

BILL WOODRUM'S LIEU LAND POLICY

Abuses Declared to Exist Under System That Permits Unlimited Exchange.

HAWLEY'S PLAN IN FAVOR

Railroads Now Enabled to Acquire Excellent Timber Land in Solid Blocks for Desert Wastes and Mountain Tops.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—An attempt will be made this session to secure the passage by Congress of a bill providing that all land-grant railroads and their transferees, in making or locating any selections of public lands, shall make such selections within the particular states in which the base lands are situated. There is no objection to such legislation, especially from the Northwestern states, which have suffered materially by reason of the abuse of the lieu land policy.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, has pending a bill providing that it shall not be lawful for any railroad company to select in the State of Oregon public lands in lieu of lands surrendered by it to the Government, or otherwise lost, unless the lands so surrendered or lost were situated in Oregon. This bill has been several times introduced but never passed, and in view of the general interest in the subject the Hawley bill probably will be amended to make it general in terms.

Desert Exchanged for Timber.
In part because of the liberal lieu land policy heretofore in vogue, large interests have been able to build up big holdings of timber lands, especially in the Northwestern states. The law allowed the Northern Pacific and other railroads to exchange valuable mountain tops and desert lands for great stretches of timber land in the Northwestern states in solid blocks, whereas the lands relinquished to the Government were in alternate sections, and in checkerboard tracts. The Northern Pacific, moreover, obtained a special lieu land right when the Mount Rainier park was created and by reason of that one law this railroad company acquired about 500,000 acres of the best timber land in the West for snow-covered, worthless land on the slopes of Washington's big mountain. The various Northern Pacific lieu land selections and trades, taken in connection with the original grant, are largely responsible for the building up of the holdings of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Herbert Knox Smith, when Commissioner of Corporations, estimated the holdings of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company at 1,345,000 acres and asserted that not less than four-fifths of it was bought from the Northern Pacific.

Timber Cut, Land Then Traded.
In 1905, at the instance of Gifford Pinchot, then chief forester, the Santa Fe Railway and various corporations with which it had contracts relinquished to the Government a total amount of more than 1,200,000 acres which they held in the San Francisco mountains, now in the forest reserve of that name, and within the Grand Canyon Forest Reserve, both in Arizona, receiving in exchange the right to take lands in the same areas elsewhere. The company, under this trade, was permitted to cut the timber from the land it was turning back to the Government and then to use the cut timber land as base for the selection of the richest timber in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. In 1908, also at the suggestion of Mr. Pinchot, the Government took over from Jed L. Washburn 31,760 acres and from the Santa Barbara Water Company 16,880 acres of mesquite and partly barren lands, which they owned, permitting them to take in exchange an equal area of good land elsewhere. The Santa Barbara lands were relinquished for the Santa Barbara forest reserve and are nothing more than a joke, because of their non-timber and valueless character.

RADIO HEAD SENTENCED

Promoter Smith Also Must Pay Fine of \$5001 for Fraud Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—James Dunlop Smith, president of the Radio Telephone Company, was sentenced by Judge Hunt today to spend a year and a half in the Federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$5001 for conspiring to swindle investors in the stock of the corporation through use of the mails. Elmer Burlingame, agent of a syndicate of investors, was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment and fined \$10,100.

ALBANIANS DISARM TURKS

Dutch Officers of International Gendarmerie Assist in Arrest.

AVLONA, Albania, Jan. 7.—A decree proclaiming martial law here was issued today owing to the excitement among the Albanians over the arrest of six Turkish officers and 200 Turkish soldiers who arrived here on board an Austrian steamer from Constantinople. Their visit was the object of a proclamation announcing the accession to the Albanian throne of Ismet Pasha, formerly Turkish Minister of War.

PHONE STOCKHOLDERS ACT

Multnomah and Clackamas Companies Will Not Buy Site.

McADOO IS OPPOSED TO NEW YORK IDEA

Secretary Believed to Favor at Least Four Banks on Atlantic Seaboard.

APPLICANTS MIX OFFICIALS

Alien Says Government Not Republican, but Is Democratic.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—"What kind of a government is this?" asked Judge Galloway in examining applicants for citizenship in the State Circuit Court here yesterday afternoon. The witness wasn't sure. "Isn't it a republican form of government?" the court asked. "No, it's Democratic now," was the answer.

One applicant thought William Jennings Bryan was Vice-President of the United States and another man who remembered that George E. Chamberlain had been Governor but did not know "what he was doing now," had never heard of Harry Lane.

Fifteen petitions for naturalization were acted upon by Judge Galloway in the court.

SECRETARY OF RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE, NOW EN TOUR.

Several Hundred Patents Already Issued—Ex-Agent Holds Treaty Should Be Observed.

CITY IS BUYING RUNABOUTS

Inspectors and Bureau Heads to Be Enabled to Work Faster.

Within a few days inspectors and heads of city bureaus will be spinning about their work in runabouts. Following provision made by the City Commission a month ago, Purchasing Agent Wood is buying seven small cars for various branches of the service.

REED COURSE BEING GIVEN

Dr. Foster Will Lecture Tuesdays on English Writers.

The public is invited to attend a series of lectures to be given by President Foster, of Reed College, at the central library, on Modern English Prose Writers. Lectures will be given at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, as follows: Nathaniel Hawthorne; "The Scarlet Letter," January 13; John Ruskin; "On the Pacific Northwest," January 20; "Literary Landmarks of London" (illustrated), January 27; "Charles Dickens' England" (illustrated), February 3; Charles Reade, "Peg Woffington and Other Novels," February 10; "Literary Landmarks of England" (illustrated), February 17; Robert Louis Stevenson, "His Message to Youth," February 24; "Literary Landmarks of Scotland" (illustrated), March 3; Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The Call to Moral Heroism," March 10.

RICHARDSON AT HERMISTON

Aid of Citizens Promised in Attracting Tourists to Oregon.

HERMISTON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The biggest public meeting here since work was commenced on the canal for the visit of Tom Richardson, of Portland Commercial Club, this evening. After a speech by Mr. Richardson commending him for his interest in the project and urged the aid of this community in the effort to attract tourists to the 1915 fair to Oregon. Hermiston is awakening rapidly to new business in the effort to attract tourists to the 1915 fair to Oregon. Hermiston is awakening rapidly to new business in the effort to attract tourists to the 1915 fair to Oregon.

RESERVOIR SITES SOUGHT

Governor Lister and Engineers Go Over Palouse Project.

Roseburg Club Changes Officer.

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ALL TO STAND TOGETHER

Question of Capital of Institution in Chief Financial Center Declared Not Worth Emphasis Placed On It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Federal reserve organization committee concluded its hearings in New York today, having devoted three days to ascertaining the views of New York bankers concerning the task of setting up the regional reserve districts provided in the new law and selecting the cities in which the banks are to be placed.

The committee, consisting of Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury Department and Secretary Huston of the Department of Agriculture, will proceed tomorrow to Boston, the next point in its journey to the financial centers of the country, where hearings will be held on Friday and Saturday.

After the hearings here had been concluded, Secretary McAdoo was asked whether he had been impressed by the arguments advanced almost unanimously by New York bankers who appeared in favor of establishing one of a regional banks of such size that it would overshadow all the others.

"I hope," said the Secretary, smiling, "that I am not as green as I look. Mr. McAdoo would say nothing more, further than that the committee had reached no conclusions. Those who attended the hearings believed that the probable solution of the question, in the light of evidence so far adduced, was the placing of four regional banks at Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans."

The cities mentioned in this connection were New York, Boston, Baltimore and Atlanta. Washington and Philadelphia also were mentioned, but it was the opinion of a majority of the witnesses that Baltimore was entitled to preference over either of these cities.

As for the remainder of the country, the most commonly expressed opinion was that banks should be established at Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans.

Many other cities were mentioned for the remaining banks, but the opinion of witnesses was widely divided as to the preferable ones. Denver, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dallas and Houston, Tex., and Pittsburgh were suggested.

Today's hearing brought out the same trend of opinion among New York bankers, as was evident from the outset, that the New York district should embrace a large section of the Northeast, including New England. Some of the bankers said that the New York territory should extend south to the Potomac River and west to the Alleghenies or beyond. The reasons most often advanced were New York's financial pre-eminence and the necessity of having a bank of sufficient size to handle the large business of this territory and command the respect of Europe.

Secretary McAdoo's reply was that the new banking system of the country should be co-ordinated under the Federal board, which would stand behind each regional bank, and that the regional banks would assist each other in times of need. Viewed as an integral part of the system, with its huge total of resources, he said, the matter of capital of the New York bank was not entitled to the emphasis which had been laid on it.

Mr. McAdoo expounded his views at length today to witnesses who expressed opposition to features of the law. Some of the witnesses said they were in favor of one central bank, but the Secretary defended the plan of having regional banks, as against this idea.

CAMINETTI AFTER NEW JOB

California Officeholder Asks Place on Commerce Commission.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—Commissioner-General of Immigration Caminetti today announced his appointment as California officeholder on the Commerce Commission.

President Wilson's attention is being directed toward such an appointment by Administration friends of the Commissioner in Washington.

Warner Van Norden, banker and mine promoter, who died on January 1, were filed today. The first will was made in New Orleans in 1870, and the last in New York in December, 1912. Each document revokes the one which preceded it.

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ALLOTMENT IS STOPPED

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—An appreciable number of Indian allotments are to be made in Vancouver and Astoria, and scattered elsewhere in the states of Oregon and Washington, all equally entitled to 80-acre allotments in the Quinalt reservation, Washington, will be deprived of their rightful lands unless there is a change of policy in the Indian bureau. This assertion is made by E. R. Archer, of Aberdeen, until recently allotting agent on the Quinalt reservation.

Under an old treaty the United States Government agreed to give 80-acre allotments on the Quinalt reservation to the "fish-eating" Indians of Washington and Oregon, who were not entitled to allotments on other reservations, the object of the treaty being to provide homes for members of small bands having no reservation of their own. Under the terms of that treaty several hundred allotments have been made, as contemplated by the treaty, but the work has been suspended. Mr. Archer has already issued a number of patents to make allotments, but the Government has already issued patents to more than 500 Indians on this reservation and the Indian title to those lands is not to be attacked.

NIGHT STUDY POPULAR

FOREIGN BORN FIND CLASSES AND TAKE BENEFITS.

Supervisor Rieger in Report Declares Evening Learning Throughout City Is Taking on Big Proportions.

Growth unprecedented in the night schools of Portland in the past few months is shown in the report of Frank Rieger, supervisor of evening schools, which has just been filed with the Board of Education. The report indicates that this year is the service the night schools are performing for people of foreign birth, who are not in a position to attend the regular day classes.

"FRESH" EGG 5 YEARS OLD

Suspicious Purchaser Learns Its Antiquity Through Name on Shell.

BELLEFOUNTAIN, O., Jan. 7.—John J. Sweeney, of New York City, was suspicious of an egg he bought in market a few days ago. It bore the name of Clara Baker and he called on it, and Mr. Sweeney brought it to Miss Baker to know about how long ago it was that she wrote her name on the egg that Mr. Sweeney had bought for "strictly fresh."

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