

CABINET OFFICIAL PORTLAND VISITOR

Mr. Houston in City for Few Minutes on Way From One Forest to Another.

WATER POWER IS STUDIED

Secretary of Agriculture Seeks Information About Possibilities for Development—Grazing Question Considered.

To gain first-hand knowledge of the potential water-power in the National forests, David F. Houston, United States Secretary of Agriculture, is traveling through Oregon and Washington. He visited Portland yesterday morning, but as Portland is not included within the boundaries of any forest reserve he didn't linger long.

In fact, Mr. Houston didn't even leave the terminal district, where he arrived over the Southern Pacific at 1:20 o'clock and whence he departed over the North Bank at 9:55 o'clock. "No, I don't think we are planning any new policy regarding either forests or the water-power in the forests," said Secretary Houston.

Direct Touch Is Sought.

"We are trying to conduct the business of the forestry bureau in a business-like manner, and that's the principal reason I am out here. It's hard to know what the business of my Department consists of if I merely stay in Washington and don't get in direct touch with the outside country. That's what I want out here—the direct touch."

Incidentally, Mr. Houston revealed that he is a man of dual personality. This in light of his previous visit to Portland a little more than a year ago. On that former occasion he was traveling with William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Beau Brummel of the Cabinet, Mr. Houston appeared as a sleek, well-groomed, highly-polished and cultured college president, which he was before he became a Cabinet member. On that occasion, too, he appeared at the Commercial Club in a full-dress suit.

Secretary Resembles Farmer. But yesterday Secretary Houston resembled nothing so much as a prosperous farmer or a foreman of a logging camp. He was dressed in a previously abandoned suit of mud-spattered clothing, a pair of high-topped lace shoes and an old brown hat, much frayed from wear, and had a three-day growth of whiskers, gained while on a cruise through the timbered lands of Western Oregon.

In the last five or six weeks Mr. Houston has inspected a large proportion of the forest areas, and he has had reserves and has come into close contact with the rangers and the men actually in the service.

"I have learned more about the forestry service in these few weeks," he said, "than I could learn in as many years by remaining back in the Capital."

The only person traveling with Mr. Houston is A. F. Potter, associate forester at Washington, George H. Ceell, of Portland, district forester in charge of the work in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, is conducting the pair through the reserves in his jurisdiction.

Mount Rainier Forest Visited. They went east on the North Bank to Stevenson, where they took a stage into the Mount Rainier National Forest, where they remained last night. They will remain in the morning, and today. The Secretary then will go to Spokane and may proceed directly from that city to the East.

"I have been away from Washington so long that I don't know anything about the war situation, and much less about politics," he said. "My main object in visiting the forests, it was explained, is to learn more about the possibilities of water-power development. The Government is under consideration various plans for throwing the streams in the forests open for public utilization."

The grazing question also is receiving some attention, but is held in secondary importance.

TAX WORK TO BE SAME

MR. HURLBURT CONTEMPLATES NO CHANGES AFTER TRANSFER.

Taking Over Collector's Duties Held Only Matter of Routine—Staff Likely to Remain Intact.

When Sheriff Hurlburt formally becomes Tax Collector of Multnomah County on Saturday, there will be no demonstration and probably no change in the even tenor of the tax department's routine, to indicate that the management of the department has been transferred.

Sheriff Hurlburt indicated yesterday that he would make no changes in the personnel of the staff employed in this department. He did not make this statement positively, but he did say that he contemplated no changes. The department probably will remain under the supervision of E. S. Huckleby, who has had charge under County Treasurer Lewis.

The change is the result of a law passed by the recent Legislature transferring the duty of collecting the taxes from the County Treasurer to the Sheriff. This was done in response to a general complaint that the tax departments had to be managed under two heads, as heretofore the Treasurer collected ordinary taxes and the Sheriff was collector of delinquent taxes.

"I have not conferred with Mr. Lewis as yet about the change," said Mr. Hurlburt yesterday. "I do not anticipate any difficulty in making the change, and in fact I do not think the transfer will be felt by anyone. The transfer will take place when the law goes into effect and that's about all. I realize there is a great deal of responsibility attached to these new duties, but Mr. Lewis, I believe, has an efficient department, and I do not think the transfer of titles will mean anything but a routine ceremony."

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Indiana Society to Meet.

The Indiana Society of Oregon will hold its May meeting Monday night at the Masonic Temple.

The largest bell in the world is the "Ear Kolobovs" the great bell of Moscow, it weighs nearly 200 tons.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WHO VISITED PORTLAND YESTERDAY.



David F. Houston

MISS SPOERI GAINING

Miss Baker's Lead Cut Down by 30,000 Votes.

NEW CAMPAIGNS STARTED

Several Candidates Launch Fresh Efforts for Honors and Change in Standings Is Expected. Miss Nolan Also Increases.

STANDING OF THE ROSE FESTIVAL QUEENS.

Table listing names and vote counts for Rose Festival Queens: Sybil Baker, Marian Rose Spoeri, Alice Nolan, Beatrice Lash, Ruth Angel, Susie Scholes, Mary Lawler, Myrtle Van Sickle, Alice Heister, Turb James, Elizabeth Fragmeier, Ella Litzner, Martha Schutte, Rose H. Sumner.

Marian Rose Spoeri, candidate of the Ad and Rotary Clubs for queen of the Rose Festival, made the most marked gain in the voting yesterday and cut down her chief opponent's lead about 30,000, while at the same time she increased her lead over the next competitor below her on the list.

Sybil Baker, candidate of the Woodmen of the World, who holds first place, received 86,500 votes yesterday, while Miss Spoeri received 117,500. Miss Baker's lead yesterday morning was 71,000 and on the final count last night it was cut down to 41,750.

Miss Spoeri, on the other hand, was 64,500 in the lead of Miss Alice Nolan, candidate of the Northwestern Electric Company, yesterday morning, and during the day she increased this lead to 120,250, or nearly double. Miss Nolan, in turn, increased her lead over Miss Beatrice Lash, candidate of the Progressive Business Men's Club, from 60,000 to 75,440.

Miss Susie Scholes, candidate of the Moose, is creeping daily closer to Miss Ruth Angel, candidate of the Modern Woodmen, and it appears that at almost any time they may change their relative positions in the contest.

From an analysis of the day's voting yesterday several predictions were made by Saturday and will hold it until the close of the contest. It was also predicted that Miss Nolan would win second place, for her daily ballot has been gaining steadily since the dropping out of several candidates gave fresh support to her.

Miss Baker's supporters, on the other hand, have just organized a new campaign and its effects may not be felt until today. In view of this fact they believe that their candidate may be able to hold her position in the lead throughout the voting.

Miss Myrtle Van Sickle and Miss Alice Heister, candidates of the Trades School and Lincoln High School, appear to have the best opportunity of places in the list of those who are not included in the first section.

BARTENDER FINED \$100

Lieutenant Harms Tells of Women in Saloon on West Park.

Louis Peters, a bartender in a saloon at West Park and Yamhill streets, was fined \$100 by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday on a charge of permitting women in the saloon.

Mrs. M. A. Adair and Mrs. J. E. Cullins, who were said to have been drinking in the place, both entered denials. Lieutenant L. A. Harms, however, testified that he had looked through the window of the place and had seen one of them drinking. The case will be appealed.

Play On for Children.

The National Theater will run special performances Saturday, from 10 A. M. to 2:30 P. M., of the "Heart of Maryland" for the school children of

Portland; admission to be charged will be but 5 cents, making it possible for every pupil of the public schools of Portland to enable themselves to take advantage of this reduction of admission.

This picture, as Portland people may remember, is the one picture chosen from some 60 odd subjects to open the Schubert world famous Hippodrome Theater in New York City, where it played to 133,000 people in nine days. The picture has had a wonderful run in Portland and continues to draw more than its share of the theatergoers and movie fans at each performance.

The picture itself is one of the most widely discussed attempts in the film world. Director Bronson, of the Tiffany Films Corporation, gives a few facts concerning the early days of staging this gigantic production. More than 3000 tons of powder were used for the battle scenes. The entire state militia of California was used, together with practically all of its armament. Five hundred head of horses were used to give the tone of reality.

GRAND JURY IS DRAWN

20 NAMES SELECTED FROM BOX OF FEDERAL COURT VENIREMEN.

C. W. Hodson, Realty Dealer, Chosen as Foreman During Consideration of 44 Important Cases.

The new Federal grand jury was drawn before Judge Wolverton yesterday. The names of 25 veniremen were shuffled in a box and the first 20 drawn by Clerk Marsh were selected as jurors. Under the law the grand jury may number from 16 to 23.

At a preliminary meeting immediately afterward C. W. Hodson, realty dealer, living at 1096 Thurman street, Portland, was elected foreman. The other members of the grand jury are:

Adolph E. Adams, salesman, 601 East Thirty-seventh street, Portland; Daniel Baker, farmer, Forest Grove; M. L. Barnett, farmer, Corvallis; George H. Bidwell, farmer, Hillsboro; Oia H. Blair, draughtsman, 255 Fourteenth street, Portland; John Carlson, electrician, Eastacada; J. B. Harris, salesman, 1071 Schuyler street, Portland; Albert Johnson, grocer, 700 East Stark street, Portland; F. M. Kirkland, retail merchant, Independence; Sam Laughlin, banker, Yamhill; George May, Sr., M. Angel, Edwin J. Maute, investments, 521 East Eighteenth street North, Portland; J. Harold Minor, bank teller, 1204 East Ash street, Portland; Warren H. Norman, retired, 194 East Thirty-first street, Portland; Howard Parsons, surveyor, Springfield; J. T. Rorick, farmer, The Dalles; C. W. Vale, manager telephone company, Carlton; A. B. Watt, expostmaster, Amity; Abraham L. Jenkins, farmer, Rox.

A docket of 44 cases, none of especial interest, is awaiting action by the grand jury, which will get actively at work today. The docket is relatively small, a light one that it may be cleaned up within a couple of weeks.

Snakes are said to be so short sighted that they are unable to see more than one-quarter of their own length.

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