

BRYAN GIVES HIS IDEA TO CONGRESS

Conservation of Man Himself Keystone of Scheme, He Declares.

SECRETARY FISHER TALKS

Leasing of Government-Owned Coal Lands in Alaska Is Urged. Meeting in Kansas City Concluded With Elections.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—After William J. Bryan had spoken tonight before a large audience in Convention Hall, the third National Conservation Congress finally adjourned.

When Mr. Bryan entered the hall, his attention lasted ten minutes. He finally pleaded for silence and the crowd acquiesced.

Mr. Bryan said that the conservation of man himself is the keystone of all conservation.

Mr. Bryan was on the platform when Walter L. Fisher, Secretary of the Interior, addressed the Congress today on the subject, "Conservation and the Public Domain." Secretary Fisher strongly urged the leasing of government-owned coal lands with particular reference to those in Alaska.

He has been in Alaska and British Columbia," he said. "I studied the leasing law in British Columbia. Why can't we have the same kind of a law? It retains the lands so they will be of the government, affords a permanent return and prevents the exhaustion of the land in a few years. But most important of all, it prevents the hoarding of the land and subsequent underdevelopment by capitalists."

Coal Lands Topic.

As to the situation regarding Government coal lands, Mr. Fisher said: "I have learned that there are a lot of men who want control of the coal lands and to hold them. They don't want to give the public a chance, but want to hoard the lands so they will make money for their progeny a million years hence."

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, has complained that the present policy of the Government increased the price of coal 50 cents to \$1 a ton. He cries that the Government is trying to obtain a monopoly on all the coal lands in the United States.

The speaker said the Government's holdings were small and that a low valuation was placed on them by the Government, and he continued, speaking of his investigations in Alaska: "I have gone over the situation there with the President and we agree on the general policy that ought to be followed."

Taft to Prepare Outline.

"Mr. Taft has told me that he will prepare an outline for legislation on the question and that he will present it to Congress."

The report of the committee on resolutions was adopted, including a recommendation of the early opening of the coal lands and other resources of Alaska for industrial and commercial purposes on a system of leasing. "National ownership to be retained, pending such development of that portion of our territory as to permit the creation of states within its area, and as a means of promoting industry and commerce in Alaska we approve the construction of necessary highways, railroads and terminal facilities by the National Government."

The report of the nominating committee was accepted today and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President, J. B. White, Kansas City, Mo.; executive secretary, Thomas R. Shipp, Washington, D. C.; treasurer, D. Austin Latchum, Kansas City; recording secretary, James C. Glpe, Clark, Ia.

PLATFORM RIDES ALLOWED

California Supreme Court Makes Decision Despite Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The right of a railroad to be passengers from riding on car platforms was denied yesterday by the Supreme Court in ordering a new trial in the case of George M. Pruitt against the San Francisco, Los Angeles and Lake Railroad, decided in favor of the defendant corporation in the trial court. Pruitt and his son Walter were standing on a car platform in 1907, preparing to alight, when the train suddenly was derailed, and the son received injuries from which he died. Pruitt sought to recover damages, and the company argued in defense that riding on platforms was prohibited by statute.

The trial court took this view, but the Supreme Court held the invitation to enter smokers and diners while trains were in motion well established the right of passengers to move across the platforms of moving cars, regulations and statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

COURT SLASHES CANVASES

"Lucky" Baldwin Pictures Held at \$22,150 Cut to \$1150.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27.—Art received a cruel setback in this city yesterday, a setback, to bring down to nought though intaristic figure of \$22,150. That amount was lopped by the relentless processes of the law of the value placed by H. H. Cross, a San Francisco artist, on a half-dozen oil paintings made by him for the late "Lucky" Baldwin. Cross brought suit against the executor of the Baldwin estate for \$22,150, but by the time the court had decided on art critic, the value of the paintings slumped to \$1150, which was the amount awarded.

The principal picture, for which Cross asked \$5000, showed Baldwin astride a charging buffalo. The court decided that \$240 was its commercial value. A stirring battle scene with Baldwin, wearing a military cap, who had captured his daughter, the court decided, was worth \$150.

GERMANY SUBMITS REPLY

Latest Proposals on Moroccan Situation Given to France.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Herr Von Kiderles-Wascher, today received the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, at the foreign office in Berlin, and communicated to him Germany's reply commenting on France's latest proposals concerning Morocco.

HEIR TO GATES MILLIONS, HIS NEW BRIDE AND HIS FORMER WIFE.



MRS. CHARLES G. GATES, WHO WAS MISS FLORENCE HOPWOOD, OF MINNEAPOLIS; MR. GATES AND (BELOW) FORMER WIFE OF MR. GATES WHO RECENTLY DIVORCED HIM.

YOUNG GATES WEDS

Late Plunger's Son Takes as Bride Minneapolis Girl.

PUBLICITY IS ANNOYING

Millionaire First Objects to Ceremony in "Duplex House," So He Furnishes New One and Even Then Isn't Satisfied.

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was announced, the wedding was to take place some time next month. Hardly had it been made known among Minneapolis' social elite that the wedding was to take place in the new Hopwood domicile than it was given out that Miss Hopwood's chum of her school days had declined to act as maid of honor at the wedding. This, too, put a damper on the wedding plans in the Western city and was another of the causes for the change in plans.

Mrs. Gates, the second, who was a St. Louis girl, recently divorced Gates and a large sum of money was settled upon her.

Miss Hopwood, previous to her engagement last winter to Gates, whom she met at French Lick Springs, Ind., was engaged to Harold Sims Carter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who, while a student at Amherst College, met Miss Hopwood, who was attending Smith College, at Northampton, Mass. Both were members of the 1910 graduating classes of their colleges.

The announcement of Miss Hopwood's engagement to Gates was not made in Minneapolis till April of this year, a week after the wedding.

Speaking of the romance of his daughter and son-in-law today, Frank P. Hopwood said the two fell in love months before her proposed wedding shortly after their meeting.

Charles G. Gates and his mother were sitting on the hotel veranda at French Lick Springs one evening, Mr. Hopwood said, when Miss Hopwood passed by. As she walked away, Mrs. Gates said to her son, "Charles, that is the kind of a girl you should have."

"That is just what I was thinking myself," Mr. Gates is said to have replied. He sought an introduction and the two young people were together much of the time. Mr. Hopwood said that it was not until some time after they became friends that Miss Hopwood knew that Charles Gates was the son of John W. Gates.

"I am glad of the match," said Mr. Hopwood. "It has my approval and it is purely a matter of the heart as far as they are concerned. I am sure that the two will be happy. Mr. Gates' father and mother were both good American people, big-hearted and people of much personal charm."

JAIL MADE AID TO CUPID

California Miss Has Sweetheart Put in Cell So He'll Pop Question.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27.—Naively informing the court that she told the story which resulted in the imprisonment of her sweetheart for two months, charged with a statutory offense, simply to hurry up a proposal of marriage, which she "knew was coming some time," Helen Roberts, a Monrovia girl, obtained the release today of Charles H. Thompson, of Washington, D. C.

Thompson, who is 22 years old, has been in the County Jail since last July, but he declares after his release that in spite of the peculiar treatment accorded him by the girl he still loved her and that he probably would comply with her wish to marry her quick.

Miss Roberts is 14 years old. When she caused the arrest of Thompson, she said she was only 12.

PORTLAND VISITOR WEDS

Miss Virginia Linney Keeps Marriage Secret Two Weeks.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Friends of Frank T. Biggs and Virginia Beryl Linney received a great surprise today when the couple returned from San Francisco in the automobile and announced that they had been married for two weeks. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Irvin at the home of the bride's parents, 225 North Coronado street, but not even the nearest friends of either of the two families knew of the affair until the happy young folk returned to the city.

The excuse given by the family of the bride for her absence was that she was visiting in the north with Miss Helen Dewey, of Portland, Or., whom she was until recently.

TARGET RANGE IS NEEDED

Government Asked to Buy Shooting Ground at Vancouver.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 27.—In his annual report to the War Department, the Commander of the Department of the Columbia urgently recommends that the target range now leased for Vancouver Barracks, which is excellently adapted to Army use, be purchased by the Government, at the earliest possible moment. Land in that vicinity, he says, is rapidly advancing in price and delay means additional cost to the Government.

He also points out that settlement in the vicinity of American Lake makes it necessary to secure a new maneuver ground for the Department of the Columbia, and search for a suitable site is now under way. He recommends that steps be taken to replace the Seattle telegraph cable, which is deteriorating.

MODERNISTS HOLD MEET

Educational Branches Outlined by Eastern Speaker.

A meeting of those interested in the modern school idea was held Tuesday night in the building at Fourth and Yamhill streets, formerly used by the Y. M. C. A. William T. Brown, of New York, was the speaker of the evening, telling of his investigation in the East and giving his ideas of what a modern

STOLEN AUTO YET MISSING

Dr. Homer I. Keeny, Loser, Says Thefts Too Common.

Though every effort has been made to locate the automobile belonging to Dr. Homer I. Keeny, which was stolen from the front of the Medical building some time between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock Monday night, no trace of the machine has yet been found. The machine was an Overland 5-passenger, 1911 model, with black body and yellow gear and wheels. The license number was 4212 and the factory number 512548.

Dr. Keeny said last night that thefts of automobiles were becoming far too common and that owners and chauffeurs should exercise greater vigilance in order to apprehend the thieves, who are evidently professionals.

FREE EXCURSION TO BEND, OR.

Justice Decides Sum Sufficient for Two Children.

Millionaire Insurance Man Does Not Have to Increase Payments to ex-Wife for Youngsters.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Elbridge Gerry Snow, III, and Dorothy Violet Snow—the children who were conspicuous in the marital troubles of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Gerry Snow, Jr.—have again become a source of anxiety to their mother.

The former Mrs. Snow, who is now the wife of Louis L. Depout, in applying to Supreme Court Justice McCall for double the allowance she is now receiving from her former husband for the support of the children, declared she had been obliged during the past year to pawn some of her jewels to obtain money to support young Elbridge and Dorothy. Despite this fact she is \$750 in debt for their maintenance.

Mrs. Snow divorced Elbridge Gerry Snow, Jr., millionaire insurance officer, seven years ago, and was awarded the custody of the two children. She was ordered to pay her \$333 a month for the support and education of the children. His wife afterward married Depout and Snow married Marie Antoinette Hoppe, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Depout told the court her divorced husband has an income of \$75,000, lives in a Riverside Drive mansion, spends \$50,000 a year on his present wife's dresses, and is helping support five children of his second wife's.

Snow characterized the \$50,000 dress item as "absurd." He admitted his income to be about \$40,000. He said he thought \$232 a month was sufficient to provide for a boy of 12 and a girl of 12.

Justice McCall denied the application to double the allowance.

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