

FEDERAL CONTROL OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

Senator Walsh and Colleagues Report to Governor of Montana on Conference.

LEASE POLICY IS DEFENDED

Views of Issues Voted on at Recent Western States Power Session Outlined and Reasons for Opposition Are Voiced.

The following report on the recent Western States Water-Power Conference, has been prepared by Senator J. Walsh and his colleagues to Governor Stewart of Montana:

The undersigned, delegates designated by you to represent the State of Montana at the Western States Water-Power Conference, which convened at Portland on the 21st instant, submit the following report of its proceedings with comment more or less pertinent to the subject-matter of its deliberations. In the opinion of the people of this state are so vitally concerned.

The work of water-power development has proceeded with such rapidity that Montana which enjoys the signal distinction of having greater hydro-electric energy per capita than any other state in the Union, and set the works in operation and in construction are capable of generating scarcely more than 250,000 horsepower out of a total potentiality variously estimated from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 horsepower. The undeveloped area of first importance on the public domain for electric power is the Grand Coulee at Pullman with Flathead Lake as a great natural storage reservoir, the cascades of the Kootenai, and the canyon of the Big Horn.

The only law under which powerites on the public domain can be occupied was passed in 1901. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to lease, for a term not exceeding 50 years, land to be used for the purpose of generating electric power, and, accordingly, an imperious demand has gone up for a change in the law, over the character of the land demanded by this situation much rancorous debate has ensued between certain earnest gentlemen generally referred to as the Federalists and Federal control on the one hand and the supporters of state rights on the other, until they cry out, "a plague on both your houses."

The issue at hand is whether the Federal Government or the states should exercise control over power development and the operation of the dams and power plants abutting on public lands, but whether such powerites should be granted away in perpetuity or for a limited term, say for 50 years. The Government has never departed from the policy of leasing public lands, alienating them in fee. All history has taught that the men who cultivated the soil ought to own the land, and until that powerful sentiment has been developed in perpetuity alienated in fee, but they ought to be given a limited term, say for a limited term only. Formerly municipalities, independent of the state, were granted franchises to streetcar companies, electric light companies, gas companies and other public service corporations. At an earlier period in the development of municipal government, not only perpetual, but mortgaged franchises were granted to water works, streetcar companies, electric light companies, gas companies and other public utility corporations with the franchisees enjoying matters that followed in respect to the public lands and public utility companies.

Champions of state rights found most food for argument in the fact that the waters of the streams, navigable and non-navigable, are the property of the state. The question as to whether the states own the waters of the streams, navigable and non-navigable, is a question of public domain or whether they belong to the nation. It is a question of public domain, and it is a question of public domain, and it is a question of public domain.

The guardians of the sacred rights of the states were evidently driven to rely upon the suggestion that at the end of 50 years, when the Government takes over the plant, it will not be subject to taxation and neither will the rates it may choose to charge be subject to state regulation. To this it was replied that no plants can be taken over by Congress authorized such a course and makes the proper appropriation to pay for the plant and equipment referred to might better be deferred and addressed to our grandchildren when, in their day, the question of what to do with them shall arise, as the lease, from time to time, expire. It is proposed to legislate so that their hands shall be free.

Right to Condemn Denied. The "resolved" referred to declares that no legislation at the present time is to be undertaken which shall have the effect of a simple confessions existing rights. It specifies that the law is in order to remove doubts, and it is in order to remove doubts, and it is in order to remove doubts.

Right to Lease Asserted. This point was vigorously attacked before the Congress as being violative of the rights of the states. Senator Stewart of Montana, Senator Clark of Wyoming, and ex-Senator Piles of Washington, assigned places on the programme, read fully prepared reports on the subject. Senator Jones of Washington, who is prepared to support the bill, as it was said at the Congress, was likewise on the programme, though he did not appear. Senator Chamberlain, also among those of the upper branch of the National Congress, who supported the same doctrine in Light v. United States, 22 U.S. 573. The power to lease is indisputable—undebatable. It was then said that conceding the power, the public lands would remain the property of the United States, not subject to taxation, and that the states, having the right to let, would be impoverished. Sympathy for this view was sought by carefully prepared maps showing the public lands, and a policy of leasing operates to place the public lands in the hands of the states, and it was decided to the contrary nearly 30 years ago by the Supreme Court in United States v. U. S. v. Gratiot, 34 Pet. 258, as was shown in the debate.

Commerce Club Elects University Students to Hear Prominent Speakers. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon Commerce Club, an organization of students, announced that it has recently elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing semester: President, Fred Blum; Vice-President, Flody South; Secretary, Berney Corbett; Treasurer, J. R. Walsh; SAM D. GOZA; J. E. BRICKSON.

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FIRE! SKIMMOR'S DRUG STOCK

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\$3.00 Hair Brushes at... \$1.50
\$1.50 Ivory Combs at... 75c
\$1.00 Purrs at... 25c
\$1.00 Pocket Knives at... 50c
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1916 BAR IS EXHIBIT

Next Year's Beverages to Be Feature at Show.

21 COUNTIES ARE ENTERED

Manufacturers' and Land Products Exposition to Open Here October 25 Will Include Most of Oregon's Industries.

More than 200 exhibitors will participate in the second annual Manufacturers' and Land Products show, to open at the Army and temporary exposition buildings, October 25. The show will include both industrial and agricultural exhibits, concessions, and special displays by the United States parcel post, Forestry service, Portland Public Library, O. W. R. & N. corn exhibit, Kiser photographic display of Oregon scenic views, and a variety of other exhibits.

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VETERAN, RESIDENT OF TILLAMOOK 28 YEARS, LEAVES MANY DESCENDANTS.

Jacob Blum, who died at his home in Pleasant Valley recently, was born in Switzerland April 1834. He came to America and to New Glarus, Wis., in 1848, and there married Miss Elizabeth Babler in 1861. Immediately after his marriage he left with the Ninth Wisconsin Regiment and served two years in the war. He came to Oregon in 1877. For the past 28 years he has lived in Tillamook County. He is survived by his wife, 12 children, 83 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. M. E. Graf, Portland; Mrs. Lydia Milk, Portland; Mrs. Doratha Detje, Portland; Mrs. Esther Franklin, Salt Lake City; Utah; Emil Blum, Edward Blum, Charles Blum, Fred Blum, John Blum, Alvin Blum, Mrs. Anna Simmons and Mrs. Martha Simmons, all of Tillamook County.

SOCIETY HORSES GOING

PANTAGES-BILL OPENING MONDAY HAS STRONG HEADLINE.

ASSESSOR LAYS 1916 PLAN

Grays Harbor Officials Work Out More Accurate, Speedier Method.

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PORTLAND SCHOOL METHODS ASKED.

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AWARD TO CHILDREN LAUDED

Kansas University Welfare Worker Says Portland Is Most Advanced.

LOW WATER DELAYS FERRY

Dredge Deepens Channel at Night Till Columbia River Again.

SCHOOL BOARD MAY MEET

Session, Probably Tomorrow, Will Consider Routine Business.

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