

NEED RESOURCES NOW

Retired Land Official Says Conservation Business is Overdone

EAST TO BLAME FOR CONDITIONS

H. H. Schwartz Points Out Abuses of the Government Policy in Handling Public Lands--Should Have Laws Not Controlled by Individuals, but Congress.

"Posterity is amply able to take care of itself. If it cannot, it will not help it any for us to meddle in its business now," said H. H. Schwartz to an Oregonian reporter while discussing the controversy over conservation of natural resources.

Mr. Schwartz recently retired as chief of the field service of the General Land Office at Washington D. C. to enter the firm of Boulton & Schwartz, attorneys.

Mr. Schwartz said Western states knowing their own requirements, had forced certain bills through congress. As these did not suit the ideas of certain persons, he said, they were promptly suspended.

"First of all we ought to consider what is conservation," he said. "I thoroughly approve of the right kind of conservation, but the kind that makes us buy land for the Pacific coast to the extent of \$1,000,000 a year from West Virginia, while it will shortly be needed for the iron fields, is ridiculous when we have theaskan coal fields at our door."

"Conservation that makes us spend \$6 of accumulated wealth to save \$4 of natural wealth is early irresponsible. Yet that what conservation, as practiced by certain people, amounts to.

"Take the case of Arkansas. The benches of Arkansas are the finest apple and peach land in the world. But it is not available because it is being conserved for a timber crop every 50 years. In place of that year crop we could have an annual fruit crop.

"The people in the east have their own ideas of conservation. They do everything until the majority in the East makes up its mind what it wants to do is, that it amounts to. Our remedy is to have laws that cannot be suspended, laws not controlled by individuals. Instead of passing a bill permitting the president to withdraw certain lands from entry, Congress should do itself, if it seems advisable.

"What is your opinion of Judge Ballinger?" Mr. Schwartz was asked.

"I worked with him for a long time," he said. "He is not only a great man, but a thoroughly straightforward and honest man. There is not a scrap of guile in him. The attacks made on him were most cruel, looking upon them as attacks on Ballinger. I believe however, that they would have been made at this time upon anyone who happened to occupy his position as Secretary of the Interior.

"He has ability. He is a conservative statesman. He looks upon the attacks that have been made upon him like an Oregonian looks upon above an eastern scrub oak. Look upon the attacks emanating from the fish and crooked minds and you will have the situation accurately."

liable man, he relates actual experiences, he is listened to and heeded. The hegira to Alberta and other Canadian provinces from the United States will dwindle from this on, at least for a while.

The returned farmers make various complaints. Not only are the winters very long and very cold, requiring a great amount of fodder for stock and much fuel, but any year the crops are likely to be destroyed before they are ripe by early frosts. Sometimes there are heavy frosts in August. Then there may be protracted drouths, ruining or injuring crops. Wood in many parts is far distant and fencing and fuel are high.

Freight charges for crops are also high, so that there is no great profit on even a good crop. There is a great amount of fairly fertile land in western Canada and gradually it will be settled and cultivated, but the attractions of that country has been greatly overdrawn. Many went up there because "tis distance lends enchantment to the view." Men with a little means to get land can do better in any Pacific northwest state. And any western Oregon man who would leave this mild, equable, healthful climate to go up there to live permanently must not be offended if people regard him as in some measure "off" mentally. Whoever goes away from Oregon to live soon discovers that he made a mistake. --Journal.

BIG TRACTS THROWN OPEN.

A recent dispatch from Washington to the Oregonian says: The geological survey spent a busy month in June classifying supposed mineral and oil lands, which had been temporarily withdrawn from settlement, and as a result millions of acres were returned to the public domain.

A resume of the work shows that 1,244,591 were classified as coal land, while 1,306,655 were determined as not coal land. The latter were restored to settlement. The sale price of the coal land was fixed at \$80,605,666. The minimum price fixed by law for the same land is \$14,300,923.

In Louisiana, 1,036,800 acres which had been withdrawn as oil lands were restored because they contained no oil.

Withdrawals were made during the month covering 1,350,856 acres of coal land and 3600 acres of oil land.

The survey recommended in June that 2,751,932 acres of land in Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Utah be designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act.

In the Musselshell group placer claim in the Clearwater National Forest, Idaho, 800 acres were classified as mineral lands, and 1430 acres as non-mineral lands.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

Portland's Autumn livestock show and race meet on the County Club grounds will be known as the Harvest Festival, and the biggest purse ever offered in the Pacific Northwest for a single race will be hung up. It will be \$10,000 and will be known as the bankers' purse. Another, offered by the hotel men, will be \$5,000. Many smaller purses will be offered and it is believed that the festival will attract a larger gathering than any similar meet held in this part of the country. James J. Hill will probably be the biggest attraction of the festival.

tival. A strong telegram of invitation has been sent him, which it is believed he will accept. It is planned to put the great empire builder on the program for an address.

Dates of the festival are September 5-10. The amusement end of the festival will be far more prominent than ever before. The attraction will be selected with a view to meeting the varied tastes of the multitudes in attendance and it is promised a good time for all.

The interdependence of Northwest cities, one upon the other, and the good to be realized from the exchange of courtesies is demonstrated every little while. The latest evidence was at the time of the recent Salem Cherry Fair when Portland boosters filed a special train and made a neighborly visit to the Capital City, taking in the Cherry Fair and making note of the progress of Salem since they were their last. This jaunt did every body good, both those who went and the Salem people as well. Albany will have an apple fair this fall and Portland will do every thing possible to make that a success. In return, Portland receives the support of the Valley cities at its Rose Festival and other times.

The Western Forestry and Conservation Association, which embraces the states of Oregon, California, Washington, Montana and Idaho, is carrying on a campaign to save the forests from the usual fire losses that occur each summer. This organization represents 13 miner associations. Printed matter, fire warnings and circulars, are being sent out to timber owners, millmen, farmers and others directly concerned. In its literature the Association states that half the merchantable timber in the United State is contained in the five states in the Association, and that their production of lumber is one-fifth of the total in the country.

What is said to be the biggest event in the history of Coos County will be the Carnival to be held by Marshfield and North Bend in the week beginning August 15. A clam bake, the largest ever held on the Coast, is one of the features. There will be many amusements for the people and big illuminations of the Coos Bay cities and harbor. The arrangements now being made are on a larger scale than was ever attempted in the Coos Bay country.

Portland has organized a group of "Live Wires" that proposes to do things for this city. The membership is composed of those best fitted to be expert boosters for their home town, and the plan is to ginger up the city to an extent never before attempted.

PRODUCTS FOR DISPLAY.

F. W. Graham, Western industrial and immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, is busily engaged in accumulating a large stock of Oregon products for the Oregon car the Great Northern intends to send through the Eastern states in September, says the Oregonian.

The appointment of Mr. Graham followed the trip taken by President Louis Hill through Central Oregon, and is the result of the impressions Mr. Hill then obtained.

"Mr. Graham is now engaged in having preserved a large number of soft fruits from different sections. As fruits ripen they are bottled and cared for and a place found for them in the car. As the apples and pears and nuts from different sections are sent to Mr. Graham, he will have them taken care of. "I shall be glad to receive publicity literature from the secretaries of different commercial organizations," said Mr. Graham yesterday. "Every part of Oregon desiring to have literature in the car and sending it to me shall have a section devoted to its special publicity and the men displaying the car will have instructions to distribute the literature." Besides fruits, grains, grasses and vegetable products in the car, there will be Chinese pheasants and others of the Oregon game birds. The car will be devoted solely to Oregon.

ARE WELL PROVIDED FOR

Much Money for Distribution Among The Schools on Hand

BE MORE THAN SIX MILLIONS

State Treasurer Will Have on Hand August 1 The Largest Amount Ever Apportioned in History of State--Tremendous Sum of Money out on Interest.

The following is part of a dispatch from Salem to The Journal showing the amount of school funds in the state treasury:

On August 1, when the annual apportionment of the common school fund interest is made between the counties the state treasurer will have on hand to distribute the largest amount ever apportioned in the history of the state by about \$20,000. The semi-annual statement of State Treasurer Steele given out today shows there was on hand June 30, \$23,980.82 and the receipts for July will bring the figure to a point somewhere between \$20,000 and \$230,000. The amount apportioned one year ago was \$308,300.65 which was the largest amount ever apportioned.

August 1 the common school fund will have reached more than \$6,000,000. The semi-annual statement of the state treasurer shows the funds to have been on June 30, \$5,988,489.87. Sales of lands which are being made continually will bring the amount over 6,000,000 by August 1. Of this amount \$4,974,266.50 are in the first mortgage loans; \$229,325 in school district bonds; \$633,192.52 in certificates for the sale of lands, and \$91,715.85 in cash from which first mortgage loans are being made each month.

With this tremendous sum of money loaned and bearing interest, the state of Oregon has not found it necessary in two years to foreclose a single mortgage. The last foreclosure suit was brought by the state more than two years ago and involved only a small loan of \$250. The state of Oregon owns no foreclosed lands or tenements, which speaks well for the prosperity of the citizens of this state, as well as for the system in use by which the state's \$6,000,000 of school monies are loaned.

BALLINGER EXONERATED.

According to a special story in the Chicago Tribune under a Washington date line, Secretary Richard A. Ballinger will be exonerated by a majority report of the Joint Congressional Committee which for five months has been making an executive investigation of the conduct of the Department of the Interior and of the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture.

The investigators who concur in the majority report, which carries a condemnation of the course of former Chief Forester Pinchot, J. R. Garfield and Louis A. Glavis, according to the Tribune story, are Senators Nelson, Flint, Sutherland and Roosevelt, Representatives McCall, Denby and Olmsted, all Republicans.

It is also declared that a minority report will be filed, declaring Secretary Ballinger guilty of the charge made against him, to which the signatures of Senators Purcell (Democrat) and Fletcher (Democrat) and Representative Madison (Republican) James (Democrat) and Graham (Democrat), will be attached. It is asserted that the majority report was drafted by Senator Nelson, and that of the minority by Representative James, and that in addition Representative Madison has written his own opinion of the affair, although he will sign the minority report.

the abandonment of the policy of secretary James R. Garfield. The minority report, it is asserted, will conflict in almost every particular with the finding of the majority of the Commission, insisting that Pinchot and Garfield were justified in their fight.

HONOR J. J. HILL.

According to the Telegram J. J. Hill is going to be shown how Oregon appreciates him when he visits Portland this fall. It says: James J. Hill is to be given the greatest reception ever accorded the distinguished empire builder when he appears here as the honored guest of Portland at the time of the Portland Livestock Show this fall. Plans are being formulated to make one feature a great banquet, which shall be attended by Mr. Hill and livestock breeders only. This banquet is to bring the master mind of the Hill system in direct contact with Northwest stock interests, that the mass of breeders may get from the railway and industrial seer words of advice and cheer in their industry.

Many other things will be done to make this trip of Mr. Hill's memorable. His work in Oregon is taking such tremendous proportions, and his development program is being made such a National feature, that grateful Oregonians feel that this will be second opportunity to express to the mighty builder appreciation of his work. The first testimonial of the kind was during the Lewis and Clark fair, just after Mr. Hill had decided to build a line down the Columbia on the north bank. That was a suburb ovation, but the event this fall, after the great development campaign has just commenced to bear fruit, is promised splendors and elements of heartfelt appreciation that would please a real Emperor reigning in absolute power. All features of the entertainment will not be announced until later. For the banquet, Julius Meier, as chairman of the Livestock Association committee, is already getting busy.

C. C. Chapman, of the Commercial Club, said that other events would be attended to quickly. Mr. Hill's announcement that his engagement with the Portland association was too strong to break, even for an opportunity to appear with ex-President Roosevelt in a National gathering, has emphasized the Portland duty of showing its appreciation, and the Commercial Club will take hold of this matter with a zeal that has not marked any past event. When all has been finished, it will be found that Portland, Oregon and the Northwest livestock men will be lined up to greet the railway magnate and give him the warmest reception he has ever received from tributary country.

ALFALFA IS CURE ALL.

Alfalfa, hitherto holder of a plebeian place in the food scheme is destined to become a comprehensive medicative and remedial element that will put all others in the shade, according to Dr. Marian Clark, who announces the discovery of remarkable curative properties in the plant and blossoms, says a recent dispatch from Los Angeles to the Oregonian.

Her idea, already carried out on a small scale and suggested by the menthol industry, is to electrolyze the alfalfa and condense its healing elements to vest pocket size—a haystack of medicine in a tiny tablet.

Dr. Clark proudly recounts many instances of curing with the condensed alfalfa juice many nervous ailments, from delirium tremens to "that tired feeling." One of these was the aggravated case of a Reno sport, who bet on Jeffries and drowned his sorrows in so many tall ones that the cobras came to get him. The condensed-hay expert beat 'em to it and cured the victim so effectively that now he shudders at sight of even a dog, if the dog is a growler.

Tobacco chewing, gloomy thoughts of suicide, insomnia and a host of other undesirable things fade away like the mists of the morning under the soothing influence of a few forkfuls of alfalfa done up in a tablet.

Lots of Money.

The state treasurer has filed his semi-annual statement for the six months ending June 30. The balance on hand, held by the state Jan. 1, 1910, amounted to \$821,820.55, while the receipts derived from different sources swelled this amount to \$2,764,484.02. Disbursements for the past six months reduced the funds to \$848,952.33, this total exceeding the balance on hand at the first of the year by \$27,131.78. First mortgage loans in the Common School Funds amount to \$4,974,266.50; school district bonds, \$229,325, and certificates of sale, \$693,182.52, and with the cash on hand the Common School Fund aggregates \$5,988,489.87. The annual apportionment of Common School Funds will be made August 1, and will amount to about \$320,000, or \$78,000 more than was given last year.

Good Crops in Umatilla

The latest report of crops from Pendleton to the Oregonian says: With the beginning of next week the harvesting of Umatilla county's 5,000,000 bushels of wheat and 400,000 bushels of barley will be on in earnest. These estimates are conservative, and have been made by several prominent local growers and buyers after careful investigations of conditions in different parts of the county.

While the regulation number of acres of wheat is in crop this year, more of it is spring sown than usual and under ordinary conditions the crop would therefore be below normal for the reason that spring grain hardly ever yields as heavily as fall. This has been an unusual season, however, in more ways than one, and while all the spring grain is not good, there are thousands of acres where the yield will be as heavy as from those fields seeded in the fall. It is estimated that there are 200,000 acres in crops and that the average yield will be 25 bushels, giving the normal crop for the county of 5,000,000 bushels.

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COMING BACK TO OREGON.

Many of the farmers from the United States, especially those of the Pacific northwest states, are going back to Oregon. Most of these emigrants to the northern colony have had a disappointing experience. Their reports will deter thousands of others from going across the water to better their condition and make money faster by farming. Experience is a great and only entirely dependable teacher. What a man learns by experience he knows, sure, and when, being a re-