

EXISTING LAWS TO BE GUIDE TO POLICY

Administration Will Reverse Pinchot Method of Government by Bureaus.

NEED OF REVISION SEEN

Amendments to Conservation Statutes, However, Will Be Sought in Regular Way—South in Sympathy With West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—The report that the Wilson Administration in enforcing its conservation policy intends to keep strictly within the law is gratifying to Western men in Congress, who long have been striving vainly to compel the administrative officers of the Government to recognize the restrictive imposed upon them by Federal statutes. One of the chief complaints against Pinchotism has been that it knew no law, and the great cry against the arbitrary methods of Mr. Pinchot while Forester, and against others who cooperated with him, was that Government bureaus gave their own arbitrary regulations the force and effect of law. It is realized, however, that neither President Wilson nor Secretary Lane, while showing due respect for the law, intend to proceed for the next few years under the land laws now on the statute books. The new Administration, like that which recently passed into history, will strive for material amendments in the land laws and other laws regulating the use and development of natural resources. Had such legislation been recommended, President Wilson and Secretary Lane would ascertain just how far existing law goes; wherein the present law needs revision, and how far some of the Government bureaus have been going beyond the law during the days of unrestrained bureaucracy.

Present Inadequacy Admitted. Every man in Congress who is interested in the subject at all is willing to admit the inadequacy of the present land laws, and the dire need for revision. In the past there has been no concerted movement to revise the laws thoroughly and make them applicable to conditions of the present day, and the lack of unity has been largely responsible for the piecemeal revision which has proved utterly inadequate. The opposition of the Pinchot conservationists has also had a deterrent effect, for this element has been loud to protest against what it did not approve, and its protests for a time were effective. During the last session of Congress, however, the Pinchot conservationists received their first signal rebuff on the Connecticut River dam bill, their defeat being due to the uprising of Southern and Western men in both branches of Congress—a combination never before effective. The South, however, is growing more and more sympathetic to the West for a number of the same conditions, now that the Government is extending its forest reserves into that section, and concerted action to revise the laws is being taken. The West is disinclined to accept the theories of Pinchot, as Secretary Lane has pointed out in a letter to men who believe true conservation means use, rather than reservation.

Law Often Exceeded. If the Wilson Administration, before outlining its conservation policy to Congress, goes ahead with an investigation into the practical methods of means which have jurisdiction over conservation questions, it will find many instances where the law has been exceeded, and the fact is indicated in advance that this practice is to be checked. Disregard of the restraints imposed by law grew up in the days when Mr. Pinchot was Secretary of the Interior. James A. Garfield, was Secretary of the Interior. Garfield had an Attorney-General for his department, George W. Woodruff, who previously had been law officer of the Forest Service. After Woodruff became Assistant Attorney-General, he wrote an opinion holding that the Secretary of the Interior could do with affairs under his jurisdiction anything not specifically prohibited by law. He had previously held the same position with regard to forestry matters. On that opinion grew up the Pinchot method of governing by regulations, made without authority of law and often-times in contempt of law.

When Pinchot was out and Garfield had retired to private life, the Woodruff opinion was to some extent forgotten, and the Interior Department and Forest Service got back closer to the law. So firmly had become the old habit, however, that neither department fully recovered and today there are regulations in force that have no authority in law, and especially in the Interior Department, for Samuel Adams, of Chicago, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, held much the same view as Mr. Woodruff. Complaints to be Investigated. Complaints of these old abuses have been called to the attention of President Wilson and Secretary Lane, and on these complaints, it is said, investigation is to be made. The field is so broad that several months will be required to find out just what practices prevail, but when the trouble is located and the new Administration forms a definite policy for revising the land laws, Western interests in Congress expect to cooperate, provided the attitude of the Southern men in Congress will co-operate heartily.

GERMANS NEED MORE CASH

Government Plans Monopolies in Sale of Cigarettes and Alcohol.

BERLIN, March 22.—The German government in order to cover the continually increasing expenditure of the army, is contemplating the establishment of government monopolies in the sale of cigarettes, matches and alcohol. The Lokal Anzeiger says the government intended originally to rely on other sources of revenue for this purpose, but opposition from several of the federated states was encountered.

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WASHINGTON, March 22.—Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, resigned today, Secretary Houston accepted the resignation after a talk with President Wilson, to become effective July 31. Professor Moore is a Democrat and was a candidate for appointment as Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Houston explained that the office of the chief of the Weather Bureau was not covered by civil service, and was a Presidential appointment. Scientific Ability Will Count. "We have no one in mind now," said the Secretary, "but will try to get the best man we can of scientific ability and administrative talent."

When President Wilson came into office, and officials of the Department of Agriculture holding Presidential appointments handed in their resignations, Professor Moore was not among them. Petitions had been circulated previously, urging on President Wilson the selection of Professor Moore to be Secretary of Agriculture. Since Secretary Houston was appointed, the White House has received large numbers of letters and telegrams urging that Professor Moore be retained in office as chief of the Weather Bureau. The first intimation that Professor Moore was to resign came early today when it was said at the White House that he "would resign." Moore declined to discuss the subject and hurried to the Department of Agriculture for a conference with Secretary Houston. Mr. Moore emerged from the Secretary's office somewhat disturbed, callers in the outside office thought, and later his resignation was announced. Professor Moore himself later declined to make a statement. "Everything is all friendly," was his comment. "After July 31 I shall retire to my farm."

RAILWAYS DENY CLAIMS

ROAD FOREMAN THINKS FIRE-MEN ARE SECONDARY.

Stockholders, Says Witness, Put Money Into Road and Are Entitled to Profits. NEW YORK, March 22.—Employees of the Baltimore & Ohio, the Pennsylvania and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroads testified today before the arbitration board to uphold the contention of the Eastern railroads that the demands of their firemen for higher wages were not justified. It was the second day of the railroads' side of the case in the arbitration proceedings under the Erdman act. These witnesses declared that, while locomotives had increased in size and burned more coal than formerly, mechanical improvements had lightened the labor of the firemen. Reports tonight tell of great damage in Greenville, Forest Home, Burnt Corn, Coy, Vreedenberg and Beatrice, but no loss of life. Reports from Thomasville that there had been killed could not be confirmed. One report from Lower Peach Tree says the wind blew the clothes off some of the bodies found, and that chickens were stripped of their feathers.

RELIEF CALL SENT OUT

ALABAMANS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.

Death List in Peach Tree Section Is 28—Many Are Hurt and Homes Are Destroyed. MOBILE, Ala., March 22.—Mobile citizens are canvassing tonight for money and supplies for the relief of storm victims at Lower Peach Tree, Ala., which virtually was wiped out by a cyclone Friday. Reports from the stricken district have brought the death list in that section up to 28. Many are reported seriously hurt. Besides sending appeals to President Wilson and Governor O'Neil, Mobile citizens are raising a fund for the immediate relief of the sufferers who have lost their homes.

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Do You Want the Best \$20.00 Blue Serge Suit in America for an Even \$16. Salem Woolen Mills Clothing Co. If you buy one of these suits, you get the best \$20 value procurable for only \$16. Arrangements are being made for the annual banquet of the Multnomah Bar Association in the crystal saloon of the new Oregon Hotel, at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The principal speaker of the evening will be Justice Stephen J. Chadwick, of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, a son of ex-Governor Chadwick of Oregon. Other short addresses will be made by J. C. Moreland, Walter H. Evans, Judge George N. Davis, Justice Thomas A. McBride and C. E. S. Wood. This banquet is tendered in honor of seven of the oldest practitioners of the Multnomah County bar, namely, John H. Woodward, Rufus Mallory, Cyrus A. Dolph, P. L. Willis, H. H. Northrup, Richard Williams and J. C. Moreland. Tickets can be obtained from the treasurer, Roscoe E. Hurst, up to 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

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ARONSON'S REMOVAL SALE. Gill's March Sale of Books Is Now In Progress. Take Advantage. Third And Alder St.

FOR SALE At a Bargain. AN AUTO BUS—60 H. P., 6-cylinder, seating capacity inside, 14 persons. Only used a short time; in best of condition. Will send photo and specifications on request. Part cash, balance monthly. Hotel Savoy Seattle, Wash.

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