

ANNUAL DAY'S BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Lincoln Centennial and the State Semi-Centennial Fittingly Observed at U. of O.—Matters of Import to Oregon Discussed.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Eugene, Or., Feb. 13.—Commonwealth day was auspiciously celebrated at the University of Oregon today, and will hereafter become an annual event. Not only was it a meeting for the discussion of matters of state interest, but it was a gathering in honor of the Lincoln centennial and the semi-centennial of the entrance of the state of Oregon into the union.

preservation of the rights of the public in and to the public wealth. We grant rights belonging to the people as a whole in perpetuity just as cheerfully as we make a lease of our own property for three years, and with much less thought and care as to the terms. With our limited knowledge we give to one man, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the most valuable rights and property, without the slightest thought as to our moral right to thus bind unborn generations.

"The saving grace in all, however, is the fact that none of us gives away property of our own, and the vast majority of others do not thus handle property in their hands as trustees.

"As conservation does not mean non-use any more than waste, it is my belief that in dealing with the public wealth the most careful consideration should be given not only for present uses, but for future needs.

"A live question today is the right, or perhaps we should say the policy, of granting water powers in perpetuity. I presume the courts would uphold the power of the legislature to grant such a title. Assuming then that the legislature has this power, your delegation, your representatives can today grant to one man every water power over which the state has jurisdiction, forever. It seems to me that from the standpoint of rights and wrongs, from the standpoint of good morals, no such right ought to exist, and certainly no such right should be exercised by representatives of the people.

"Our treatment of the salmon industry is another excellent illustration. Here we have a natural resource which even today, on a reasonable basis, represents a capitalization of at least \$50,000,000. It is subject to state regulation and control even to the extent of total prohibition of fishing. Properly conserved it will be an ever-renewing source of food supply and revenue, but an increasing one. How have we treated this resource? Have we made a pretense of an attempt at protection and conservation? Every one knows what has taken enough interest in the subject to keep in touch with the years past our legislative halls have been a place where the down river fishermen and the up river fishermen, where the gillnetter, the seiner, the wheel man, met in mortal combat to have laws framed in their respective interests. And that interest was to devise ways and means so that the salmon could be taken more readily and for longer periods, and the preyer the fellow from setting any if possible.

"The result was what might have been expected. A steadily diminishing supply, a magnificent fish, and others with extinction, an industry with destruction, a natural resource with exhaustion.

"The waste of the forests has been appalling, and even now plans are being formulated to reforest the vast areas of lands. The great burns found through all our mountains, the gross carelessness and indifference to the value of this greatest asset, which characterized our actions in the past need no comment. It is time all these acts of colossal folly were stopped. It is time the people aroused themselves and asserted their rights. Supreme selfishness on the one hand and deadly indifference on the other is the result of it all.

"We are told that investments will not be made in a country which is undeveloped, capital will avoid us, commerce languish, unless we turn over such of our resources as may be desired to the free, unrestrained and perpetual use of those wanting them. The immediate result to ourselves is placed in the balance as against the future, and others will enjoy, and too often we yield when we should be firm.

"Possibilities of the Future. "It is not my purpose to go into details. The fact exists that we have these resources. The question is shall they be conserved? Shall this conservation be for the benefit of the people as a whole, or shall it be for the individual? If the history of the past teaches us anything, it is that we are to light our path, there can be but one answer to these questions. It would indeed take the imagination of a poet, with the aid of a sea to foretell what this Oregon of ours will be 100 years hence under a wise use and conservation of her limitless natural wealth. The thought itself is an inspiration to aid in and be a factor in such a sublime work.

"Even now conservation is being attacked as though it meant non-use. Its friends are characterized as idealists, factists and doctrinaires, as if they would prevent development, retard progress. Do not be alarmed by these charges. Do not be ashamed to have friends and to strive to conserve. Every mistake is seized upon as proof positive that the work various departments have in charge is being done. Congress, to show its contempt, either for the work or those in charge, pays but slight attention to its needs or the recommendations of those who have studied its most. Those who have had special privileges, enjoyed advantages without cost (often at the expense of others), and always at the expense of the public, are loudest in their outcries. Eliminate idealism and you eliminate progress, and you eliminate the greatest materialism.

"Conservation is the antithesis of waste. It does not mean non-use. It means a wise use. Instead of destroying, it would preserve. The movement will result in the greatest possible benefit to the people as a whole. It will make possible the use of our natural resources to the greatest number of people. It is a battle between special interests who would monopolize these resources in the interests of the few, and those who would have them controlled and used in the interests of the many. On which side of this conflict will Oregon take her stand? It is to the interest of this state to have all her public resources absorbed by a few, or so handled that the people as a whole will receive the benefits? Shall we sit idly by and allow our magnificent water powers to be monopolized and their ownership and control pass from us forever? Shall our fisheries become extinct, our rivers wasted, the springs of our river dried up and vast areas remain barren wastes? We are at the parting of the way. One road leads to prosperity and the welfare of the public as a whole, the other to private gain and in the end monopolization of necessities of life with all that it implies.

J. C. Dodd Presents Gavel. This morning Captain J. C. Dodd of Springfield presented the university with a gavel made from the pear tree which Lincoln planted on his Illinois home. Captain Dodd as a boy sat on Lincoln's knee when the latter called at his parents' home. Lincoln was accustomed to come to the Dodd farm to rest, and in that way Captain Dodd as a child knew him personally.

Among the men who took part in the ceremony today were C. C. Dodd of Springfield, J. N. Teal, chairman of the Oregon Conservation commission; Dr. James Whitcomb, Oregon Agricultural college; Wilbur K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture; Professor J. A. Glen, Eugene; E. C. Evans, Eugene; Alfred Schmidt, Albany; J. H. Ackerman, state school superintendent, Salem; Miss Jessie Goodell, West Astoria; High school, Portland and President F. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon.

Many topics of vital import to the state were touched upon by the different speakers at the morning session.

Joseph N. Teal's Speech. Joseph N. Teal of Portland delivered a vigorous speech on "Oregon as it is and the Conservation of it for the People as a Whole." Extracts follow: "In dealing with the subject in hand, if I can awaken you to the fact that you have a real interest in it, that a solemn duty and obligation rests upon you to do your part in conserving the natural wealth, I will feel amply repaid. One's vocabulary is sadly taxed to describe in fitting terms our great mountain ranges, our streams and glorious valleys. I am here to tell facts, to announce a few principles, to point out the path, if you will, that leads to the conservation of our natural wealth. You have all read and many of you know of your own knowledge of the vast resources with which a kindly providence has blessed this state. We have our forests, unequalled in magnitude and quality; waterpowers awaiting development in every section of the state; minerals of all kinds; rivers that can be easily made navigable and harbors that can be made safe; the lordly chinook and other fish which are still with us; we have millions of acres of virgin soil awaiting the hardy settler. But why summarize? This state is singularly blessed in soil, climate and natural resources of all kinds, and while in the past there was an abundance, it is now being profligately and carelessly squandered. It is fortunate that we are yet in a position to conserve them to a very reasonable extent.

Country Awakens to Danger. "During the past year or two, owing to the self-sacrificing work of a few men led by President Roosevelt, the attention of the world has been riveted on the fact that many of our great resources are diminishing and being destroyed so rapidly that in some instances the time can be predicted almost to a certainty, when, under present conditions of use, misuse and waste, some of the things we look on as necessities of life will be gone.

"Some of these necessities, like coal and oil, cannot be produced. It is undeniable that on every hand there has been wanton waste in use and a steady growth toward monopolization in ownership. This tendency is as apparent in this state as in any other section. A with a lavish hand has been dissipated, but with a slight courtesy, let alone a cent.

"Our representatives would meet and in council chamber and legislative hall grant with most reckless profligacy and recklessness, invaluable rights and privileges belonging to the whole people. But now we have arrived at the turn of the road and the battle is on for the

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PHONE RELIEF MAY BE SECURED Senate Refuses to Kill a Bill to Enforce Connections.

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—By the decisive vote of 15 to 8 the senate this afternoon refused to indefinitely postpone the bill senator Norton of Josephine which makes long distance telephone lines common carriers and would compel them to connect with an independent local company. The latter demands the transmission of the latter on the regular rates. The bill takes effect on the 1st of March for third readings and will come up for final action Monday.

PETER STROFF'S PLEA IS GUILTY Twelve Years in Prison Is O. R. & N. Train Robber's Sentence.

\$1000 GIFT TO THE STUDENTS' LOAN FUND University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 13.—A gift of \$1000 to the students' loan fund of the University of Oregon was announced this morning. The gift was made by Mrs. May R. Thompson, Mrs. Bessie M. Teal and Miss Genevieve Thompson, the heirs of the estate of D. P. Thompson, who was once a resident of Oregon.

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SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. (By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The senate this afternoon disappointed the expectations of those who expected to see it grind out a long list of legislation. After being in session little more than an hour a motion to adjourn until 11 o'clock Monday morning was unexpectedly carried without a single bill having been finally passed or rejected.

TWO SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST May Possibly Know Something About Gresham Robbery.

SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. The statisticians of the senate have figured out that Friday is the last day for which the legislators can draw pay and there is a strong sentiment for adjournment on that day. But it seems likely this sentiment will be overborne by reluctance to give up pay measures that will fall unless passed and sent to the house five days before the time of adjournment. This situation is likely to result in holding the sessions to Saturday.

SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. Bowman's Declaration. President Bowman before adjournment this afternoon gave notice to the committees that he would call out every bill that had been reported in committee seven days or longer without being reported. This is his right under the rules, and it means that every measure that has been held back will be brought under the spotlight.

SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. I do not want it said that the senate, as another bill at the last of the session," he said. "I found about 20 bills in committee that had not been reported out. They were scattered all through the list, most of them held back, I understand, because a hearing had been given and the bill then laid aside to permit further hearings, but without a final hearing being reached. I want all of these bills out and acted upon. I am ready to go on record on all of them and I do not believe in straggling any bill in committee. I do not mean that this is being done intentionally, but we would be exposed to that charge if we allowed these bills to remain where they are."

SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. Charles Smith, a Dane 40 years old, and Frank Campbell, aged 25, were arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of being the men who beat and robbed Anton Corbello, a laborer on the Web farm near Gresham Friday night. The men were found by Officer Keith walking into the city along the base line road. All avenues into Portland were guarded by the police yesterday, as it was reported the men who robbed Corbello of \$5.50 after brutally beating him were headed in this direction.

SENATE CHOKED WITH BUSINESS President Will Whip Everything Out of Committee and Get Action. Little evidence against the men except that they were walking toward Portland has been found. They had no money and declare their entire innocence. The descriptions tally slightly, however, with that given of the robbers.