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STATE'S RIGHTS INVOLVED

Leaders of All Parties Aligned to Gain Supervision Over Sites of Water Power, Declaring Any Other Move Stops Progress.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—State control of water-power sites and streams aside from navigation is not only a political issue in Idaho, but has become a political issue of statewide importance, with partisanship forgotten.

The party leaders have definite ideas on state rights insofar as control of streams, lakes and power-sites is concerned. Men like James H. Hawley, one of Idaho's foremost lawyers, and Governor of the state, are among such leaders. Legislation as the Ferris bill pending before Congress.

They believe it is wrong in principle, so calculated to be injurious to the best interests of the state, so subversive of the principles which have heretofore been acquiesced in that it is intolerable to most citizens of the West.

Idaho's ideas in regard to control of her own resources, especially water-power sites, will be laid before the Governor's conference at Boston this month by Mr. Hawley, Governor Alexander and others.

Mine Owners to File Test Case.—The Idaho Mining Association, an organization which has an active interest in state resources, has made the issue non-partisan, for it has decided to institute a test case in the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary.

It is their purpose to institute action, either through a writ of mandamus or mandatory injunction to determine whether or not the Government by assumption can exercise control over property within the state of Idaho by withdrawing from entry its water-power sites and preventing their development to the detriment of the state, and the building and the added development of electrical energy.

The association has the co-operation of Senator Borah, Idaho's leading Republican, and the backing of ex-Governor Hawley, one of the state's leading Democrats. Senator Borah has already expressed his sympathy for the movement for the free use of itself from Federal control of power-sites. They are opposed to the theory that the Government has exclusive control of not only navigable streams, but all of their tributaries.

Idaho's Stand Gets Some Relief.—In the past Idaho presented strong opposition to interpretation of the Federal reserve policy, so that today, Federal and state officials work in the closest harmony in the administration of the affairs of the forest reserves. The state stock and sheep on an equal basis, big or little, in the use of the range.

This state also made a fight against the special agent visit, which ultimately resulted in Idaho and other states forcing the Government to abandon its policy of placing secret agents on the courts of Idaho and carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary.

It is with the same vigor that leading men of the state are opposing to fight the Ferris bill and any other similar legislation which seeks to take from its control the water-power sites, whose ultimate development will mean greater wealth, population and progress for its citizens.

Ex-Governor Hawley discussed the issue in the following statement: "That the states have supreme control of the waters of all streams within their boundaries, except navigable rivers, over which the General Government has control only so far as navigation is concerned is a principle as old as the Government itself, guaranteed, as I read it, by the Constitution without question by the constitution of Idaho."

"Such control is defeated if the United States can arbitrarily refuse to dispose of the lands in question to the states and upon which plants to develop hydro-electric energy must necessarily be built. To affirm the doctrine now so strenuously contended that the Federal Government has the right to withdraw from sale and leased by the Federal Government for a term of years, will indirectly lead to absolute Federal control by the Government of the waters of the streams used for development of electric power."

"It is part of that gradual encroachment upon the rights of the states which will finally turn over to the Federal authorities the entire control of our public waters and the development growing out of their use, and our public lands, including our mineral ground, and the lands containing phosphates, nitrates and other valuable deposits valuable for agricultural purposes as fertilizers."

Lands Declared in Trust.—"But it will be contended that the United States is the owner of these lands and the preference is privileged to such course as its officers deem advisable. So to state, in my opinion, shows a complete misapprehension of the underlying principle involved."

"The United States, as I take it, does not own these lands in its sovereign capacity, but simply has a proprietary interest therein, except as to lands needed for special Government purposes. If it owns the lands as the sovereign, then it will follow necessarily under all circumstances its complete control cannot be divested except by its own act; if on the contrary, it is simply the proprietor, then the doctrine heretofore used for centuries is simply the retention of these lands in trust for the people, must still be correct."

"This matter is all-important to the people of Idaho and other interested states. The power facilities of this section are our greatest assets, and the full development of the latent electric energy of the state will not only, in the future, solve the problem of irrigating through pumping process our higher arable lands, but will give us a ample supply of cheap fuel, cheap light and cheap power for every manufacturing and mining use."

Development Depends on Power.—"The development of the immense possibilities of the state must be preceded by the development of our power facilities. This can only be done by fullest opportunity given those engaging in the business to acquire perfect title to the lands upon which their plants are situated."

"Only by having perfect title in the first instance can the large amounts of money necessary to build up such enterprises be obtained, to give power to the Government or its officials to

CONTROL THESE PLANTS AT THE END OF A GIVEN NUMBER OF YEARS, BY HAVING THE RIGHT TO FIX THE AMOUNT WHICH MUST BE PAID FOR THE LANDS UPON WHICH THEY ARE SITUATED, WILL RETARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF IDAHO FOR GENERATIONS.

This is not a dispute between the Government and the power companies, but between the Federal authorities and the entire people of the Western states. The danger of combinations between power companies that might lead to oppressive charges is absolutely eliminated by the authority given our Public Utility Commission. The state itself, as really the parties in interest. We must have our God-given resources developed in the near future.

Appeal Made to Stop Act.—"This can never be done under the provisions of the proposed legislation now before Congress. Our safety lies in so weakening public sentiment that legislation of this kind cannot be enacted; in showing by the appeals of our higher officers to the courts, whenever our interests are jeopardized."

Colorado and Utah have already intervened in the actions now pending before the Supreme Court of the United States, in which the relative rights of the United States, the states and their citizens on lands necessary for power companies, that might lead to oppressive charges is absolutely eliminated by the authority given our Public Utility Commission. Will Idaho, with far greater interests at stake than any of her neighbors, sit supinely by and refuse to do anything to help her? She should or will. The Civil War was fought for the preservation of the Union. We are now in the

PLANS FOR MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL BUILDING INCLUDE MANY FEATURES.



ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The town of Lexington, in Morrow county, will have a new \$19,000 high school building, according to plans drawn by Charles H. Burgergraf, of this city. The building will be two stories high with full story basement, and will be 47 by 85 feet in size. It will be erected of brick. The contract for the building of the new school will be let today.

The first floor of the new structure will contain three grade rooms, a room for the domestic science department and a teachers' room. On the second floor will be located two grade rooms, an assembly room, office, laboratory and recitation rooms.

commencement of an equally important contest for the preservation of the rights of the state.

Vital Principles at Stake.—"If the principles of Government control is affirmed by the National Legislature and the Supreme Court, the great underlying principle upon which our Government is founded, of a union of states, each controlling to the fullest extent their internal affairs, with authority delegated to the General Government to control and manage those matters affecting them as a Nation, will be completely shattered."

Governor Hawley has been specially honored with an invitation to attend the Governor's Congress at Boston to deliver an address on state control of water power and will bring the Idaho issue clearly before the chief executives assembled there.

MUECKE HOPARD IDEAL

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR BIG YIELD ON PLACE NEAR AURORA.

Farm Once Owned by Famous Colony Is One of Best Conducted in Valley and Excellent Country Home.

AURORA, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Of all the hopyards of the Aurora section, none is in better condition than the big yard on the Muecke estate, five miles north of this place. Most of the yard has been thoroughly sprayed and kept up to excellent condition.

The hops are all grown on the upland, the great fields in the Pudding River being too rich to produce hops of the best quality. There are 100 acres of it being in cultivation. It is owned by the Muecke estate and is managed by Carl Muecke, and his brother, Karl Muecke. Their father, G. A. Muecke, one of the pioneer hop-growers and hop dealers of the Aurora section, lives in Portland, but is a frequent visitor at the big ranch. This farm was once owned by the famous Aurora Colony, but was purchased nearly 30 years ago by Mr. Muecke, who came to Oregon from San Francisco to engage in hop growing.

In later years the extent of the ranch has been greatly increased. It is now a large tract of 100 acres, and is one of the best conducted farms in the valley, which, with its beautiful view of the low lands, the mountains, and majestic Mount Hood, is an ideal farm home.

Farm life on such a place is not all charm and enjoyment. It has its disappointments. Its labor is not all idleness, but is a hard, honest, and profitable one. The idle hours, except when visitors come to enjoy the hospitality of its owners.

The farm has numerous teams, but most of the plowing and harrowing is done by the caterpillar tractor which pulls the gang plow. The tractor is used also to pull the reaper and binder.

From now until the hops are in the bale will be the busiest season of the year.

Wahkiakum Assessment Lower.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Wahkiakum County is facing a decrease in its assessed valuation. In 1912 the valuation stood at \$1,542,534, while this year it is \$1,319,870, a decrease of \$222,660 in three years. This is due to the large amount of timber which has been logged off during the past year, leaving many acres of unimproved stump land. The highway which is now being built through the county will open up this land for settlers, and the extensive diking operations on Puget Island will increase the valuation of 4000 acres to \$500,000.

Cathlamet Attendance Improves.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The annual school report of the Cathlamet district shows the fact that this school district had an attendance of 12,539 days during the past year, an increase of 1908 days over the year. There are 136 children of school age in the district, and 98 of these are enrolled in the school.

DRY ACT IS CALLED INSULT TO PEOPLE

George C. Brownell Declares Statute Ignores Will of Voters of State.

PORTLANDERS ARE BLAMED

Aspirant for Nomination for Governor Avers Enforcement of Law Will Be Costly and Its Evasion Easy Matter.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The prohibition law, passed by the 1915 Legislature and effective January 1, 1916, was strongly denounced

"I realize that the people who are to blame for this law are certain Portland people and I would fully understand that the members of the Legislature from this county did the best they could under the circumstances and conditions that they were placed in and surrounded with, and either had to vote against all temperance legislation or take this law, and they voted exactly what I would have done under like circumstances."

"If this law is not repealed or amended in a proper way we will have a larger tax in the state of Oregon than we have ever had before; we will have liquor in thousands of the homes that have never been in the habit of having it before; we will see and know sooner or later drunkenness among boys and young people whom we never knew of before, and the worst and most demoralizing influence in many of the homes. This law abolishes the open saloon and in its place brings the establishment of one on a smaller scale in every home in the state."

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COLLEGE HENS ON LEAD

MARGIN INCREASED IN LAYING CONTEST AT EXPOSITION.

Report for the August 1 Shows First and Second Places Held and Pen in Fourth Gaining on Rivals.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The report of the Panama-Pacific egg-laying contest for August 1 shows that the three Oregon hens, Professor Dry, Hatched Rocks, respectively. The leaders have increased their lead from 120 to 173 eggs, while the Rocks have cut their lead of Canada White Wyandottes to nine eggs.

That they may have passed their rivals when the report was issued is indicated by the fact that Professor Dry, the three Oregon hens, and Hatched Rocks, respectively. The leaders have increased their lead from 120 to 173 eggs, while the Rocks have cut their lead of Canada White Wyandottes to nine eggs.

The list of ten best layers to August 1 shows some change from the July report, the first six places being held by the White American crosses and Hatched Rocks, respectively. The leaders have increased their lead from 120 to 173 eggs, while the Rocks have cut their lead of Canada White Wyandottes to nine eggs.

"I cannot conceive of how the Legislature of this state, in face of the expressed vote of the people at the last election, could have passed and placed upon the statute books, a law of this character."

Principle Called Slip.—"The principle contained in this law is bad; it is wrong; it is slapping the people of the state in the face; it is an insult to the conservative temperance people of the state."

"It is a law that was passed in obedience to the wishes and dictation of certain interests in the City of Portland, who dictated directly and indirectly its passage. It does not represent or express the real temperance element of the State of Oregon, but does express the wishes and the desires of the liquor interests and of certain other interests in Portland."

"It is wrong for the additional reason that it is a compromise with a thing that the people had, by their vote, declared to be wrong. The point is that the use of intoxicating liquor is either right or it is wrong. The temperance people are either right or they are wrong. If they are right, then this law is wrong and ought to be repealed and a law placed upon the statute books that will carry out the expressed will of the people."

Quantity Held Immaterial.—"If it is right under this law for any individual to have liquor shipped to his home, where his children are associated with the whisky and beer environment and to be educated that its use in the home is right and proper, then as a matter of logic or principle it would be equally right, if they can ship in 24 quarts of beer every 28 days, to ship in 24 barrels or any other quantity."

"The effect of the law is to destroy and make light of and place in disrepute the temperance people, because the law recognizes that it is right for a man to have whisky and beer shipped to his home, provided he only ships 24 quarts every 28 days; but if more is shipped, then it becomes wrong. Compromises, as rules, are always wrong. History records numbers of them. The slavery problem and its expansion and maintenance was the result of a compromise for years, and a blood-stained, with all its suffering and misery."

"The expenses of the enforcement of this law will reach away beyond the expense to the taxpayers in enforcing all the criminal laws now upon the statute books."

Reason Is Cited.—"The reason is that one man, in the town of Marquam, another in the town of Canby, and another in the town of Sandy, and say another, in the town of Milwaukie or Oswego, may all attempt to have 24 quarts of beer or some greater number than prescribed by law shipped to them. In order to prosecute, complaints will have to be filed, mileage will have to be allowed for witnesses from all these different localities to where the trials will be held; mileage for witnesses before the grand jury, and the result will be simply be enormous when you come to put the machinery of the law into effect, and into force."

"If the shipping of liquor was confined to one town, it would be comparatively easy to enforce the law, but four or five men in a distance of 35 or 40 miles from the county seat may violate this law in the different counties of the state, and the result will be, as above stated, that the taxpayers will be ridden to death in paying the expense of prosecuting and enforcing the law."

"As a lawyer who has had some experience in prosecuting and defending men charged with crime, I am quite sure that this law will be found to be detrimental and almost impossible to

enforce. At least, the expense of its enforcement will be tremendous.

Boozing Begun.—"For instance, suppose A concludes to have shipped to him 24 quarts of beer during the months of January, February and March of 1916, intending to boogie, and to improperly dispose of the same. He has three or four confederates who also have 24 quarts of beer shipped to them for the purpose of helping support him. It will be almost impossible to get evidence to convict under these circumstances; at least this condition could run on for months before the officials would be able to get sufficient proof upon which to sustain a conviction. The four confederates, if investigated, would probably say that they had drunk or used themselves. You see that it will be hard to make the conviction stick with convict A under these circumstances for the violation of this law. This would be the result in every town and village in the State of Oregon, and it would result in increasing our taxes beyond any conception at the present time."

"What I have said in this article is not meant as a criticism of any member of the Legislature of this county or otherwise."

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