

The president is pretty well acquainted with the west personally, and the recommendation in relation to the reclaiming of arid lands and for the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law shows that he will not overlook the needs of the great western country.

The Chinese exclusion convention which met in San Francisco, was composed of 3000 delegates, representing all classes. T. J. Geary, author of the exclusion act was chairman of the meeting. Resolutions favoring the re-enactment of the law were passed. It was a representative meeting that voiced the sentiment of the entire Pacific coast.

President Roosevelt favors the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law. In his message he will not only recommend the re-enactment of the law, but will go further and recommend that it be strengthened to increase its efficiency. He will also call the attention of Congress in his message to the advisability of doing something to reclaim the great arid regions of the west. It is certainly gratifying to learn that the great west will be recognized.

It is no wonder that such an interest is taken in New York politics. Salaries paid to municipal employes aggregate \$44,000,000, or nearly one-half of the total budget. The United States Army, with 68,000 men in 1900, cost less than \$18,000,000. New York's police force costs two-thirds as much as the regular Army. The extraordinary salaries paid are instanced in the fact that 446 men draw \$4000 or more, 68 of them \$10,000 or more, and cost the city in the aggregate \$3,022,000 yearly. Salaries range much higher than in the Federal service, or in business, even including laborers. New York's employes average quite a little more than \$1000 a year.

NATIONAL AID TO IRRIGATION

President Roosevelt, it is understood in Washington, will take strong ground, in his message, in favor of national aid to the reclaiming of arid lands. This is an object toward which the energies of the Federal government may well be directed. The briefest and most general survey of the situation shows the necessity not only of national aid, but also of national control of irrigation.

From about the one hundredth meridian westward nearly to the Pacific are vast areas needing nothing but water to enable them to support large populations. There is probably water enough in this region, if it is fairly and judiciously distributed; to make nearly or quite all these arid lands fertile. Private enterprise, sometimes with state aid, has made a beginning toward a solution of the problem. But private enterprise cannot go much further, for several reasons.

Many of the irrigation projects, while certain to be ultimately profitable, are so vast that private capital cannot safely undertake them. Furthermore, the necessary works often extend across state lines. Even now, as in the case of Kansas and Colorado, states are in conflict over the water of rivers lying in both. To reconcile such differences and avoid interminable litigation only national control will suffice.

Again, the American people lack any general body of irrigation laws. Our laws, developed from those of Great Britain chiefly, are founded on the control and use of land as the primary factor of human life. But in arid regions water is more important than land, for without water land is useless. Hitherto we have had to adjust only conflicts over land. Now we must develop a system of law that will adjust similar conflicts over water.

Wyoming, we believe, is the only American state with anything like a comprehensive code of laws whose object is to obtain equity between man and man and between individuals and the public in the use and control of the water supply. Hence Senator Warren of that state is naturally a leader in irrigation legislation, and the Pres-

ident's recommendations will doubtless be governed largely by his advice.

Eastern members of Congress, in many cases, have opposed national aid to irrigation. Such an attitude is short sighted, for the East's industrial prosperity depends on cheap food from the West. And without utilization of the West's arid lands the growth of population is certain to raise food prices to a point at which many Eastern industries would be starved out. National aid, and especially national control, of the broader aspects of the irrigation question will soon be imperative. Congress should not let narrow and sectional views stand in the way of national advancement.—Inter Ocean.

OPEN RIVERS TO THE INTERIOR

The Portland Chamber of Commerce sends out a neat booklet advocating the advancement of the commercial and industrial interests of Portland and the state of Oregon. While the main object of this association is for the advancement of Portland, still there are many things advocated and worked for that would be of great benefit to the state at large. Anything that will benefit the Inland Empire, the people ought to be in favor of. If we are benefited along with Portland, we should not be selfish nor should we be envious of Portland. The Inland Empire needs an open river, and if jointing bands with Portland will help matters any, then let us join with her, and the sooner the better. The following article tells the story in an able manner:

The urgency for the improvement of the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers is so patent that the question does not admit of argument.

Free navigation on these two important highways is absolutely essential for the upbuilding of the tributary country. Just so long as the rivers are closed, the development of the country will be slow. Once the rivers are opened, once there is through connection with the tide-water ports, the development will be tremendous for all the forces that go to make up a great forward movement are here, awaiting the signal, as it were, to go ahead.

At the present time the Columbia is navigable from its mouth to The Dalles, by way of the Cascade lock and canal, a distance of 190 miles. Between The Dalles and Celilo the river is obstructed for thirteen miles. Between Celilo and Priest rapids, a distance of 198 miles, the river is navigable under favorable conditions. The Snake is navigable from Riparia to Lewiston, a distance of 73 miles, and under favorable conditions, from Riparia to its mouth, a distance of 67 miles.

With some improvement, the cost of which would be justified by the area that would be served, and its industries, the Columbia could be made freely navigable from The Dalles to the foot of Priest rapids, a distance of 210 miles, and the Snake for the 140 miles of its course from its mouth to Lewiston. This would add 350 miles to the navigable waters of the Columbia and its tributaries. It would open a natural trade route for all of Northern Oregon, all of Southern Washington and the greater part of Eastern Washington, and nearly all of Western Idaho, particularly the rich Lewiston region.

Some ill-informed persons have insisted that because no vast development of country, and no large increase of river carriers followed the opening of the locks at the Cascades, the government would not be warranted in spending the amount of money that would be required to make navigation free on the Upper Columbia and the Snake. This is a narrow view to take of so important a project and one that has no foundation in fact.

Prior to the completion of the Cascade locks, the Columbia between the mouth of the Willamette and The Dalles, was navigable for all the distance it is now navigable except the short stretch obstructed at the Cascades. In 1891 the state of Oregon built a portage railway around the Cascades obstruction and operated it until the government opened the locks in 1896. The portage railway gave the producers of the district tributary to The Dalles, the relief that they had long sought—water transport for their products. The locks gave

the same relief to the same region but in greater degree, in that government service made an end of cargo breaking at the portage. Of the two reaches of the Columbia that are divided by the Dalles-Celilo obstructions—the stretch westward from Celilo to the Cascades and the stretch eastward from Celilo—the last named is by far the more important. For it is not westward from The Dalles to the Cascades that the great food-producing fields of the Inland Empire lie, but eastward of The Dalles, in the region up to the foot of Priest rapids on the Columbia, and up to Lewiston on the Snake.

Here—in Oregon, Washington and Idaho—will originate the bulk of the traffic that will come down the Columbia when it is a free river. The Cascade locks opened only 31 miles of river between the Cascades and The Dalles. The overcoming of the obstructions at Celilo would open 350 miles of river. This is the difference between the two projects: To bring about the opening of the Columbia and the Snake, the business men of Portland will have to unite in their own behalf and join hands with the producers and merchants of the Inland Empire.

HARDMAN ITEMS.

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W. L. Mallory was with us last Sunday.

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O. E. Johnson visited with R. H. Stillwell last Saturday and Sunday.

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Catholic Church—Rev. Father Kelly. Services 3d Sunday in each month at 10:30 a. m.

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Local News Notes.

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