

RADICALS HOLD UP WEST'S PROGRESS

Real Conservation Hurdled by Theorists—Senate Shies From Zealots.

FREAKISH PLAN DEFEATED

Senate Forced to Kill Water Power Feature of River Improvement Bill Because of the Impossible Conditions Imposed.

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 12.—That the average Senator and Representative is afraid of conservation legislation was amply demonstrated at the special session, when an effort was made to pass a bill providing for the disposal of water power at a Government dam proposed to be built on a navigable river in Alabama.

The Gordian knot was cut by striking from the bill all provisions for the disposal of water power, thus staving off action on this conservation problem until a later day.

Enough developed, however, to demonstrate that if Congress does enact conservation laws, they will be ultra-radical and impracticable. The Pinchotites are in control in the House because of their ability to scare timid members whose views do not coincide with their own.

It is to the Senate that the country must look for protection against other impractical legislation after it passes the House.

Theorists Raise Yelp. At the last session a bill was brought into the House providing for the construction of a 60-foot dam across the Black Warrior River, in Alabama.

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When the Black Warrior bill got to the Senate the amendments were cut out and the bill went to conference, where it became necessary to eliminate all reference to water power in order to get an agreement.

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Senator Borah, of Idaho, and other Western Senators who are eager to put an end to blanket withdrawals that have tied up water powers on the public domain, disapprove many of the House provisions of the Black Warrior bill.

West's Resources Tied Up. The outlook for the enactment of practical conservation legislation is not as bright as the people of the West might wish; there is too much theory in the minds of many in Congress and too much timidity on the part of those who cling to practical ideas.

Meanwhile the resources of the West remain tied up in withdrawals and development is seriously checked.

OKLAHOMA CITY IS ANGRY

Cattlemen Make Protest Before Commerce Body. OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 12.—In the Interstate Commerce hearing today, in-

volving a petition for readjustment of rates of about 140 railroads and also assertions by representatives of local packers, H. Cowen, representing the very life of the Oklahoma City packing houses, described the fight which, he said, had been made for several years by cattle raisers for equitable railroad rates.

He declared the rate to Oklahoma City from Texas points, with the exception of the Texas Panhandle and other territory adjacent to Oklahoma City, should be approximately 15 cents lower than rates from the same points to Kansas City.

A. W. McLaren, traffic manager for Morris & Co., with headquarters in Chicago, testified that 1503 cars of dressed beef had been shipped from that point to Chicago up to August 1.

FOOD TOPIC PARAMOUNT

CONSUMERS AND CATTLEMAISERS CONFER IN TEXAS.

State Selling Agency and Co-operative Packing Plant Are Among Suggestions Made.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 12.—Consumer and producer met on common ground here today to wage war against high living prices. In the conference were representatives from Texas labor unions and farmers' organizations, boards of trade and the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas.

SPOKANE CUTS EXPENSES

City Clips Salary of Librarian and Pulls Out \$15,500 to Good.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Rev. George W. Fuller, librarian elected by the library board to succeed Miss Alta Stansbury, today had his salary clipped down to \$2000 a year by the City Commissioners.

The city hall until the fiscal year 1911-12 had a budget of \$11,780,000. The fiscal figures show that \$1,154,476 must be raised by taxation for municipal purposes next year and \$2,000,000 for the next year.

ZIONISTS ARE HOPEFUL

Turkish and Arabian Opposition Regarded as Temporary.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Dr. Harry Friedenwald, of Baltimore, honorary president of the Federation of American Zionists, returned today from the steamship Ryndam after spending three months in Palestine, visiting many of the 40 Jewish colonies which have been established there through the Zionist movement.

MEXICANS FORTIFY TOWNS

Soldiers to Be Kept Loyal by Frequent Changes of Barracks.

MEXICALTA, Lower California, Sept. 12.—Reinforced by 250 Federal troops, who arrived Saturday from Ensenada, the regular garrison of 200 Mexican soldiers began today the erection of formidable redoubts along the brink of the dry canyon of New River, which surrounds the town.

FISH CAUGHT BEFORE SEASON

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Atel Anderson, owner of a fishtrap bearing Washington license number 1177 and found between Jim Crow Point and Pillar Rock, was arrested by Deputy Warden Gor for having his trap in condition to catch fish at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, three hours before the end of the closed season.

AMERICA SECOND OF GREAT POWERS

New Dreadnoughts Turn Scale Against Germany in Favor of United States.

KEEL OF GREATEST LAID

New York Will Tip Balance Still Further—Utah and Florida Are Largest in Service of Any of Great Nations.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The arrival here of the new American dreadnought "Utah," to join her sister ship, the dreadnought "Florida," now nearing completion at Brooklyn Navy-Yard, again sets in motion the scales of the relative position of the American sea-fighters as compared with the navies of the other great powers.

While naval experts concede that Great Britain has the largest aggregate of fighting ships, with Germany and the United States in a close race for second place, yet it is equally conceded by these experts that the two new American dreadnoughts now here outrank in size and strength anything now afloat in the British and German navies.

FIRST DREADNOUGHT OUTDOES

The American ships have a displacement of 22,000 tons, as against the original dreadnought of 18,000 tons. They also take the lead over the Delaware and North Dakota, 20,000 tons each, which have heretofore held the lead of big-gun ships in the American Navy.

KEEL OF GREATEST OF ALL LAID

With the arrival of these two leaders among dreadnoughts of the great powers, the keel was laid yesterday of the super-dreadnought, New York, 27,000 tons, which outranks in tonnage anything thus far built or under way in England and Germany.

FISHERMEN DOING WELL

Fall Season for Salmon Opens; Big Run Is Expected Later.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—All classes of fish have been doing fairly well since the opening of the fall fishing season. Most of the fish taken are fall chinooks, although a few silverides are reported outside of the bar and the tugboat men have caught many in the last few days of trolling.

BIG SWINDLE IS WORKED

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The band of swindlers also operated in salted gold mines, according to Federal officers. Potter made his headquarters in either Chicago or some other large city; his companions went to London, Berlin and other foreign cities to interest wealthy men in the gold mines swindle.

Superintendent Dewdney said: "Potter is the cleverest confidence man in the world, in my opinion. He and his companions have obtained \$1,500,000 in a few years by means of the green goods, salted gold mine and gold brick swindles. A certain percentage of their earnings was put aside for use in getting the members out of trouble in case of an arrest and as a result they always have a large amount of cash for immediate use."

Churches of North Carolina are confronted with an important problem, social as well as religious, in the cotton pickers' strike. These number 125,000, the largest in any state.



FALL OPENING

Suits, Coats, Dresses, Furs, Millinery and Novelties

The curtain rises on the Fall season Thursday. It will reveal myriad attractions in women's smart outerwear, both from America's and Europe's foremost style creators.

HIGH-GRADE FURS

A display of excellence. The best of styles, including many innovations. Made in our own factory by the best skilled workmen, of selected skins and materials.

SILVERFIELD CO.

Exclusive Wearing Apparel 4th and Morrison See Window Display

PARKS ARE ASSET

Nation Can Keep Americans Home From Europe.

FISHER AT CONFERENCE

Subject Does Not Receive Attention It Deserves, Says Secretary.

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for sprinkling and improvements if the parks are to be operated to the satisfaction of the public.

Captain's Head Is Broken. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Captain Jacob F. Christensen, of the Norwegian steamship Hans B, which arrived this morning from British Columbia, will go to a hospital as soon as the vessel arrives in Portland.

YELLOWSTONE PARK, Wyo., Sept. 12.—The First National Park Conference, presided over by Secretary of the Interior Fisher, continued its sessions today.

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UNIVERSITY WINS ROUND

Judge Overrules Demurrer in Fight Against Referendum.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon won its first round today in its fight against the referendum when Judge Galloway

DELMAR—the newest shape

A Straight-Front Collar That Does Meet Close

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largest of the Norwegian tramps entering this port and is on her maiden voyage. She will load wheat at Portland.

Thomas Prince, of Dundee, Or., pioneer in the culture of the English walnut in Oregon, was in the city yesterday.

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Stern Brothers

Announce that their Fall and Winter Catalogue 1911-1912 of Wearing Apparel for Women, Misses, Children, Men and Boys; Dry Goods and Upholstery

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