

FOREST RESERVES BEING BROKE INTO

Secretary Houston Seeks to Learn Why Service Is Not Self-Supporting.

TIMBER ISSUE VEXATIOUS

Neglect to Sell Mature Trees to Be Among Subjects Investigated at First Hand—Power Sites Also Are Neglected.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 6.—Secretary David P. Houston, head of the Department of Agriculture and a Missourian, has started on an extended tour of the forest reserves in the West to find out from observation how the reserves are being administered, why there is so much complaint about the forestry administration, why the reserves are not self-sustaining and why the valuable power sites within the reserves lie idle. Being a Missourian, the Secretary intends to insist on being "shown."

During the past two years Secretary Houston has gathered his information about the forestry administration largely from the Forest Service and from official papers. The correspondence that has come before him and the reports of the Forest Service have shown that something is radically wrong and he wants to find out if possible how it can be corrected.

Self-Supporting System Desired. With 165,000,000 acres of public lands tied up in forest reserves and with legal authority to sell mature timber, the Secretary believes that the Forest Service, which is now costing the Government about \$5,500,000 a year, ought to be able to pay its own way, instead of piling up an annual deficit in the treasury of something more than \$3,000,000.

The cost of administering the 165,000,000 acres of forest reserves now is more than double the receipts from the reserves.

Among other things Secretary Houston will endeavor to ascertain why millions of mature trees in the forest reserves are allowed to die when they might be marketed. These reserves were created to afford permanent lumber supply, and yet, while millions of trees are rotting away in the reserves each year, privately owned timber is being sold at high prices and Government timber is going to waste.

Setting of High Price Criticized. In that same connection he will give attention to the fact that the Forest Service is holding its timber at the current market price. It is said this course plays into the hands of private timber land owners and enables them to keep up the price of their timber.

Another complaint to which the Secretary will give attention is with regard to the withholding of agricultural lands in reserves from homestead settlement, which is permitted by law in almost a dead letter, because, because of the burdensome restrictions arbitrarily imposed by the Forest Service, Secretary Houston will endeavor to find out whether anything can be done to encourage the homesteading of agricultural lands that cannot well be eliminated from the reserves.

Water power development is also of prime importance. There is practically no power development within the forest reserves, although the best power sites in the West lie within the reserves. Capital has not invested in these propositions because of the conditions imposed by the Forest Service. There is, in many localities, abundant demand for cheap power, but the only available sites are in the reserves, and under the regulations that now prevail those power sites lie idle.

15 NOW OUT FOR QUEEN

EXPECTATION OF MORE ENTRIES DELAYS START OF VOTING.

Publishing of Coupons Is Expected to Begin Saturday or Sunday—Ad-men Aid Rotary Nominee.

BIG ERA HELD AT HAND

PROSPERITY TO BE GREATEST EVER, SAYS VISITING EDITOR.

Leaders in Eastern Financial World Declared Optimistic and Crop Outlook Good.

ments," said Mr. Finneran. "I found a feeling of optimism for the immediate future. The biggest producing states have the most remarkable crop outlooks, which is taken as assurance that prosperity will be in full sway in the Fall, if not sooner.

"The stock market is good and the bond market is opening up. They have been an astonishing improvement in conditions in two weeks. The demand for industrial stocks and bonds is on the increase. It is the firm belief of financiers of the East that the United States will not have to wait for the close of the European war for the opening up of industrial prosperity. It is their statement that prosperity is in store for the immediate future. Many of them look for the greatest period of prosperity in the history of the United States.

CHARTER REVISION PLAN

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DRAFTED BRING BACK OLD FEATURES.

Eleven Commissioners and Mayor With Veto Powers Suggested in Committee's Programme.

A return to many of the features of the old city charter are embodied in proposed amendments which have been outlined by a committee appointed at a mass meeting at the North Portland Branch Library March 27. The principal change proposed in the substitution of 11 Commissioners for five with a reduction in salary from \$5000 to \$1200 each.

JITNEY ACTION LIKELY

NEW MEASURE FOR INITIATION URGED BY CITY ATTORNEY.

Submission of Present Ordinance to Voters Thought Legal, but Other Method Declared Safer.

While the City Council probably has power to refer to the voters at the June election the jitney regulation ordinance against which the referendum was invoked recently, City Attorney LaRoche advised yesterday that another measure be prepared and submitted to the voters, leaving the original measure to stand unaltered at the coming election. The opinion was sent to Commissioner Daly.

It is the intention of the majority of the members of the Council to have the jitney question settled at the June election instead of letting it go for two years, as would be necessary if the Council took no stand to alter the present status of the regulation ordinance. City Attorney LaRoche says in his opinion that while there is but little doubt as to the right of the Council to refer to the voters, the referendum was invoked, he advises the Council to play on the safe side by preparing a new measure and submitting it to the voters.

ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN ASPIRANTS BY NOTED ACTRESS.

Six Portland professionals, whose goal is success of the vaudeville stage, will appear at the Empress Theater tonight in the show of which Mrs. Louis James, widow of the renowned actor, Louis James, is the star. Mrs. James has been on the stage since early girlhood and offers encouragement to the home entertainers, who are proud of the distinction of being part of the show of which she is headliner.

The Portlanders to appear at the Empress tonight in the second show are Terrill's Trumpeters, two members of the Oregon National Guard; Richard Kitchell, high baritone singer; Edith Burnett, singer and dancer from the Highlands; Albert Cretz, young violin virtuoso, who appeared in concert here recently and was a big hit in a Press Club jinks, and Joe Jackson, a fustier in blackface.

ADVICE GIVEN PASTORS

BISHOP URGES FREE METHODISTS NOT TO BE TOO SOLEMN.

Rev. A. W. Hight Elected Secretary of Oregon Conference in Session at Portland First Church.

In his opening address to the Oregon Free Methodist Conference, which opened yesterday afternoon in the First Church, East Mill and East Ninth streets, Bishop William Pearce cautioned the ministers to be diligent, not to be too solemn, but not to be frivolous. He advised them against wearing long faces, faces that would make the wearer tired, but to be reasonably serious. In a sermon, he said that a preacher should be himself, and not copy anybody else.

Rev. A. W. Hight was elected secretary of conference and J. G. Hessler assistant. It was decided to hold business sessions from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., the last 15 minutes to be given to the presiding bishop during which to address the conference.

JULY 4 PLANS ARE LAID

PARADE, CONCERT AND SPORTS INCLUDED IN PROGRAMME.

Celebration Is to Be Held on Monday, July 5, Since the Fourth Falls on Sunday.

A parade, patriotic exercises, a band concert and sports of various kinds are to be features of the celebration of the Fourth of July in Portland this year. City Commissioner Brewster yesterday gave consent to a committee on arrangements to hold the celebration in Columbia Park, inasmuch as the Fourth comes on Sunday this year the celebration will be held on Monday, July 5. The affair will be strictly safe and sane.

The committee of which C. A. Dotson is chairman is completing plans to make the celebration one of sufficient interest to attract a large crowd. Arrangements are in the hands of representatives of the Congregational, Baptist and Lutheran churches of University Park and a number of fraternal organizations. Other churches and fraternities will be invited to participate.

MRS. MARY ACHESON DEAD

Woman Passes at Her Home in Portland at Age of 78 Years.

Mrs. Mary Acheson died Wednesday morning, May 5, at her late home, 673 Main street. She was born at Cross Creek, Pa., January 3, 1838, and was the daughter of Nathan and Lydia Peterson and the niece of General Thomas A. Patterson, of Revolutionary fame. She was married to James E. Acheson, of Cross Creek, September 13, 1850, and they moved to Ohio, where their six children were born.

CITY IS TO ENTER MILK

Council, Over Protests of Two, Decides on Competition at Fair.

Portland will enter the Federal Government's contest at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to determine which city in the United States has the purest supply of milk. The City Council yesterday authorized the milk division of the City Health Bureau to enter the competition. The action was taken over the protest of Commissioners Bigelow and Daly.

"CIVIL SERVICE" ISSUE OUT

New Publication Is to Protect Interests of City Employees.

A new publication devoted to the interests of civil service employees, appeared at the City Hall yesterday. The publication with the name "Civil Service" is edited by J. H. Trelligars and announced as its purpose and protection of the interests of civil service employees through the medium of publicity.

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Clean-Up Sale of Table Linens Richardson's 72-inch Table Damask, yard \$1.48 1.25 Damask Squares, size 26x26 inches, on sale at 85c Richardson's 75c Huck Toweling, 25 inches wide, on sale at, yard, 58c Richardson's \$3.50 Hand-Embroidered Linen Towels at only, each, \$1.75

Wizard Mops Reduced!

Basement—Wizard Dustless Triangular Mops are a wonderful help in housecleaning. Note the following special prices: Regular 50c Wizard Triangular Mops, only 39c Regular 75c Wizard Triangular Mops, only 58c Regular \$1.25 Wizard Triangular Mops, only 95c

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The WronginOverdoing

Overdoing causes most sickness. Overwork and worry bring on most cases of kidney weakness. The inside forces and the body tissues are simply used up faster than they can be repaired. The body is filled with waste matter. The kidneys are slowed up in their blood-filtering work. The blood gets heavy and impure. The kidneys weaken. A good kidney medicine is certainly needed, but it is quite as necessary to avoid worry, over-work, late hours, excesses, etc., to diet more lightly; to take milk and water instead of strong drinks; to get more light outdoor exercise, rest and sleep. Giving the kidneys a little rest helps the medicine work better.

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