

MORE CASH ASKED TO PROTECT TIMBER

Oregon Conservation Commission Issues Annual Report of Importance.

GAME LAW CHANGE SOUGHT

Deer-Hunting Season in Dry Summer Month of August Held as Fatal to Forests Through Fires Started by Sportsmen.

Added appropriations for the protection of Oregon's timber resources are recommended in the annual report of the Oregon Conservation Commission just issued.

It is stated that the showing made by the State Board of Forestry is such that the request for this appropriation is reasonable.

Exact figures showing the fire losses in Oregon during 1914 are yet unavailable, but the total is not expected to exceed 20,000,000 board feet.

Development of the lands whose title is now in dispute between the state and the Oregon & California Railroad Company is urged in the report.

It is stated that the Commission would deprecate any disposition of these lands that would permit them to be held indefinitely without development or sale.

This recommendation is made, however, in the event the state supreme court declares the land grant forfeited to the Government.

A change in the game laws, so that the deer-hunting season in the dry summer month of August will not be the occasion of forest fires, is recommended.

Water Power of Importance. Water-power resources of the state is a subject with which the Commission naturally deals at some length.

Potential horsepower in streams tributary to Portland is given as amounting to 3,139,170, ranging from the estimate of 800,000 horsepower at Celilo and The Dalles down to 800 horsepower in the Coast Fork of the Willamette.

Fertilizer Problem Discussed. The most promising market for the utilization of our water power appears to be in the making of fertilizer.

The fertilizer industry is already one of great magnitude. The Columbia River basin is well situated to develop this industry.

The great need is for a mixed fertilizer of great richness and little weight.

Fertilizer Trade Enormous. The fertilizer trade of the world amounts approximately to \$100,000,000 per annum.

The making of nitrates for the powder industry is another promising field for the utilization of cheap water-power.

Irrigation Recommendations Made. Irrigation projects of the state are mentioned with considerable details in the report and recommendations made as to the continued bringing of water on the semi-arid lands of the state.

Members of the Oregon Conservation Commission are: N. Peal, chairman; F. G. Young, William Pollman, Mrs. Josephine Hirsch, C. B. Watson, B. F. Irvine and Fred F. Henshaw.

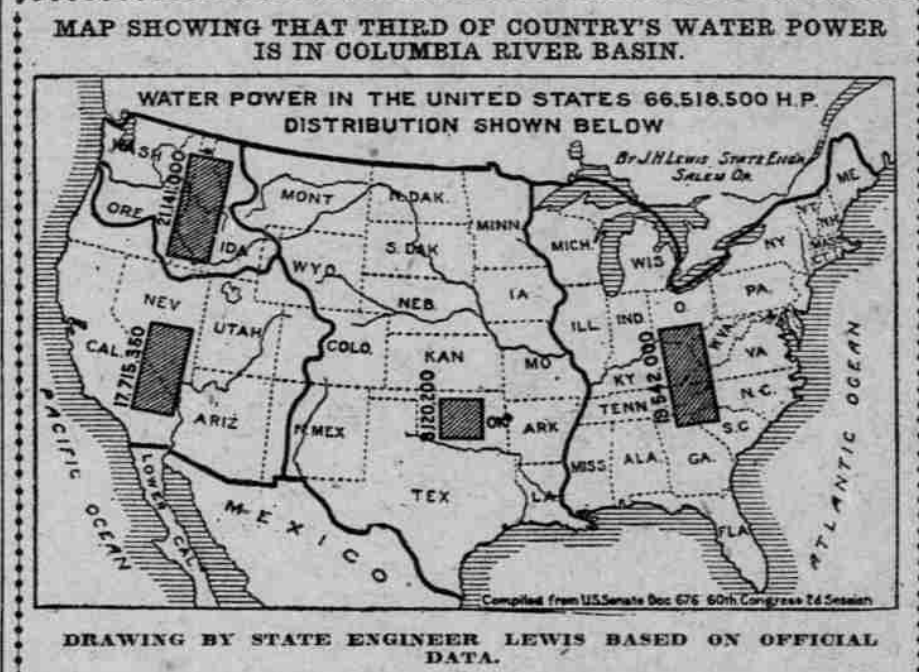
LENTS SHOT LAID TO GIRL'S FEAR OF MAN

Father, Arrested With Son for Attack, Says That Boarder Threatened to Burn House.

TWO RELEASED ON BAIL

Sylvia Killman, Whose Attempt at Suicide Led to Waylaying and Wounding of Claude Rinehart, Avers She Hates Victim.

Six weeks of fear of Claude Rinehart, swarthy and of Spanish descent, that culminated in the shooting of Rinehart by 19-year-old John Killman.



\$1,231,990 NOW ON HAND

Semi-Monthly Report Shows Status of Various Funds. The city has a total of \$1,231,990.69 on hand in the various standing funds, according to the semi-monthly report of City Treasurer Adams, made public yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total: \$1,231,990.69. Items include General, Fire department, Police department, Street repair, Bonded indebtedness interest, Library, Park, Street cleaning, Improvement bond sinking, Water bond sinking, Park and boulevard, Fireboat and fire main, Water bond account, Police and fire department relief, Street improvement, Sewer, Street extension, Street and sewer interest, Public auditorium, Police relief fund.

NEW EDISON PLANT IS DESTINED TO WITHSTAND ANYTHING BUT QUAKES

Fire Which Destroys \$7,000,000 Factory of Great Inventor Throws 7000 Employees Into Enforced Idleness and Reduces to Scrap Machinery of Much Value. Early Start on Rebuilding Promised.



Photograph Taken Morning After Fire Destroyed \$7,000,000 Edison Plant

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The great reinforced concrete Edison plant, which the famous inventor believed proof against any kind of fire, was completely destroyed the night of December 10 by flames which consumed property valued at \$7,000,000 before they were controlled.

POLK ROADS INVITING

GRAVEL HARDENED BY RAINS AND TOURISTS OUT IN FORCE. Automobile Trade Increases With Improvement of Highways and Long Trips Frequent.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The highways leading out of this city and in many other districts of Polk County are in excellent condition as the result of organized efforts to grade and gravel the roads.

Several years ago near Rickerall a movement was begun for the general improvement of the roads. Hundreds of wagon loads of yellow "slough" gravel were hauled to the weakest spots and carefully spread out.

The improved roads have been a big factor in the noted increase in the number of automobiles purchased by county residents within the past year.

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PANORAMA OF STATE PLAN

Washington to Show \$30,000 Exhibit of Country at Fair. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Upon his return from San Francisco Secretary of State Howell announced the endorsement by state authorities of a plan to exhibit an elaborate relief panorama of the State of Washington in the Transportation building of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

With the announced approval of Richard Seelye Jones, Executive Commissioner of the State of Washington, and President Moore of the Exposition Company, a campaign will be launched to procure a \$50,000 fund for this purpose, James W. Williams, of Spokane, who conceived the idea, being designated to handle the campaign and Secretary Howell to handle and account for the money received.

It is expected to interest commercial organizations in the plan of raising sufficient money, the exhibit planned being an addition to that arranged by the State Exposition Commission. Elaborate mechanical features, showing railroad trains in operation, automobiles on the Pacific Highway and a miniature Spokane Falls, are proposed.

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