REVERSAL OF ROOSEVELT POLICY

Ballinger's Idea Is Neither to Kill the Goose Nor to Hoard the Golden Eggs—Homesteaders to Be Aided, Not Hindered.

(By Samuel M. Evans, member of the United Press staff at Washington.)

Washington, March 30.—The conservation of the natural resources of the country in a perfectly "safe, sane and conservative" way, without impeding in any way the development of the resources of the great west and without hysteria in one direction or another, is to be the policy of the interior department under President Taft and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

The big change in the land office is that there will be no "policy." Secretary Ballinger will not admit that a policy is necessary. He is going to enforce the law. Of course, he's going to enforce it differently from the way in which it was enforced under Roosevelt, and here comes the change.

But the change will not be accomplished at one fell swoop. It will be slow and well considered and each problem will be worked out on its own merits. The officials of the land office are of the opinion that during the past seven years there has been too much of the "whoop 'er up boys" business in the conduct of the general land-office and the soft pedal is on, and on to stay.

The Withdrawn Domain.

During the seven years that Roosevelt occupied the White House tract after tract of public land was withdrawn from entry. It is said that a man could ride from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean and his horse need not once step a hoof outside government land that had been withdraw temporarily from entry. This does not include withdrawals of 150,000,000 acres made for forest reserves. National forests are not considered public lands.

In most cases no reason was given for the withdrawal of the public lands. During the last year of his administration, however, the reason became apparent. The land was to be "conserved."

As it now stands, in all the states and territories of the union, excepting Texas and Hawaii, where public lands are under state control their treaties of annexation, there is now a total of but 754,896,266 acres of public land not appropriated and 368,021 509 acres of this is in Alaska. No figures are available to describe the character of this land but more than half of it is mountainous, desert, sagebrush or ice fields. And most of it that does not fall under one of these classifications is "conserved."

Land withdraw from entry is approximately as follows:

Coal, 22,000,000 acres; phosphate, 4,000,000 acres; oil, Louisiana, 1,000,000 acres; oil, California, 500,000 acres. This makes a nice total of 25,500,000 acres.

Ballinger's "No Policy" Policy.

Secretary Ballinger was a close friend of former President Roosevelt. He was for a year commissioner of the general land office under Roosevelt and a member of the "tennis cabinet." He understood the Roosevelt ideas from the ground up, but he does not think they should be followed in just the manner his former chief employed.

Secretary Ballinger thinks conservation means the prevention of waste, and not the prevention of development.

Secretary Ballinger will not talk about "policies." He takes the position that it is impossible for an executive officer to map out a policy, and then follow it rigidly in every case that comes up.

Each case will be given consideration of itself. There will be no relaxation in the prevention of frauds. It will be as hard for a dishonest entryman to acquire public lands as it ever was in the most strenuous days of Roosevelt, but the idea will always be in mind that the land is for use.

Freeze Today to Warm Tomorrow.

Coal and phosphate lands comprise the largest class of entries withdrawn by Roosevelt's order. In Alaska the people say they have been compelled to import their coal at a cost of $15 a ton, whereas, if they were permitted to develop the coal lands, it could be mined for $6 a ton.

"You are saving our coal for the future," said one man to Secretary Ballinger, "while we are freezing."

It is expected that under Ballinger, millions of acres of land withdrawn for classification, will be thrown back for entry again.

To Clean Up Old Fraud Cases.

There is a hive of industry in the general land office now. They have $1,000,000 to spend over there, just twice as much as they had last year, and four times as much as they had the year before. The money is going to be put principally to two uses, both in line with the new course of action to be followed by Secretary Ballinger.

In the first place, the old land cases that are crowding the docket will be cleaned up. There are hundreds of thousands of cases now on the docket—some almost outlawed. Some of the cases are good. The Union Pacific was perfectly willing to compromise the "horsethief canyon" cases without a trial.

Homesteaders No Longer Criminals.

But, as is very apt to happen in a time of sweeping investigations, many of the cases are not good. In some of the cases that have been brought to trial there was not enough evidence to support the government's contention. The old condition, where a suit brought by the government was as good as won the minute the papers were filed, no longer exists. These cases were brought on evidence gathered in some cases by secret service men inexperienced in land laws. The secret service men were brought in after Secretary Garfield had cleaned out the dishonest land inspectors, and before the very efficient land force now in operation was organized.

These old cases will all be cleaned up. They will either be pressed to suit or dismissed as fast as they can be looked into. This means that thousands of entries now held up will be settled at once. Then the men will aid honest entrymen to expedite the obtaining of land. But a goodly portion of the money will be used to prevent fraud.

DUNNING IS NOT FOR MAYORALTY

Fred Tonsing and F. E. Watkins Willing to Become Councilmen.

Councilman G. B. Dunning has filed notice of his intention of being a candidate for reelection from the Third ward. The councilman wishes placed after his name on the ballot the motto, "Good streets and improved public service." Mr. Dunning was one of the men who voted for non regulation of streetcar service when the question came up in the franchise granted the Portland Railway, Light & Power company at the last meeting.

Fred Tonsing has filed notice of his intention of becoming a candidate for the city council from the Ninth ward. His motto is a "Square deal for everybody and especially for the Ninth ward."

F. E. Watkins has also declared himself a candidate for the position of councilman. He wants to represent the people of the Fifth ward. His candidacy is indorsed by the South Portland Republican club.

REAL ESTATE MEN TO DO THEIR SHARE

There is to be no lagging behind on the part of the 400 real estate brokers in the work of raising the big Commercial club publicity fund. Such was the sense of the large gathering of realty operators at the Commercial club last night when the first step was taken looking to a systematic canvass of the property sellers for subscriptions to the $100,000 fund.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wetherbee, who gave a brief history of the recently launched 500,000 club and the movement to raise $100,000 for publicity purposes. Dr. Wetherbee was followed by Ellis G. Hughes and Pat Lavey, both of whom roused the meeting to a high pitch of enthusiasm by picturing the immense benefits to come to the realty men as a result of the big campaign by the Commercial club. Mr. Hughes said that the realty operator was more vitally interested in the increase of the city's population than any one else could possibly be. Upon the increase of the population depends the making good of his promises to his customers that property values will rise in a certain time. Mr. Hughes told of the publicity campaign in 1888, when $30,000 was expended in advertising Portland, and of the substantial benefits that resulted from the expenditure. "In six months after spending this money," said he, "the annual real estate sales had increased from $2,500,000 to $13,000,000.

"The city of Portland is a city by the grace of God. It is not a city builded by the whoop and hurrah of men, as are Seattle and Los Angeles.

"In the east everyone knows of Seattle, and many wonder where Portland is. Eastern newspapers carry a front page story almost every day with a Seattle date line. How often do you suppose Portland gets on the front page of the big eastern dailies."

"Money subscribed to this publicity fund is not thrown away, on the contrary it is the best investment you will ever make," said Pat Lavey.

At the suggestion of F. B. Holbrook, the following committee was named to take up the work of canvassing the realty men for subscriptions:

F. B. Holbrook, chairman; J. O. Rountree, Henry Fries, George Schalk, F. Vanduyn, A. B. Slauson, W. M. Mall, H. L. Johnson, A. L. Butterworth, D. Parker Byron, F. A. Jacobs, E. Sweet, E. J. Daly, Pat Lavey, M. W. Ellmaker, Wilbur Kerns, A. W. Lambert, M. E. Thompson, J. A. Pittinger, R. E. Menefee, H. C. Behnke, J. H. Nolta, W. M. Killingsworth, H. C. Sibray, Herman Peper, H. G. Styes, L. T. Peary, H. L. Suydam, H. W. Lemcke, E. B. Holmes.

The members of this committee were asked to meet at the Commercial club at noon today for lunch and afterwards in the convention hall, where an organization will be effected and a plan of operations outlined.

GRAND JURY VISITS CITY AUDITOR

Bill for Lumber Alleged to Have Been Stolen by Employes of Engineer Turned Over to Graft Probers—Bodman on Carpet.

Three grand jurors visited the city auditor's office this morning for the purpose of gathering evidence in the investigation of alleged grafts in the engineering department of the city. A receipted bill for 47 pieces of lumber furnished the city by the Standard Box & Lumber company was turned over to E. R. Markham, one of the jurors.

This bill was "O. K'd" by George F. Bodman, a street inspector. The lumber was supposed to have been sent to East Nineteenth and Belmont streets for use in repairing a bridge. It is said to have been converted to private purposes by one of the city's employes.

Bodman, who was named by the writer of an anonymous letter to Mayor Lane as the man who used city teams and employes to grade a street in front of his residence, was before Engineer Taylor today and admitted that he had hired a teamster who worked for him five days when he was not needed by the repair crew. Bodman asserts that he paid for this work, himself.

Bodman several days ago tendered his resignation to the city and will leave the service April 1 to go into private business.

RUSH FOR SEASON TICKET PERMITS

The sale of permits for season tickets for the second annual music festival when the Chicago Symphony orchestra of 60 musicians and the great Portland festival chorus will be heard, opened yesterday with a rush. Hundreds of people stood in line for a chance to buy their permits. This special sale of permits closes April 6, up to and including that date the permits will be sold and all who take advantage of this opportunity will gain a substantial reduction in price of tickets besides securing the best seats.

The music festival will be held April 30, May 1 and May 2, with two afternoon and three evening performances. Permits are sold at Ellers piano house.

Petition for Judge Burnett.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 30.—Nearly 50 business men of Salem yesterday signed a petition addressed to President Taft, asking him to appoint Circuit Judge George H. Burnett of this district to the federal judgeship.

RUSSIA CANNOT MURDER POUREN

State Department, on Appeal, Finds in His Favor—Refugee Set Free.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, March 30.—After two years' incarceration in the New York city jail, because he was too poor to furnish the required bond for his appearance in court, Jan Pouren, the Russian immigrant, who was charged by Russia with murder and arson and whose extradition was demanded, ended his long and spectacular fight for freedom when he stepped from the portals of the Tombs prison, a free man.

Pouren was sought by the czar's government because he was thought to possess revolutionary secrets of the utmost importance in the disrupting and running down of the revolutionary committee, which threatened at one time to destroy the dynasty.

Pouren fled from Europe to America for refuge and remained in seclusion in the Russian quarter of this city. He was ferreted out by the czar's emissaries and his arrest on a charge of murder and other high crimes followed.

Pouren maintained he was being sought as a political offender and in the United States court before Commissioner Hitchcock proved he was innocent of murder and other crimes. The Russian government appealed to the state department from the decision of Commissioner Hitchcock. The secretary of state upheld the commissioner's ruling and Pouren today was discharged from custody.

He was greeted by several thousand compatriots, who crowded about the Tombs and welcomed him vociferously. Pouren was escorted to the east side, where he will make his home temporarily.

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS NEW PESTHOUSE

The question of rebuilding the city pesthouse, which was recently burned to the ground, will come up at the council meeting tomorrow afternoon. In the opinion of the city engineer's department the building can be replaced for $400. The original cost of the structure, together with two acres of ground, was only $800.

BANISH INDIGESTION

AND RICH, RED BLOOD AND PERFECT HEALTH WILL FOLLOW

Any stomach ailment, including all forms of indigestion, can be promptly cured by using Mi-o-na tablets, a scientific treatment unsurpassed.

It stops fermentation, belching of gas and taste of sour food and sick headaches almost immediately.

Mi-o-na has cured thousands of hopeless cases, and its mighty power to invigorate and restore the stomach to perfect condition is known wherever the English language is spoken.

Mi-o-na cures by building up—by banishing the cause. It cures sea and car sickness and vomiting of pregnancy almost immediately. Woodard, Clarke & Co. sell Mi-o-na for 50 cents a large box, and guarantee it to cure or money back.

"Mi-o-na relieved the distressed and miserable condition of the stomach, and I became able to eat and properly digest my food."—Malcolm Smith, London, Ont.

A MERCHANT PHILANTHROPIST

The largest merchandise store in all the Willamette valley is that of James Craig, in Silverton, Or. And Mr. Craig is not only a big merchant, he is a philanthropist as well. He takes a genuine interest in the welfare of his neighbors, as this letter will show:

Office of James Craig, General Merchandise.

Silverton, Or., Oct. 16, 1905.

JNO. J. FULTON CO.—Gentlemen: I would like you to send me a bunch of your pamphlets. I can send lots of customers to our local druggist, as I am a strong believer in your cure for Bright's Disease, due to the following: The local physicians gave a young lady up as incurable. Her father brought a pamphlet of yours to me for my advice. I found I knew two of those whose names were given, viz.: Ex-U. S. Sub-Treasurer Spaulding and Dr. Zeile. I wrote Spaulding. His reply was so satisfactory that the young lady's father ordered six bottles. Before she had finished two she was out driving, and today is teaching school in Arizona, hearty and well. I have done lots of talking for you this past four years, and a good many of my customers who have been afflicted are well. The reason that I am writing this is that another one wants to start taking the Compound and wants to read up on your literature.

Yours truly,
JAMES CRAIG.

Did you ever hear of anything else in all the world that was so effective that business men would go among their neighbors and urge them to take it?

We solemnly declare to you that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are now curable in about 87 per cent of all cases by Fulton's Compounds. Send for free booklet to Jno. J. Fulton Co., 4910 San Pablo avenue, Oakland, Cal., or to Skidmore Drug Co., 151 Third street, our sole local agents. Ask for Bi-Monthly Bulletin of late recoveries.

GLAD TO ESCAPE FROM GUATEMALA

Max Rothkugel, a member of the government forest service and who has been on a leave of absence of a year, during which time he visited Central America, returned to Portland yesterday. He was in Guatemala during the trouble there last year and made a passing study of conditions in that country.

"President Cabrera has the citizens of his country scared to death and is stooping to such things as extortion and blackmail even," says Rothkugel. "It is not an infrequent thing for a man to be arrested and then told that his release can be secured when some $18,000 in gold has been put up. Cabrera is worse than the czar of Russia and has a perfect system of police protection which makes it a point to arrest any person whom it may be deemed is an enemy of the president.

"A visitor to the capital is required to sign his name to several hundred form blanks and wherever he goes is met by agents of the president who request him to sign his name to identification blanks. In this way track is kept of all Cabrera's enemies and they are not allowed to become too numerous. I am very glad to get back to America."

SUES HER HUSBAND ON NOTE FOR $380

Mrs. Bessie Mackey's suit against her husband, W. T. Mackey, the Hugo Fritz company, G. F. McConnell and A. R. Widmey, to recover $380 on a note, is on trial before Judge Gatens in the circuit court today. The claim of the Hugo Fritz company is that the note cannot be collected because the proceeds were used by Mackey, the president of the company, to purchase shares of stock in the corporation from H. W. Lemcke.

Mackey on the stand denied that he used the money to purchase stock for himself. He said he paid $500 in gold of his own money for the stock, and that the $500 he borrowed from his wife went into the funds of the corporation.

E. E. Heckbert, one of the attorneys for the defendants, testified that some time after the note was executed he was told by Mackey that the money was used to purchase stock from Lemcke. It was on this admission that the theory of the defense was based. Heckbert having advised the corporation that the balance of the note need not be paid.

Easter Novelties

We invite you to call tomorrow and inspect the finest and largest line of handsome hand-tailored clothing at

LIKE OTHER STORES ASK $20 FOR **$15** LIKE OTHER STORES ASK $20 FOR

Among them you will find a great many styles of young men's college suits in all the newest shades of green, gray, tan and brown.

THE BIG STORE WITH THE LITTLE PRICES

FAMOUS CLOTHING COMPANY

Cor. Morrison and Second Sts.

4-CROWN Seeded Raisins 3 POUNDS 25c

THE MOST IN VALUE

Roberts Bros. THIRD AND MORRISON

THE BEST IN QUALITY

Best Quality Seedless Raisins 4 POUNDS 25c

MESSALINES FOR SPRING GOWNS

This Is "Messaline Week" at Portland's Best Silk Store

Here is a material meeting the demand of every woman—of the practical woman wanting a silk that will give good service—of the woman who must have something beautiful and stylish—of the conservative woman who dislikes extremes—and of the woman who demands something different and distinctive. These beautiful Messaline Silks answer every requirement. They wear splendidly. They're spot proof; they're stylish; the satiny surface and soft, clinging texture being most adaptable to running fashions. To be had in both novel and staple designs, in all colors, also in all the new plain shades. These specials represent special purchases made just recently. The prices were low enough to enable us to sell at these very low figures and yet make a small margin of profit.

75c MESSALINES AT 59¢.
19-inch pure silk Swiss Messaline, a beautiful, soft, graceful material, especially adapted for the new sheath and directoire gowns; comes in a full showing of all the new plain shades, mulberry, rose, pink, lavender, gray, apricot, taupe, reseda, olive, wistaria, navy, brown, champagne, etc.; plenty of cream and black; silks of guaranteed quality at a very low price.

$1.25 MESSALINES AT $1.00.
27-inch double warp Swiss Messalines of extra quality, the most beautiful, high class silk shown in the city, a magnificent fabric for dress and evening gowns; comes in a full showing of the season's most popular designs and plain shades in every wanted color, including cream and black; the world's famous designers have stamped their individuality on the showing; come and benefit by this sale.

$1.00 MESSALINES AT 75¢.
20-inch double warp French Messaline, made of the purest silk fiber; comes with a very brilliant finish; shown in an unmatchable assortment of new spring designs in both plain and fancy Jacquard weaves, invisible Herringbone weaves, Pekin stripes in self colors, etc., also plain shades in all wanted colors; silks that cannot be duplicated anywhere at this price.

Woolen Dress Goods, Black and Colors

We might just as well try to describe a glowing sunset as to attempt a word picture of the new shades in the new dress goods. But the privilege of seeing them is yours and it will be our privilege to show them to you. The showing is unequalled and unmatched by any store in this city. You'll say so, too, when you see them.

NOVELTY WORSTEDS, $1.00-$1.25 GRADES, 69¢.
46 to 54-inch new novelty Worsteds in new gray shades, shown in an endless variety of neat broken stripes and checks, fine all wool fabrics in correct spring and summer weights; regular $1 and $1.25 grades priced for this sale at 69c

STORM SERGES IN CREAM COLOR, 59¢.
A very special offering of cream colored Storm Serges, pure wool fabrics made from selected yarn, shown in clean, even weaves; a fabric that will wash beautifully and is very stylish for spring and summer garments; comes full 38 inches wide; very special values at this low price..... 59c

TUSSAH ROYAL PRIESTLEY FABRIC $1.50.
A clever new creation, crisp, brilliant and dust resisting; a Priestley fabric, made of silk and worsted; comes full 46 inches wide and shown in all the new spring shades, as well as black; it's a high grade fabric at a moderate price $1.50

What Does Your Linen Closet Need?

BLEACHED DAMASK IN ATTRACTIVE PATTERNS, AT 50¢.
At this price we are showing an unlimited assortment of neat and attractive patterns. It is a damask that is unusually durable, and cannot be equaled anywhere else at this low price.

BLEACHED DAMASK AT 75¢.
All pure linen, comes full 66 inches wide, shown in a large variety of neat designs; excellent quality goods; 22-inch napkins to match. Specially priced for this sale at $2.50 a dozen.

HUCK TOWELS, 30¢ EACH, $3.25 DOZEN.
White German Huck Towels, all pure linen, very absorbent and durable, size 19x39 inches, well made and neatly hemmed. Great values.

HUCK TOWELS, 12½¢ EACH, $1.25 DOZEN.
White Huck Towels of extra quality and size, neatly hemmed, 20x40 inches, finished with selvage edge and fast colored borders.

BLEACHED DAMASK AT $1.00.
Our special leader—72 inch all-linen, full bleached Damask, shown in a large variety of beautiful new designs; the wearing quality is guaranteed; 22 inch napkins to match. Priced for this sale at $3.00 the dozen.

BLEACHED DAMASK AT $1.50.
Embossed linen Damask, strictly all linen, extra heavy quality, silver bleached; comes entirely free from dressing, shown in beautiful new designs, many with open borders; 22 inch napkins to match. Priced for this sale at $4.00 a dozen.

HUCK TOWELS, 9¢ EACH, 85¢ DOZEN.
White Huck Towels, 16x30 inches, neatly hemmed and finished with selvage edge and fast colored borders.

HUCK TOWELS, 10¢ EACH, $1.00 DOZEN.
White Huck Towels, extra large, 17x34 inches, neatly hemmed and finished with selvage edge, all white.

Here's the Spring Shoes to Buy

Boots, Oxfords, Pumps, Ribbon Ties—Full Lines of New Spring Styles Now Showing

Shoes that have those perfect fitting, shape retaining qualities absolutely essential to satisfactory service. They are made to fit your feet—they give grace and comfort because they are scientifically made. Shown in the most fashionable leathers, suede calf, tan, Russia calf and kid, black glace kid and patent leather. And you will find our prices from 50 cents to $1 a pair less that what you are asked to pay for the same qualities at exclusive shoe stores.

Women's Oxfords $2.50
At this price you have choice of dozens of new styles, women's fine Oxfords and Colonials, shown in all sizes and in all fashionable leathers; they come with both heavy and light soles; usual $3.50 value $2.50

Women's Shoes at $2.37
A special sale of women's new spring style Shoes in gunmetal, vici kid and patent colt; they come in all sizes and widths, and are fully worth $3, priced for this sale at $2.37

Little gents' Shoes, made solid all through, with full-length vamps; $1.50 value 99c

Misses' tan and patent leather Oxfords, in all sizes; $2 value, at $1.49

Women's Lisle Stockings

SILK EMBROIDERED, 50¢ AND 65¢ VALUES, 39¢.
Latest spring shades; large varieties of staple styles, as well as the latest novelties, will make choosing a pleasure here; the range of styles and shades is practically without limit. for tomorrow we offer this special: About 500 dozen women's fine silk embroidered lisle Stockings, made with full fashioned leg and foot and reinforced heel and toe, hand embroidered in silk, shown in a variety of styles in the most popular spring shades, Copenhagen, light blue, navy, dark green, light green, lavender, tan, champagne, brown, black, pink, etc.; stockings that sell regularly at 50c and 65c a pair, specially priced at, pair 39c

MISSES' STOCKINGS, 25c VALUES, 19¢.
At this sale you have choice of a splendid line of misses' Stockings, made of best quality cotton yarn in a fine rib, guaranteed fast black, all sizes from 5 to 9½; regular 25c values, priced for this sale at 19c

BOYS' UNDERWEAR AT 25¢.
A special sale of boys' fine ribbed, cream colored, Balbriggan Underwear, in medium weight; drawers made with sateen band and suspender loops; the shirts are neatly finished; all sizes from 24 to 34; regular 35c values, priced for this sale at 25c

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AT 25¢.
A sale of women's fine bleached cotton Underwear; vests made in a number of styles, high neck with long and short sleeves, low neck with short sleeves and sleeveless; all are nicely silk trimmed; the pants come in both ankle and knee length, finished with French band; excellent values at 35c a garment, priced for this sale 25c