

NO MORE ROSES WILL BE PLANTED IN PARK BLOCKS

City Park Board Decides, After Listening to Delegation of Rose Fanciers Who Want Bushes, Can't Grow There.

By a unanimous vote the city park board this morning adopted a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the board that roses do not thrive in shady places, such as the park blocks, and that henceforth, under the present administration no more bushes are to be planted except in localities where they will receive plenty of sunlight and where the soil is free from the detrimental influence of tree roots.

This was the action taken after the board had received a delegation from the Rose society and the Rose Festival association, sent by those organizations to voice a protest against the policy of the park board in removing rosebushes planted in three of the park blocks February 22, 1908.

Criticisms Mischa.
Dr. Emmet Drake acted as chairman of the remonstrance. He strongly criticized Park Superintendent E. T. Mischa for what he termed negligence of that official in allowing many of the plants to be stolen, and in not properly caring for the rest of them. Dr. Drake said that 5000 bushes had been contributed by public spirited citizens of the city and that the board had promised to take care of them after they were planted. He said he considered the removal of the bushes without even consulting the people who gave them was discourteous, to say the least.

Board Should Please People.
"I may be mistaken," said Mr. Davis, "but I believe it should be the purpose of the park board to please the people

of Portland and to maintain the parks of the city in such a manner that they will attract visitors and advertise Portland. The city administration has not hitherto taken the interest in the annual rose festival that it should have. I think there should be some sort of a municipal display made by the park board.

"I have no criticism to make of the actions of the park superintendent, but I do think that when the park board removes thousands of rose bushes contributed by the public we have a right to protest. You can't expect us to do to make some sort of remonstrance."

Walter Seaberg, another member of the delegation, also said a few words. He called attention to the fact that no action has been taken by the board since a letter sent to it by Tom Richardson, secretary of the Commercial club, asking that the rose bushes be allowed to remain in the park blocks. This letter was written at a time when the action subsequently taken by the board was being contemplated.

Mr. Richardson's Assent.
"Mr. Richardson declares that Portland has no single asset as valuable for publicity purposes as her roses," said Mr. Seaberg.

After the delegation had been heard, Mayor Simon promised to take their protest under consideration. This was done after the board finished its routine business, with the result that the resolution mentioned in the opening paragraph of this article was adopted.

In addition to this resolution, the board expostulated Park Superintendent Mischa from all blame for the removal of the bushes. Isidore Lang stated that criticism of Mr. Mischa for failure to plant the roses immediately after the cuttings were delivered at the park blocks was unjust because at that time Mr. Mischa was not even in the employ of the city. Former Superintendent Monteth then filled the place now held by Mr. Mischa, who did not assume the duties of his office until nearly a month after the planting exercises on Washington's birthday.

Board Promised to Care for Roses.
Mayor Simon said the only thing that appealed to him in the complaint was the alleged fact that the park board had promised to care for the rosebushes after they were planted. He said he did not know that the plants had been contributed by the public when the board voted to remove them.

Park Commissioners Isidore Lang and Tom Lewis, who were on the board at the time, denied that any such promise had been made. On the contrary they stated that they had always opposed the planting of roses in the park blocks and that they had only consented under great pressure to allow the plants to be put in as an experiment. They told the mayor that Landscape Artist Olmstead had advised against such planting.

"I don't mind just criticism," said Mr. Lang, "but I do dislike to have my actions placed in a wrong light before the public. I believe the agitation for roses

in the park blocks is principally a matter of sentiment. The public at large, I think, does not care. I am sure that any rosearian ought to realize that roses will not do well where there is much shade. Besides that, the cost of maintaining these three blocks was very high. The board spent several thousands of dollars in caring for the flowers.

Commissioners Lewis and Wetherbee expressed themselves in a similar vein, and in addition said they thought the transplanting of the roses to the Ladd square on the east side would be a great improvement.

PINCHOT

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Price and Shaw, law officers of the forest service, who assisted Glavis in framing his case against the Alaska coal claims, did what they did because of the big money sought to be obtained by public property. There remains, then, nothing on which to investigate Pinchot, and only Ballinger stands forth as the one who can be investigated, with grave intimations against him from Pinchot direct in plain language.

FORESTERS ARE JUBILANT

The whole Roosevelt-Pinchot controversy is jubilant. Pinchot's letter is regarded as one of the best strokes of strategy made since the days when Roosevelt did things here.

Whether Pinchot, Price and Shaw are dismissed or not will make little difference now. The controversy has been switched back to Ballinger, who must now face the chance to obtain public lands by bringing in Pinchot.

Pinchot's letter to Dolliver called Senator Hale to his feet with a severe rebuke to the chief forester for having ignored a recent order by the president directing that no subordinate officer should give information concerning affairs of the government except to his superior officers. He also suggested that the adoption of this course tended to forestall and prejudice public opinion in relation to the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

JONES' RESOLUTION

Proceeding this incident Senator Jones' joint resolution for an investigation of the interior department and the forestry bureau was referred to the committee on public lands, but the reference was not made until after much discussion of a resolution by Senator Newlands, instructing the committee on public lands to report within two weeks his putting in effect Secretary Ballinger's recommendations in his annual report on the conservation of natural resources. The Newlands resolution also was referred to the committee on public lands.

While the senate was taking this action the house declined to enter upon a discussion of the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Humphrey.

PINCHOT COMES TO DEFENSE OF GLAVIS IN DOLLIVER LETTER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—That certain officials of the forestry service were partly responsible for the publication of the charges brought by R. Glavis against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger was admitted by Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot in a letter read before the senate yesterday by Senator Dolliver of Iowa.

Dolliver declared he was in favor of a congressional inquiry into the matter.

In the letter read by Dolliver, Pinchot said he had not attempted to conceal or deny the fact that certain employees of his department had formulated Glavis' published charges. He referred to Glavis as an "ignorant defender of public interests" and declared his belief that President Taft acted under a misunderstanding when he ordered Glavis' dismissal.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT INQUIRY IN HANDS OF PINCHOT'S FOES

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—Amazement is expressed that it should be proposed to name Senator Hughes as a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.

Hughes is counsel, with his son, in Denver for water power companies and made his senatorial campaign mostly on the issue of conservation, taking strong ground against it.

Stevens of Minnesota, another proposed member, was a member of the house committee that "investigated" Congressman Lilley's charges against the submarine boat companies, submitting one of the most shameful reports, roasting Lilley, that has ever been placed on the congressional records.

Daisell, who has been a house member, has been openly a Ballinger partisan and controlled the selection of the house members of this proposed committee. Cannon turned over to Daisell all authority to handle the investigation for the house organization which is known as the Ballinger partisanship.

Hale's denunciations in the senate have given away the hand of the senators in the regular organization. Every expression by Ballinger's partisans in the senate, including that of Jones, has been accompanied with declarations of confidence in Ballinger.

No objection raised in the senate by friends of Pinchot, but when Dolliver yesterday inserted in the records Pinchot's letter to him defending Price and Shaw, law officers of the forest service who assisted Glavis in framing his charges in the Alaska coal claims case, Hale protested that it was an attempt to prejudice the case before the people. Dolliver, however, tore Hale to tatters by citing Jones' insertion in the record of Ballinger's letter on the day he gave notice that he would introduce a resolution for an investigation.

It is believed now that Dolliver will handle Pinchot's case during the investigation.

Taft May Think Twice Before He Beholds Pinchot

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—A special meeting of the cabinet was called for 2 o'clock this afternoon for the further consideration of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, which suddenly has become the absorbing question of the day. The matter was discussed at the regular meeting of the cabinet but this afternoon the secretaries were recalled to the White House by telephone.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger was closeted with President Taft today and other conferences were held at which the participants are supposed to have discussed the question: "Should the presidential ax fall upon the official neck of Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forest service?"

Many are inclined to believe the reading in the senate yesterday by Senator Dolliver, of a letter written by Pinchot, in which the chief forester defended his subordinates for the aid they gave

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The question of whether Pinchot, officially decapitated and in the role of "martyr to the Roosevelt policies," would not be exceedingly embarrassing to the administration is being given serious consideration. The presidential ire is said to have been aroused to an extraordinary extent by Pinchot's statement that Glavis was "a most vigorous defender of the people's interests."

This coming in the face of the dismissal of Glavis by Taft and the presidential rebuke administered to him for his charges against Ballinger, has developed one of the most intensely interesting situations the capital has seen in many a day.

Taft could remove Pinchot for violation of the president's order forbidding officials to give out information on departmental affairs, unless authorized by the head of the executive department in which they respectively serve.

The question before the administration today is whether the dismissal of Pinchot would not immediately bring out the troublesome ghost embodied in the so-called "Roosevelt conspiracy" and arouse the "back from Elba" movement.

Pinchot's letter was one of the chief topics at today's session of the cabinet. Secretary Nagel was the only member of the cabinet not present at the meeting.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in whose department the forestry service is included, brought with him statements made by Assistant Forester Price and Law Officer Shaw of the forest service, in which they said they had assisted Glavis in preparing his charges against Ballinger and set forth their reasons for so doing.

It is said by persons well up on affairs at the Whitehouse that Taft looks upon Pinchot's "impropriety as amounting to impudence."

Many persons this morning expected some immediate action to follow the cabinet meeting and some predicted that Taft would demand that Secretary Wilson ask Pinchot to resign at once.

It was suggested that the most probable action on the part of the administration would be to suspend Pinchot, Price and Shaw from office until after the congressional investigation into the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy was completed. This it was pointed out would save the administration from attacks by the "insurgents" which might follow the abrupt dismissal of Pinchot.

"I have no statement to make at present," said Pinchot when seen at the capitol today. He showed no sign of worry over the situation and so far as he was apparent was not worked up further than to have a keen interest in events.

Pinchot appeared today before the sub-committee of the house agricultural committee, which is considering the appropriations for the forest service. He explained the nature of the forestry work to the committee and went into great detail, answering countless questions with the enthusiasm that has characterized his work on this subject. He was before the committee for more than an hour, explaining why money was needed for this branch of government work.

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