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Denver, Colo., Feb. 4.—Several...

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NEW LAND POLICY.

Secretary Garfield Aids Entrymen Instead of Hindering.

Washington, Feb. 4.—It is the purpose of Secretary Garfield to so conduct the Interior department and so interpret the public land laws as to actually aid every bona fide entryman who is endeavoring to establish a home on the public domain.

Under Secretary Hitchcock, the entire force of the Interior department and general land office, on special instructions from the secretary, proceeded on the theory that the public land laws were enacted to prevent men acquiring public lands; every technical failure to comply with the law was regarded as ground for criminal prosecution; every obstacle was placed in the path of the honest, as well as the dishonest entryman, and Mr. Hitchcock retired from office with the astounding record of having actually deprived hundreds of honest settlers of their lands, while he permitted shrewd thieves to gobble up large tracts under his very nose.

IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTESTS

Fifty Improved Claims of Non-Residents Are Jumped.

Imperial, Cal., Feb. 4.—Out of 1,500 land claims in the Imperial valley, about 50 improved claims belonging to nonresidents have been jumped on the ground of failure to comply with the law.

Many claims, including scores of well developed farms, are affected by the reversal, and a number of contests are filed. The mutual water companies have combined to send representatives to Washington and lay the matter before Secretary Garfield.

WOOD CHIEF MATERIAL.

Small Percentage of Buildings Built of Cement or Brick.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In a report today regarding building operations and the timber supply the geological survey says that the increasing price of lumber and a rapidly increasing use of perfected fire proof systems of construction should do much in holding down the amount which forests are called upon to yield each year, but so far these more substantial materials have not decreased the lumber cut of the nation.

"Yellow Peril League."

Denver, Colo., Feb. 4.—Several hundred representatives of union labor, in mass meeting this afternoon, formed the "Yellow Peril Exclusion League," designed to prevent further influx of Asiatic coolie labor into the United States.

Took Drydock to Manila.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Otto Werner, Charles Bradley, J. H. Van Horn, T. Myers and Walter E. Rudolph, engineers who were in charge of the drydock Dewey on its trip from the Atlantic coast to the Philippine islands, reached here today on the transport Cook and will proceed East tomorrow.

Mall From Fleet.

New York, Feb. 4.—The steamer Theopis which arrived today from Rio Janeiro brought 20 sacks of mail from the American battleships.

DOINGS OF THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

Friday, February 7.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The session of the house of representatives today was devoted almost entirely to consideration of the omnibus war claims bill, which was passed after considerable discussion. It carries a total appropriation of \$315,000.

What will be known as "the minority currency bill" was introduced today by Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic leader of the house, who drew the measure as a result of a harmonious conference of Democratic members of the house committee on banking.

A number of private claim bills also were passed and the house then adjourned until Monday.

Thursday, February 6.

Washington, Feb. 6.—In a speech in the senate today, Senator Culberson declared that the secretary of the treasury by his report to the senate has raised an issue of fact as to whether national banks in New York used the \$85,000,000 of public money deposited with them for speculative purposes or whether this money was used to meet the demands of outside banks for reserve purposes.

The Seattle exposition bill was passed by practically a unanimous vote.

Senator Beveridge introduced a resolution declaring that the tariff should provide for maximum and minimum rates of duty.

Senator Heyburn today re-introduced his resolution calling upon the president to investigate and report to the senate all matters connected with the reorganization of the Northern Pacific.

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Agree to Recommend Utter.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Idaho senators today formally agreed to recommend the appointment of D. A. Utter, of Weiser, to be surveyor general of Idaho, vice Mr. Eagleston, resigned.

considerable discussion of the subject of executive departments making expenditures not provided for by an appropriation.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, introduced a bill absolutely repealing the timber and stone law. He offers no alternative plan of disposing of public timber, but is in conference with Secretary Garfield and is drafting a bill.

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Monday, February 3.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Piles, of Washington, made a decided hit in the senate today with his speech in support of his bill appropriating \$700,000 for government exhibits and buildings at the Seattle exposition.

Senator Fulton secured the passage of his bill sending to the United States Circuit court for the Ninth circuit all claims of American sealers whose vessels were seized by government vessels while in the open seas.

Senator Fulton introduced a resolution directing the secretary of war to survey the locks at Oregon City with a view to purchasing them in conjunction with Oregon.

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MANY FLYING MACHINE BIDS

Forty-one Persons Willing to Build for Army.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Bids were received today in the signal office for supplying a flying machine of the heavier-than-air type, as set out in the specifications issued by General Allen, chief signal officer of the army, two months ago.

Rushes Revenue Cutoff Bill.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Fulton today took up with the house members of the Oregon delegation his bill appropriating \$250,000 for a revenue cutter for Oregon coast service, which passed the senate last evening.

Debt Increases in January.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows at the close of business January 31, 1908, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$392,638,637, which is an increase for the month of \$8,607,806.

Confer on Financial Question.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Democratic senators held a two-hours conference on the financial question today, but came to no conclusion as to the exact nature of the substitute bill.

POULTRY RAISING IN OREGON.

Extracts From Oregon Experiment Station Bulletin.

The climate of Oregon from a poultryman's standpoint is discussed by James Dryden in Bulletin No. 96 of the Oregon Experiment station which has recently been published.

It is of course worth considering by the man looking for a location whether Western Oregon with its open winters and freedom from snow and zero temperatures does not offer opportunities for the production of eggs and poultry that are not found in Eastern and Middle West states.

It would appear therefore that there are certain advantages that this state possesses over sections of the country where zero weather and snow prevail. First, a milder climate and less severe changes in temperature than is characteristic of Eastern states.

The heavy rainfall of Western Oregon, and small percentage of sunshine may be set down as a disadvantage, but when the nature of the rainfall is understood it is doubtful whether it is very much of a detriment.

Turkeys are successfully raised in Oregon, and turkeys are known to be easily affected by rain, but the fact that the rains are warm no doubt largely accounts for the success in turkey raising in this state.

Another thing in favor of the mild climate and freedom from snow is that the fowls are able to secure practically the year round all the green food necessary in the fields.

My investigations of the poultry industry of Oregon have been confined to the western part of the state, the region west of the Cascade mountains.

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HARD RAP AT UNIONS

Three Adverse Decisions by Supreme Court in a Month.

AFFECTS BOYCOTTING PRIVILEGE

Must Not Interfere With Interstate Commerce or Plaintiff Can Get Three Times Damages.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Yesterday for the third time within a month the Supreme court of the United States promulgated an opinion construing laws adversely to the contentions of organized labor. The first of the decisions was rendered on January 6, in the case of some railway employees who sought to secure damages under what is known as the employers' liability act, which law the court held to be unconstitutional.

The union fought the case on the ground that the law was incapable to such organizations; but the court, whose opinion was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, failed to accept this view, and in effect held that the unions could not be permitted to interfere by boycott with the free exchange of commerce between the states.

DRAWING TO CLOSE.

Evidence in Hall Land Fraud Case is Nearly All Submitted.

Portland, Feb. 4.—Harry E. Northrup last night positively identified government's exhibit No. 7—Putnam's map to Hall showing the alleged unlawful fences of the Butte Creek company in 1900.

Final arguments in the trial of John H. Hall will probably begin this afternoon. This morning Francis J. Heney will complete the introduction of rebuttal testimony for the government.

SOLEMN WARNING TO CZAR.

Russian Paper Hints He May Share Carlos' Fate.

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The Russ, in a daring style, draws a thinly veiled parallel between conditions in Portugal and Russia and warns the government in almost so many words that there is danger of a similar event here.

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