

REVISION OF LAND LAWS URGED

Newlands Tells West to Get Together to Formulate Comprehensive Policy.

PRESENT LAW INADEQUATE

Nevada Senator Would Frame Code That Would Give Ultimate Control to States—Nation Regarded as Trustee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 31.—Senator Newlands, of Nevada, has made a proposal which, if favorably acted upon, may result ultimately in the solution of the vexing conservation problem of the West.

Example Set With Irrigation.

Senator Newlands calls attention to the fact that the irrigation question was discussed in Congress a good many years ago to no purpose, until finally the Western Senators and Representatives got together and formulated a policy.

Ultimate State Control Advised.

"I believe that ultimately the true solution of this question is to turn over the public domain to the states in monopoly and monopolistic tendency. But I do not believe it is always wise to turn over an estate to a weak beneficiary, too weak to take charge of the property that is ultimately to be his.

Difficulties Have Increased.

"The settlement of the humid region of the West is a simple one. The agricultural homestead meant there but one thing and that was to have a tract of land capable of being cultivated and there was no difficulty about cultivating it.

Wheat Shipments Increased.

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Conference Is Urged.

"I urge that the representatives of these 17 states should get together in conference and appoint a committee with a view to recommending to Congress a code of laws upon this subject, to consider the question whether absolute title should be given to these grazing areas in large units, from 2000 to 15,000 acres, or to support a family—or whether they will retain the title, simply giving grazing permits for a period of years, with a possibility hereafter that the lands may come under some irrigation project not now in contemplation.

Do not pretend to say what law should be passed upon these questions.

Time does not permit, but it seems to me that the rational way to proceed is for the members from the West to confer together, appoint a committee, adjust this question, and present it to

Congress for its approval. I assume that the public domain is not to be disposed of as a conservation policy; that if they do object to a reservation to the Nation, they will not object to a reservation to their respective states. If it is necessary, we can so shape these laws as to make the reservation of the water power, the coal, and the oil run to the states in which these natural resources are located. Instead of to the Nation, I assume that any rational conservationist in the country will be satisfied if such natural resources are reserved to the public rather than granted to monopolistic corporations.

Nation Regarded as Trustee.

"I have no doubt the time will come when the entire public domain will be transferred to the states within which are situated the natural resources, but the State of Idaho, for instance, or any other state, should not ultimately own all that is left of the public domain. The boundaries of the states should be made permanent, and the question is, when shall that transfer be made? I repudiate altogether the idea that the public domain in any state should be a body of organized government for the profit of the Nation.

MOTHER SUES SALOONMAN

Mrs. Wheeler Asks \$10,000 Damages Because Son Gets Drunk. Because Hubert H. Anderson, a saloonkeeper of 14th Fourth street, sold liquor to Harry Wheeler, 19 years old, causing him to become, so the mother alleges, a habitual drunkard, Anna E. Wheeler has filed a suit against the saloonkeeper in the Circuit court yesterday against Anderson.

BUSINESS SHOWS BIG GAIN

(Continued from First Page.) The first five months of last year is in excess of \$25,000,000. Postal Receipts Grow. Postal receipts showed a big lead over the totals for May, 1911. According to an estimate submitted last night by Assistant Postmaster Williamson, the receipts for the month will reach \$46,299. This is a gain of \$1835 over the totals for the same month last year, or an increase of 6.65 per cent.

Building Operations Flourish.

The total permits issued for the five months of 1912 represent an expenditure of \$7,150,452. This is nearly equal to the cost of building construction for the same period last year, which amounted to \$7,150,000. Comparatively speaking, it is doubtful whether there is any city in the country that has made such steady progress in building operations.

Wheat Shipped from Portland.

Wheat shipped from Portland last month aggregated 327,254 bushels, of which 608,154 bushels went to California and 215,770 bushels to Europe. The movement to California was 208,098 bushels in excess of the showing for May, 1911, and the exportation to Europe amount was 101,842 bushels more than in the corresponding month of last year. The total movement last May was 623,650 bushels, but that included 106,000 bushels sent to the Orient.

Stockyards Receipts Drop.

Total receipts at the Portland Stockyards in May were 29,430 head, or 1044 less than received in the same month last year. The decline was due to the falling off in cattle arrivals, which were about half those of last year. There was a good gain in the sheep run, however, and receipts of hogs and calves were also larger. The total receipts in May of this and last year compare as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Receipts. Cattle: 1912, 1911. Hogs: 1912, 1911. Sheep: 1912, 1911. Horses and mules: 1912, 1911. Total: 29,430, 40,474.

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285 FISH COURSE

Y. M. C. A. Graduates Students in 27 Subjects.

10 GET PHARMACY DEGREE

William M. Ladd Presides, Dr. C. H. Chapman Delivers Annual Address, Dwelling on Advantages of Educating the Hands.

At the annual commencement exercises of the students of the Young Men's Christian Association, held last night in the association auditorium, certificates of graduation were presented to 285 students in the 27 subjects taught. In addition, diplomas were presented to the ten graduates in the college of pharmacy. The exercises were conducted by William M. Ladd, president of the association. In the absence of Edgar B. Piper, the annual address was delivered by Dr. C. H. Chapman. The conferring of degrees on the graduates in pharmacy was by Dr. A. G. Bettman, E. B. MacNaughton, chairman of the educational committee, presented the certificates. The program was given by Fred E. McGrew. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas H. Walker. Vocal solos were sung by Senor Leonard, Albert Gollender and the boys' chorus.

SAFEGUARDS GIVEN O. K.

FRANCHISE CHANGES SUIT NEW ELECTRIC COMPANY. Amendments Proposed by City Attorney Satisfactory, Says Legal Representative of Corporation.

Every one of the amendments proposed by City Attorney Grant further to safeguard the interests of the public in the franchise asked by the Northwest Electric Company, is entirely satisfactory to the business men behind the Portland field in active competition with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

OFFICERS ARE GUESTS

VANCOUVER ELKS AND COMMERCIAL CLUB HOSTS. Addresses by A. M. Baker and J. A. Munday Responded to by General Maus and Colonel Young.

ANTI-VOTERS ANSWERED

Millie R. Trumbull Replies to Remarks on Child Labor Laws. PORTLAND, Or., May 29.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly give me space for a reply to the communication of the press committee of the anti-suffragists which appeared in your edition of May 27.

First as to the comparison between the states having suffrage and the non-suffrage states in their legislation concerning women and children—the comparison is neither just nor in any sense logical. The states having the greater number of laws of this class are highly developed industrially and require protective legislation for their women and children.

Of the wild animals of Norway, wolves, foxes, minks, weasels, badgers, martens, otters, and seals are trapped. The beaver is protected the year round; bear and deer are shot. In the states of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, there are some of our manufacturers, others imported, principally from Germany.

MONTANA GETS LINE

Great Northern to Parallel Route in Two States.

EMPIRE TO BE DEVELOPED

Building Short Lines Has Been in Progress, and Present Project Will Be Connecting These From Dakota to Idaho.

BUTTE, Mont., May 31.—(Special.)—The recent announcement by the Great Northern Railway Company of its intention to construct an alternate transcontinental line through Montana and North Dakota is of immense interest to this state, as the new line will tap a country that is yet untouched by railroads; also will it tend to obviate usual delays and traffic tie-up in the Spring and snow blockades during the Winter months.

Leaving the Dakota border line, the Great Northern will trend southeasterly through Billings & Northern, Hill road, with a spur recently constructed from that city to Moccasin. From Moccasin the new line will go over the line of the Billings & Northern, Hill road, to Great Falls, switching west over a line to be built to Augusta. The survey then takes the road through the Flathead country, bearing south of the Flathead Lake in a detour and connecting again with the main line, either at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, or Troy, Mont.

Butte will be brought into close touch with the alternate transcontinental line by a branch from Moccasin to Helena, connecting with the Great Falls-Butte branch of the Great Northern.

Two years ago, speaking at the state fair at Helena, James J. Hill outlined the plans of the Great Northern Company for a second line to the Coast, which will be appreciably shorter than the distance from St. Paul to Seattle and give impetus to the settlement of a veritable empire of farming country now without transportation facilities of a kind which will permit of profitable agricultural development.

According to the new plans, instead of the through trains from the Twin Cities to the Coast switching north at Vance, N. D., they will continue to a point on the main line near Minot, N. D., in a line which might be compared with the hypothesis of an obtuse angled triangle. Somewhere near Minot the new line will run parallel to the old line and south of it to Mondak, N. D., on the border line of North Dakota and Montana.

The Great Northern Company has been building small stretches of track in the hinterland of its project for some time. The announcement just made that the company will construct a 60-mile stretch from Crane, on the Yellowstone River, to a point on the Missouri River, brings with it the intelligence that the Hill company proposes the building of 400 miles of track as a part of its double-tracking plan.

ANNIVERSARY IS NOTED

Dr. John H. Boyd to Preach Sermon in Honor of First Year Here. Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach his first anniversary sermon Sunday morning. He will review the work of the church during the year and outline the plans of the future. During the last year 240 members have been added to the church. Dr. Boyd says he has been much encouraged by the loyalty of the members of his church to his work.

The dedication of the new church here in September will be the signal for enlarged activities, he says, one of these being an effort to enroll 1000 young persons in the Sunday school. Clubs and classes will be organized and the women's missionary work and other branches of the church work enlarged.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns: Births, Deaths, Marriages, Divorces, Admissions, Discharges, etc.

WEATHER CONDITION

Table with columns: Station, Temperature, Wind, State of Weather.

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