

Mark Twain is to pilot the steamer that is to take President Taft down the Mississippi river this fall.

Washington, July 3.—To frustrate the attempt on the part of the combination to secure control of the water power sites of the country and to carry out the policy of the administration for the conservation of the nation's natural resources, approximately 42,000 acres of land for water power sites were temporarily withdrawn in Colorado, Montana and Utah, by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce today.

| RULES AND REGULATIONS. | | Points |
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| 1. Competition is open to every individual of Lake county and Goose Lake valley. | Garden products, embracing vegetables, melons, etc | 15 |
| 2. The display and decorations for each district shall be confined to products actually grown therein. | Field products, grasses and forage plants | 15 |
| 3. Awards and prizes shall be based on the quality and variety of products shown in the several exhibits. The judges will give due consideration to any deterioration caused by necessary time and transit. | Grain | 15 |
| 4. Each sample to be plainly and correctly labeled with the common name, and each exhibitor must, before an award is made, furnish to the manager a full and correct written statement of the samples composing his entire exhibit. | Orchard products, green, dried and preserved | 15 |
| 5. Every exhibit should be carefully and tastefully packed by the exhibitor or an authorized agent, as this feature will be taken into account by the judges | Arrangement and decoration | 10 |
| 6. Entries of exhibits close September 8, 1909. Exhibits should be on the grounds not later than Wednesday, September 8, 1909, in order that they may be in place by the opening day of the fair. | Quality | 30 |
| 7. Awards on district exhibits will | | 100 |
| | 8. Applications for space should be made as early as practicable, and not later than the 8th of September, 1909, to the committee. | |
| | 9. All exhibits winning premiums become the property of the fair management, except potted plants and canned fruit. Exhibits not winning premiums remain property of exhibitors if removed within 48 hours after close of fair. | |
| | A new play is to be put on the theatrical boards this fall is: "The Congressman From Nevada." Wonder which one Van, or Bart? It must be Van as he has had a reputation that would make a fortune, for Charley Hoyt of "A Texas Steer" fame. | |

A man on a nine acre tract near Newberg has prepared to avoid drinking surface water from a well by having a well bored to a depth of more than 150 feet. A good vein of water was struck at this depth, the water rising within 16 feet of the top.

The Spaniards got an awful drubbing by the Moors in North Africa. In a desperate battle upwards of 3,000 Spaniards were killed including two generals. It looks dark for Spain again.