WESTERN FIGHT ON

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.
Mr. Griffith says Western Senators

object to the Ferris act because it apparently divides control of waterpower sites between the state and the Nation, and no guarance of harmonious action is given those who seek to develop water powers.

Some of the provisions of the bill are said to be so drastic that it is thought it will make it practically im-possible to obtain capital for the water-power development on he public do-main. President Griffith said:

Bill Strongly Opposed.

There is under consideration before the Senate committee on public lands a water-power site leasing bill passed by the House of Representatives, and known as the Ferris bill. There appears to be a very strong desire in Congress that legislation be adopted that will insure the development of water powers on the public domain as rapidly as demand may be created for electrical energy to be there developed. The Ferris bill removes one of the principal objections to the existing law in that it 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.

The Ferris bill, knowever, is meeting considerable opposition, especially from Western Senators, who contend that the measure does not properly safeguard the interests of the states, and that some of the provisions of the bill are so drastic as to render it practically impossible to secure capital to make development of the states to control the states, but the provisions of the Ferris bill are so broad as practically to subordinate the state's control to that of the Federal Government in the matter of the isse of water on the public domain. If any portion of the development is development, and the making of a water-power development, including rights of way for transmission lines, might be on privately-owned land, but if 1 per cent of the land so used is in the public domain, then the control of the Federal Government would attach to the entire development.

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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, 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. While the state has the undoubted right to control the development and use of water of non-navigable streams within the state, such power would under the provisions of the Ferris bill, be set aside and held for naught if any pertion of a power development should be located on the public domain within the state. The state might grant a permit to appropriate water and fix the terms and conditions under which the power should be developed but if in making the developed but if in making the development amp public land should be necessary, such land could not be used unless the power developer agrees to abide by the Secretary of the Interior, which may or may not be in harmony with the state's laws or regulations.

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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 take over the power development together with all of the property of the developer necessarily used or dependent upon the development of the public domain. As the power developer may have several developments, some on and some off the public domain, but all interconnected as the plant necessarily must be, it would be extremely difficult to separate the property of the developer as might reasonably be said, because of the interconnection of the plants, that all parts of the transmission and distribution system of the developer are dependent upon the particular plant constructed upon the particular plant constructed upon the public domain.

It is provided in the Ferris bill that not more than 50 per cent of the output of any hydro-electric plant constructed wholly or partly on the public domain can be sold to one consumer. This provision is objectionable for the reason that it frequently happens that an independent power development would not be made unless there is a market available for a considerable portion of its possible output. Strong efforts are being made to establish in the West manufacturing institutions requiring electric power in large units at low cost, and the provision mentioned would seriously hamper the efforts of those who are endeavoring to locate such industries here.

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The Ferris bill provides that the rates to consumers for energy developed wholly or partly on the public domain and transmitted or used in two or more states, shall be subject to the control of the Secretary of the Interior. This provision is objectionable on the score that it disregards the public utility commissions of the states affected and also confines the Federal control to energy developed wholly or partly on the public domain. If the transmission and use of electric energy is in fact interstate commerce, it is believed that the power of the Federal Government to control rates on interstate business should include all energy so used in interstate business regardless of the source of generation.

Generally speaking, the Ferris bill is so drawn that a power developer securing a lease from the Government thereunder would subject himself to the dual control of the state and National governments without any guaranty of harmonious action between the two powers. As to interstate business, many would concede the propriety and necessity of Federal control, but as to intrastate business and as to the power of the states to control the appropriation and use of the waters of nonnavigable streams, many of the Western Representatives in Congress are insisting that the states' rights be rec-

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

Throughout the state and particularly from Linn 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 conected closely with the growth and business enterprises of the state. In 1876 he formed a partnership with Samuel May, which partnership existed until his death,

Mr. Senders was born in Prussia June 10, 1847, and was educated there. He came to America when he was 17 years of age. He was a member of the Oddfellows' lodge and the encampment of Harrisburg, Or. In 1876 Mr. Senders married Miss Bertha Gerst. Their four children are Mrs. Charles Cohn, of San Francisco, and Arthur Bernard and Edgar Senders, all of Portland.

Mr. Senders' death was attributed to

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

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. B. Light, of Salem, is at the Carl-A. P. Fletcher, of Lafayette, is at the

R. R. Porter, of Roseburg, is at the E. W. Moreland, of Salem, is at the

J. W. Merriman, of Seattle, is at the H. L. Gill, of Woodburn, is a guest at James E. Bannon, of Pendleton, is at

A. C. Dixon, a Eugene lumberman, is Bert Jensen, a Pendleton mining man,

George Stickney, of Carlton, is stay-A. Braley, of McMinnville, is regis-tered at the Eaton.
L. C. Johnson, of McMinnville, is a

C. A. Skelton, a Spokane merchant, is Henry Serr, of Dallas, a hotelman, is

I. N. Woods and wife, of Dallas, are guests at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaberson, of Sump-

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, of Mon-mouth, are at the Seward. Misses E. V. and L. G. Kampion, of Scaside, are at the Carlton. John Henderson, of Astoria, registered at the Carlton yesterday. A. J. Berger, of Springfield, registered at the Nortonia yesterday.

A. B. Wilson, of San Francisco, registered at the Cornelius yesterday.

E. G. Ford, an insurance adjuster of

the Knights of Pythias Senator, is stay-

C. H. Daniels, of Seattle, a Western Union Telegraph Company official, is a guest at the Multnomah. F. H. Stickley, a merchant of Albany, registered at the Multnomah yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin, of Albany,

C. W. Collett, of San Francisco, partner in a Portland tailoring establishment, is visiting the city and is quar-tered at the Perkins.

H. A. Friedman and F. J. Williams, prominent furniture manufacturers of San Francisco, are in the city, regis-tered at the Multnomah. Edwin G. Amme, attorney for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who became suddenly ill Christ-mas 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. Oftedel.

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 Coun-cil today. Eighty-six saloonkeepers are

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Basement-Sensational clean-up of all untrimmed Hats in the Basement Millinery at 50c. Turbans, sailors, narrow and rolling brims in velvet and plush. Shapes worth up to \$2.50 in the 50c lot. Your choice of these now at 50c

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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 24-in. Silk Poplin Men's \$2.50 Sweater Coats for \$1.10 Women's \$16.50 Coats at \$6.95

Suits in stock-just 90 of them in this lot. Splendid styles and excellent materials. Nearly every size. Suits priced heretofore at \$12.50 up to \$15.00. For quick

Basement-Clearance of all odd | Basement-Wonderful Clearance of women's and misses' new Winter Coats. 12 different models from which to choose. Smartly tailored from splendid wool mix-\$12.50 up to \$15.00. For quick disposal you may \$3.98 take your choice at \$3.98 to \$16.50. Choice \$6.95

Clearance Women's Dress Skirts worth \$7.50 to \$10-Choice \$3.89 Clearance Women's House Dresses, \$1.00 to \$1.50 qualities, for 69¢ Clearance Women's \$3.50 Heavy Wool Sweaters—Choice at \$1.98 Clearance Women's Long Plannelette Kimonos, \$1.50 grades, 79¢ Clearance Women's Serge Dress Skirts, \$3 and \$3.50 kinds, \$1.98

Women's \$1.50 to \$2.00 Corsets 98c Dainly Undermuslins Choice 98c

Basement-Great factory pur-chase of 760 pairs high-grade Corsets to enter the Clearance tomorrow. Six new models, including one front-lacing style. Strictly first quality coutil with nonrusting steel bonings. All sizes,

Basement-1000 pieces Muslin Underwear priced for immediate clearance, Gowns, Princess Slips, Combinations and Chemise in crepes, nainsook, muslins and cambric. Scores of styles, beautifully trimmed. Your choice of 19 to 30, \$1.25, \$1.50 and 98c these Undermuslins on 98c \$2.00 Corsets, pair at 98c Wednesday for low price 98c

Women's and Misses' Shoes at \$1.69 Clearance, 300 Pairs Shoes at 98c

pairs women's and misses' Shoes are included in this offer. Practically our entire basement stock.

Basement-Many hundreds of | Basement-About 300 pairs women's and misses' Shoes to be closed out at 98c pair. These will go in a hurry, so be here early in Assorted leathers in many styles and nearly all sizes. \$1.69 the day. Good assortment of sizes and various styles. 98c At 39c

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Basement-1000 yards splendid quality corduroys for dresses, skirts, suits and children's wear. We show these in a number of attractive colors. Full 30 inches wide. On special 48c sale for today at, the yard,

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Basement-Great one-day Clearance of men's extra heavy Shaker Knit Wool Sweaters. Ruffneck style, with knit-in pockets and large pearl buttons. Full, roomy styles. Sizes 36 up to 44. Stand-

Basement - Men's heavy Outing Flannel Pajamas in neat patterns and dependable colors. Cut in full sizes and nicely trimmed. A complete range of all Standard \$1.50 Pajamas. ard \$2.50 Sweaters. \$1.10 special sale for today 98c On sale for today 1.10 while any remain, at

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\$1.00 and \$1.25 Dress Flouncings 59c Yard In the Basement Underprice Store-An opportune time to buy beautiful Embroidery Flouncings for making up later on. Exquisite patterns in white or colors, on daintiest of fine, sheer voiles. sirable for dresses, waists and children's wear. Stand-59c ard \$1.00 and \$1.25 Flouncings. Special for today, the yard

Great Clearance Sale of Notions Today

At the Bargain Circle-Main Floor

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

\$1 and \$1.25 Fancy Silks 69c

On Sale at Center Circle 1st Floor

Main Floor-Remarkable Wednesday Clearance of 2000 yards highgrade Silks, selected from our regular stock. Beautiful striped taffetas and messalines, also plaids, fancy scarfings and cord-69c uroys. Standard \$1.00 and \$1.25 Silks offered for one day

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Men's \$15 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance \$11.95 Men's \$35 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance \$26.25

Men's Store, Main Floor-Our entire stock of Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats enters the Clearance Sale at price reductions thrifty buyers will be quick to take advantage of. Blues and Blacks are also included. Very latest Winter models from leading makers. Splendid showing of handsome woolen materials, tailored by experts. Every garment is finished in the best possible manner. This sale affords an unusual opportunity to buy high-grade clothing for much less than usual prices. Models and sizes for stouts, slims and regulars. S. & H. Stamps given. Men's \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance Price \$11.95 | Men's \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance Price \$22.50 Men's \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance Price \$14.95 | Men's \$35.00 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance Price \$26.25 Men's \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats, Clearance Price \$18.75 | We Give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps—Always Ask for Them.

Men's \$1.50 Underw'r \$1.19 \$6 Grades at \$3.95

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Men's \$1.50 Stuttgarter Sanitary \$1.19 Wool Shirts and Drawers now at Men's \$2.50 Stuttgarter Sanitary \$1.95
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