

BORAH FRIENDLY TO OPEN RIVER

Idaho Senator Says Portland May Count on Him to Assist Project.

HIS STATE INTERESTED
Refuses to Discuss Land-Fraud Cases, but Talks National Politics—Favors Roosevelt or Taft for President.

W. E. Borah, United States Senator from Idaho, was in Portland yesterday on his way to San Francisco on legal business. Senator Borah refused to discuss the Idaho land-fraud cases at the Hotel Portland yesterday, but talked on politics and the affairs of his state, especially the agitation for the opening of the Columbia River, a project in which Idaho is deeply interested. Portland may count on him for earnest support in the matter, he says.

"How about politics in Idaho," he was asked.

"Well, we are naturally beginning to look around a bit to see whom the Presidential lightning is like to strike next year," he answered with a smile. "But then in this, Idaho is about like every other state. It is a little early yet, or even make a good guess who will be on the firing line when the battle of ballots begins. The Republican party is peculiarly strong in its available hold for the Presidency—Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes and others. I think there would be no doubt as to the nominee if it were not for the declaration of the President that he would not accept a third term. My opinion is he will not yield in the position he has taken."

"Some people seem to think the President says and does things on impulse—but my observation of the man leads me to believe that few men act with more deliberation and judgment. I do not look upon the declaration as to the third term matter as one made hurriedly and without due consideration, although I am one of those who wish he had never made it."

Admires Secretary Taft.
"I am a great admirer of Secretary Taft. I have known him since what Idaho will do, but speaking for myself, I think Secretary Taft the most formidable candidate at this time. He is growing in favor very rapidly everywhere I have been. He has had a varied experience in administrative affairs, is known to be in sympathy with the policies of the Administration, and has given proof of statesmanship of the highest order. He would make a great President."

"The 'open river' question," he said, "is one which interests me more than almost any subject of concern to the Northwest. Every time I make the trip from Boise to Portland the subject freshens itself in my mind. I would like to stand shoulder to shoulder on this and never rest day or night until the river is an open highway to Lewiston at least. The benefits to the Northwest and Western Empire would simply be incalculable."

"We will always stand with Portland on that matter. It is our right to have controlling railroad rates and to do what we can along lines of adjusting tariffs, but to open this great river to traffic is to solve the transportation question in this part of the country as it can be solved in no other possible way, what little I can do in Congress will be done, in season and out of season, to accomplish the opening of this river."

Discusses Baker City Crime.
"I am not sufficiently informed as to the facts of the crime at Baker City to discuss it. I do not believe any facts at hand which would enable anyone to give an intelligent opinion as to the author or authors of the crime. It seems to me that it is useless to say that the Western Federation of Miners did it until we have sufficient facts to show that we are justified in making such a statement. It is only a question of a situation already strained and ugly enough to put this up to an organization before there is any proof whatever as to who did it. I sincerely hope, however, that the mystery will be cleared up, and should it be found that the Western Federation of Miners had anything to do with it, it would present the worst difficult problem society could be called on to deal with. It would indicate that revenge had been settled upon as a set-off policy."

"Oh, no, there is no fear of any trouble in Idaho. Nobody's house is being watched that I know of. The Baker trouble has caused renewed discussion, and I presume more or less uneasiness that it might possibly mean trouble for others, but I don't think myself that there is any occasion for alarm in that direction."

"I am simply passing through Portland to San Francisco to attend to some cases coming up in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals there."

Senator Borah leaves for the Bay City tonight.

TAKE FIGHT INTO COURTS

Fish to Adopt Extreme Measures to Get Control of Illinois Central.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Driven to despair by his inability to arrange a deal with the Illinois Central Railroad to the danger which he says threatens the property should Edward H. Harriman continue to dominate it, Senator Fish is preparing to make an appeal to the courts. All of today he remained closeted with his attorneys, P. L. Burnheimer, of New York, and W. L. Leman, of Chicago, preparing a petition asking the courts to enjoin any person or corporation from voting any stock in the coming annual meeting which may be shown to be owned or controlled by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Cromwell Retained by Harriman.
In anticipation of this action William Nelson Cromwell, formerly of the Panama Canal Commission and one of the most noted corporation lawyers in the country, is hastening toward Chicago, where he will arrive tomorrow and where he will take charge of the Harriman interests. The preliminary papers are being drawn by the two attorneys now on the ground, but J. B. Dill, a no less noted corporation attorney than Mr. Cromwell, has been summoned from New York to take charge of the Fish interests in the courts here. Unless there is some change in the programme, it is likely that court proceedings will be commenced Monday or Tuesday.

Show Evils of Harriman Control.
It is understood to be Mr. Fish's purpose to lay before the court all of the alleged evils which have come from Harriman consolidation, or which may come.

The action, it is said, will be brought under an Illinois statute which prohibits one corporation from owning stock in another.

The Harriman lawyers declare that the Illinois Central, by reason of its special charter, would be exempt from the operation of this law, even if it were not a fact that railroad corporations are by implication exempt from its operation. It is understood that Mr. Fish hopes to obtain a temporary injunction which will delay the annual meeting until the courts can pass upon the important questions involved.

Fish to Fight to Finish.
So far as the annual meeting is concerned, Mr. Fish's friends believe that he is fighting a losing fight. It is even stated that the court could enjoin the voting of the stock held by the Union Pacific, and even by Harriman himself, and that even then the Harriman interests would have a majority of the stock interest to vote in the meeting. When asked today if he was fighting his last fight, Mr. Fish replied to a friend that he would never fight his last fight as long as there remained a vestige of a hope to wrest the Illinois Central from the Union Pacific and place it back in the hands of the people.

JOKE MAY PROVE COSTLY

INSPECTORS ON TRAIL OF CONGRESSMAN CUSHMAN.
Gets Facetious When He Files on Timber Claim, Now Government Wants the Facts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 13.—Congressman Cushman's timberland entry in Eastern Washington will probably be made the subject of investigation by a special agent of the General Land Office. This might not have been necessary save for the fact that the comical Congressman, in recording his entry, inserted a few comical phrases, and then announced that "while his entry was not speculative, he would sell the land if offered a good price for it."

The one question that has given so much trouble with timberland entries in the past has been, whether or not the entryman was making his entry for speculative purposes. And the General Land Office has had great trouble in defining a "speculative" entry. It is hard to draw the line between a speculative entry, which is prohibited by law, and an entry made legitimately for an investment. Cushman has not yet acquired title, but he has a timberland entry, and the law is that he will sell the land when he acquires title, his little investment may be knocked into a cocked hat. Cushman has a perfect right to sell out after he acquires title, provided he does not make his bargain prior to the time title passes to him; but an agreement to sell, either written or oral, if entered into prior to the time the land is patented, will defeat his entry.

WAR DANGER BLOWS OVER

Count Okuma Believes Immigration Question Will Be Settled.

TOKIO, Oct. 13.—Count Okuma, who in the past has been one of the loudest in America, strongly disapproved of the government's pacific attitude, now practically admits that the radical utterances of the last side were largely prompted by politics. In an interview today Count Okuma said that Americans misunderstood the Japanese, who are astonished at the utterances of the radical papers. Reports of the possibility of war, he said, have always emanated from the United States and very naturally are picked up by the newspapers here. He believes that the Americans are over sensitive on the subject of Japanese immigration, he holds the opinion that the whole discussion is largely due to the fact that the United States is to have a Presidential campaign next year. It is not likely that the immigration question will be seriously discussed or even become an issue in the coming session of the Diet. The Japanese government believes that the entire question will be solved by the present discouragement of immigration and the strict observance of the laws.

Degrees Conferred on Chinese.
PEKING, Oct. 13.—The conferring of degrees by the Board of Education upon foreign-educated Chinese has just taken place, and again the graduates of American colleges have been awarded the honors in seven of the highest Chinese degrees granted. Of these, four went to the University of California and one to Leland Stanford University.

FIRE SWEEPS THE RANGES

Eastern Montana Prairies Ablaze. 80 Square Miles Burned Over.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 13.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Great Falls, Mont., dated Saturday, says that a great prairie fire is sweeping the ranges in the eastern part of the state and that 80 square miles of choice grazing ground in the vicinity of Culbertson has already been burned over.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Calvin Stemp, Congressman.
BIG STONE GAP, Va., Oct. 13.—Calvin Stemp, member of Congress from the Ninth District of Virginia, died today of pneumonia. He was the only Republican member of the Virginia delegation in Congress.

Northwestern People in the East.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Portland people at Chicago hotels:
H. Ingalls and wife, at the Palmer House; R. F. Coyne and wife, at the Auditorium Annex; L. Goodman, at the Great Northern.
NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:
From Portland—H. N. Hook, at the Manhattan; B. R. Smith, at the Netherlands; L. W. Baird and wife, at the Ashland.
From Seattle—C. M. Maxwell, at the Imperial; H. H. Coryell, G. K. Coryell, at the Grand.
From Tacoma—Mrs. G. Heller, at the Bessie.
From Spokane—R. Fray, at the Belvedere.

Close Mexican Copper Mines.

SALTILLO, Mexico, Oct. 13.—The slump in copper has closed a large number of mines, not only in the southern portion of the Republic but in this section as well. A number of large mines have reduced their output exactly one-half, while the smaller ones have closed down entirely.

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HOME FROM BOSTON

Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Tells of Unitarian Conference.

HEARD NOTED SPEAKERS

Minister of Local Church of Our Father Gives Interesting Account of Proceedings of Great Religious Convention.

Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., minister of the Unitarian Church of Our Father, returned Saturday night from a four weeks' absence in the East, spending ten days in Boston, a day in New Haven, two days in New York, two days in Meadville, and two days in St. Louis.

In New York Mr. Eliot attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee of One Hundred on National Health, and conferred with the secretary of the National Child Labor Committee upon some of the problems of Oregon. He also reports a delightful visit with Stephen B. Wise, who remembers all his Portland and Oregon friends with most cordial goodwill and interest.

In Boston Mr. Eliot attended the meetings of the National Conference of Unitarian and other Christian churches and also the International Council of Religious Liberals.

In an interview last night regarding his trip East, Mr. Eliot said:

"Five or six thousand people crowded into the new Symphony Hall in Boston for the opening of the National Conference Sunday night, September 22. Two thousand were unable to gain admittance for lack of room. The music was by the Handel-Haydn Society of Boston and the choir was the choir of the Handel-Haydn Society of Boston and the choir of the Handel-Haydn Society of Boston."

"The meetings of the National Conference were held only on Monday and Tuesday. The programme was particularly reference to the interests and problems of the foreign delegates to the International Council, all pertaining, therefore, to the religious and social life of the world. These addresses were given by President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, Rev. George A. Gordon, minister of the new Old South Congregational Church; Professor W. W. Fenn, Professor F. A. Christie and M. P. Knowlton and by Rev. M. D. Shutter of the Unitarian Church of Our Father."

"The sessions of the International Council were held, as well as those of the National Conference, in Tremont Temple, except that one meeting of the former was held at Sacred Theatre, Harvard University, and one at the new Old South Congregational Church. The department meetings of the Council were held at various places for the purpose of the light of the best professional experience, and to cultivate tact in the handling of the various problems. This adds to the list of out-of-school duties, the reading of professional periodicals and books, as well as visits to other schools, press and public relations with other teachers, participation in educational meetings."

Demoralizing Old-Age Pensions.

Municipal Gazette.
Old-age pensions, granted indiscriminately regardless of individual merit or individual responsibility would have a demoralizing effect. The country would thereby be loaded with an increased burden of taxation which could only end in disaster.

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SEVEN INVOLUNTARY BATHS

SEATTLE PEOPLE FALL IN SOUND; NO BAD RESULTS.

One Man Unconscious After Being Tipped Out—Four Boys Collide With Whale—Man Breaks Rail.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Seven persons were thrown into the bay today by accidents, but only one was seriously affected by his experience. J. L. Frazer was taken from the water unconscious after a rowboat turned over in which he and F. A. Goodrich had been fishing.

Four boys were trolling for salmon, when a whale tumbled overboard, striking about this harbor several weeks suddenly arose near them and frightened them so the boys tipped over their boat. They all got back into the boat safely. Two weeks ago the whale collided with a launch and nearly capsized the boat, and it has also interfered with the West Seattle ferry.

A man named Johnson fell from a launch today when a guardrail broke, and was pulled out of the water unharmed.

BURNED TO CRISP; LIVES

Colfax Man Receives Full Force of 6600 Volts From Trolley Wire.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 13.—(Special.)—Walter E. Shore, foreman of the Spokane and Inland trolley construction crew, was burned to a crisp, at Blackwell station at noon today. Shore and his men were engaged in stringing a trolley cable for the Blackwell switch and the loose cable came in contact with the charged main line trolley, and Shore, who was working on the trolley tower, handling the cable, got the full force of the 6600 volts which the trolley carries. He cannot recover, his physician says.

Causes Which Make Climate.

Boston Herald.
Professor Milne, the great British seismologist, has demonstrated that at least part of the weather and changes in the atmosphere's temperature seems to come from below instead of directly from the sun. He has been in the habit of leaving an ingenious photographic arrangement in quarries at night. The photographic paper, when examined later, was found to be marked from time to time by dark bands, black spots and what are called singlets. Some of these markings occurred at the time of earthquakes, but by no means all. Scientists say that most minerals become luminous at frequent intervals. The cliffs of Dover have been seen suddenly to gleam and hilltops become visible in the darkness. The conclusion is that the disturbing forces which go on even at the very

FEATHER-BED STYLE.

Overcrowding Lessons Taken From a Tenement District.

Emily Green Balch in Charities and Commons.

Overcrowding is likely to be the most serious side of a low standard of living—serious from its affinity to both disease and immorality. To sleep huddled in feather beds in a stuffy peasant hovel is bad enough, but what air does come in there is drawn from all out of doors, not from an airshaft, and in summer at least women as well as men are in the fields letting the frosty air wash their lungs. It is a different matter when the same overcrowding takes place in a city tenement where the mother smokes long and when the children go to an ill-ventilated schoolroom and the father to a dust-laden factory.

Above all, overcrowding is objectionable when it brings strangers into the close quarters of the little home. This is the chief evil of the custom of taking boarders into the family. What overcrowding sometimes means was once brought comically yet tragically to my understanding when I was looking for a boarding place in a Bohemian family in New York. I was shown by a slovenly woman into a typical dark bedroom, utterly unventilated. In it was a dirty bed, still tumbled and unmade in the late afternoon.

"You won't mind sleeping with another lady, I suppose?" she said.

"Well, the bed is a great deal too big for one person."

That seemed to me the most terrible standard of the fitness of things that I had ever met. A big bed necessarily too much room for one person to occupy in the world! Compared to that New York point of view, bare feet, meat only on holidays, no chimney, almost any slovenly woman into a typical dark bedroom, utterly unventilated. In it was a dirty bed, still tumbled and unmade in the late afternoon.

Southland's Thirst Quenchers.

Baltimore Dispatch.
Today there are fewer saloons in the Southern States than in Great Britain, New York, and only a few more than in the City of Chicago. In New York there are 30,000 places where liquor is sold, in Chicago 25,000, and in the entire South only 25,000. In New York State the estimated population in 1905 was \$163,000, and the Government issued in the state that year 34,350 "special" stamps to persons desiring to engage in the manufacture and sale of liquor. The 13 Southern States, with 23,500,000 people, secured in 1905 less than 30,000 stamps.

Invents a Straw Clock.

London Telegraph.
An extraordinary addition has been made to the exhibition of inventions now being held in Berlin. A shoe-maker named Wegner, living in Stras-

burg, sent in a clock of the grandfather shape, nearly six feet high, made entirely of straw. The wheels, pointers, case and every detail are exclusively of straw. Wegner has taken 15 years to construct this strange piece of mechanism. It keeps perfect time.

any other nation in the world. London Times suggests as a reason for Ratsell's hatred for Vladimir that it was the latter who introduced bagpipes in Morocco.



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