

WESTERN FIGHT ON FERRIS ACT'S STRONG

Measure Authorizing Leases of Waterpower Sites Said to Divide Control.

CAPITAL - BALKING FEARED

Franklin T. Griffith, President of Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Home From East, Reports Bill as Peril.

That the West is generally opposed to the Ferris bill, a measure providing for the leasing of waterpower sites that has been passed by the House of Representatives and now is being considered by the Senate committee, is the news brought back from the East by Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who has just returned from an extended business trip.

Bill Strongly Opposed

There is under consideration before the Senate committee a bill providing for the leasing of waterpower sites, known as the Ferris bill. This bill appears to be a very strong desire in Congress that legislation be adopted that will insure the development of waterpower on the public domain as rapidly as demand may be made thereon. The bill provides that leases of power sites may be made for a definite term. Under the present law permits issued by the Secretary are subject to revocation.

Oregon Has Own System

Oregon and several other of the Western States have provided by statute methods covering the appropriation of water for domestic, irrigation and power uses and no unused water may now be appropriated in Oregon without first securing the approval of the state through its Board of Control. The state has provided rules and regulations covering the manner and extent of any power development and, under the system adopted, has the power to determine where and how water power shall be developed so as to permit the greatest beneficial use of the water for irrigation and power.

Difficulty Is Foreseen

Another provision of the Ferris bill which is deemed objectionable is that at the expiration of the lease granted by the United States, the United States reserves the power to develop the power development together with all of the property of the developer, necessarily used or dependent upon the development, some on and some off the public domain, but all interconnected, as the plan necessarily must be, it would be extremely difficult to separate the property of the developer as might reasonably be expected because of the interconnection of the plants, that all parts of the system, including the distribution system of the developer are dependent upon the particular plant constructed on the public domain.

Double Control Feared

There is a further provision in the Ferris bill to the effect that without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior no energy developed wholly or partly on the public domain shall be sold to a distributing company and the provision might have the effect of defeating the very purpose of the development.

organized and the regulatory bodies of the states retain control.

J. G. SENDERS MOURNED Business Man Is Survived by Four Children, Three of Portland.

Throughout the state and particularly from Lincoln County deep regret is being expressed in the passing of J. G. Senders, who died here on December 21. The history of Mr. Senders' business career was closely connected with the growth and business enterprises of the state. In 1876 he formed a partnership with Samuel Max, which partnership existed until his death.

THE OREGONIAN ANNUAL IN GREEN WRAPPERS.

The Oregonian Annual will be on sale Friday morning, January 1. Copies desired for mailing will be rolled in neat green wrappers, with necessary postage. Supplies of The Annual will be available at various prominent street corners, as well as at The Oregonian office, where addresses may be left. Copies all ready for mailing will be sent anywhere in the United States and its possessions, Canada and Mexico for 10 cents. The price for single copies un-stamped is 5 cents each. Be sure to send copies of The Annual, Oregon's greatest advertising medium, to your friends in other states. Look for the green wrappers.

heart failure. Besides his relatives, he left many friends throughout the state who mourn his loss.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. B. Light, of Salem, is at the Carlton. A. P. Fletcher, of Lafayette, is at the Eaton. R. N. Porter, of Roseburg, is at the Perkins. E. W. Moreland, of Salem, is at the Cornwell. J. W. Merriman, of Seattle, is at the Cornwell. H. L. Gill, of Woodburn, is a guest at the Eaton. James E. Bannon, of Pendleton, is at the Nortonia. A. J. Wood, a Eugene lumberman, is at the Imperial. Bert Jensen, a Pendleton mining man, is at the Nortonia. George Stuckney, of Carlton, is staying at the Carlton. A. Braley, of McMinnville, is registered at the Eaton. L. C. Johnson, of McMinnville, is a guest at the Nortonia. C. A. Skelton, a Spokane merchant, is a guest at the Oregon. Henry Serr, of Dallas, a hotelman, is staying at the Oregon. E. G. Ford, an insurance adjuster of Seattle, is a guest at the Multnomah. O. A. Kapell, an Aberdeen, Wash., merchant, is registered at the Perkins. H. B. Kincaid, of Eugene, ex-Secretary of State, is a guest at the Imperial. C. M. Elshop, a Pendleton woolen manufacturer, is registered at the Imperial. Walter M. Pierce, a stockman of La Grande, registered at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. George Read, of White Salmon, Wash., registered at the Seward yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wing, of San Francisco, are in the city and are staying at the Oregon. J. E. E. Vaughn, of Rainier, editor of the Knights of Pythias Senator, is staying at the Perkins. C. J. Daniels, of Seattle, a Western Union Telegraph Company official, is a guest at the Multnomah. F. H. Stuckley, a merchant of Albany, registered at the Multnomah yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin, of Albany, are at the Seward. C. W. Collett, of San Francisco, partner in a Portland tailoring establishment, is visiting the city and is quartered at the Perkins. H. A. Friedman and F. J. Williams, prominent furniture manufacturers of San Francisco, are in the city, registered at the Multnomah. Edwin G. Amme, attorney for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who became suddenly ill Christmas day and was taken to Good Samaritan hospital, and operated on for appendicitis, is improving. The attending physicians, however, say he is unable to have any visitors for another week.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Registered at Chicago hotels today from Portland was E. J. Hinchey at the La Salle, and at the Great Northern J. E. Flanders and A. Orstedel.

Des Moines Saloons to Close.

DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—All the saloons in Des Moines must close after February 15, 1915, according to a resolution limiting their licenses to expire on that date, adopted by the City Council today. Eighty-six saloonkeepers are affected.

After Measles Whooping Cough or Scarlet Fever

the extreme weakness often results in impaired hearing, weakened eyesight, bronchitis and other troubles, but if SCOTT'S EMULSION is given promptly, its rich nourishment carries strength to the organs and creates better blood to build up the depleted forces.

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10 Green Trading Stamps Given FREE to all Visitors—No Purchase Required—Bring Your Book \$2.50 Untrimmed Hats Clearance 50c Olds, Wortman & King Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231 \$1.50 to \$2 Lace Curtains Clearance 98c

Our 37th Annual Clearance Sale

Substantial Price Reductions in All Departments of the Store Excepting Groceries

Basement Underprice Store Clearance Sale Offerings

Women's \$15 Tailored Suits at \$3.98 Women's \$16.50 Coats at \$6.95 24-in. Silk Poplin At 39c Men's \$2.50 Sweater Coats for \$1.10 Men's \$1.25 Pajamas, Clearance 98c Boys' 85c Knickerbocker Pants at 49c Men's 20c Woolen Socks 12c Pair

Great Clearance Sale of Notions Today

A splendid opportunity to supply your sewing needs for the coming season at far below usual. See last night's papers for details and list of special items offered in this sale. Prices quoted will be in force today at Bargain Circle and for the remainder of the week in Notion Department. Bring list with you.

Great Annual Clearance of Men's Clothing

Men's \$15 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance \$11.95 Men's \$35 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance \$26.25 Men's \$1.50 Underw'r \$1.19 \$6 Grades at \$3.95 Men's \$2.50 Shirts at \$1.89 Men's \$1.25 Shirts at 79c Men's \$4 and \$5 Sweaters \$2.95



Clearance Overstuffed Furniture, Rugs and Bedding

3d Floor—Extraordinary Price Reductions Clearance Wilton Rugs \$35.00 Rugs Now \$29.75 Clearance of Bedding \$1.75 Comforters \$1.25 \$3.00 Comforters \$2.19 \$2 Cotton Blankets \$1.29