

ATTACKS POLICY OF PUBLIC LANDS

Resolutions Denouncing Administration May Be Passed at Woolgrowers' Meeting.

TAKE FIGHT TO CONGRESS

Senator Carter Speaks Against Proposed Legislation, Declaring He Believes President Has Been Misinformed as to Facts.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15.—While neither Thomas J. Walsh, chairman, nor any other member of the National Woolgrowers' Association will give any intimation of the result of that body's labors tonight, it is stated on the authority of one who is closely in touch with the situation that the committee will tomorrow morning ask the convention to adopt a set of most searching resolutions against the administration's policy relative to public lands.

In fact, it is the intention of the association to send to Washington a copy of the resolutions which Congress has passed, and which Congress has passed, and which Congress has passed.

Warren Loses Support.

Because of his support of the President's action, Senator F. E. Warren, present here, has lost all his former supporters. Vice-President Wilson tonight announced that the Wyoming delegation will not present the name of Senator Warren for re-election as president of the National association. The Idaho and Oregon delegations, in caucus, have endorsed Warren's successor, T. J. Walsh, of Helena, tonight authorized the statement that he is not a candidate for the presidency.

Senator Thomas H. Carter, of Montana, attacked the policy of the administration through an intermediary, his being unable to be present. He based his utterances not upon any political beliefs, but rather that the President had been misinformed, and that conditions had changed greatly since he was a resident of the state.

Governor Bryant B. Brook, of Wyoming, also delivered a forceful address. His stand was in the nature of a plea for the settlers. He was particularly opposed to the Burkett bill and expressed a decided preference for rule by law rather than rules and regulations. He urged all representatives to oppose the measure and said that in the interest of the West and the homesteader political parties should be forced to take a stand on the question.

Growth of Coal Industry.

J. W. Fulton, of Helena, spoke on the great possibilities of the argon gas industry and its rapid strides, while B. H. Bearup, of Albuquerque, urged a cooperative woolen mill. The London auction system of disposing of wool was advocated by F. J. Primrose, of Philadelphia. He quoted figures showing that the annual production of the association's members in 1907 was 1,000,000 pounds and declared it should be protected. This afternoon the delegates were in attendance at the mid-winter sheep show here, at which a large number of exhibits have been made, embracing every known grade and breed.

Senator Carter said:

"The leasing of the public range does not present a question involving party politics in any sense whatever. The subject never has been considered in the National Council of any party. In consequence, I do not feel any sense of party restraint, which I feel to be imposed by the announced policy of President Roosevelt in favor of leasing the public domain or granting permits to individuals or associations to explore for coal on the unappropriated public land of the United States.

"According to my view, the public has been unconsciously misled by the conception of the relations of the Government to the people engaged in developing the new states of the West. The error may be traced to the fact that an analogy exists between public land suitable only for homestead settlement and timbered lands chiefly valuable for forest preservation and production.

Vicious Feature of Policy.

"The President, impressed with the idea that the ranges were being destroyed by the sheep, made a series of decisions which were being opposed by nomadic herdsmen, that commotion and bloodshed marked the contentions of rival claimants on the range, approved the policy proposed by the Chief Forester, but expressed by discolored revenue raising as a primary purpose. In his letter of February 15, 1907, to Senator Warren, the President said that the sheep should be treated as small one at first and that any surplus should go to the state or territory where the furs were collected. Any there would be no surplus, but the sheep would supply an unlimited demand for expensive money. He favored local control of the range in conjunction with Federal authority, and asserted that responsibility should not be so defined that no one could be held responsible, which meant that in the last analysis the officer or agent of the Federal Government should exercise supreme control.

"Herein lies the vicious feature of the proposed policy. It will be observed that all proposals made have contained a lease or permit, leaving the determination of the method to be employed to the officers of the Government, and I think it is fair to say that judging by the forestry policy, the permit system would predominate. Under that system every stockowner outside of forest reservations would be placed under the same position as stock owners inside of forest reservations. In other words, an agent of the Government 'com' whose decision would be placed under the direction of an officer under whose directions he proceeded, would determine arbitrarily who should and who should not enjoy range privileges and the National capital, where such privileges might be enjoyed.

Place Limit on Business.

"The activities of the entire country and the destinies of every rancher would be made subject to the dictum of the special agent. No man's stock business could expand beyond prescribed limits without special permission from the National capital.

President 20-odd years ago is fast becoming a thing of the past.

Within the very near future the large herds and flocks will all have been subdivided and stockraising will be conducted by the small ranchers and farmers.

Senator Carter's amendment to the Burkett bill as outlined in his letter provides that any person, company or

association engaged in producing hay, grain or other food for livestock on cultivated or meadow land contiguous to or in the vicinity of unappropriated public lands of the United States, may subject to certain conditions inclose 20 acres of public land for every acre in private ownership, actually devoted to the production of feed for livestock. For the privilege the lessee is to pay not more than 5 cents an acre annually. Half of the receipts are to be used to defray expenses of administration and the remainder is to be paid to the state or territory in which the lands are located.

Robert Taylor, of Abbott, Neb., was awarded the silver cup, offered by the Association to the best general class of sheep, as well as first prize for Hampshire sheep. Other foreign first prize winners included J. R. Allen, of Draper, Utah, on Cotswolds; F. E. King, of Wyoming, on Rambouillet bucks, and W. E. Hansen, of Colliston, Utah, on lambs.

Will Favor Leasing Range.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 15.—One of the important questions for consideration at the annual convention of the American National Livestock Association, which will meet here next Tuesday, is President Roosevelt's policy regarding the public lands, the forest reserves and ranges. This organization went on record last year in favor of leasing the public domain for the agricultural production of the country's natural resources, and it is expected resolutions will be adopted at the coming convention and a committee named to go to Washington to urge upon Congress the enactment of laws for the furtherance of the Administration's policy.

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Questions to come up for discussion and action are "Railroad Service and Shortage of Livestock Cars," "Minimum Speed Limit for Livestock Trains," "The Financial Stringency and the Causes Thereof."

INDIGES SPARKS' ACTION

CAUCUS OF NEVADA LEGISLATORS SUPPORTS GOVERNOR.

Senate and Assembly Committees Will Frame Resolution for Retention of the Goldfield Troops.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 15.—A joint caucus of the special committee of the Senate and Assembly of the Nevada Legislature met this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of framing a joint resolution which will be introduced in the Senate tomorrow morning, asking the President of the United States to retain troops in Goldfield until such time as the state can provide either a police force or other means to maintain order in the camp. This is a decided victory for Governor Sparks, as the committee framing the resolution is composed of 29 members, both Republicans and Democrats, with the pro and anti-law elements both represented.

The resolution will undoubtedly pass the Senate, while the general expression among the members of the lower house is that it will go through that body by a small margin. The state being Republican and the Assembly strongly Democratic. This would place the request for the retaining of troops out of the hands of the Governor.

This morning, when the Assembly convened, the question as to the legality of the organization of yesterday again arose. After the debate was framed to continue as the body began, the final decision being that while there might be some doubt as to the legality of the appointment of the committee, there was no doubt that all laws enacted would be legal.

The discussion was probably set out on the streets last night to the effect that Speaker Skaggs had received advice that the manner of yesterday's organization would be illegal and that he was determined that it should continue in that form, so that any laws that might be enforced could be successfully attacked if their opponents desired.

SHOT WHILE READING BOOK

Montana Rancher Killed, Following Trouble With Neighbors.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 15.—A miner special from Belt says that Peter Pasdale, a well-known rancher, was shot and killed as he sat reading a book in an upstairs room of his house, the unknown assassin being through the window. Pasdale apparently had not been after being shot. He was found by a neighbor rancher, who had gone to Pasdale's place on an errand, and to all appearances, the murdered man had been dead for several days. Pasdale was a bachelor. It is the belief of the officers that he was killed as a result of trouble with his neighbors over land matters.

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MORE PAY FOR OFFICERS

Senator Warren Introduces Bill for General Increase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Warren, chairman of the committee on military affairs, today introduced a bill increasing the pay of Army officers as follows: Lieutenant-generals, 10 per cent; major-generals and brigadier-generals, 15 per cent; colonels, lieutenant-colonels and majors, 20 per cent; captains and first and second lieutenants and captains.

Coal Company Blameless

Monongah Explosion Occurred in Spite of Precautions.

FAIRMOUNT, Va., Jan. 15.—The coroner's jury today rendered its verdict in connection with the investigation of the Monongah mine disaster. It finds that the explosion was due either to a blow-out shot or to the ignition of powder, which in turn ignited the gas in the mine. It finds that the company complied with all the state regulations and took all reasonable precautions and ex-

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The coroner has established a bureau where he grants death certificates and signs identification papers. Representatives of stores and insurance companies are in Boyerstown, paying off claims as fast as they are presented.

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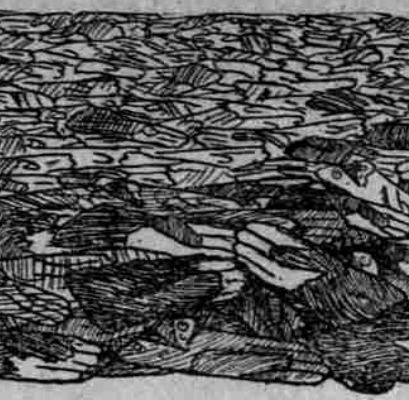
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