

The principle of conservation of water rights for the benefit of the people of the United States at large, so strongly contended for by Theodore Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot, James R. Garfield and their co-members in the Institute of American Business meets with our hearty indorsement. The points so strongly urged were:

1. That there should be no water rights granted for more than 50 years.

2. That some rental should be paid to the government for raw water power.

3. That there should be public control of the rates charged to consumers by the lessee.

In view of pending legislation relating to the disposition of the Muscle Shoals power development, which violates every one of these principals, it is a matter of high importance to the people of Oregon as well as the rest of the nation.

There is no principle of ethics or good sense which commands us to give away any of our national resources to Henry Ford or any other capitalist, nor is there any reason today why we should sell our birthright to anyone for "A Mess of Pottage."

Notice of Hearing Objections to Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion.

In the matter of the estate of Laura M. Howe, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Grace Hansen, as administratrix of the estate of Laura M. Howe, deceased, has rendered, presented and filed for settlement in the above entitled Court the final account of her administration of said estate and that Monday, the twenty-ninth day of January, 1923, at ten o'clock in the morning of said day, in the County Court Room of the above entitled Court in the County Court House, at Salem, in said Marion County, Oregon, has been duly appointed by said Court as the time and place for the settlement of said account, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and file their objections and exceptions to said account and contest the same.

GRACE HANSEN,
Administratrix of the estate of
Laura M. Howe, deceased.
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Firestone Tire & Rubber Company Makes Fine Showing for the Year.

With the lowest prices experienced in the history of tire making, and in the face of keenest competition, the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company's sales for the fiscal year, ending October 31, were \$64,507,301.77, representing an increase of 23 per cent in pieces sold over the previous year, according to a statement made the other day to stockholders, at their annual meeting in Akron, O., by Harvey S. Firestone, president of the company.

Mr. Firestone expressed optimism regarding the outlook for the coming year.

"We enter the new year," he said, "with our factories running at undiminished production, operating at the highest point of efficiency yet attained and producing the best quality tire in our history. Sales and distribution methods have been simplified, resulting in marked decrease in cost; our dealer organization enlarged and strengthened. Inventories have been very conservatively valued, and our commitments for raw material are on a most favorable basis."

"However," said Mr. Firestone, "unless the action taken by England and certain colonial governments relative to production and exportation of crude rubber is rescinded or modified in a drastic manner, the effects of this uncalculated legislation will be far-reaching. The limiting of production and ex-

portation already has caused an increase of 100 per cent in the cost of the crude product since announcement of the new program was made in October.

"This is the time for the United States to pass such legislation as will encourage American capital to develop rubber plantations in the Philippine Islands, where the soil and climatic conditions are equal to any in the rubber producing belt, and negotiate with South American republics to develop production in their rubber regions."

"Rubber is growing each year to be more important to the economics of commerce and transportation, and great opportunities are before us to make the Philippines one of our most valuable possessions and have a secure supply of this very important product."

Flood conditions in the valley appear to be worse than at any time in the past 30 years. There has been little, if any loss of life, but the destruction and injury to buildings and loss of livestock and poultry has been considerable. At Oregon City, around Newberg, at Salem and Albany the overflow of the low lands has been particularly noticeable. One tells of barns floating down the Willamette, as at Salem where one ran up against the bridge piers, log jams pounding the bridge supports in Portland and the rising water overflowing the streets in Oregon City, making a regular lake at the dam. Practically all mails between Portland and Aurora have been detained for several days, while to the south of this city a similar condition has prevailed.

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These Lectures on Evolution

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Herewith are a few questions that will receive consideration. What did the ancients believe concerning the origin of life? Is there any spontaneous generation? What do you know of Dr. Bastian's attempts to show spontaneous generation to be a fact? What was Dr. Thompson's theory of the origin of life? What is the difference between magnetism and life? Does a similarity obtain between the two forces? What is the difference between a crystal and the cell? Both grow, you know. Does the cell originate in an animal fluid just as the crystal arises from the mother lye? Are the two processes identical or is there a difference? What do you know of bioplasm? How do you account for the fact that, although the embryos of a lion, an eagle, a fish and a man are apparently alike, the result is so different? What do you know of Bathybius? Is it true that a sheet of protoplasm envelopes the world at the bottom of the oceans? Does not the fact that tea and coffee and other things accelerate the action of the brain prove that thought is altogether the result of external excitation? Does the brain secrete thought as the liver secretes bile, or is there a difference?

These and many more questions will be disposed of. If you enjoyed the first lecture you will enjoy the second even more. So come again and bring your friends along.

WM. SCHOELER.

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