

SEVEN MEMBERS OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION OUT

Chairman J. N. Teal Summarizes Work Since Appointment; Governor May Now Recast Body if He Desires.

All members of the Oregon conservation commission have tendered their resignations to Governor Weast, and in so doing have rendered him in summary form the work they have accomplished in the last two years in protection of the public interests, preparation of data and the dissemination of information.

The resignations were not handed in because of any lack of interest in the work or because the late legislature saw fit to cut off appropriations for the expenses of the work. The sole purpose is to relieve the governor of embarrassment in recasting the commission.

A feature of the report is the showing that all recommendations of the commission in its report last November were enacted into law by the last session of the legislature. These recommendations were for the passage of a bill for better protection of the forests, liberal cooperation with the national government in making topographic surveys, and an increased compensation for the state engineer.

March 2, 1911.—Hon. Oswald West, Governor of Oregon, Salem, Or.—Sir: Enclosed please find the resignations of members of the Oregon Conservation Commission. These are tendered in order to relieve you of any possible embarrassment in selecting for the commission such men as you may desire.

Personnel of First Commission. A state conservation commission was appointed May 23, 1908, by George E. Chamberlain, then governor. Its membership was as follows: F. G. Young, Austin T. Buxton, C. S. Jackson, Wilbur M. Newell, J. M. Lewis, Richard W. Montague, J. R. Wilson, Joseph N. Teal, R. S. Bean, J. N. Hart, Will R. King, E. R. Lake, Frank J. Miller, C. B. Watson and J. C. Stevens.

The commission organized June 6, 1908, and elected Joseph N. Teal chairman and F. G. Young secretary. The funds required for the use of the commission were secured through voluntary subscriptions.

By December, 1908, the commission had prepared and printed a report on the resources of this state, illustrated with maps, diagrams and views. It was difficult to secure complete data within the limited time. The subjects covered were as follows: The Conservation Movement; Water Transportation; Water Resources; Their Conservation and Use; Water Laws for Oregon; Lands and Land Reclamation; Forests; Minerals; Fisheries.

Two thousand or more copies of this report were printed, but the edition has long since been exhausted, demands therefore coming from all over the United States, principally from those who were interested from an investment standpoint.

Water Conservation Chief Work. As the most important subject demanding legislative action was water conservation and use, the commission concentrating its attention quite largely on this subject. The commission paid the expenses of securing the attendance of experts from other states to consult as to methods, and after much work and critical analysis a bill was prepared for submission to the legislature of 1909, which, with few changes, was passed and became a law. Beneficial use is the basis of a right; simple methods of ascertaining and fixing rights were enacted; titles were made secure; litigation, with its attendant costs and loss, discouraged and almost eliminated; power rights can be granted for only 40 years, but may be extended from time to time; state control is reserved, etc.

While it was not expected the fees for a month produce any excess revenue, the operation of the law has been more than self-sustaining. The beneficial results following its enactment are set forth in the official reports of the state engineer. This law is serving as a model in a number of other states.

The same legislature passed an act creating a state conservation commission of seven members, to be appointed by the governor, carrying an appropriation of \$1000. It is under this law the present members of the commission were appointed.

The legislature also passed a joint memorial approving the work of President Roosevelt and the national conservation commission, calling on congress for its support.

Prizes Given for Essays. During 1909 they offered money prizes to students in the various institutions of the state covering the following topics: The Forests in Oregon, Irrigation Institutions in Oregon, Soils, Dry Land Farming in Oregon, Roads in Oregon, Fish. The prizes were awarded and paid according to the announcement. The money for this purpose, as well as for other uses of the commission, was all secured through voluntary contributions, no public money being used for this purpose.

Josephine Caves Set Aside. In the spring of 1909, C. B. Watson called the attention of the commission to the beauty and grandeur of the Josephine county caves, and asked that steps be taken to preserve and keep them in their original beauty and as a national monument. The commission took up the matter with Gifford Pinchot, then forester of the United States, and on July 12, 1909, the caves were, by proclamation of President Taft, set aside as a national monument under an act approved June 8, 1906, under the name "Oregon caves." The caves are under the immediate care of the forest service, and will hereafter be protected from acts of vandalism or ill usage. These caves are of great beauty, several

STYLE AND THE WOMAN.



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By HOMER DAVENPORT.

The late Mrs. Bloomer is vindicated and Mr. Mary Walker may soon be the most stylishly dressed woman in America.

In the harem skirt ordained by Paris as the dernier cri in fashion, the Bloomer came into its own, and only a short step remains to be taken until what in the olden times we used to call plain "pants" instead of dresses will be the style for ladies.

That is unless the hearty laughter of Uncle Sam, when he catches the first glimpse of this new fangled dress, first

duces his fair daughters to refuse to follow the lead of Paris, just this once anyway.

In staid old London, when the first harem skirt appeared on the street, it created a small riot, and the London bobbies had their hands full restoring order and to enable the wearer of the strange garb to make her escape from the rabble.

It is hardly probable, however, that the matter will be taken so seriously in this country. Uncle Sam has a keen sense of humor, and if there is a conven-

ient fence or lamp-post for him to lean against he will probably relieve his feelings with hearty gusts of laughter when he first catches a full view of this latest perpetration from the center of fashion.

It is to be feared, though, that laughter and ridicule will have no more effect in sparing us this infliction than would jeers and violence. If fashion decrees this style of dress mere man must make up his mind to endure it as best he may.

He can only hope that it will not last long, and that the next turn of the wheel will not bring Dr. Mary Walker's ideal in dress still nearer realization.

The commission prepared pamphlets for general circulation and for use by the members of the legislative assembly and others, setting forth with full explanation the laws proposed and the reasons for their enactment. All of the recommendations made by the commission were adopted by the legislature.

The bill providing for cooperation between the state and federal agencies engaged in gathering physical data on the state's natural resources and in the dissemination of the information so gathered.

An increase in the salary of the state engineer to a figure commensurate with his duties and responsibilities.

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SEMI-PRO SEASON WILL OPEN TODAY

Tryout Games Will Be Played and Skill of Men Measured. The preliminary semi pro baseball season will be opened today on the different ball fields around town, providing the weather is all O. K. Scrub games will be played between teams who will meet during the season.

APPORTIONMENT OF LAND SALES MADE

Multnomah Gets But \$62.58 of Public Land Sale Fund —Harney, \$1505.18. (Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., March 4.—Another apportionment, the five per cent of public land sales made by the United States government in Oregon during 1910, was completed by the secretary of state's office this morning.

Table showing land sales by county: Multnomah \$62.58, Harney \$1505.18, Clatsop \$119.88, Clackamas \$119.88, etc.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BUILDS GOOD ROADS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., March 4.—The county court has started a campaign for good roads. Several thousand dollars will be spent in this county for the betterment of county roads.

DAUGHTER OF LATE PEER ADOPTS STAGE

London, March 4.—Great interest was manifested here today in the announcement that Flora Sackville-West, a daughter of the former British minister at Washington, had adopted the profession of her Spanish dancer.

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