

RESOLUTIONS BASED ON STATE CONTROL

Committee to Report Against Lease Plan.

CONGRESS ASKED TO SPEAK OUT

Dawson Water Power Draft Approved by Big Majority.

CONFERENCE TO ACT TODAY

Senator Walsh Submits Minority Report, Indorsing Ferris Bill. Principle of Eminent Domain of States Emphasized.

PROGRAMME FOR LAST DAY OF WESTERN STATES WATER POWER CONFERENCE.

Meeting place, mezzanine floor of Multnomah Hotel.

Morning session, 9:30 o'clock—Address, "Duties of Government Toward Development of the West," by Clarence D. Clark, United States Senator from Utah; address, "Constitutional Aspects of the Ferris Bill," by Frank H. Short, of Fresno, Cal.; report of committee on resolutions.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock—Discussion of addresses and debate on resolutions; adoption of resolutions; adjournment.

Resolutions declaring for state control of water-power resources and development, and voicing opposition to any policy looking toward a system of leasing generally of the public domain, will be reported to the Western States Water-Power Conference this morning by its committee on resolutions.

The resolutions call on Congress to pass a declaratory act recognizing that the proprietary interest of the United States to the vacant land within the states is subject to the jurisdiction and eminent domain of those states, for all uses declared by their laws to be public uses.

Resolutions Are Approved.

Supported by a strong majority of the committee, these resolutions were approved just before 6 o'clock last night after an all-afternoon sitting.

Members of the committee declined to give particulars of the discussion and final vote, except to say that two sets of resolutions were presented. Clyde C. Dawson, of Denver, head of the Colorado delegation, presented the resolutions as adopted, with some minor changes. The other resolutions, embodying the principle of Federal control in the Ferris bill, were introduced by Thomas J. Walsh, United States Senator from Montana.

Majority About Two to One.

It is understood that the committee stood about in the ratio of two to one in favor of the Dawson resolutions.

The majority report of the committee will be presented to the conference by Reed Smoot, United States Senator from Utah, chairman; James H. Hawley, of Idaho; Clyde C. Dawson, of Colorado; Edgar B. Piper, of Oregon; Governor Ernest Lister, of Washington; A. E. Chandler, of California; Howard S. Reed, of Arizona; W. M. Kearney, of Nevada; D. V. Moore, of North Dakota; T. J. Walsh, United States Senator from Montana; Clarence D. Clark, United States Senator from Wyoming; and George Lyon, Jr., from Nebraska.

New Mexico and South Dakota are the Western water power states not represented by delegates.

Here is the text of the resolutions as recommended by the majority report of the committee:

"Whereas, The new states admitted into the Union are of necessity upon an equal footing in all respects whatever with the original states; and

"Whereas, The ownership by the Federal Government of the technical title to vacant public land within a state does not confer upon the Federal Government any greater or other governmental powers than it possesses within the original states; and

"Whereas, The long-established and sound policy of the United States, with respect to the disposition of its unappropriated public lands, is opposed to the making of a direct revenue therefrom, beyond the expense incident to the surveying, classification and disposing of such lands, and on the con-

MILLION IN 5 YEARS IS POULSEN PROFIT

LUMBERMAN TESTIFIES IN COURT TO AMOUNT MADE.

"Molasses Attracts Flies," Says Defendant in Attorney's Suit for \$25,000 Fee.

R. B. Poulsen made \$1,000,000 in five years, he testified on the witness stand in Circuit Judge Davis' Court yesterday. Mr. Poulsen is head of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company.

"Did you testify before the Federal Commission that you made \$1,000,000 in five years?" asked Judge W. W. McCredie.

"Yes, I did," responded Mr. Poulsen. "That was partly what caused your trouble, wasn't it?"

"I guess so," replied Mr. Poulsen. "It's always the molasses that attracts the flies."

Mr. Poulsen was testifying in the case of George S. Shepherd against the company for \$25,000 attorney fees for services in the suits resulting from the city's attempt to open streets-end through the lumber company's property.

Several attorneys estimated the value of Mr. Shepherd's services at amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Among them were Frank S. Grant, W. M. Davis, L. A. McNary, A. E. Clark, Martin L. Pipes, R. R. Dunaway and Guy C. H. Corliss.

BAKER OFFICIAL RESIGNS

City Commissioner Scores Salary of \$100 Monthly for Labors.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—City Commissioner Anderson Finley today tendered his resignation because he was dissatisfied with \$100 a month salary. He will leave office October 15, waiting until that date to legalize a bond election of \$118,000, which today was called by the Commissioners for October 11. Mr. Finley's resignation came during the meeting of the Commissioners.

"I am sick and tired of sweating and toiling over city matters for the salary I am being paid," he said.

E. A. Whittier was chosen to succeed Mr. Finley. The bond election is to extend the city water lines to insure a larger supply.

8-YEAR-OLD MILL STARTS

Plant Built Near Marshfield in 1907 Not Run Since That Year's Panic.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A sawmill which had been built eight years, equipped fully and prepared to operate, but never sawed a stick of timber, started Monday, September 20, on Isthmus Inlet, on regular run, after having been improved and overhauled. The mill was erected in 1907 two miles from Marshfield by A. A. Courtney, who was then secretary of the Pacific Coast box combination.

Just at the time the mill was completed, the panic of 1907, came on and Courtney and his associates failed. Portland parties, including E. O. Samuels, purchased it and arranged to operate.

CLOVER ACRE RETURNS \$65

W. P. Huff Grows Crop of Hay, Then Harvests High Quality Seed.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A return of \$65 an acre is what H. P. Huff made from 6 1/2 acres of clover this year. The first crop netted two tons of hay and from the second crop Mr. Huff got 32 1/2 bushels of seed, or five bushels to the acre. The man who threshed the seed said that it is the best clover seed he has seen raised in Lane County in 20 years.

Mr. Huff is so well pleased with his profits that he will put 30 acres more into clover next year.

FIRE CAUSE COURSE URGED

Illinois Insurance Superintendent Would Teach Pupils.

MONTEREY, Cal., Sept. 22.—Fire prevention should be taught in every public school, Rufus M. Potts, Insurance Superintendent of Illinois, declared here today before the National convention of Insurance Commissioners.

In each state, Mr. Potts said, also there should be published for free distribution a plainly written book detailing the causes of enormous annual fire losses and the means of fire prevention, and this book should be used as a school text.

EXTRA SESSION POSSIBLE

Wilson Considers Calling Senate to Revise Rules to Curtail Debate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The advisability of calling a special session of the Senate within the next month is being seriously considered by President Wilson, it was said today at the White House. If the session is called, it will be primarily to give the Senate an opportunity to revise its rules to curtail debate.

The Senate has had a special committee working on the proposed revision of the rules since the last session.

First Keystone Citizen Honored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Dr. John Alfred Frazer, of Pittsburg, was honored today as the most distinguished citizen of Pennsylvania in ceremonies at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He was named by Governor Martin Grove Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, for the distinction.

DOLLAR-DAY HERE; BARGAIN SALES ON

Scores of Merchants Prepare for Rush.

\$500,000 BUSINESS EXPECTED

Authorized Stores Are Designated by Banners.

SHOW WINDOWS ATTRACT

Tradesmen Sacrifice Profit on Standard Goods to Induce Public to Examine Stocks Carried in City.

Today is Dollar day, and the citizens of Portland and vicinity are going to save between \$100,000 and \$150,000 shopping around among the bargains offered in all of the principal stores of the city, both on the East Side and the West.

At least, it is estimated by members of the general committee that the purchases of Dollar day will amount to about \$500,000. The average saving on each of the dollar bargains offered will be between 20 and 30 per cent, according to the committee, and, on an amount of \$500,000, this means between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Which is quite a saving for Old Man Portland to make in a single bargain day.

It is doubtful if there will be much necessity for the stores of the city to resort to additional lures, for the bargains offered are in themselves enough to bring the dollars forth readily, and to keep them jingling through the avenues of trade all day long.

Profit Is Not Aim.

The Chamber of Commerce, through its retail merchants' bureau, instituted the movement for Dollar day, without the idea of the business men making a real profit on the actual sales of the day, but rather to serve as a great stimulus to get all the people of this vicinity to thinking at once and to observing at once the truth that Portlandians are capable of supplying every need that any family or individual may have.

The beneficial results to the merchants are expected to follow indirectly from the powerful educative effects of the great Dollar-day celebration.

The range of the dollar bargains offered is indefinite," said Charles F. Berg, chairman of the general committee yesterday, "and the goods offered are, in practically every case, standard articles, which are familiar by their trade mark to the public and in which the buying public will realize that it is actually getting the article at a lower price than would be possible under any other conditions.

"There is one big store in the city which is offering a standard article.

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National Dahlia Show will open here today. R. B. Poulsen testifies he made \$1,000,000 in five years. Page 1.

PANCREAS CLAIMS NOTICE

Organ Hitherto Unnoticed to Rival Appendix in Medical Esteem.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The pancreas within a few years will supplant the appendix both in importance and popularity, according to opinions expressed by Doctors John E. Deaver and Ernest L. Place, two prominent surgeons, in addresses before the Pennsylvania Medical Society, today.

Many diseases of this organ are unrecognized and often are attributed to other causes, declared Dr. Deaver, but the profession is learning more and more about it all the time.

Other speakers said it was necessary to perfect some harmless method of painless maternity more practicable and less injurious than the so-called "twilight sleep."

Bank of England Reported Hit.

BERLIN, Sept. 22, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—"According to private reports brought by a traveler who has reached Amsterdam from England," says the Overseas News Agency, "the Bank of England was hit by Zeppelin bombs during the last air raid on London. The damage done was much greater than had been reported."

CHILD OF 12 TELLS ROCKEFELLER HOW

40-Cent Dividend on Cents Explained.

PUPILS MASTER HIGH FINANCE

Magnate Deeply Interested in Youthful Methods.

MORE CAMPS ARE VISITED

Round of Colorado Properties Is Almost Completed—Miners Cling to Old Homes, Though New Ones Are Being Built.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 22.—A 12-year old girl today told John D. Rockefeller, Jr. how to deal in stocks and bonds, how to run a bank, and how to finance a corporation that would pay a 40-cent annual dividend on a 10-cent block of common stock. It was at Sopris, where Mr. Rockefeller, in the course of his examination of Colorado Fuel & Iron Company properties, stopped long enough to visit the public school. In the highest grade of the school the teacher told the Standard Oil magnate that the pupils had established a bank and a store in which school supplies were sold.

"Really," said Mr. Rockefeller, with the delight of a boy at a country fair; "I should like to know something more about this system of high finance."

Miner's Daughter Explains System.

"Blanche," said the teacher, "will you explain it to Mr. Rockefeller?"

Then Blanche McArthur, daughter of a coal digger, walked to the front of the room, shook hands calmly with Mr. Rockefeller, and gravely began her financial lesson.

"You see," she began, "I am cashier of the bank. We already have \$5 on deposit, all brought by the children."

"Five dollars," exclaimed Mr. Rockefeller, "Wonderful."

"We have part of this lent out to pupils—on good security, of course. We are looking around for a permanent investment for the rest of the money."

Children's Store Pays Dividends.

Blanche then branched off into a discussion of stocks and bonds. Mr. Rockefeller listened gravely as the child detailed the elements which make bond issues safe or unsafe.

"We have a store, too, Mr. Rockefeller," she continued. "It was formed by some of us boys and girls, who each subscribed 10 cents to the capital stock. We buy school supplies—pencils and tablets—at wholesale and sell them to the pupils. Last year the store paid between 30 and 40 cents dividend on each 10 cents in stock. Don't you think that was doing pretty well, Mr. Rockefeller?"

Mr. Rockefeller murmured an assent.

SHIRT INSPECTORS BUSY

Health Conditions as Affected by Laundries Being Studied.

Inspection of shirts, stockings, napkins, handkerchiefs and other things that make up the family wash is the latest service provided by the City Health Bureau. City Health Officer Marcelus yesterday put sanitary inspectors to work gathering samples from the various laundries.

The pieces will be examined and tested to see if the laundries are washing them clean and not using them back infected with germs, which, it is said, might easily accumulate if the laundries fail to use proper precautions and sufficient water and disinfectants. The Chinese laundries who spray their wash basins are receiving special attention.

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Successor to President Crooks May Be Chosen Next Month.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—An Eastern man in all probability will be chosen president of Albany College to succeed H. M. Crooks, who has resigned to accept the presidency of Alma College, at Alma, Mich.

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10,000 TO GET APPLES

Five Girls at Fair to Distribute Gift of Baker Langdon Orchard.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Ten thousand Jonathan apples, the finest to be found in the valley, have been shipped to San Francisco for distribution by Walla Walla day, September 29, at the exposition.

The 100 boxes are the gift of the Baker Langdon orchard. They will be distributed by five girls. Literature describing the orchard and the valley will also be distributed.

With the shipment was one of equal size for exhibit in the Washington display.

DOG IS INDUSTRIAL HAZARD

Meter Reader Paid Insurance by Commission for Bite.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Dog bites are part of the professional hazards of a meter reader, ruled the Industrial Insurance Commission, allowing the claim for compensation of Joseph O'Connell, a Spokane meter reader.

O'Connell was bitten in the left eyebrow by a woman's lapdog, which jumped on top of a gate to accomplish its purpose, declared the claimant, who is employed by the Washington Water Power Company, of Spokane.

Wednesday's War Moves

A MOVE which may solve the riddle of the Balkans—Bulgaria's mobilization—has struck London with dramatic suddenness. The afternoon newspapers, however, refrain from editorial comment. Neutral readers of these publications, except for drawing their own conclusions from large heads and such captions as "Balkan Sensation," would be none the wiser as to whether England regarded the developments as a preliminary victory for the central powers, or merely another overnight turn of the Graeco-Serbian-Bulgarian negotiations.

The consensus of opinion was that although the Bulgarian army now is on the move, Bulgaria has not yet cast her lot with one side or the other, but is neutral, still waiting, but armed.

The first bulletin announcing Bulgaria's mobilization reached London by way of New York. It was followed quickly by a stream of telegrams from the European capitals to the effect that mobilization, partial or general, had been ordered at Sofia; that Bulgarian cavalry had taken the field and that Bulgars of fighting age were hurrying home.

Subsequently came the news of excitement at Athens and of the conference of the King with political advisers. From Sofia the British press received no details.

There is general activity of the Austro-German forces along the Serbian frontier. A semi-official dispatch from Nish repudiates reports that Serbia has been asked in effect to remain quiet while the Austro-Germans conduct their campaign southwards.

The events in Bulgaria throw into comparative obscurity the continued Russian retreats along the Yungai tip, with the exception of the Nish front, the Polish front, where the Russians are on the offensive near Friederichstadt, the Germans tell of progress throughout mid-Poland as far south as Strykow, which they have captured.

Taken at any point, however, it has not exceeded 2000, which would seem to indicate that the attempt to complete the coils around the retreating Russians has proved unsuccessful.

September 22, 1915.

Solissons bombarded by Germans.

Allies' left wing attempts movement in North to envelop German right wing.

One thousand four hundred British believed lost on cruisers sunk by Germans September 22.

Belgian draftees ordered to doff hats to German officers.

World-wide misery, due to war, revealed by Presbyterian missions.

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FOUR INDICTED AS ARSON TRUST GANG

8 Portland Fires Laid at Door of "Ring."

CONFESSIONS IMPLICATE 20

Mordie Keeney, W. Stewart, G. W. Woollette Accused.

NAME OF FOURTH SECRET

California Merchant Said to Have Been Involved in Statements to Prosecutor—Fire Marshal Trails Former Comrade.

Four members of the alleged "arson syndicate" were indicted by the grand jury yesterday after the jury had deliberated two days over disclosures made by District Attorney Evans and Fire Marshal Jay Stevens as to the existence of a coastwide organization for the purpose of setting fires and collecting insurance.

Those indicted are Mordie Keeney, formerly a lieutenant in the Portland fire department; George W. Woollette, a plumber; Will Stewart, and a fourth man, whose name is withheld by the authorities pending his arrest.

Two Confess Part in Fires.

Woollette and Stewart made complete statements to the authorities admitting their connection with a number of fires and implicating Keeney and several others. Keeney is the only man thus far arrested in connection with the arson disclosures who maintains his innocence.

Woollette and Stewart at present are at liberty on their own promise to appear when wanted. Keeney is in the County Jail under \$5000 bonds. Sanford W. Currier, the first man indicted for the "firebug" activities, is still in jail awaiting trial.

Fearing that an attempt may be made on his life as a result of his confession, the authorities say Stewart has appealed to them to put him in jail or hurry his case to a climax.

More Are Laid to Ring.

Eight Portland fires are laid at the door of the latest "arson ring," but some of these occurred so long ago that the time for prosecution has passed. District Attorney Evans believes, however, that the eight fires mentioned in various confessions he has received are but a small part of the gang's actual operations.

Keeney and Woollette were indicted specifically for setting fire to a house at 269 Lombard avenue. Stewart was indicted for firing his house at Greeley street on August 18. This is the latest fire in the long list which the officers say they have fastened on the suspects.

Nearly 20 Mentioned in Confession.

Thus far 19 statements and confessions have been made to District Attorney Evans and Deputy Charles W. Robinson. Nearly 20 persons, many of whom are out of the state, have been involved. The number of fires set cannot be estimated—there are so many, the officers say, that the informers themselves cannot remember all. The property loss and the insurance money collected would reach an immense sum, Mr. Evans believes.

The operations of some of the "firebugs" began 19 years ago. They have set fires in many parts of Oregon and numerous cities in California, the authorities declare.

California Merchant Accused.

The latest confession received by Mr. Evans is said to implicate James Barnman, a wealthy merchant of Richmond, Cal. in the setting of a fire at Firland station in Portland several years ago. The name of this informer is withheld for the present. He is said to have also implicated Irvie Barnman and Lester Burright, who are under arrest in Oakland, Cal., on arson charges.

Many peculiar features have been developed by Mr. Evans' force and Fire Marshal Stevens in the investigations, which have extended over a period of three or four months.

The dropping of a kerosene lamp is the most popular excuse given to the firemen by the alleged incendiaries after a house has burned.

Evidence Planted, Is Report.

In some cases the "firebugs" paid as little as \$25 down on a lot, says Mr. Evans, built a house on it, and no sooner was the structure completed and insured than it "accidentally" was burned to the ground.

Casters, screws, drawer handles and the like were thrown on the floors of the houses, say the officers, as "evidence" to the underwriters that the house was fully furnished. Sometimes, it is declared, broken bits of Haviland china and cut glassware were secured from china stores and placed in the house before the fire as "evidence" of an expensive-furnished china closet.

Mixture Generated Gas.

Currier himself was a contractor and builder by trade. Much of his business was legitimate, it is said, but he is known to have constructed many of the houses of the alleged "built to burn" kind. These houses were not always plastered nor fully completed.

Uniformly, it seems, the members of the so-called "arson syndicate" used a

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