

SECRETARY WILSON ON STAND DENIES PRINCIPAL CHARGES MADE BY DR. WILEY

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson held the house investigating committee about the trouble in his department over the proposed dismissal of Dr. Wiley. Wilson said he had no recollection about having first approved the contract with Dr. Rusby for \$2,000 instead of \$1,600, as testified to by Wiley. All he remembered about the case was that Wiley told him he had made arrangements to employ Rusby. He said it was customary for him to depend on his subordinates for details.

Wilson charged Wiley with withholding the facts in the case of the use of sulphur dioxide in fruits. After receiving Wiley's letter, Wilson said he told Wiley he would be glad to talk the matter over with the board of which Wiley was chairman, but never received an invitation to meet the board. Referring to Wiley's testimony, he, Wilson, considered Associate Chemist Dunlap his superior, Wilson said Wiley was "talking through his hat." Wilson said he appointed men to the Remsen board after President Roosevelt had selected them.

Wilson said he had created the pure food and drug inspection board because he felt more power attached to a board decision than to a one man decision. He said there are people who criticize him, but that even the president of the United States and the Savior were not exempt from criticism. He had appointed a mixed board consisting of two chemists and a lawyer because it was necessary to have prosecution passed on. He had not found

the arrangement as happy as it might have been. Explaining his phrase, "our people on the board," (Referring to Dunlap and McCabe) in the benzeneate letter, Wilson said it would have been an insult to Wiley to criticize him in regard to benzeneate of soda because he despised it and everything in connection with the board. He said Wiley felt his work was reflected on by the appointment of a board to review the benzeneate of soda case.

WIND AND STORM CAUSES DAMAGE IN DAKOTA

Grand Forks, S. D., Aug. 21.—The latest reports from the tornado swept area of the state are eight killed and from thirty to forty injured. No one was injured at Sourd which escaped the sweep of storm.

Minot, S. D., Aug. 21.—Five are dead and 125 injured and \$150,000 damage done as the result of a tornado northeast of here. The heaviest losses were at West Hope, Antler, Sourd, Sherwood, Mohall and Laramie. The dead: Antler 1, Sourd 1, Sherwood 1, Mohall 2. Over a hundred were injured at West Hope and of these a dozen are seriously hurt.

Best reports are that two were killed at Elmendorf and a number injured, none fatally. At Sherwood, Antler four were killed, eight fatally hurt and eight seriously hurt.

ENGLAND'S LABOR TROUBLES SETTLED

Liverpool, Aug. 21.—The local dock troubles will be settled at a conference of shipowners and representatives of the strikers this afternoon. The carters and coal heavers will return to work with the dock men.

HARRIMAN ROADS DISCHARGE MANY

Omaha, Aug. 21.—It is understood here that the order suspending 2500 employees of Union Pacific railroad for retrenchment purposes applies not only to every department of the Union Pacific, but that all other Harriman roads will receive similar orders.

Miss Grace Warner, bookkeeper of the Heeger-Bear Hardware company, with her mother, Mrs. George Warner, are spending a few weeks vacation at Triangle lake.

R. E. Ryphers of Blachly is at the college.

Veterans of the G. A. R. Meet at Rochester, N. Y., For Annual Encampment During Week of Aug. 21.



The annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held at Rochester, N. Y., the week of Aug. 21, is of unusual interest this year, which marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the civil war. Elaborate preparations have been made for the event, which is expected to attract 200,000 visitors to the Flower City.

STATEHOOD BILL IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

House Will Now Pass Cotton Bill and Adjourn Tomorrow.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Arizona-New Mexico statehood resolution was signed by Vice President Sherman and sent to the president for approval. The president signed the resolution this afternoon. Leaders of the senate and house reported an understanding this afternoon that congress is to adjourn tomorrow morning at an hour that will be determined by the convenience of the president. Members of both parties agreed it would be discourteous to adjourn without giving him a chance to transmit to the house his veto of the cotton bill, but decided, however, that no action would be taken on the veto message.

SHOOTING SCRAPE BUT NO ONE HURT

Word was received today from Deputy Sheriff Kennerly, at Leburg, that a shooting scrape of some nature had occurred last evening at this morning at Vida, but giving no particulars. He was ordered to go to Vida and report to the sheriff's office.

OLD RESIDENT DIES AT DEXTER

Thomas Bowen died at his home at Dexter, Or., Monday, August 21, 1911, aged 46 years, from cancer of the stomach. Deceased leaves a wife and family. The funeral will be held Wednesday at Pleasant Hill.

Dr. Leonard, who returned last week from Elk's convention at Atlanta, has assumed the position of swimming instructor at the Y. M. C. building.

S. P. RIGHT OF WAY AGENT IN EUGENE

Right of Way Agent Busell of the S. P. Co. is in Eugene and will begin work along the line of the Eugene-Corvallis line survey. It is understood the company will pay reasonable prices for right of way, but those best posted think so many lines are being projected in that direction that considerable difficulty will be experienced by the S. P. Co. in this respect.

ATWOOD RESUMES FLIGHT EASTWARD

Syracuse, Aug. 21.—Aviator Atwood ascended at Lyons at 4:19 this afternoon and started east.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Wheat closed, September, 91; December, 95 5/8; May \$1.01 3/8.

Lidj Eyassu, Young Heir to Throne of Menelik, Ruler of Abyssinia.



Lidj Eyassu, heir to the throne of Menelik II, ruler of Abyssinia, is the grandson of Menelik and is about fourteen years of age. He was proclaimed heir apparent in 1908.

ELKS FROLIC ON MOHAWK BANKS YESTERDAY

Elks Say They Sure Did Have Some Good Time—Many Members Present.

"Hello Bill, how do you feel yesterday? How do you like it?" "Alright, she sure was some picnic, eh Bill." Over 130 members of the B. P. O. E. of Eugene, Springfield and Junction City held their annual picnic yesterday at Stafford's Grove on the Mohawk, and for eleven consecutive hours gave up all thought of business troubles and sported with the "fellows" on the cool shady banks of the river, playing baseball, running races, refereeing sparring matches, or fishing in vain in the waters of the creek. A special train brought home the weary ones in the evening, with every one happy.

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EASTERN RAILROAD OFFICIALS VISIT THIS CITY

Pennsylvania Railroad Officials See But One Town in Oregon, Which Is Eugene.

Making but one stop in Oregon outside of Portland, Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the Southern Pacific company visited Eugene as the one town in which he wished some prominent guests from Pennsylvania to visit. He brought them here last evening at 7:30 on a special train composed of an engine and the two private cars, the one of Mr. Fields and the other belonging to the men who are high officers of the Pennsylvania railroad system. The trip from Portland was made without a stop, in scarcely four hours. When at Albany they were about to the agent, Mr. A. J. Gilbert, asking him to have two automobiles at the depot and be prepared to show the party the city. Their special engine was discarded and sent back to Portland. Two hours were spent riding about the streets over Eugene, visiting the University and all the places of interest.

It was with pride, as it were, that Mr. Fields explained the attributes of the little city at the head of the Willamette valley, and the strangers, who were very much surprised at what they saw, were given to understand that they were riding in what was soon to be the second largest city in Oregon. The ladies in the party, of whom there were three, were especially struck with the beauty of Eugene.

The two private cars were attached to the southbound Shasta limited. Mr. Fields will accompany them to the California line, where they will be met by San Francisco railroad officials. With Mr. Fields is the Assistant Superintendent, T. W. Younger. This is not the first time that eastern railroad officials have been brought to Eugene here stopped off here. During the cherry season a party traveling by a special train stopped in Eugene for the morning for two hours, during which time they were given a big box of cherries as well as great bouquets of roses picked from the depot gardens.

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LAFOLLETTE IS FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Advocates Building Alaska Railroads to Develop Alaska.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, in a speech made out openly in favor of government ownership of the railroads of Alaska and of governmental control of the natural resources of the territory. He referred to a bill which he introduced four years ago, providing for the leasing of all mineral rights in the United States, although the measure was intended to be applicable more especially to Alaska.

"The sensible and practical thing to do," he said, "is to create a board of public works for Alaska, to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, similar to the Isthmian Canal commission. This board of public works should then undertake, not merely to build a railroad from Controller Bay to the coal fields, but to acquire all of the railroads in Alaska, and settle at once the policy of government ownership.

"It should similarly provide for the development of other public utilities, such as telegraph and telephone. It should operate and develop the wharves and docks and steamship lines if necessary to deliver the products of Alaska to the coast.

"The Moran-Guggenheim syndicate, accustomed to the highest profits on their investments, and demanding to a great extent immediate returns, must make exorbitant and oppressive charges. The people of the United States do not demand an immediate return. They can themselves supply money at an interest charge of less than three per cent. Rates for transportation and for other public utilities may properly be low, with the capital cost as small as the investment would be to the people.

"Most important of all is control of the transportation facilities by the government. It would forever remove the irresistible temptation of discrimination, rebates and corruption which have characterized the worst period of our railroad operation.

Mr. LaFollette declared that the people were waging a losing fight against the corporations in Alaska. Between the great storehouse of natural resources and those who are trying to develop it, he said, was to be found the "enormous power of the greatest concentration of capital that the world has ever known."

Mr. LaFollette found a parallel to the present situation in Alaska in the struggle in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania a quarter of a century ago. He traced the legislation of Pennsylvania and declared that in every instance it had failed to break the grip of monopoly.

"When we have before us the history of this anthracite struggle," he denominated, "have consummated in the complete control of J. P. Morgan against the whole American people, can we expect any different result, if we permit the Moran-Guggenheim syndicate to get control of Alaska? This power will give them control of the docks, wharves, mountain passes and the limited outlet of these markets."

COUNTY OFFICERS RETURN AFTER LONG INSPECTION TRIP

Visited Eastern End of Lane County and Find Roads Good and No Fires Burning.

County Judge Thompson and Commissioner Hemphill returned Saturday evening from a 200-mile drive from Eugene to the eastern line of Lane county with a mule team and a wagon. The trip occupied over one week and was taken in the form of an inspection trip to investigate the condition of the roads on the upper Willamette rivers, especially along where the new railroad has been constructed and from where much complaint has been heard. The two members of the county court went as far as Summit Lake. As a result of this trip two new bridges have been ordered and a third will soon be needed and ordered. The first two will be over Estep creek and Black creek, and the other is to be over Coffee Pot Creek. They found the roads in fair shape for mountain roads, much better in fact than the reports received in Eugene would indicate. They came back over the road between railroad tunnels 1 and 2 which was said to have been out of order. They found it in good shape. It has not been used since the slide last winter, but Mr. Thompson has the authority of the railroad engineer for the statement that it was not actually out of commission but one week.

They found no signs of any fire anywhere, and learned that this part of the country has been entirely free from fires all summer. The Judge ascribed such a condition due to the very efficient system of patrol by rangers that is employed.

On their way back they saw Polders party, camped on Salmon creek and the Deacon Davis party at the Cheshire camp.