

ADMINISTRATIVE OF POWER IS SCORED

Present System of Water Control Declared Unwise and Unauthorized by Law.

FERRIS BILL AGGRAVATING

Clyde C. Dawson, Representative of Colorado Governor, Asks All States in Conference to Unite Against Measure.

The keynote address of the Western States Water Power Conference was delivered at yesterday's session of the conference by Clyde C. Dawson, of Denver, head of the delegation from Colorado. His subject was "Developed Water Power—Ideal Conservation."

Mr. Dawson, who is here as the representative of Governor Carlson of Colorado, made a masterly presentation of the case against the Ferris bill. If passed, he said, its effect could not be other than blighting on the West.

Administration Regarded Unwise. "The people of my state feel that the attitude of the administrative branch of the Federal Government for the past eight or ten years as to the development of water power in Colorado and all the public-land states has been unwise, unauthorized by law and not for the upbuilding of the states having undeveloped power sites or for the best interests of the country or the people as a whole."

Union Against Bill Asked. Mr. Dawson said that if the people of Colorado were right in their view of the situation, every state represented at the conference should, for the same reasons, act in accord and unite against such legislation as the Ferris bill.

Service Tenantry Would Result. "The completely rounded scheme which looks to the control of all of our water resources on the public domain would lead to the substitution of a servile tenantry for an independent citizenship of owners, and would leave the destiny of our future growth and development to the arbitrary control of ever-changing officials in the far-distant Washington."

It was never intended that these public lands be held and exploited by the Federal Government, he explained, "and, in so far as the resources under immediate control of the Federal Government never had within a state, has not now, nor should it have any control, for the water which is produced on the public domain is the creation of such power belongs to, and is under the control of the respective states, and their people, except for navigation."

States Can Prevent Monopoly. "As to monopoly, the states properly have the right to control and prevent monopoly within their own borders, and to control and regulate the prices at which power shall be sold by public-utility corporations."

There is no more reason why the Federal Government at this time should seek to control and prevent the development of our water powers, no more reason why it should seek to place a charge or tax upon the development of this water power, the production from our coal, phosphate, oil and other lands, than that it should have sought in like manner to have controlled and taxed the development of the fertile lands lying in the great Mississippi Valley."

After pointing out that the policy expressed in the Ferris bill was not real conservation, but reservation, he continued: "The Ferris bill is objectionable for the following, among other reasons: "First: It leaves it in the uncontrolled discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, or some Federal officer in charge of the Federal lands, to say whether any development shall take place in the vast vacant territory of public domain which now covers the public-land states like a pall. No far distant officer should be clothed with such tremendous powers."

Law Would Discriminate. "Third: The bill singles out for restriction by Interstate Commerce Commission power companies which may be engaged in business within a territory or in two or more states, if

SOME OF THE DELEGATES AT WESTERN STATES' WATER-POWER CONFERENCE.



1—Montana Delegation. From Left to Right: Sam D. Goza, United States Senator Walsh, Thomas Burke, of Portland; Judge J. E. Erickson, J. B. Collins. 2—Thomas Tongue, of Denver. 3—Congressman McClure (Left) of Oregon, and Reed Smoot, United States Senator from Utah. 4—Governor William Spry, of Utah. 5—W. P. H. Mills, of Denver. 6—United States Senator Walsh, of Montana, a Ferris Bill supporter. 7 A. P. Ardourel, of Boulder, Colo. 8—George C. West, of Durango, Colo.

their structures happen to touch upon the public domain, and leaves other interstate power companies unregulated, thus placing enterprises which are on the public land at a disadvantage in this respect, and defeating the declared purpose of the bill.

"Fourth: Section 5 provides for the acquisition of title to the lessee's plant by the United States itself, on a basis which expressly excludes certain well-recognized elements of value, and which, if not confiscatory, would certainly tend to discourage the investment of capital. If such plants are acquired by the Government and operated by it, we should have the anomalous situation of the Government competing with its own citizens in a commercial enterprise, in which it would have the unfair advantage of being exempt from taxation and state regulation."

Existing Laws Ample. "The advocates of this class of legislation may say that the criticisms by its opponents offer nothing of a practical nature in the place of the program which they are seeking to carry out. The professed purpose and aim of all are, indeed, identical, to provide for the broadest possible development of the water power resources of the country. All unite in saying that this is ideal conservation."

Extension Plans Grow. A direct and attractive connection between Stark street and the new Linnon boulevard by way of a bridge over Macleay Park ravine through Williams ete Heights and Blytheswood is now sought as a part of the proposed extension of Stark street from its present end to Cornell road.



8—The decision of the Board. John T. Tuley, Raymond Gill, W. S. Overlin, Gilbert J. Newell and Harold T. Guerin took the test yesterday.

Golden Wedding Celebrated. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Austin, of Pasadena, Cal., was quietly observed here yesterday at the home of their son, Dr. H. Austin, in this city.

likely will be included in the Stark-street extension proceedings, preliminary surveys for which are now being made by Commissioner Dick. Property owners likely will file a petition soon asking for the extension. It is pointed out by those interested that the work will solve the problem of making Macleay Park accessible. The bridge across the ravine, according to plans, will be artistic and unusual, and the distance to be spanned is said to be not so great as to make its cost excessive.

MR. GALLUP RULED OUT. Jitney Inspector to Contest Decision of Civil Service Board. The Municipal Civil Service Board stood firm yesterday and refused to permit C. S. Gallup, who holds the position of Jitney Inspector on temporary appointment, to take the examination held to provide an eligible list from which to make a permanent appointment to the position. Mr. Gallup was barred because of his not having resided within the city for a year prior to the test.

beginning at the end of the straight section of the Cornell road from Lovejoy street, where the projected line of new Stark street strikes it, this extension will avoid the two sharp turns where the Cornell road meets the entrance to Westover Terraces by cutting diagonally across the unoccupied lots at the head of Twenty-ninth street and joining the winding Cornell road some 1800 feet farther on. From the bridge, located at this point, it will strike across unoccupied land or lots to Aspen street, in Willamette Heights, and continue along it until merged in the Hill-side boulevard on the western slope of Blythe's Wood.

It is as a newspaper man and as a correspondent for various mining journals that Mr. Tonge is best known to the people of the West. For many years he has been the Colorado correspondent for the Mining Journal of London, and has written extensively for various other mining publications. He is a prominent member of the Danvers Press Club and is popular among the newspaper men throughout Colorado.

Incidentally Mr. Tonge is one of the biggest men at the conference. His size, avoirdupois, has been the subject of frequent guessing by various of the other delegates. When he is in fighting trim, Mr. Tonge says he balances the beam at something like 240 pounds.

Don V. Moore, of Grand Forks, N. D., who is representing his state at the conference, is secretary of the North Dakota State Fair Association. He is on his way to the World's Fair at San Francisco. "While we haven't as much natural water power in North Dakota as you have out here," said Mr. Moore yesterday, "we are interested in retaining the authority over the natural resources in the hands of the states."

PATERNAISM NEW DANGER, IS OPPOSED

Ex-Senator Piles Defends Rights of States to Control Own Resources.

MANY DECISIONS CITED

Development of Arid West When Government Kept Hands Off Is Pointed Out as Argument Against Ferris' Bill.

A forceful argument for state control instead of Federal control of the natural resources of the West was presented to the water-power conference yesterday afternoon by Senator H. Piles, ex-United States Senator from Washington.

Mr. Piles offered a series of court decisions, including several by the Supreme Court of the United States, to support his contention that the right to control water powers belongs to the several states belongs to the respective states themselves.

He denounced the threatened "system of Federal bureaucracy" as a beginning of a paternalistic form of government, which ultimately is bound to destroy the independence, the progress and even the liberty of the people.

"Notwithstanding the fact that a number of propagandists contend that the United States, and not the states, own these waters—one of the greatest natural resources that we have, if not the greatest—there is not the slightest foundation for the contention," he said.

"Every state admitted into the Union since the adoption of the Constitution was admitted upon an equal footing with the original 13 states, and as the people by the Constitution reserved unto themselves all power not granted to the Federal Government and that necessary to enjoy the granted powers, it is perfectly clear that the states not only never intended to surrender, but in fact never did surrender to the general Government all power with respect to the life-giving control and disposition of their waters; but that the states surrendered only such rights as are necessary to the exercise of the constitutional powers granted the general Government."

"This water ownership in the states and this right of entry upon the appropriation of the waters flowing through the public domain is founded very largely upon the law and the fact that the United States hold the public lands, not in their sovereign capacity, but solely as proprietor; that is to say, in the same capacity in which every citizen of the states owns his land."

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"Are not those who advocate the passage of a law placing the control of our waters in the Federal Government, arguing the adoption of a system of paternalism that will render nugatory the powers we have so long exercised as citizens, and which will, in effect, make us dependent for our practical existence upon the will of Congress? We have only to turn to Alaska to see the effect of paternalism. The country for there a great and wonderful land has been practically paralyzed by its baneful influence."

SIDELIGHTS ON WATER POWER CONFERENCE

BY a peculiar coincidence each of the three Governors who spoke at yesterday morning's session is a native of England.

Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, who delivered the opening address, was born in Devonshire; Governor Spry, of Utah, who was made the permanent chairman, is a native of Yorkshire, and Governor Lister, of Washington, who took part in some of the discussions, was born in Berkshire.

And then there was Thomas Tonge, who may be Governor of Colorado some day, and who is a native of Lancashire. "And there isn't a byphen in any of our names," commented Mr. Tonge. "Every one of us is an American from the ground up."

One of the interesting delegates at the conference is Thomas Tonge, of Denver, who long has been identified with the mining development of Colorado. Mr. Tonge also was a member of the lower house of the Colorado Legislature last winter—his first dip into politics.

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Several Governors and one ex-Governor are in attendance. The Governors are Withycombe, of Oregon; Spry, of Utah; Alexander, of Idaho, and Lister, of Washington. James H. Hawley, of Idaho, is ex-Governor of that state. The adjourned session of the Governors' conference held in Seattle last Spring will be called here during the water power conference.

Albert Johnson, of Grays Harbor, representative in Congress from Washington, is a newspaper man when not in Washington, D. C. Mr. Johnson, who is attending the conference, was for some time managing editor of the Seattle Times, and left the city field to buy a country daily. He delights in leaving politics to plunge back into the newspaper game, and can still cover a story with all the skill of the veteran reporter and all the "pep" of a cub.

Advertisement for Van Dyck cigars. Includes text: "De un niño no se debe esperar grandes obras." and "Van Dyck Havana—all Havana—Spanish made".

MANY SPEECHES DUE

2 SENTENCED FOR THEFT. Clemency to Be Asked for One, Only Support of Girl-Wife.

Men of Note to Make Addresses at Conference Today. DISCUSSION TO BE GENERAL

Only Social Event Planned Will Be Dinner Tonight by Chamber of Commerce, Including Pictures of Power Development.

Many prominent delegates to the Western states conference will be heard in the sessions today.

Some of the principal speakers, who could not be heard yesterday, will deliver their addresses this morning. Among them will be S. Z. Mitchell, a prominent public utility banker of New York, and chairman of the Pacific Light & Power Company, of Portland. Mr. Mitchell will tell "Why Financing Power Development is Not Practicable Where Government Land is Involved."

Another address today will be that of Frank H. Short, of Fresno, Cal., who will discuss the "Constitutional Aspects of the Ferris Bill."

It is the intention, however, to devote most of the time today to an open discussion by the delegates. Each of the several state delegations, it is expected, will be given opportunity of being heard.

It was decided yesterday to limit the time of speeches to 15 minutes each except by unanimous consent.

The rules also require that all resolutions be introduced not later than 12 o'clock today. All resolutions will be read when they are introduced and then passed to the resolutions committee's report will not be forthcoming until tomorrow, the last day of the sessions.

Meanwhile every opportunity will be offered for a full and open discussion on every phase of the water power question.

This evening at 6:30 the principal social event in connection with the conference will take place at the Chamber of Commerce. The visiting delegates and other distinguished attendants at the conference will be guests of the Chamber at an informal dinner at 6:30. Edgar B. Piper will be toastmaster. The talks will be informal and may or may not bear upon the conference and the subject that is under consideration.

which is highly instructive, will be offered by Henry J. Pierce, of Seattle.

Charged with being accomplices in the removal of \$40 from the coat pocket of a companion in a Burnside-street poolroom, Jack Morris and Hugh Alderman were sentenced to 60 days each by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday. A third man, who is believed to have obtained the money, has not yet been apprehended by the police.

The men were arrested by City Detectives Hellyer and Tackaberry. An effort was made to secure clemency for Alderman on the ground that he is the only support of his girl-wife and she is about to become a mother.

PORTLAND'S MUNICIPAL FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU, established several years ago, will be in the balance before the Council this morning with Commissioner Baker, who has charge, in favor of its abolition as a failure.

RECOVERY FROM GRIP. The form of influenza popularly called grip lasts but a short time, is seldom fatal but causes suffering and misery out of all proportion to its importance.

The best way to correct this after-effect of the grip is to build up the blood and there is no better blood builder than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. As soon as the revitalizing blood-courses through the system you are aware of its soothing influence. Gradually the color returns to the pale cheeks, appetite and digestion improve and you are on the road to health.

The free book "Building Up the Blood" contains a chapter on the after-effects of the grip. Send now for a copy to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at the nearest drugstore or by mail on receipt of price, 80 cents per box; six boxes \$2.50.