

SISKIYOU CAVES TO BE PROTECTED

Forest Service Takes Up Matter of Desecration by Curio Seekers of the Famous Caves in Josephine County.

Some time ago the Oregon conservation commission secured the creation of a national monument of what are known as the Siskiyou, Or., caves in Josephine county. These caves are far superior in beauty, variety, form and coloring to the Mammoth caves of Kentucky or the Caves of the Winds in Colorado.

One magnificent cream chrysanthemum shaped formation had most of the tapering points broken off, some of the points being scattered on the floor of the cave, clearing showing that someone, in order to get a small specimen, had ruined one of the most beautiful formations to be found there or elsewhere.

Will Be Protected. The following letter of the forest service is published not only to show the interest taken in the matter and the penalties for desecration, but the fact that it is proposed that these caves will be properly protected so that every one will have due warning of the consequence of their acts.

Further reference is made to your letter of September 26 in relation to the Oregon caves national monument and to my reply of September 29.

Agreeably with the statements contained in that letter, I have received an opinion from the law officer in which he holds that trespassers on lands withdrawn as a national monument can be prosecuted under the act of June 8, 1906, which provides for punishment by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for a period of not more than 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court, for each offense in appropriating, excavating, injuring or destroying any portion of the monument.

Notice Is Posted. Oregon Caves National Monument.

These caves were withdrawn by the president under the act of June 8, 1906, only July 10, 1909, as the Oregon caves national monument.

The act provides: "Any person who shall appropriate, excavate or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity situated on lands owned or controlled by the government of the United States, without the permission of the secretary of the department of the government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated, shall upon conviction be fined in the sum of not more than \$500, or be imprisoned for a period of not more than 90 days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court."

Only the secretary of agriculture can permit the removal from or mutilation of objects in these caves.

As a further measure of protection it has been decided to employ someone during the tourist season who will give his entire time to the care and protection of the national monument. It is hoped that with these effective measures taken, we will be able to stop further depredations upon the natural formations within the caves.

CHARGE AGAINST KILGALLEN DISMISSED

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—The charge of assault and battery preferred against Michael Kilgallen by Count de Beaufort, his son-in-law, was dismissed today by the court because the son of nobility failed to put in an appearance in Judge Bruggenmeyer's municipal court at the hour appointed for the hearing. De Beaufort arrived at the court in response to a telephone message a few minutes after the Kilgallen case had been stricken from the calendar. He protested that he had scurried out of his pajamas and had not waited for breakfast, but this made no difference. The dismissal will stand.

Haskins for health.

OFFICIAL VOTE UPON MEASURES

Secretary of State Gives Figures—Employers' Liability Law Gets Heaviest Majority, Good Roads Second and Fish Bill Third.

SALJEM, Or., Dec. 3.—Official figures on the vote for and against the various initiative and referendum measures submitted to the people in the recent election appear in tabulated form on this page. These figures were compiled by the secretary of state.

Many interesting facts are disclosed. While the prohibition amendment was defeated by a majority of 17,681, and the majority against the prohibition bill was 20,913, the home rule amendment, giving to cities and towns the exclusive power to license the sale of liquor, was passed by the narrow margin of 2542, or little more than half the majority indicated by unofficial reports immediately after the election.

Bourne's amendment extending the provisions of the direct primary law to presidential nominations scratched through by a still smaller margin, the majority being only 1729.

The heaviest adverse majority cast against any measure was that by which the bill proposing to add \$1000 to the salary of the county judge of Baker county was defeated. The bill was snuffed under by a majority of 58,342.

Nine of the 32 measures on the ballot were adopted. The vote for and against each of these nine was as follows:

Eastern Oregon insane asylum—	
Yes	59,134
No	41,504
Majority	8,630
Monmouth Normal school—	
Yes	50,191
No	40,044
Majority	10,147
County regulation of taxation—	
Yes	44,171
No	42,127
Majority	2,044
Home rule liquor license law—	
Yes	53,321
No	50,779
Majority	2,542
Employers' liability—	
Yes	56,258
No	33,493
Majority	22,315
Regulating Rogue river fishing—	
Yes	49,712
No	33,397
Majority	16,315
Good roads—	
Yes	51,275
No	32,906
Majority	18,369
Presidential nominations—	
Yes	43,353
No	41,624
Majority	1,729
Three-fourths jury amendment—	
Yes	44,538
No	39,399
Majority	5,139
All of the county division bills were defeated by heavy majorities.	

BELIEVE TAFT IN FAVOR OF FRISCO

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—That many Californians here regard as an intimation by President Taft that he favors the holding of the Panama world's exposition in San Francisco occurred today when the San Francisco "boosters" visited the white house. Taft, it is said, expressed himself as favoring some sort of fair on the Pacific coast, although he did not commit himself in favor of San Francisco as against New Orleans.

The president's visitors included Senator Frank Flint, Congressman Kahn, Knowland, Needham and Smith of California; Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California; Theodore A. Bell, R. B. Hale and Governor-elect Hiram Johnson visited the president later in the day.

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OREGON SCORED TIMBER LAWS

Conservation Commission Makes Its Annual Report to Governor—Says Forests Are Poorly Protected Against Fire.

Oregon, the richest of all states in timber wealth, is the most negligent and indifferent in protecting, conserving and perpetuating its unequalled riches, declares the conservation commission in its annual report to the governor.

Oregon's loss in wealth last year through forest fires was \$23,000,000, and this was all due to the fact that in the state there is no organized power under state guidance for patrolling private and state holdings, and suppressing incipient blazes. Oregon's tax laws do not permit reforestation of cut-over lands on private holdings, no inducement is given to perpetuate the forest, and no provision is made which will have the effect of causing the logger to cut mature timber.

In round terms, the commission says Oregon has 400,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, board measure, perhaps more, which is worth to the state at current prices of lumber, \$5,000,000,000. This stupendous aggregate of wealth is more than any other interest the state has save and except its cultivable land. This wealth must go in its realization almost exclusively to the Oregon communities, to the laborers and the farmers, as 80 per cent of the total cost of getting lumber is for labor and supplies. Stumpage ownership, whether by private interest or the national government, does not figure extensively in computing the state's real wealth in timber. Oregon's wealth represented by her forests must go to the people, as the timber is cut and the lumber manufactured, and for this reason the commission is impelled to doubly emphasize the importance of the general public immediately taking up conservation and protective work.

Present waste through forest fires and from other causes is said to be heavy. About one-quarter of the total land in Oregon which is best adapted to forest growth lies idle, because forest fires have ravaged it, killing the young growth and seed, and our state makes no effort to re-

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stock it. If the burned and cut-over lands now idle were at once restocked the commission estimates that it would produce by the time the present children become aged, more than \$1,000,000,000 for Oregon.

Protection from forest fires by organized state effort is urged, and a definite plan for this work is suggested by the commission. An able, nonpolitical state forester should be provided, whose duty it should be to go into the most careful study of fire protection and reforestation problems. A liberal appropriation for forest fire patrol should be made. A bill will be introduced at the coming legislature, embodying some or all the ideas of the commission.

NO VAUDEVILLE AT "NAT" TREATER THIS WEEK

Owing to the fact that the Nat theater could not get suitable vaudeville this week, they have cancelled their engagements. The Nat theater intend only to put on high-class vaudeville, and the public can rest assured whenever they advertise a good show that it will be worth the

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Thomas J. Gorman of Dillon, Mont., who recently retired from the sheep raising business, was looking over Medford Friday afternoon and seemed much pleased with the city. Mr. Gorman expects to locate on the Pacific coast.

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For every dollar of his income the average man must render a full-measure equivalent of service. For every dollar spent the adreading housewife will secure full-measure value.

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NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon at their place of business at No. 2 Front street, North, in said city.
RYAN & BROWN.

NOTICE.
Please take notice that on Tuesday evening, December 6, 1910, the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon for a period of one year on and after December 3, 1910, at its place of business, located on lots 10, 11 and 12, of block 45, of the town of Medford.
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NOTICE.
Dated November 25, 1910.
O. M. SELSBY.

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