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Governor West's Idea of Exchanging Scattered Tracts for Compact Body Favored.

FORESTRY SERVICE OFFICIAL VOICES APPROVAL

Forest Department Will Work for Special Legislation on the Part of Congress Which Would Be Necessary to Put Scheme Into Effect—Some Delay Must Be Expected.

Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—Governor West's proposal to exchange about 48,000 acres of scattered state lands in the national forests in Oregon for a compact tract to be selected within the Cascade national forest to be established as a state forest has met with the highest approval of H. S. Graves of the government forestry service, who has sent a communication on the subject to Governor West. The forestry service desires to know what is the approximate value of the state lands which it is proposed to exchange to the government, and in order to make the exchange special legislation will have to be enacted by congress, which can hardly be accomplished at this season owing to the proximity of the day of adjournment. Mr. Graves says he read the portion of Governor West's message relating to this subject with great interest, and says further: "The friendliness you express for the 'forest reserve system' will, I am confident, materially promote its advancement and acceptance by the people as a permanent policy of both state and nation. In accordance with reasons, 'I am quite in accord with your reasons for desiring to establish the state forest you propose and most heartily agree with your views as to the results to be achieved by its creation. 'So far as I can render any service which can be consistently given I will be very glad to cooperate in advancing your purpose. 'Preliminary to deciding on any proposition of exchange, such as is proposed, and securing legislation to effectuate it, it would be important, of course, to the forest service to know somewhat of the character and value of the lands offered by the state and approximately at least, the particularly area of land within the Cascade national forest, which the state of Oregon desires for use as a forest. With this view I have sent to the district forester at Portland, Or., the list you enclosed of 'base lands available for indemnity selections,' which lands are proposed for the exchange, with a request that he submit a report to me concerning them at the earliest practicable moment. It would facilitate, of course, consideration of the question of the exchange and its advisability, so far as the national forest service and its economical administration is concerned, if you could designate even tentatively the compact body sought by the state within the Cascade national forest. Some Delay Expected. 'It seems hardly possible that congress could at this session in view of the short time remaining before adjournment, enact the required legislation authorizing the department of agriculture to make an exchange, should an exchange be agreed upon. Some delay also is to be expected in securing an early report from the district forester on the list of lands submitted to you, in view of the season of year rendering field examinations, if necessary, somewhat slow and difficult. As soon, however, as the district forester's report is received, which will be accompanied undoubtedly with suggestions requiring consideration, I shall be very glad to discuss the entire subject of the exchange with Senator Chamberlain of your state.' HOMESTEAD LIEN VOTE IS UPHELD BY SENATE Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—Governor West's veto of Senator Nottingham's bill making homesteads specifically liable for liens by material men was sustained by the senate. Instead of securing the two thirds vote needed to go over the head of the governor, Nottingham mustered only 13, while 15 voted to uphold the governor.

ITALY MAY HAVE SMALL REVOLUTION

Rome, Italy, Feb. 9.—Clashes with troops in half a dozen Italian cities occurred today as a result of mass meetings to protest against the exorbitant prices of foodstuffs and high rents. It is believed wider outbreaks are impending. The people take the position that the government is partially to blame through heavy taxes and allowing the formation of several trusts.

WOULD HANG WOMEN IN WASHINGTON

Olympia, Feb. 9.—The senate yesterday by a vote of 21 to 18 voted to indefinitely postpone the Jensen bill to abolish capital punishment. During the debate, Senator Jensen said: "The state could not build penal institutions enough to punish all the murders committed by the women of the state. You want hanging, do you? Then hang every woman who purposely destroys the unborn life within her. Infanticide is the blot and shame of the age. If you are to hang the rest, you must hang the child murderers."

GHOULS HOLD BODY OF RICH WOMAN

COSTLY MAUSELEUM OF TWO FAMILIES LOOTED

Remains of Mrs. McCullom Are Taken Away—Horde of Detectives Search in Vain.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 9.—Ghouls who looted the costly mausoleum of the Scott and Strong families here are believed to be holding the body of Mrs. McCullom, a member of a prominent Philadelphia family. They are being sought by a horde of detectives today. It has not been ascertained whether money has been demanded of the relatives. Mrs. McCullom was a sister-in-law of former Congressman William Scott who amassed a fortune in coal and railroads and died 1891. His body is in the vault also. The Scott and Strong families are wealthy in Pennsylvania. It is certain that several persons participated in the work as the coffin is of heavy steel and copper. The ghouls smashed three other coffins, indicating they were taking no chances in not securing the body they sought. A woman visitor accidentally discovered the looting of the mausoleum. It is believed they contemplated stealing other corpses as the niche containing Scott and his wife's coffins have been partially opened. There are no clues.

WOULD GIVE O. A. C. TOTAL OF \$570,000

Salem, Or.—Feb. 9.—Appropriations aggregating \$570,000 for expenses and new buildings for the agricultural school at Corvallis, were agreed upon by the ways and means committee. This is all that institution asked and about \$250,000 more than was included in the original bills introduced by Senator Hawley. Senate bill 59, which is one of the bills to be reported, gives the school \$270,000 for new buildings and equipment. Number 58 gives \$70,000 per year for two years for maintenance and repairs. Besides these appropriations, the institution will receive \$160,000 under continuing appropriations, a grand total of \$570,000.

ASTORIA APPROPRIATION BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—The senate concurred in house amendments to Senator Lester's bill appropriating \$50,000 for the celebration of the John Jacob Astor centennial at Astoria next August. The amendments reduced the contingent amount necessary to be raised by Clatsop county and the city of Astoria from \$50,000 to \$40,000. The bill now goes to the governor for signature. Joseph's bill making the state, county or municipality liable for material where public officials fail to exact the bonds required by law was reconsidered after being defeated on motion of Senator Benn and was sent back to committee for amendment.

CANADIAN OFFICIAL WILL CORRECT WRONG IMPRESSION

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 9.—Finance Minister Fielding today took steps to correct the erroneous impression in Great Britain regarding the reciprocity treaty with the U. S. He will go to London and explain that the reciprocity won't damage the business relations with Britain as the English seemingly think. "Daylight" Bill Passed. Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 9.—The house of the Iowa legislature passed the "Daylight" saloon bill. The measure provides that saloons shall be open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night.

OREGON TO HIT RECIPROCITY

Joint Legislative Resolution Instructing Delegation to Oppose Taft Plan.

WIRE COMPANIES TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE

Printed Contracts on Backs of Messages Held Void—Companies Compelled to Repeat Without Charge—Malarkey's Public Utilities Commission Bill Causes Debate.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 9.—The Oregon delegation in congress was today called upon to oppose the Canadian reciprocity agreement by a joint resolution introduced by Fouts of Multnomah county, urging Oregon representatives to fight the agreement. There is practically no opposition. The Ammie bill fixing responsibility on telephone and telegraph companies and making void the printed contract on the back of all messages compelling also companies to repeat messages without extra charge was passed by a narrow margin. Utility Bill Debated. The entire morning session of the senate was taken up with the argument on Malarkey's public utility bill. Senator Joseph of Portland, spoke against the measure for an hour. He made the statement that the passage of the bill would build up a state wide political machine and would encroach on the initiative rights of the people. Senator Kellaher charged the bill was backed by corporations and accused Malarkey of being under their influence.

STALE EGG BILL IS LAW IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 9.—Holding in reserve a basket of old eggs, Senator Hare today secured the passage of his bill providing \$250 fine for any person to exhibit for sale eggs or butter which had been in cold storage over three months without labeling them.

GOVERNMENT STOPS PHONE CONSOLIDATION

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—The announcement that the United States government would interfere has apparently killed the proposed agreement for consolidation of the Bell, Morgan and Independent Telephone systems. It is said today that probably the telephone convention won't even consider the report of the committee that investigated the matter. Some officials even go so far as to state that no consolidation is contemplated.

WESTERN PACIFIC IS GRANTED CONCESSIONS

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Becoming operative immediately, a traffic arrangement has been concluded between the Western Pacific and the Southern Pacific which extends the Western Pacific to every point on the Pacific coast reached by the Harriman lines. The deal was negotiated in Chicago and announced telegraphically today.

PORTLAND WILL HELP FAMINE SUFFERERS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 9.—The chamber of commerce and charitable institutions today began collecting clothes and foodstuffs for Chinese famine sufferers.

BUFFALO BILL'S SISTER TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 9.—After attending the funeral tomorrow of his sister, Mrs. Helen Wetmore, Colonel Cady (Buffalo Bill) will return to his mines at Tucson, Ariz.

BEVERIDGE IS FOR RECIPROCITY TREATY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Senator Beveridge in a senate speech today asserted that reciprocity with Canada would not hurt this country. He said it would not injure the American farmer as we are the greatest exporter of wheat and flour in the world, while the Canadians export comparatively a small amount. He said Canada will have little more for exporting in the future over the demands of their own. The admission of the Canadian food stuffs would simply steady and regulate the prices and would end the cornering of food products by speculators, as he would have to corner the product of a continent instead of one country.

REBELS PLAY WAITING GAME

Situation Before Juarez Unchanged—News from South Wanted.

GENERAL NAVARRO WITH TROOPS STILL MISSING

Whereabouts of Federal Commander With Large Body of Soldiers Is Still Unknown—If He Reaches Juarez Before Attack Is Made City Will Be Saved to Government.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 9.—The Juarez situation is unchanged today. Orozco is encamped near Smelter, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso and apparently awaiting news from the south, where the rebels under Blanco Sanchez and Casillas are waiting the arrival of troops under Navarro, reported to be en route to Juarez's relief. Navarro's position has not been known since he left Chihuahua. If Navarro reaches Juarez first, it would be folly, to all appearances, for Orozco to attack, even with the assistance of reinforcements from Alanis and Blanco. Alanis camped last night 12 miles east of here on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, at a hamlet called Sargosa. Ammunition was taken across the river at this point, and this morning Alanis and his men had disappeared. A search of the hills in that vicinity failed to disclose his present whereabouts, but he and his men are now virtually a part of Orozco's forces. Five Americans who crossed to the Texas side today from Sargosa estimate Alanis' detachment at 200 mounted infantry. They are fresh from the district around Ojunga. No Word from Blanco. There was no new word from Blanco. If he left Casas Grandes when for the second time ordered to do so, he should reach this section by Friday night. This, at least is the way Orozco calculates it. Orozco consolidated his force today when 100 men who had been on duty in the mountains joined the 320 near the smelter. They were employed today in digging rifle pits and placing boulders where they would afford the most protection in case of attack. Orozco Moves Closer. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 9.—Gaining confidence by the continued federal inactivity Orozco today moved his outpost into easy range of Juarez where he can pick off the guards easily should the fighting be resumed. Colonel Martinez, chief of police of Juarez today denied the reported engagement between Navarro and Blanco near Samalayuca. He said they did not know where Navarro was.

DEPEW MAY NOT HAVE A SUCCESSOR

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Unless Sheehan withdraws from the race it is generally believed here that the New York legislature will adjourn without electing a successor to Depew. Apparently Murphy and Tammany will insist upon Sheehan's election. They have failed to force the democratic insurgents to support him so far and it is believed that only the fear that the next legislature will be republican, it is said, can possibly swing them into line. Today's vote gave Sheehan 75.

SEATTLE SENDS AID TO STRICKEN CHINA

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—All local charitable organizations are today gathering contributions of money and food stuffs to be rushed to the Red Cross headquarters in San Francisco for shipment on the transport Buford to the Chinese famine regions.

DRASTIC GRAIN BILL INTRODUCED

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 9.—The grain act just introduced in parliament by Sir Richard Cartwright is the most drastic legislation ever attempted affecting the handling of grain in Canada. Among other things it provides penalties for mixing grain at terminal elevators with a minimum penalty of \$5000 fine and a maximum of two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$20,000 dollars. In case a corporation is guilty the officers are subject to the penalties. The bill is based on the Minnesota grain act and will facilitate the free interchange of Canadian grain with the United States should the reciprocity treaty carry.

DIAZ WILL NOT SELL LOWER CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—In an official message over the telegraph president Diaz of Mexico declined to turn over lower California to Dick Ferris, the promoter of Los Angeles, for ten millions. Diaz wired: "Cannot accept your proposition. Must refuse energetically." Undismayed Ferris sent a second message urging Diaz to reconsider.

GREED FOR POWER ENDANGERS REPUBLIC

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Increasing greed for power on the part of the interests was declared today by Senator Bristow, insurgent, to be one of the reasons making necessary the direct election of senators. In his speech he said: "Delays in election, deadlocks and loss of representation frequently occur under the present system. Corruption and bribery are prevalent and have increased as the commercial interests have grown. The country's future is not in danger of the mob but of the greed of those seeking to control legislation for personal gain."

WESTON PROJECT PRACTICALLY SURE

G. W. PROEBSTEL SAYS DAM WILL BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Owners of 6000 Acres Sign Contracts Engineer on Ground—Dam Will Cost \$300,000.

According to G. W. Proebstel, the Weston hardware merchant who is in the city today, the Weston irrigation project is practically assured. He says the owners of 6000 acres of land have signed up contracts whereby they agree to pay one dollar an acre in order to employ a competent engineer to make a complete detailed investigation. If he reports the project as feasible they then agree to proceed with the construction of the Pine creek dam which will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. This dam will be 150 feet high, 300 feet long and will be built of earth with a concrete core. The site selected for the dam is ideal in every respect. The creek at that point flows through a narrow gorge which widens out above, forming a perfect reservoir basin. One engineer is already on the ground and a second is to be brought from Spokane within the next few days. The Pine creek irrigation company is the name of the corporation which has been organized to complete the project and Proebstel feels certain that the actual work of construction will be started within the next few weeks and that the dam will be completed within a year.

ARMISTICE EFFECTIVE IN HONDURAS

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Feb. 9.—(Via Wireless to New Orleans)—The armistice between the revolutionary forces headed by General Bonilla and the government forces, obtained through the friendly offices of the officials of the United States navy at this port was officially announced as effective at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There will be complete cessation of hostilities pending the outcome of the peace conference between revolution and government leaders, which will take place on board the United States gunboat Tacoma.

AVIATOR M'CURDY IS UNDISMAYED, TO TRY AGAIN

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 9.—Aviator McCurdy today shipped his aeroplane to Key West in preparation for another attempted flight to Havana. He said he would make the attempt within ten days.

SHERIFF KILLED WHILE SERVING EJECTMENT PAPERS

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 9.—While Sheriff Neal Hendley was serving ejectment proceedings upon John Switzer, he was shot and killed. Deputy Sheriff Clay opened fire and killed Switzer.

BISHOP WHITAKER DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9.—Bishop Whitaker of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania, died at his home here at noon today. Writ Refused. St. Louis, Feb. 9.—United States Circuit Judge Adams refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus to take C. A. Tilles out of the custody of the United States marshal. Tilles is charged in the District of Columbia with running a bucket shop and has been fighting extradition.

OLIVER SITE FULLY UPHELD

Legislative Committee Makes Report Saying Asylum Tract is Satisfactory.

ASK FOR PURCHASE OF SIXTY NINE ACRES MORE

After Two Days at Capitol Local Good Roads and Commercial Club Men Return Home This Morning—Investigated Asylum Affairs and Boosted for Good Roads Measures—Amendments are Satisfactory.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—The report of the legislative committee does not call for placing the branch asylum buildings upon any particular part of the tract and evidently that is a detail to be left to the state board. The report says the hill land on the Oliver-Carpenter tract is not suitable for a building but that there is a prospective site upon the bottom land. Salem, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Declaring that the Oliver tract below Pendleton is in every way suitable for the proposed building site for the Eastern Oregon asylum for the insane, the legislative committee, recently sent to Pendleton to investigate the matter, sent in a report today. It recommended that a 59 acre tract above the Oliver ranch also be purchased as it could be used to good advantage. The price is \$14,500. The report shows that the Bowerman choice is upheld in all respects and the report will probably be accepted by the legislature and the Oliver tract be chosen for the site. Local Men Home. Well satisfied with their trip to Salem eight of the local men who left here for the capital city Monday returned home this morning. H. J. Taylor, president of the Umatilla county good roads association remained in Portland and will not reach here until Saturday. At Salem the local men went at length into the subject of the good roads measures that are before the legislature and also inquired as to the status of the branch asylum. The introduction of the bill asking the \$400,000 appropriation for the asylum was made at the request of the committeemen following their consultation with Governor West Tuesday. Until then it had been the intention of the Umatilla delegation to have the branch asylum appropriation go into the general budget. Tuesday afternoon it was stated about the state house that the legislative committee would submit their report the following day. Accordingly the local delegation determined to remain over another day and hear the same. However, the report was not forthcoming owing to changes that were being made and last evening it was understood the report would be submitted this morning. Immediately after the arrival of the delegation in Salem inquiries were made as to the good roads measures. Copies of the various bills with all the amendments to date were given the committee by Representative L. L. Mann who is the chairman of the roads committee in the house. After a careful investigation of the state aid and the highway commission bills President H. J. Taylor and Secretary Sam Thompson announced their entire satisfaction with the same. Therefore in accordance with instructions given them by the good roads association they notified the members of the Umatilla legislative delegation that the county good roads association stood for the adoption of the measures. The approval of the Commercial association representatives was also given. In response the members of the delegation stated that the recommendation would be duly considered. From appearances at this time the five members of the delegation will all stand for the good roads measures when time for passage comes. At this time the situation is practically up to the house since the senate has already adopted all of the bills save one. When a man subscribes to a campaign fund he thinks he ought to at least appear among the list of those who predict the election of the party ticket by a magnificent plurality.

FAMINE AND HUNGER KILLING MILLIONS.

Nanking, China, Feb. 9.—More than a million are starving and another million are dying of disease in the plague-ridden sections, it is estimated, today by Lobenstein who has just returned from a visit to the districts. To add to the horrors a cold wave has set in and many are freezing.