

INSISTS MINERAL AND PLACER MINING LAWS RETARD DEVELOPMENT

Senator Walsh of Montana Urges Codification So as to Bring Them Up to Date,

POINTS OUT ABSURDITIES

Tells House Committee on Mines and Mining That the Present Laws Retard Development.

Washington, Jan. 6. — (WASHINGTON BUREAU TO THE JOURNAL.)—Senator Walsh of Montana, who is an earnest champion of the administration leasing bills, appeared yesterday by invitation before the house committee on mines and mining in advocacy of a codification of the mining laws to make them adaptable to present conditions.

The senator contended that the mineral and placer mining laws of 1872 are absolutely a misfit in the latter day effort to extend them to oil, phosphate, sodium, nitrate and similar production. Considering their inharmonious with present conditions, the government has withdrawn large tracts pending action by congress providing for development.

Shows Absurdities of Laws. After pointing out the absurdities arising under present law, which retard and prevent the investment of capital, Senator Walsh proceeded to a discussion of the leasing plan and the objections to it. He said:

"The states' revenues will be neither greater nor less under a leasing system applicable to nonmetallic minerals than they would be if such lands were alienated in fee, except as taxes might be wrung from lands to which title might be acquired, and which were allowed to lie idle, in order to forestall their acquisition by some one who might work them, or from lands acquired by one who might choose to hold them until, by the growth of the community, the development of the industry in which they are calculated to play a part or other conditions make the investment sufficiently profitable to induce their disposal.

"In other words, the state would lose the taxes on lands entered or held with purely speculative intent. It has even been proposed, but I cannot think with reflection, that the lands with which we are particularly concerned, at least the coal lands, should be put up for sale to the highest bidder. This suggestion emanates from those who exhibit a deep concern about the limitation on the states' power to tax consequent upon national ownership.

Would Benefit the Speculators. "Millions of acres would, under any such system of disposal, pass into the hands of speculators. The condition of the market does not justify the purchase of any extensive areas for immediate working. The price at which the lands would be sold could only be such as to assure the purchaser at

some distant day in the future, when the market is active, the return of the investment with a speculator's profit. Deposits of vast extent and volume have at present only a potential value, particularly the lignite beds.

"In the more or less remote future, when the population of the Rocky mountain region is much more dense, when railroads have multiplied and industrial activity has built up mining cities, the low-grade coal of the west will have a value, now inconceivable, perhaps inconceivable. Coal is a low-grade, bulky article of commerce and will not stand shipment by rail very great distances.

"There is much merit in the proposal to turn these lands over to the states in which they are situated. The suggestion that they be turned over to private speculators at their present cash value is wholly vicious.

Objections Devoid of Merit. "The objection to the leasing system on constitutional grounds is utterly devoid of merit. The argument that it unduly restricts the state's power to tax, at least in respect to mineral lands, is scarcely entitled to more consideration.

"There would be a perfectly valid objection to the exaction of a royalty which should go into the federal treasury for the general expenditure of the government like the ordinary revenues. Tribute so paid would be nothing less than a tax levied upon a particular section of the country. But under the provisions of the bill to which reference is made all royalties go into the reclamation fund as the proceeds of sales do now and will be utilized for the construction of works of irrigation in the communities from which the revenues come. When eventually returned to the treasury by the settlers under the projects one-half goes into the treasury of the states, respectively, from which they were originally paid.

Has Changed His Opinion. "It is advanced that development would not take place under a leasing system—that the American investor is so wedded to the idea of a perpetual interest, a title in fee, that he could not be induced to put his money into an enterprise founded on less—and particularly that he would shy away from a lease from the government.

"I confess that this idea had possession of my own mind at one time, the prospect as to coal lands engaging my thought. I am not sure now that this view is wholly erroneous, but my conviction about the matter has been much shaken. The western states are beginning to realize substantial revenues from their coal lands under the leasing system to which they are all committed with respect to their own properties.

"Touching phosphate lands, I am able to assert that no fear whatever need be felt about their active exploitation under a leasing plan.

Conditions Are All Right. "The conditions are all ripe for the opening up of the western lands that are rich in oil, gas, phosphate, and potash. The money centers of the east will be looking solicitously for promising investments for the employment of the bulging accumulation of money which the conditions of tremendous crops here, and a hitherto unheard of demand for our products abroad is bringing them. Montana will realize this year, and have for investment \$25,000,000 over and above the returns of an ordinary profitable season.

"Every patriot may indulge the hope that this committee may find it possible to smooth the way for the enactment of legislation at this congress which will revivify the mining business, so far as that result depends upon the laws relating to the disposition of the public mineral lands."

CONTINUANCE OF WAR SUICIDAL SAYS GARY, CHAIRMAN U. S. STEEL

Issues Statement on Steel Situation, Business Conditions in General, the War,

FEARS OVER-CONFIDENCE

"There Is Danger of Over-production, Over-extension of Credit and Liabilities," States Magnate.

New York, Jan. 5. — (I. N. S.)—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States steel corporation has issued a statement on the steel situation, business conditions in general and the war.

Judge Gary shows that the United States is today producing steel at the rate of 4,000,000 tons per annum, as compared with the best previous record of 35,000,000 tons, declares that a long continuance of the war would be suicidal and sounds a note of warning as to what the future may have in store for business in the United States.

The following striking sentences are taken from Judge Gary's interview:

"The present rate of production of steel ingots in the United States, is about 4,000,000 tons per annum. This compares with the high water mark of 35,000,000 for 1912.

"The bookings are considerably in excess of production, which is larger than ever before.

"About 75 per cent of the sales is for domestic consumption.

"There are evidences which cannot be reasonably questioned of great prosperity.

"We are proceeding at a rapid pace. I fear there is great inflation. There will be jars and jolts when things become normal.

"This is an epoch. The times are serious, perhaps critical.

"Governmental power must lend its assistance to legitimate private effort and the latter must appreciate and reciprocate.

"There is danger of over production, of over extension of credit and liabilities, of over confidence.

"If believe the wars of Europe will not be so long protracted as many, if not most, men predict.

"Negotiations for peace should be opened at once and pushed to a conclusion. There never will be a better time.

"Each of the warring nations is starving for both men and money.

"Any nation that is prolonging the war beyond the time when it can be reasonably and honorably discontinued, is slowly committing suicide."

T. B. Gurdane Heads Police of Pendleton

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 6.—Tom B. Gurdane, chief of police under the administration of Mayor Fee and Murphy, tonight was again chosen for that position by the new city council, suc-

ceeding Alex. Manning. Thomas Fitzgerald was reappointed city recorder, and Dr. H. H. Hattery was named city physician.

No agreement was reached on the city attorneyship and Charles H. Carter, the present incumbent, will continue to act until his successor is named.

The council caucused before the meeting and Gurdane was named on the first ballot. Mayor Best casting the deciding vote.

A majority of the council favored Roy Raley for attorney, but he was not acceptable to the mayor.

Aged Woman Buried At White Salmon

Mrs. Isabella Bennett, Born in New York, 1831, Is Survived by Several Children in Oregon and Washington.

White Salmon, Jan. 6.—The funeral of Mrs. Isabella Comstock Bennett, who died here Sunday, was held at her daughter's home in this city Monday. Interment was in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Mrs. Bennett was born at Putnam, N. Y., in 1831. She was married in 1855 to Craig Bennett at Dubuque, Iowa. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, six of whom are living. They are Frank, of The Dalles, Or.; Ralph, of Grass Valley, Or.; Milton, of Stanfield, Or.; Mrs. Hogue and Walter, of Kent, Wash.; and Mrs. Patterson, of White Salmon.

Club Officers Installed.

White Salmon, Wash., Jan. 6.—The installation of officers of the White Salmon Commercial club Monday night was attended by a large number of the members. O. E. Flynn, a prominent young attorney of this place, was elected president; George Reid, treasurer, and C. C. Hutchins, secretary.

Murderer Gives Himself Up.

Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—(P. N. S.)—Conscience-stricken after five months of wandering as a fugitive from justice, Porfirio Lopez returned to Los Angeles and gave himself up for the murder of his sweetheart, Anita Graviolo, whom he is alleged to have stabbed to death. Lopez is said to have pleaded self defense.

A Sure Way to End Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single grain and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. (Adv.)

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