



PINGHOT PLOT IS DETECTED IN BILL

Extension of Forest Reserves Is Plan.

COST WOULD BE MILLIONS

Vast Army to Be Added to Payroll of Nation.

HOUSE MAY BE FAVORABLE

Weeks Bill Proposes Government Shall Take Over Lands at Headwaters of Navigable Streams, Property to Be Paid For.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 1.—Under the guise of protecting the watersheds of navigable streams, the ultra-conservationists in Congress, otherwise known as the "Pinchotts," are undertaking to slip through a bill which will extend the vast system of forest reserves into every state of the Union, entail the expenditure of unestimated millions of dollars of Government money, and swell the Forest Service to proportions never dreamed of by Gifford Pinchot, even in his proudest days.

Wolf in Sheep's Clothing. The Weeks bill, recently reported by the House committee on agriculture, is an outgrowth of the old Appalachian forest reserve bill. When it was demonstrated that Congress would not outright appropriate money to buy the tops of the Appalachian and White Mountains as a playground for Mr. Pinchot and his fellow faddists, the advocates of that proposition cast about to find some way of evading the objections raised to the original Appalachian bill, and the result of their search and connivance is found in the measure in question.

Members Are Not Fooled. It is just such a change as was made by the advocates of ship subsidy, when they changed the name of their pet measure from "subsidy" to "subvention." But it is a change that will not fool many members.

One of the important factors of the Weeks bill is hidden away in section 4. This section makes an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be used immediately, and authorizes an annual appropriation of \$200,000 for the next five years. This money to be expended for "the examination, survey and acquisition of lands located on the headwaters of navigable streams or those which are being or which may be developed for navigable purposes."

Forest Reserve Act Covers. The bill creates a National Forest Reserve Commission, consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of War, Secretary of Interior, two Senators and two Representatives, which commission shall pass upon all proposed purchases of lands, and to approve prices. The Secretary of Agriculture is to locate the lands to be acquired, and will engineer the actual purchases, subject to the order of the commission. Then, down in section 12, comes this provision:

"That the lands acquired under this act shall be permanently reserved, held and administered as National forest lands under the provisions of section 24 of the act of March 3, 1891 (the forest reserve act), and the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time divide the lands reserved under this act into such specific National forests and so designate the same as he may deem best for administrative purposes."

Bill Adds to Army of Clerks. Fine! More forest reserves, meaning more supervisors, more rangers, more clerks, more responsibility for the heads of the Forest Service, and consequently larger salaries.

The bill makes a separate appropriation of \$200,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to co-operate with any state in the protection from fire of the forested watersheds of navigable streams, the states to contribute half to the cost of this work. In another section the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to agree to administer and protect for a definite term of years any private forest lands situated upon any watershed whereon lands may be permanently reserved as National forest lands, but such agreement shall provide that the owner of such private lands shall cut and remove the timber thereon only under such rules and regulations as will provide for the maintenance of the forest in the aid of navigation. In other words, Government money may be expended in caring for private forests, and the owner of such forests need not contribute a cent toward said administration.

Where a landowner, under this bill, sells land to the Government, he may

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PLUCKY WOMAN'S DEFENSE NO AVAIL

HUSBAND'S ARREST RESISTED WITH RIFLE.

Before She Can Shoot Is Disarmed, Though, and Man Escapes Off Roof Into Officers' Hands.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—Roused from slumber late at night by the approach of officers to arrest her husband, Mrs. Frank Nugent, wife of an order clerk at a local store, seized a rifle and made ready to stand off the law until the man sought had a chance to escape.

Although her intentions were good, her plans went amiss, for she was seized and disarmed before she had a chance to fire, and her husband, dropping from a shed roof to the ground, landed squarely in front of a deputy, and is now in the County Jail.

Nugent lives near Rathdrum, which is 45 miles from Spokane. He was wanted on a warrant charging a serious offense in which a 17-year-old girl now in custody of the probation officers is concerned. Deputy Sheriff Long and Logan and Deputy Prosecutor Crow in a big automobile went after him last night. Nugent's ranch is on the side of a mountain six miles from the town, and is reached only by a steep and difficult road.

When the place was found, the family had apparently been in bed, but had heard the approach of the auto. Mr. Logan, in answer to the query of Mrs. Nugent, told his name and business and that he wished to interview her husband.

She replied that she was alone and refused to admit the officers. Then she got a rifle and made ready for the siege. Logan, however, admitted himself, and seized the weapon as the woman was raising it to her shoulder.

Meanwhile Nugent had slipped through a second-story window to the roof of a shed, whence he dropped to the ground right in front of the deputies. A search revealed an ugly knife, but no other weapon.

'ETNA' NOT DEAD—EXPERT

Cessations of Eruptions Temporary. Roar Drives Out Observer.

CATANIA, April 1.—Expert opinion concerning the activity of Mount Etna is pessimistic. Frank A. Perrett, the assistant director of the Royal Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, thinks the volcano still contains a considerable quantity of lava and a cessation of the eruptions probably will be only temporary.

Professor Ricco, director of the Mount Etna Observatory, has been forced to abandon his post after passing hours of terror there. He said tonight: "One could not stand the deafening and horrible roar of the volcano for more than one day. It would certainly drive him mad."

MESSINA, April 1.—Seven slight earthquakes, according to the observations of subterranean rumblings and explosions, have been felt here since Thursday night. No damage has resulted.

SEALING VESSEL CRUSHED

Ice Floes Wreck One Steamer and Threaten Second.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 1.—Sealing steamer Iceland, operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was crushed in the ice last Wednesday and went to the bottom. The sealer Floriel, which arrived here today with news of the disaster, rescued the members of the crew.

When the Floriel left the sealing ground the steamer Newfoundland was in a dangerous position, hard pressed by the huge ice floes. The steamer Eagle was standing by prepared to take off the 30 men if the Newfoundland sank.

The Floriel brought the largest catch of seals ever recorded here, her catch numbering 42,000 skins, valued at about \$120,000.

The season has been remarkably prosperous, the catch in sight being worth \$600,000.

PATIENT IS OWN SURGEON

Willow Stick Does Work While Doctor Seeks Instrument.

Dr. F. A. Short lost a fee Thursday because a patient performed the necessary operation upon himself while the doctor had gone to get his instruments and anesthetics.

The physician was summoned in haste to the home of Hiram Smith in Stephens Addition. A prune pit had lodged midway between Mr. Smith's throat and stomach. Dr. Short found him suffering keenly and returned to his office for additional instruments and chloroform.

While Dr. Short was gone, Mr. Smith revived, cut a willow stick, peeled it and dislodged the obstruction.

"UNWRITTEN LAW" UPHELD

Bakersfield Man Who Kills Another Released Without Trial.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 1.—Killing under the "unwritten law" received startling support here today when John Cross, who shot to death J. W. Rhoads day before yesterday, following the slain man's alleged attentions to Mrs. Cross, was released without formal action and today is walking the streets a free man. His friends are even forced to swear to a complaint to have the case passed upon in due legal form.

Cross, returning home unexpectedly from a trip, found Rhoads and Mrs. Cross together at a theater.

JURY ACQUITS BUT CENSURES MOORE

Peculiar Verdict Result of 29 Hours' Voting.

OVER 20 BALLOTS ARE TAKEN

Final Decision Is Actually Compromise.

THREE WANT CONVICTION

Are Only Won Over to Agreement by Rebuke Clause Tacked On—Banker Shows Relief—Prosecution Is Hopeful—Other Charges.

VERDICT BROUGHT IN BY JURY. We, the jury, find the defendant, W. H. Moore, not guilty as charged in the indictment, but recommend that he receive the most severe censure of this court for his guilty knowledge and participation in unlawful and dishonest acts relative to the conduct and management of the bank of which he was president and a director.

W. H. Moore was acquitted yesterday afternoon.

Tacked on to the verdict of "not guilty," however, was a rebuke from the jury for guilty knowledge and participation in unlawful and dishonest acts in the conduct of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank.

The outcome of the two weeks' trial was a complete surprise, for the jury had been out more than 29 hours and the general belief prevailed that a "hung" jury or disagreement as to a verdict had resulted.

Immediately following the news of the acquittal came the announcement from District Attorney Cameron that Mr. Moore would be tried again on the same issue, that of receiving a deposit in a bank knowing it to be insolvent, as soon as a second count on the list of indictments pending against him could be set for trial. The second charge will be entered on the trial docket of the Circuit Court as early today as the case may be settled upon by the District Attorney.

Five Other Indictments Pending.

There are five other indictments against him and his co-defendants for receiving deposits from depositors other than Minnie Mitchell, and one of these will be selected by the prosecuting officials as a basis of the renewed attack. District Attorney Cameron and Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald say they are certain they will secure a conviction before another jury, with another case.

The return of the verdict was objected to by District Attorney Cameron on the ground that it did not conform to either of the two forms provided for in the statutes—either "guilty" or "not guilty." His objection was disregarded by Judge Bronaugh, who, however, pondered over the written verdict several minutes before accepting it and permitting it to be read aloud in court.

The fate of the accused banker de-

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TABLET FIND IS BRANDED AS FAKE

JOHNS HOPKINS SCIENTISTS SCOUT DELUGE STORY.

Professor Hilprecht's Report Is Blasted as Fabrication for Sensational Purposes.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 1.—(Special.)—The tablet which Professor Herman V. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, announced two weeks ago that he had discovered on an expedition to Palestine and which, he alleged, upheld the biblical story of the deluge, was denounced today at a meeting of the American Oriental Society at Johns Hopkins University as a fabrication and as an exploitation of an archaeological fraud for purely sensational purposes.

This declaration was made in one of the "latest additions to Babylonian literature of the deluge," presented by Professor George A. Barton, of Bryn Mawr College.

Dr. Barton said that the scholarship which Professor Hilprecht manifested in his translation of the text of his tablet was hardly worthy of a first-year student in Hebrew, and with the restorations which he made in the case of filling in broken lines were purely conjectural.

Professors Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins, and Albert T. Clay, of Yale, upheld the arguments of Professor Barton.

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CORPORATIONS TO AVOID PUBLICITY

House Agrees to Amend New Tax Law.

PRESIDENT GIVEN AUTHORITY

Records Made Public at Discretion of Executive.

PARTY UNITED IN VOTING

Fitzgerald of New York Moves to Recommend Bill With Instructions to Report on Repeal of Payne-Aldrich Tariff Law; Loses.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—That the corporation tax law will be amended to restrict the operation of its publicity feature was virtually assured today when the House slightly amended a provision previously adopted by the Senate for that purpose.

As passed by the House today, the law provides: "All corporation tax returns shall be open to inspection only upon the order of the President, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by the President."

As previously provided by the Senate, such corporation tax reports were "to be made public when called for by resolution of the Senate or the House of Representatives or under the order of the President when he deems it for public interests."

Conference to Make Report.

The Senate and House conferees soon will meet in an effort to agree upon a publicity amendment in which the views of both branches will be harmonized. Just before the subject was disposed of, Fitzgerald of New York attempted to get a direct vote upon a motion to recommend the bill under consideration, with instructions for the committee on appropriations to report it with an amendment repealing the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

By a strict party vote of 150 to 116, in which the insurgents lined up with the regular Republicans, a point of order against Mr. Fitzgerald's motion was sustained.

Discretion Rests With President.

The amendment adopted by the House today was introduced by Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts. Under the terms of his amendment, Mr. Gillett said he thought the President would rule that the records of corporations of use and value to the public should be made public. He said he thought the majority of corporation returns ought not to be made public, as they should not be open to the inspection of rival firms.

Mr. Fitzgerald, combating the Gillett amendment, said he was in favor of the fullest publicity of all corporation affairs and he offered an amendment providing simply that reports required by the corporation tax law shall be open to public inspection, and appropriating \$50,000 or more to classify such reports, etc.

"This amendment," said Mr. Clark of

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BOY AT LOG CHUTE ATTACKED BY CAT

LIFE SAVED BY FALLING AGAINST WHISTLE WIRE.

Foreman of Seaside Camp Attracted by Prolonged Blast Rescues Fainting Youth.

SEASIDE, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Attacked by a wildcat while in charge of a whistle wire at one of the log chutes of the Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Willie Sellers, a boy, fainted yesterday, fell across the wire and sounded a blast that brought rescue.

The prolonged whistle attracted the attention of Foreman Ankeny, of camp No. 2, who immediately started for the chute to investigate the trouble. When 200 yards away he saw the big cat on the back of the prostrate boy endeavoring to claw through his clothing to the flesh. Ankeny happened to be armed and killed the cat with a single bullet.

The story was brought to Seaside today by F. H. Loughton, a member of the company, who says that young Sellers would surely have been killed had his full weight not fallen across the wire and thus summoned help. Mr. Loughton brought the body of the wildcat with him and placed it on exhibition in the lumber company's offices.

DEATH WINS RACE TO HOME

Son of Millionaire Seattle Man Dies as He Leaves Portland.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—Walter Henry, son of Horace C. Henry, the millionaire banker and railroad builder, died today at a small railroad station north of Portland. Young Henry, who was 28 years old, was returning home from Arizona, hopelessly sick with tuberculosis, and an effort was being made to get him home alive, to his own entreaty.

The sufferer's mother and two brothers were with him. Soon after leaving Portland on the train he became worse and he died after being taken into the station. The young man's father has just assumed the presidency of the Seattle Anti-Tuberculosis League, having become interested in the work through his efforts to save his son. Horace C. Henry built the western extension of the Milwaukee road.

He Would Pardon Others.

"Eddie, I'm ready to go to Governor Stewart and ask him to pardon those boys," cried Mr. Carnegie to Bigelow, as he pounded his fist on the table, referring to some of the men already in prison for graft and bribery.

Mr. Carnegie had recovered his spirits somewhat when he attended the dinner given in his honor by the members of his former staff at the Duquesne Club. The Carnegie Veterans' Association arranged the banquet on the occasion of Mr. Carnegie's first visit to the city in nearly four years.

John Unger, director of the research laboratory at the Carnegie mills, spoke on the Carnegie Company's past and future, to which the Laird of Skibo responded with entertaining reminiscences and prophecies.

Charles M. Schwab, William F. Palmer, Alfred A. Corey, Jr., William E. Corey, Asor A. Hunt and others comprising a party of 90, were present to do honor to Mr. Carnegie.

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Lets Orchestra Climb Itself.

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"I give organs to churches or help churches get organs, because I am willing to be responsible for everything they say, but I could not be responsible for all that is said from the pulpit."

For the next three days Mr. Carnegie will visit his institutions here and on Tuesday he will leave for New York. It was said tonight that he invited nearly a score of local relatives to visit him Sunday.

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France to Build Two Dreadnoughts.

PARIS, April 1.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted to lay down two battleships in the present year designed to equal the latest type added to the navies of Great Britain and Germany.

CARNEGIE MOVED BY GRAFT SCANDAL

Ironmaster Twice Is Near Swooning.

VETERANS HOSTS AT DINNER

Refuses Aid to Orchestra Lest He Discourage It.

LET IT DO SOME CLIMBING

Laird of Skibo Agrees With Hughes That Danger Lies in Concealing Corruption—No Advance Near for United Steel-Workers.

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—(Special.)—When dictating a long statement intended for the people of Pittsburgh today, Andrew Carnegie was compelled to stop twice because of fainting spells. He turned white and seemed on the verge of falling. Friends say he had become worked up to so high a pitch over developments in Pittsburgh graft that by the time he reached here he was unstrung.

Mr. Carnegie did not feel equal to the programme arranged for him this afternoon. Tears ran down his cheeks as he wrung the hand of Edward P. Bigelow, ex-director of public safety and his personal friend, and begged him to tell all about "this awful graft."

His eyes blazed and he paced up and down the room as he learned the details.

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