven was ap-

pointed at the New York meeting to carry out the plans, and an assessment made upon each company doing business in this country to make up a fund of \$100,000 annually to carry on the work.

DELAWARE FOR ROOSEVELT.

Addicks' Resolution to Instruct Delegates is Adopted.

DOVER, Del., March 16.—The Union Republican state convention was held today and delegates to the Chicago convention elected. On behalf of the resolutions committee Mr. Addicks read a resolution commending President Roosevelt and his Administration, and instructing the delegates to vote for his re-nomination, and use all honorable means to bring about that result. The resolution was adopted. J. Edward Addicks, Senator Allee and Governor Hunn were among those elected delegates.

Instructed for Roosevelt.

ST. PAUL, March 16.—The Republicans of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Districts today selected delegates to the National convention. All except those from the Ninth are instructed for Roosevelt.

Nominated for Congress.

Eleventh Georgia District—A. B. Findlay, Republican.

FLEET MAKES WONDERFUL RUN

Asiatic Squadron Runs 8500 Miles Without Necessity of Repairs.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Navy Department has published a report from Admiral Evans in which he invites attention to the record made on the recent trip of the battleship and cruiser squadron from Yokohama to Honolulu and thence to Cavite. The Admiral says: "During the run from Yokohama to Honolulu, the seas were the worst I have ever experienced, practically throughout the entire run. The weather conditions from Honolulu to Cavite were better, and on the whole, the trip was an easy and comfortable one. During this run of practically 8500 miles to Cavite no repairs or overhauling were done on the engines or any of the vessels by any outside force and only such was done by

the force on board each vessel as could be taken in hand during the short time of the stay of the vessels at Honolulu, when not occupied in coaling. The speed maintained by the battleship squadron from Yokohama to Honolulu was 12½ knots. The battleship squadron arrived at Cavite after this run in as good condition as when it started out from Yokohama and ready for any service that it might be called upon to perform. The same could be said of the cruiser squadron, with the exception of the Cincinnati, which needed a new air-pump rod."

Mo Stones Palace of Emperor.

VIENNA, March 16.—The palace of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduchess Clothilde, at Buda Pest, were stoned by a mob yesterday, resulting in the windows being broken, because the buildings were not decorated in honor of the revo-

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lution of 1848. A great crowd of students and workmen, after a demonstration in front of the statue of Post Petry, paraded the streets, and noticing that the palaces were not displaying flags like most of the other edifices, showered them with stones until the police charged and dispersed the rioters. A number of persons were injured, and many arrests were made.

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