

WORK IS BEGUN UPON INVENTORY

Government Experts to Schedule Natural Resources of Country.

FOR PRESIDENT'S GUIDANCE

Report Will Be Made to Executive January 1 by National Conservation Commission for Which Data Are Being Gathered.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 18.—Actual work on the first inventory of the natural resources of the United States has begun. Under the direction of the National Conservation Commission it will be carried on vigorously throughout the summer. This is necessary in order to enable the Commission to make the report which President Roosevelt has requested of it for January 1 next.

A meeting of the chiefs of bureaus of the Executive Department has been held, and the heads of the various divisions concerned with the country's natural resources have offered their hearty cooperation in the great task which the Commission has undertaken. So now, within only a few days over a month from the date the National Conservation Commission was named by the President, active work is going on in every bureau of the Government which can furnish material available for the Commission's report.

Much Material at Hand.

A great amount of this material is already available in the Government departments. These important parts of it, however, will be collected through special channels. Among these will be the State Conservation Commissions, which the Government are appointing, and some of the great National organizations which were represented at the White House conference and which have entered with spirit into the general conservation movement. In other words, the machinery for making the first inventory ever attempted of the resources of the Nation has been set in motion and is running smoothly.

Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the Commission, has changed his plans and will shortly return to Washington to continue personal supervision of the work. By early fall the Commission expects to have in hand sufficient material to begin the study of the stock of the country's resources, and by the middle of October it hopes to have the great part of this material in hand. This will be necessary in order that the full Commission, which holds its first meeting Tuesday, December 1, in Washington, may at once take

up the study of the facts which the summer's work has brought together.

One week later the Commission will hold a joint meeting in Washington with the Governors of the states, or their representatives, with a view of securing further and closer co-operation with the various state commissions.

The Commission has devised a new and interesting method by which to collect this material. A schedule of inquiries embracing the whole subject of conservation—waters, forests, lands and minerals—has been arranged and sent to each bureau chief with a request for suggestions and criticisms. This has resulted in obtaining the expert advice of the men at the head of the different bureaus who will have immediate charge of the collection of the material. President Roosevelt, who is keeping in very close touch with the Commission, has approved this method and has written to each chief of bureau a letter commending the enthusiastic co-operation shown by the bureau chiefs and emphasizing his belief in the great importance of the work the National Conservation Commission has in hand.

Work for Big Bureaus.

Among the Government bureaus which will furnish a large part of the important information the Commission is seeking are the Bureau of Corporations of the Department of Commerce and Labor, under Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith; the Bureau of the Census, under Director North; the Forest Service, under the direct supervision of the chairman of the Commission, and Overton W. Price, secretary of the Forest Section of the Commission; the Reclamation Service, under Director Newell; the Geological Survey, under Director Smith; the Corps of Engineers of the Army, under its new chief General William L. Marshall, and almost every bureau under the Department of Agriculture.

Co-operation among all the agencies now engaged in the inventory taking is a conspicuous feature. Taking the membership of the National Commission and the several memberships of the state commissions together, the number of persons engaged and interested in the work is very large.

Will Avoid Duplication.

One of the most important requirements is, therefore, to make sure that every step of the work is known to all who are starting in it, so that there may be the utmost amount of co-ordination and concentration, no misdirected energy and no duplication. Accordingly, bulletins of progress and information are issued to the officers of the commissions, the state commissions and others, and a voluminous correspondence is kept up. In this way the work, complex and scattered as it is, is effectively centralized and simplified.

SCORNED TAINTED MONEY

Preacher Who Opposed Rockefeller's Gift Drowned While Fishing.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 18.—Dr. Artemus Joan Haines, pastor of the United Congregational Church of this city, was drowned last night while fishing on Long Pond, near Harwich, Mass. His body was recovered today.

Two years ago Dr. Haines took strong ground against the acceptance of John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000, declaring that "if Christ were on earth he would make a great gulf between the church and the unrepentant rich, who had used dishonesty and bribery to obtain their wealth."

TEST CASE FILED

Power of Police Judge to Be Determined.

IN CASES OF ASSAULT

Counsel for Negro Contends That County Jail Sentences May Not Be Imposed and Asks Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Asserting that the Judge of the Municipal Court, then Judge Cameron, exceeded his authority in sentencing him to the County Jail for assault and battery, W. M. Walley, a negro, applied to the Circuit Court for a writ of habeas corpus yesterday afternoon.

Walley's attorney contends that the Municipal Judge has no power under the law to sentence a prisoner to any term in the County Jail for assault and battery. The practice of imposing County Jail sentences in assault and battery cases is commonly followed in the Police Court, and makes the question raised an interesting one.

The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is based on a section of the laws of 1905, which restricts a Justice of the Peace to a fine of \$5 to \$50 in sentencing for assault and battery. It is contended by Walley's attorney that the Municipal Court Judge acts as a Justice of the Peace in cases of this nature, and that he is bound by the same restrictions that govern a Justice of the Peace, and should have merely imposed a fine on Walley.

Another interesting question in connection with the writ is whether Walley could be forced to pay a filing fee to get his application for a writ before the court. Walley's attorney attempted to file the petition, but the clerk refused to accept it unless the filing fee of \$11 was paid.

It was contended by Walley's attorney that this exaction is unconstitutional in that it restricts the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, which are guaranteed by the constitution. The matter was taken up before Judge O'Day, and it was found that the clerk had acted under instructions from the four Circuit Judges, who had some time previously issued an order directing the payment of the filing fee in habeas corpus cases.

Judge O'Day freely expressed the opinion that the exaction of a filing fee for a writ of habeas corpus in a criminal case is unconstitutional, but because he was retiring from the bench yesterday, he refused to revoke the order of the four judges and directed Walley's attorney to take the matter up before Judge Bronough Monday. Judge O'Day said he would issue the writ yesterday, if the filing fee was paid.

Alleges Fraud in Land Deal.

Alleging that he had been defrauded in the purchase of lands to which the Government held the title, J. N. B. Gerking yesterday filed suit in the Circuit Court



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Inspecting Life-Saving Stations. ASTORIA, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Captain H. Emery, United States Navy, inspector of this life-saving district, was here today on a tour of inspection to the various stations in the Northwest.

Wailula to Go in Drydock. ASTORIA, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—The bar tug Wailula will leave up the river tomorrow morning for Portland to go on the drydock at St. John to be overhauled and repaired.

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PATROLMAN TRANSFORMS OLD JAIL INTO HOME WITH MODERN CONVENIENCES

Police Station That Formerly Stood on Exposition Grounds Residence of Officer Peterson.



PATROLMAN BEN PETERSON'S RESIDENCE, TRANSFORMED FROM EXPOSITION JAIL.

A POLICE station transformed into an eight-room modern dwelling is the unique residence of Patrolman Ben Peterson, of Captain Slover's squad of the Portland police. The most acute observer would fail to detect in the Peterson home any traces of the former Exposition jail that once stood at Twenty-fifth and Upshur streets, so thorough has been the officer's work of reconstruction. It was in what is now Peterson's house that Captain Slover and 18 patrolmen won distinction for their work during the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

When the Exposition closed and the department decided that a station in North Portland was no longer necessary, the structure was offered at auction, and for the sum of \$25 Peterson removed his lot in South Portland a jail of his own. Chief Gritzmacher was the auctioneer, and had hardly announced the property for sale when the patrolman called out his bid. As there were no other bidders, the Chief "knocked down" the building to Peterson. The auction took place April 6, 1906, and the following morning the patrolman had the station moved on a flatcar to his lot on the Fulton line, two blocks below Hamilton avenue. Little by little the work of reconstruction has been carried on by the officer single-handed, and it was not until within the last few days that the finishing touches were applied to the structure. The inner walls of heavy, rough timbers, which divided the interior of the building into four large cells, have been torn away. They have been replaced by plastered walls, with gracefully curving ceilings. The wood-work has been installed with care and

a porch, eight feet deep and running the entire width of the building, has been attached, giving the dwelling a distinctive appearance. Officer Peterson has raised the building so that he has secured a nine-foot basement. Such a dwelling the police officer does not believe he could duplicate for \$2000.

Peterson has been more than two years in completing the reconstruction of the building. Each month he has put in the greater part of his earnings toward making a presentable home for his family and himself. The house is supplied with every modern convenience.

AIDED PREACHER IN CRIME

Doctor Sentenced for Manslaughter in Killing Young Teacher.

TROY, Mo., July 18.—(Special.)—Hemphill, charged with the Rev. Clyde Gow with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, a young teacher, was found guilty by a jury here today and sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. Hemphill was charged with assisting in an operation at the solicitation of Gow, which resulted in the death of Miss Gleason.

Gow, who is yet to be tried, was recently dismissed from the ministry of the Methodist Church, South, because of his connection with the case.

Petty Robberies in Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—A number of Eugene stores and residences are being systematically robbed, apparently by some local talent. For several months past small robberies have been reported to the police, but the guilty persons have not been apprehended. Last night F. A. Banker's music store on West Sixth street was robbed of \$25 and some few articles taken from the stock.

Child Whipped Too Often.

A negro woman, complaining that a white child having a Chinese foster-father was being abused, appeared at the Juvenile Court yesterday afternoon and asked that the officers take some action to stop the alleged abuse. When asked as to the nature of the abuse, the negro said that the child, which is only 15 months old, is spanked too much. The child had white parents, both of whom



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