

BUREAU OF MINES BILL NEEDS HELP

Friends Urged to Rally for Final Effort to Compel Action by Senate.

MINORITY IS OBSTACLE

Unreconciling Opposition of Eastern Members Delays Passage—Work Is Important to Development of Industry.

Sidney Norman, editor of the Los Angeles Mining Review and secretary of the Sierra Madre Club, of Los Angeles, was in the city for a few hours yesterday on his way home from Washington, where he has been for the past few weeks on business connected with the establishment of the Bureau of Mines, now before the Senate.

The Sierra Madre Club is one of the first mining clubs in the United States and is affiliated with the American Mining Congress, the National organization of mining men which has been urging the creation of the new bureau for the past five years. In an effort to support the Mining Congress the Los Angeles club sent a committee of two to Washington in the persons of Mr. Norman and E. A. Montgomery, president of the club and one of the most widely known mining men of Nevada.

Scope of Bureau Defined.

Speaking of the status of the bill yesterday, Mr. Norman said: "The Bureau of Mines, if finally created along the lines suggested, will be attached to the Interior Department and will be in charge of a director fully equipped in a technical way, at a salary of \$6000 a year. It will take over the technological branch of the United States Geological Survey and will devote its attention to all matters of interest to the mining industry, beginning at the place where the actual mining begins. The Geological Survey will continue to supervise all matters connected with exploitation.

"The technological branch of the survey is now maintained by deficiency appropriations made from time to time and all who realize the methods under which these grants are made will realize that its tenure of life hangs by a thread. The objection of any one member of the House may at any time withdraw the Federal support and make its work inoperative. It now conducts life-saving experiments at Pittsburgh, Washington and elsewhere and already has made some remarkable discoveries with reference to the conditions which contribute to the disasters which occasionally shock the country.

Bill Drags in Senate.

"More than two months ago the bill passed the House by a practically unanimous vote and since has been reported favorably by the Senate mines and mining committee, of which Senator Dick, of Ohio, is chairman. So far as we could ascertain in Washington there is a safe majority in favor of the measure in the Senate, but for some unexplained reason it seems impossible to secure final consideration. The eastern Senators are pledged to its support, but there is some unreconciling opposition from Eastern Senators, who know nothing about the needs of the West, and who are, in addition, against the creation of bureaus of any kind.

"Senator Hale, of Maine, one of the members of the Senate steering committee, had the bill removed from the calendar under rule nine some weeks ago—a proceeding which indicates that there will be discussion when the measure finally is brought up for consideration. When I left Washington it was hoped that the measure would be reached within ten days, but I have heard nothing since and suppose it is still buried under the clogging influence of 'senatorial courtesy' and other legislation-retarding rules and customs.

Mining Men Should Act.

"I believe, however, that something can yet be done for force consideration at this session, and it might be well for mining men of all Western states to make demand again upon their representatives. The bill was introduced specifically in the last National platform of the Republican party and the latter can therefore find little excuse if it refuses to carry out its pledge. Administration measures now before the Senate undoubtedly clog the wheels of legislation to some extent, but there still is ample opportunity between wheels to take it up. I am rather inclined to the belief that there is some subtle opposition at work and I believe that the failure of the party to force the passage of the measure will strengthen this opinion to the point of proof fact.

"The mining industry surely is entitled to some recognition at the hands of the Federal Government. It creates 65 per cent of the entire carrying trade of all the railroads of the United States; adds more than \$2,000,000,000 to the world's wealth every year and employs over 2,000,000 men in the work. Further than that, it is a well-known fact that the accidental deaths in coal mines in this country are proportionately far greater than in any other country on earth, and if the Bureau can devise some method of introducing appliances that will reduce the mortality it surely will have justified its existence in the highest degree. Friends in this part of the country should use their influence to compel consideration at this session.

Conservation to Be Aired.

"The Sierra Madre Club, of Los Angeles, has secured the 1910 convention of the American Mining Congress and the meeting will take place from September 25 to October 1. I have been appointed managing director and confidently expect the largest attendance in the history of the organization. One of the features of the convention will be an interesting discussion on conservation as it affects mining, a subject which will be thoroughly aired on all sides. I have today called upon J. F. Watson, president of the Portland branch of the congress, and he promises a representative delegation from this city.

"There will also be large representation from Spokane, Butte and many other points further East. The attendance from Nevada, Arizona and Southern California will insure the greatest meeting yet held."

MACMANUS WILL LECTURE

Noted Irish Writer Will Talk on Ramble in Ireland.

"A Rollicking Ramble Around Ireland" will be the subject of an address by Geunias MacManus, writer of Irish folk-

lore, novelist, dramatist and lecturer of note, at the Masonic Temple tonight. The address will be delivered under the auspices of the convention committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Mr. MacManus, who has been in Portland since last Monday and lectured at St. Mary's College chapel, was induced to remain over and lecture publicly, which necessitated the cancellation of a date to lecture in California tonight. The lecture tonight will be illustrated by 100 very fine stereopticon views in colors of Irish scenes.

"This is my first visit to the Pacific Northwest," said he. "I have been five times in the United States, having traveled over the entire country before. I like this section of the great country very much. Portland is a great city and from what I have observed is growing very rapidly.

During his stay in Portland, Mr. MacManus is the house guest of Dr. Harry McKay, they having known each other as boys, their respective families living in the same neighborhood in Donegal County, Ireland.

Mr. MacManus does not look Irish. He is blond and has not the typical aggressive features of the Irish, though he

PIONEER OF TROUTDALE DIES ON DONATION CLAIM HE TOOK UP IN 1852.



David Flinn Buxton, who died April 7 at Troutdale, Or., was born near Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, April 29, 1831. He came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in the Spring of 1852. From there he came to Portland in February, 1853, and took up a donation land claim near the Sandy River.

In October, 1853, he married Fanny Talbot, who lived at Powell Valley. They lived continuously on their homestead at what is now known as Troutdale, with the exception of a few years spent in Portland, until separated by the death of Mrs. Buxton, November 18, 1907.

Mr. Buxton leaves four children, Mary E. Buxton, and Mrs. J. N. Bristol, of Portland, Nancy P. Buxton and I. U. Buxton, of Troutdale.

The funeral services will be held at his home at Troutdale at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Burial will be in Lone Fir Cemetery.

has a decided Gaelic accent. His life story is interesting, dealing with a rise from comparative poverty to a position in the world of letters, which, to say the least, is not insignificant.

His first work away from the farm was teaching in the same old schoolhouse which he and Dr. McKay attended as boys. He was 19 years old when commenced writing Irish folk-lore for the county newspaper. After three years' contributions to the paper he received a check for \$2.50 in payment. After that the young author aspired to larger publications, continually writing articles and storing them away until he had sufficient money to come to America and sell them. This he did in 1858 and since that time has had no difficulty in selling his writings. He has written several short sketches, a few novels and is now writing a longer play for David Belasco.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. A. Bundy, of Corvallis, is at the Lenox.

Fred A. Williams, of Grants Pass, is at the Portland.

L. C. Palmer, lumber dealer of Sheridan, is at the Perkins.

George F. Clemens is registered at the Ramapo, from Seattle.

Dr. W. Root, registered from Astoria at the Oregon yesterday.

Ira Erb, a contractor of Salem, is registered at the Imperial.

J. T. Allen, an Astoria Merchant, is registered at the Cornell.

Phil Mourant, Mayor of Hoquiam, registered yesterday at the Oregon.

C. L. Robbins, a timber dealer of Nampa, Idaho, is at the Cornelius.

Mrs. C. W. Moulton, wife of a merchant at Medford, is at the Seward.

C. R. Griessem, a fruitgrower of Hood River, registered yesterday at the Lenox.

V. E. Waterman, of Chehalis, Wash., is one of the late arrivals at the Ramapo.

C. D. Pratt, a lumber dealer of Everett, Wash., registered yesterday at the Seward.

George H. Graves, a music dealer of Salem, and Mrs. Graves are at the Nortonia.

O. A. Thomas, mineowner of Southern Oregon, is registered from Salem at the Perkins.

M. Gorman, of Stella, Wash., accompanied by his wife, arrived at the Imperial yesterday.

J. E. Reed, of Ashland, with his wife, arrived in Portland yesterday and registered at the Nortonia.

Arthur Langguth will leave Portland tomorrow for a two weeks' trip to Los Angeles, where he will meet Mrs. Langguth. Before he returns he may go with her to the Mexican border.

N. W. Durham, for the past 20 years editor of the Spokane Spokesman-Review, is in the city. He is accompanied by Mrs. Durham and their daughter, Miss Mabel. Mr. Durham has retired from the Spokane. He will take a vacation of six months before engaging in other business.

Edmund D. Coblenz, city editor of the San Francisco Examiner, who has been spending several days in Portland, will return to the Bay City this evening on the Shasta Limited. This is Mr. Coblenz' first visit to Portland, and he expressed himself yesterday as being much pleased with the city. While in the city Mr. Coblenz has made his home at the Portland.

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Man Benten Sues for \$1950.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Charles Molt gave him a beating that resulted in serious injury on October 19, 1909. M. F. Ambler this afternoon instituted suit against Molt for \$1950 damages. The men became engaged in an altercation over the possession of property under a tax deed.

Free Sunday excursion, Woodburn Orchard Co., Henry Blig, both phones.

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Or., registered at San Francisco hotels today:

At the Palace Hotel—J. B. Hammond, W. N. Matlock, A. M. Smith, W. F. Lewis.

NEW YORK, April 7.—(Special.)—The following persons were registered at New York hotels from the Pacific Northwest today:

From Portland—Mrs. I. Frollman, Miss Frollman, Miss Collingwood, Miss M. F. Leon, at the Waldorf; P. W. Wiley, at the Park-Avenue.

From Tacoma—Mrs. J. Thompson, at the St. Denis.

From Seattle—T. V. Price, at the Park-Avenue; J. K. Godfrey, at the Grand; E. R. Jordan, at the Gilsey; G. A. Miller, at the Bartfield.

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