

# NEW LAND POLICY

WESTERN CONGRESS IN DENVER NEXT JULY

Range Leasing, Public Land, Forest Reserves, Mining and Irrigation Are all to be Discussed in a Congress of Western Men Which Will Be Held in Denver Next July—Government Land Policy the Chief Subject of Discussion.

Preliminary arrangements are being made looking to a big gathering of leading men of the west to discuss the plans of the general government for federal control and leasing of public lands.

The meeting as proposed will be held in Denver, during the last week in July or first week in August, and will bring together several thousand delegates from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

The men at the head of the movement are prominent in livestock circles, and include the raisers of cattle, sheep, horses and hogs, although delegates will not be restricted to the livestock interests.

The promoters of the meeting feel that federal control and leasing of the public lands, as is carried on in the forest reserves, the withdrawal of large tracts of oil, coal and grazing lands from entry, and the plan of the government to fence up the entire western country, create more game and forest reserves, are matters that vitally concern, not only the raisers of livestock, but also the miner, irrigator, dry farmer, homesteader, settler, merchant, professional man, the railroads and all others, and the delegates will represent all of these interests.

Indeed, it is proposed to make it a western congress, for the fullest possible discussion of the problem that confronts the people of the entire west.

## FINE CHURCH DEDICATED.

Rev. Victor Dorris in Charge of Meeting at Ellensburg.

The Ellensburg Localizer says of the dedication of an elegant new Christian church building in that city by Rev. Victor Dorris of Pendleton:

Before an audience that completely filled every part of the large auditorium, annex and gallery, Rev. Victor W. Dorris yesterday dedicated the New Christian church.

Rev. Dorris showed God's plan through the ages as to where God recorded his name and where his name is recorded today. More than \$1000 was raised to meet what remained of the indebtedness. Yesterday was a great climax in the history of this congregation.

From a little handful three years ago, the congregation has grown to be one of the strongest in the city; and from a little church building this religious people now has one of the most commodious and best equipped buildings in Ellensburg.

In his report read before the congregation in the afternoon, Rev. Hillton stated that three years ago there were 60 members, while today there are 250 members. He also stated that during 1906, 142 persons united with the congregation.

Financial obligations have been promptly met, and the congregation was now in a position to do greater work. The board of officers and members of the congregation state that large credit is due to the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hillton, who has worked hard to bring about this successful growth, and the reception of the new building.

A libel suit has been filed for \$70,000 in the United States court at San Francisco by the Societe Nouvelle d'Armement, owner of the French bark "Holliden," which was damaged by fire at an Oakland wharf on March 11. It is alleged that fuel oil escaped from the Santa Rita and floated on the waters of the bay, and that the oil caught on fire, the flames spreading to the French bark and damaging her in the sum mentioned.

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## OREGON COLONY MEETS.

Strong Organization Is Maintained at Washington, D. C.

The Washington (D. C.) Star has the following account of the annual meeting of the "Oregon colony" at the national capital:

The Society of the Oregon Country had a successful meeting at 112 C street, northwest on Thursday evening, March 7. Many visitors from Oregon were present. Representative W. C. Hawley, the new representative from the first Oregon district, stirred the enthusiasm of the audience in an able and interesting review of the present prosperous condition and the bright future of Oregon.

Hon. J. D. Lee, formerly of the Oregon legislature, opened his remarks with a few sentences in Chinoook jargon, the language that prevailed in the Oregon country in intercourse between the Indians and the first white settlers. Mr. Lee also recited Sam Simpson's poem, "Beautiful Willamette." W. M. Force spoke of the enduring benefits of the Lewis and Clark expedition, emphasizing the phenomenal growth of population in Portland, Oregon, from 22,000 in 1900 to 175,000 at the present time. Remarks were also made by Messrs. Wells, Clymer, Putman, Walker, Straight, Gilfrey, Pracht and others. Judge J. V. Wright of Tennessee, now of the general land office, and J. D. Atkins were elected honorary members of the society in recognition of the appreciation of the fact that these gentlemen, who are the sole surviving members of the thirty-fifth congress, voted in 1859 for the admission of Oregon into the union. Visiting Oregonians present were also elected honorary members.

Officers of the society for 1907 are: D. C. Sherman, president; A. M. Condra, vice-president; Mrs. Kath. Lackland, treasurer; E. Irving, secretary.

## Washington Letter

Washington, March 21.—President Roosevelt has again evinced his interest in rifle practice by becoming a life member of the National Rifle Association of America, which works in co-operation with the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The president was invited to join by General James A. Drain, president of the association.

It is not customary for presidents to join associations, but General Drain pointed out that the National Rifle association is the only one of its kind in the country, and therefore no criticism could be passed on the president in case he joined. General Drain quoted the object of the association, from its by-laws, as follows:

"The object of this organization shall be to encourage marksmanship throughout the United States, principally in the direction of qualifying as finished marksmen those individuals who may be called upon to serve in time of war; to encourage competition in marksmanship between teams and individuals; to encourage legislation for the establishment and maintenance of ranges; to secure the issue of military rifles and ammunition to those practicing thereat; and to encourage a public sentiment in respect to the necessity of rifle practice as a means of national defense."

By its liberality congress has greatly encouraged the construction of ranges and rifle practice galleries throughout the country. One-fourth of the appropriation made by the government for the militia is now required to be set aside for the promotion of rifle practice and this money is available for acquiring ranges.

Any state so inclined, however, can use more than this proportion of the appropriation, and of course assistance can be received from the state treasury. As a result ranges are being secured in all parts of the country. There is a good prospect that a national rifle range will be established near Washington.

General Grant, commanding the department of the east, has ordered a board of officers to meet in Washington to examine sites in Maryland and Virginia convenient to Washington and suitable for a rifle range for cavalry, infantry and field artillery. Among other sites to be considered is one of about 1500 acres not far from Fort Meyer, Virginia, which was used during the Spanish war and called Camp Alger. It is expected that if a range is secured sufficiently near the city it may be used by the District of Columbia militia as well as by the army.

The report of General George W. Wingate and General A. B. Critchfield, of Ohio, on rifle practice in the public schools, among other things shows that there are in New York alone three training schools, 19 high schools, 490 elementary schools, two trunk schools and one nautical school, a total of 515.

The registered number enrolled in these schools is about 600,000, or as many as the entire population of St. Louis, the fourth city in the Union. Half of them are boys, of which about 10,000 attend the high schools. The college of the city of New York has about 4000 male students.

For the purpose of interesting these children in athletics certain gentlemen interested in philanthropic work organized the Public Schools Athletic league, and during the year 1906 there were 150,000 entries in the games conducted by this league.

It has been fully established that the fire which destroyed Hellen Hall, the headquarters for Upton Sinclair's socialistic colony near Englewood, N. J., was set by an incendiary. Several efforts to destroy the hall had been made previously, including one to blow it up with dynamite. Detectives had been employed but before any suspicions had been centered the hall had been burned.



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## Burton's Time Up.

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## Given Up to Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affection which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon my work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Why not let it help you? Koepfen's Drug Store.

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