

WEST CALLED TO PROTECT RIGHTS

Hay Asks Governors to Present United Front on Issue of Conservation.

RESOURCES ARE MENACED

Conference at Salt Lake Suggested to Formulate Plans to Resist Aggression—States Have Rights to Consider.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Urging joint action by Western states, that their resources may not be depleted and their right to development not be disregarded, Governor Hay has sent letters to the Governors of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States, asking them to meet to formulate a plan by which the states may work together for the mutual interests of their commonwealths.

That a deliberate attempt to rob the Western states of the control of their natural resources and have them administered from Washington City by bureau officials for the benefit, nominally, of the country at large instead of that of the states wherein these resources are located, that there is a deliberate attempt upon the part of some of the leaders of this movement and of less disinterested persons behind them to bottle up our water powers, water and timber areas and to retard their development, seems patent to us.

Attempt at Robbery Made.

"The attitude of certain Eastern leaders of the conservation movement is alarming to many of the people of the State of Washington, of whose area, as you know, between one-fourth and one-third is included in federal forest reserves. It looks to me like a deliberate attempt to rob the Western states of the control of their natural resources and have them administered from Washington City by bureau officials for the benefit, nominally, of the country at large instead of that of the states wherein these resources are located. That there is a deliberate attempt upon the part of some of the leaders of this movement and of less disinterested persons behind them to bottle up our water powers, water and timber areas and to retard their development, seems patent to us.

The Eastern men behind this conservation movement have so stilled the benefits to accrue from having the resources of the Western states administered at the National Capital for the benefit, as they say, of all the people of the Union, and have so concentrated upon the wealth and resources of the Mountain and Coast States that they have caused very many of our Eastern friends actually to believe that they all have the same interest in the wealth of the Western states, and almost to believe that they will shortly receive a bank check of no small proportion as their personal share.

Leaders Go Too Far.

"The conservation movement as it was initiated was timely and a good thing for the country. But a few of the leaders of this movement apparently have become so intoxicated with the power they once possessed that they will brook no interference with their schemes, but go so far as deliberately to attempt to ruin any man who stands in their way, as evidenced by recent events.

"I am a thorough believer in conservation and in the principles of conservation, but I am just as firmly convinced that we who are on the ground are at least as competent, if not more so, to handle our own resources and say how they shall be developed as even the head of a bureau located 3,000 miles distant from us, and we believe these resources should be administered by and for the states wherein they are located.

"A continuous campaign of education by interested persons has been carried on so persistently for a series of years, including not only the so-called 'muck-rakers,' but many more respectable organs of opinion, as to have led to a very general belief in states other than ours that there is only one just and righteous view of conservation. Little or nothing has been done or said—except by a number of Western Senators and Congressmen on the floor of Congress where, of course, they are in a hopeless minority—to show to the East that there is a Western view that is both legal and right.

Question Not Sectional.

"In contrasting the Eastern and Western views, I do not intend to raise a sectional question. That is something, it seems to me, certain radical conservationists would be glad to forego upon. We, of the West, want no less action for the common good than the men of the East desire, but that the Western states have legal and sovereign rights is something that certain Eastern men have tried to obscure. Just what these rights are and the views concerning them which should be presented at St. Paul are subjects, it seems to me, that the governors of the states might discuss to the mutual benefit of themselves and their states. Even this very month an attempt is being made through Eastern mediums of publicity to force candidates for Congress to put themselves in a position to become part depositors of their own rights as an integral part of and, as we believe, belong to the Western land states.

"So thoroughly satisfied am I that our people with the Western view to find expression, that I am sending this letter to the governors of the Rocky Mountain and Coast states, to wit: Oregon, California, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, to suggest a conference of governors of these states be held before the delegates are appointed to the National Conservation Congress, in order that some plan may be outlined whereby all the states interested may work together to preserve their rights and to protect their interests so far as legitimate concert of action may be had.

Conference Is Suggested.

"As the time is short, may I suggest that you write me upon receipt of this letter whether you look at this matter as we do in the State of Washington and, if so, if you would be willing to attend a conference, by some time between the 8th and 15th of August? I

take the liberty of suggesting that this conference be held in Salt Lake City, which seems to be the most central and convenient place, considering the shortness of the time in which to make necessary arrangements.

BOWERMAN APPROVES PLANS Shortage of Officials, However, Will Prevent Trip to Salt Lake.

Acting Governor Bowerman had not yet received the official copy of Governor Hay's letter last night, but when the copy embodied in the dispatch from Olympia was shown to him he said he was heartily in accord with the holding of such a meeting. While believing it possible to go to extremes on either side of the question, Mr. Bowerman asserted that the states interested should take a united stand for protection against a horde of Federal employees on one side and the private monopolies on the other, to the end that development of natural resources may not be prevented by theorists at the expense of the states interested or the rights of future generations placed in jeopardy.

"Such a meeting as Governor Hay outlines ought to result in immense benefit," said he. "And it is particularly to be desired that Oregon be properly represented at the National Conservation Congress at St. Paul. The meeting in Salt Lake City is held in Salt Lake I regret that I shall be unable to attend, as there would be no one to take my place here, and there would be only the State Treasurer Steel, left to act on the various boards.

ADOPTED SON CONTESTS

WOMAN'S WILL LEAVES CASH TO POLITICAL PARTIES.

No Organization Capable of Receiving Property Exists, Is Contention of Heir.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Alleging that the will of Mrs. Ellen M. Randolph, which bequeathed \$1000 to the National Socialist political organization, and the remainder of her property to the Prohibition political organization of Vancouver, after certain other bequests were made, Arthur J. Randolph adopted son, contests the validity of the will because the bequests are not for charitable purposes.

In the petition to the judge of the Superior Court, Randolph alleges that the two bequests mentioned are not given in trust for the use of any organization, charitable or otherwise, and that the bequests are not given to any natural person or to any corporation capable of taking property, and that there is no one capable of taking over the property under the clauses of the will.

He further alleges that no National Socialist party organization exists, and that no Prohibition organization of Vancouver is in existence. He asks that the property be turned over to T. H. Adams, administrator of the estate, to be held in trust for him.

Judge McMaster issued a citation for the beneficiaries to appear for hearing September 6.

TIMBER ASSESSMENT LOW

Grays Harbor Lumber Mills May Be Appraised by Board.

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Although the valuation of timber in Chehalis County has been increased 25 per cent over that of last year, yet the timber is assessed at only 25 per cent of its real value. This statement was made before the equalization board this afternoon by County Commissioner Willis Hopkins.

Hopkins further said that the lumber mills of the country were assessed at only 10 per cent of their value and that the board was endeavoring to bring the assessment up to a fair percentage.

ELLIS HEADS CHAUTAUQUA

Albany Association Elects Men to Direct 1911 Session.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Dr. M. H. Ellis was re-elected president of the Albany Chautauqua Association in the annual meeting last evening. L. E. Hamilton was chosen vice-president; Wallace R. Struble was re-elected secretary, and William Bain was re-elected treasurer. E. H. McCune, W. A. Eastburn and A. C. Schmitt were elected trustees.

MARINER'S VICTIM DIES

Drunken Man Mistakes Benefactor for Robber and Fires.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—Alexander Smith died last night from a bullet wound inflicted Sunday night by W. P. O'Brien at the latter's home in this city. According to Smith's story, confirmed by Mrs. O'Brien, Smith assisted O'Brien, who was intoxicated, to his home and helped to undress him. Suddenly O'Brien drew a pistol and shot his benefactor. O'Brien has been arrested.

JAP SHOTS COUNTRYMAN

Bystander Slightly Wounded by Bullet That Goes Wild.

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TITLE DOES NOT SUIT

Labor Leaders Start Action on Initiative Measure.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The first contest on a ballot title for an initiative measure developed when H. J. Parkison, editor of the Labor Press, and C. E. S. Wood, both of Portland, filed late this afternoon a suit in the Marion County Circuit Court appealing from a change made yesterday by Attorney-General Crawford in the title of the employees' indemnity commission bill.

MISLEADING, IT IS CHARGED

Suit Filed in Marion Circuit Court Complies That Title to Employers' Liability Bill Was Prepared by Employers.

It is alleged in the complaint that the ballot title was prepared July 25 by agents of the Employers' Association of Portland. The employees' indemnity commission bill, it is charged, was filed July 5 by W. R. Williams, president; Alexander Kuntz, assistant secretary; M. C. Bantline, and other directors of the Employers' Association. On July 14, the complaint recites, the Attorney-General filed a ballot title which was satisfactory to all concerned, and no complaint was made. The law gives ten days in which to appeal to the court if the title proves unsatisfactory and after this time had elapsed attorneys for the Employers' Association prepared and presented on July 25 the ballot title, which has just been filed by the Attorney-General.

MAN SAYS WIFE IS CRUEL

William O. Manion Begins Suit for Divorce From Spouse.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Florence Manion, of Portland, is the defendant in a suit for divorce instituted here by William O. Manion, who charges his wife with saying: "To murder you would afford me genuine pleasure." He says Mrs. Manion is cruel to him and calls him vile names, and when he is away from home she writes him to stay away and never come back.

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SHEEP EAT OUT MUSTARD

Walla Walla Rancher Believes He Has Solved Problem.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—As a result of the Jim Hill mustard in the Walla Walla Valley, the sheep industry will receive a great impetus if the experiment on the Campbell ranch near Lacrosse is successful. It is thought the sheep during the summer will keep the mustard down so it cannot seed and thus eventually destroy it.

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