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THE PRESS BUREAU

The Forest Service comes back strong against its critics in the House and Senate in a press bulletin issued Monday—and one that is backed by the opinion of the Attorney General to the way.

At the last session of Congress, the lawmakers threatened to cut down the appropriations for the forest service because of the so-called "press agency" which Chief Forester Pinchot had been conducting in connection with the forest work. It was freely charged that the service maintained a corps of expert writers—former newspaper men and editors, who would write little puff advance notices, etc., telling what a great organization the Forest Service was, what a pile of good it did the public, what a great man Gifford Pinchot was, and what rascals those men were who opposed the forest policy. To prevent this, the lawmakers inserted a "joker" in the appropriation bill, apparently shutting out the "agency" completely.

But the foresters were resourceful. They turned to Attorney General Bonaparte, and now flourish in the faces of carping critics his official opinion that the news bureau—they call it the Bureau of Information down at the Service—is perfectly legitimate and right. Congress thought it had stopped all the "press bulletin service" of that branch, but with the Attorney General's opinion, the Forest Service is going right on, issuing a bulletin nearly every day with all sorts of information, from how to cut down a tree to how much alcohol may be extracted from a pine wood chair.

Washington correspondents are real grateful for all the "stuff" that comes in Forest Service envelopes. If the matter is not available, the back side of the paper on which it is mimeographed makes good "copy" paper.

Congress is likely to become reconciled to the publicity work of the Forest Service. Every branch of the government has some sort of a press agency for dissemination of information—the only trouble is that the Forest Service has gone a step further and organized the agency so well that it is now in the highest form of efficiency, so far as distribution of news is concerned.

THE TENNIS CABINET.

There is panic among the members of the White House tennis cabinet. Who will be the next victim of the President's strenuous one anxious member inquires of the other as they meet on the street, or at far away summer resorts. They fear for themselves.

These tennis cabinet members are not fearful lest they lose their official heads. It is their health that is worrying them.

Lawrence O. Murray, one of the very first members of the cabinet and one of the most brilliant personalities to be found in the inner administration circle, has been absent from his official duties as comptroller of the currency for more than three months. Reports from the seashore are that he is broken in health and may be compelled to resign his job in the autumn.

Now comes Alfor W. Cooley, the tall, rosy cheeked man from New York, who, as one of the commissioners of the civil service, while on the

tennis court, played himself into the fat job of assistant to the Attorney General. Broken in health, he has resigned his office and gone posthaste to New Mexico to combat tuberculosis of the throat, with which physicians have advised him he is suffering.

The other members of the cabinet are wondering if they are strong enough to keep the grinding pace that the President has set. Not one of them, however, cares to show the yellow feather, and if he succumbs, it will be with a tennis racket in his hands.

THE SOLDIER POET.

The only poet that the army ever locked up because there was too much sting in his lines has decided to earn his bread and butter, and perhaps some fame on the side, by devoting himself exclusively to rhyming. A. L. Price is his name, and he has just landed in the States from the Philippines, where he earned the title of "The Soldier Poet," by wooing the gentle muse while serving under the god of war.

Price sprang into fame through a poem that he published about two years ago. It was based upon the alleged rendition of "Always In the Way," at the funeral of a private in the Marine Corps. Himself a private, Price resented this reported insult. The poem was dedicated to the officer who was said to have ordered the playing of the piece and the verses related how the officer "was further down below us, than a dog, a nigger own." The next thing Price knew he was in jail.

After his term in the army had expired the Cable News American, in Manila, employed Price to write poems for stated occasions like Decoration Day and the Fourth of July. When he left the Philippines, he left this as his parting line:

"Farewell to the work that bleeds me, farewell to the gods that grind; Farewell to the work that you cannot shirk, and the spirit springs that bind.

I'm back to the white man's land which the white man's hand controls; So I wave my hand to the black man's land, to the land of the slug-gard soul."

NEARLY HALF MILLION.

The Forest Service will shortly turn over to various states within whose borders lie national forest reserves, the sum of \$447,063.79, representing 25 per cent of the receipts from those forest reserves. This money will, according to law, be expended upon public roads and schools by the counties within which the reserves lie, thus compensating for the reduction of taxable area brought about by existence of the forests.

The amounts to go to each state or territory are: Alaska, \$2684.74; Arizona, \$42,610.44; Arkansas, \$312.68; California, \$5,437.78; Colorado \$50,955.67; Idaho, \$56,307.84; Kansas, \$643.55; Montana, \$75,807.11; Nebraska, \$2349.77; Nevada, \$1577.95; Mexico, \$25,461.12; Oklahoma, \$554.48; Oregon \$32,315.52; South Dakota, \$8156.60; Utah, \$32,151.02; Washington, \$18,922.79; and Wyoming, \$41,402.38.

According to private advices received by army officers in San Francisco, Major-General Frederick D. Grant, commanding the Department of the East, may be forced to retire

from the army as a result of his inability to stand the 90-mile riding test for officers, ordered by President Roosevelt. The telegram says that General Grant passed before a medical body recently, and it was found he was in no condition to stand the ride. It was expected General Grant would assume command of the Department of California in the near future. General Frederick Grant is the son of former President Ulysses S. Grant.

CROP OUTLOOK NOT BAD.

Conditions in Lake County Reported Similar to Those in Klamath.

The Lakeview Herald in commenting upon the crop conditions in Lake county says:

It must be admitted by everyone that crops in Lake county are not the best this year, but when they are compared with the reports from other sections of the state and Pacific Coast as well, one must come to the conclusion that there is nothing much better than Lake. We will have a very good yield of hardy fruits, such as apples, pears, plums and some peaches. Grain crops on the east side are reported good. There will be plenty of hay for the stock, and with a few fall rains grass will afford plenty of range for grazing purposes. So it is plain to be seen that no famine will prevail over this section on account of the early frosts.

Work on Court House.

The work on the new court house is now so far advanced that the roof and the cupola are being constructed. It is stated that the entire upper story may be used some time in the future for a county hospital. It is a fine structure and one that would do credit to a county with ten times the population of Lake county, and the best of it all is that it is paid for and there is money besides in the treasury. All this speaks well for the county and its officials.—Lakeview Examiner.

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On Thursday evening of this week Mr. Bettman will give a recital in the High School assembly hall. Admission will be 75 cents, and part of the proceeds will go to the high school. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance not only in the interest of the High School of which Klamath county is justly proud, but also in the interest of the best music which our city is fortunate in securing an opportunity of hearing.

Mr. Bettman is always recognized and appreciated by the great musicians who come to the Coast. While in San Jose, Cal., he gave three seasons of chamber concerts in which such artists as Trebelli, Godowsky, Bloomfield, Zetser and Kathryn Plake appeared. He also exerted his personal influence to induce his noted teacher, Ysaye, and the famous Kubelik to appear in concert in San Jose. Such proofs of appreciation and the friendship on the part of the greatest masters of today speak for themselves.

In the cities of Portland and Seattle Mr. Bettman is well known and admired by all musicians as well as by the public who accord him an enthusiastic reception whenever he appears in concert.

The concert Thursday evening will be given under the auspices of the Tuesday Evening Musical Club.

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