

DO REVISE LAND LAWS

OF PRESIDENT TAFT'S OPINIONS FOR NEXT CONGRESS

TRAVELS FOR INFORMATION

President Roosevelt Overstepped the Law and Would Legalize His Course of Future Work.

When Ballinger returns to Washington he will prepare for submission to congress a statement of proposed changes in the national reclamation act, the various public land laws and legislation affecting Indian lands.

It was for the purpose of studying the operation of existing laws that the secretary spent several weeks in the West during the summer, and the recommendations which will submit will be based upon his personal observations in the field.

Like other practical Western men, Secretary Ballinger has long been of the opinion that the land laws need revision. As Commissioner of the general land office he recommended a number of changes, but as secretary of the interior his recommendations will be more sweeping and probably more comprehensive.

That the secretary's recommendations specifically will be cannot yet be learned, but, in a general way, it is said that he will recommend legislation necessary to legalize carrying out of the so-called reclamation projects. It is a fact recalled that President Roosevelt needed in many instances regarding the law or in the absence of it. So thoroughly was he convinced of the justice and wisdom of his policy that he allowed no obstacles to his progress.

President Taft, while as firm a believer in the conservation policy as his predecessor, has not been slow to proceed unlawfully, and members of his cabinet who have had to do with questions of conservation agreed with his stand. Where the law is deficient and stands in the way of carrying forward the conservation movement, President Taft has to have it amended and new laws enacted. And it is, upon Sec-

retary Ballinger that he relies for ascertaining just what legislation should be enacted to permit of accomplishing legally what Gifford Pinchot and radical conservationists would undertake, with or without statutory authority.

As a matter of fact congress has never given much serious consideration to the question of conservation. It could never be interested. But the troubles that have developed since the adjournment of the special session will serve to impress upon both Senate and House the importance of enacting well-prepared legislation which will sanction and aid the conservation movement.

That conservation has become a fixed governmental policy will no longer be questioned. Congress alone can say what shall be done with water powers on the public domain; congress alone can determine future methods for controlling valuable mineral deposits on public lands, and in settling these problems congress probably will go further than it has before in legislating with reference to the control and use of timber on the public domain, especially within forest reserves.

One of the most serious criticisms made of the Roosevelt administration was that it permitted too much legislation by departmental regulation and had too little regard for the legislation of congress. The present administration has a profound respect for the law. It is proceeding on the assumption that the executive branch is merely to enforce the law as it finds it; not to create new law by regulation. That power is conceded to congress. But where it is found that the law is deficient, or needs correction, the present administration, instead of making these changes by regulation, proposes to exert influence upon congress to have the changes made in the manner contemplated by the constitution. That will be done with regard to questions of forestry, irrigation and other resources of the West. For instance, there is no law authorizing the secretary of the interior to issue certificates in payment to settlers who perform construction work on government irrigation projects. That the issuance of such certificates is right and just is not questioned. Secretary Ballinger is convinced that the system is a good one, perhaps with modifications, but he wants it authorized

by law. Then, again, there is no law authorizing the forestry service to impose a charge for grazing privileges within the forest reserves; it is desirable that congress shall legislate on this question as well as on the question of fixing a charge for the use of water powers and other resources within as well as without forest reserves. And so on through the whole category. The aim of this administration is to get from congress such authority as is necessary for carrying forward the Roosevelt conservation policy, but before that policy can be effectively promoted the law must be changed.

President Taft will undertake no small task when he endeavors to get from congress such legislation as he deems necessary to legalize the conservation policy of his predecessor. President Roosevelt failed, but perhaps Taft will be more successful. There was much antagonism to the Roosevelt recommendations because there was fear that he wanted too much.

President Taft will undertake no small task, and having a persuasive way, may succeed where Roosevelt failed, and have a persuasive way about him, may succeed where Roosevelt failed. He will be aided in his efforts by public opinion, which has become thoroughly aroused as a result of the controversy between Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot. Eastern senators and representatives who have hitherto shown little interest in these problems, because they are not directly affected, are likely to take hold of the question next session and lend hearty co-operation to the men from the West who will lead the fight for the adoption of the president's recommendations.

Attaching the utmost importance to this class of legislation, President Taft is anxious to have full and reliable information upon which to base his recommendations to Congress. It was for this reason that he sent Secretary Ballinger into the West, for in him he had a man familiar with western conditions and the needs of the section, as well as a man who is in no sense an extremist. Being broad-minded and unbiased and a westerner, the president knew he could expect from Ballinger more reliable reports and recommendations than from any other member of his administration. Others, of course, will be consulted, and Secretary Ballinger's recommendations may be added to or subtracted from, as the president himself shall determine, but in the main the recommendations which he will submit to the president will meet with his indorsement and will, by him, be made in the various laws affecting the use and control of the public domain.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

There will be gospel meetings conducted every evening at the tabernacle, corner Main and Eighth streets. Services at 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Preaching by Rev. W. E. Goode of Medford, Ore. J. H. BROWN.

For fresh lime, call at George Blehn's.

Mrs. J. S. Shook has kindly consented to assume the management of the Vogue Millinery store in the old Boston store block, during Mrs. B. M. Bruttner's illness. Mrs. Shook has had an extensive experience in the large cities in this line, which accounts for the very satisfactory and up-to-date manner in which this store is being handled.

I am going to have a window sale. I need money awful bad. Stop and see the goods displayed. If you are interested, come in. No trouble to show you the goods.

At McHattan's.

LAKEVIEW DRAWING

KLAMATH CITIZEN ATTENDS AND GIVES IT A GOOD WORD

GOOD THING FOR THE STATE

Attracted Between 1,400 and 2,000 People at the Drawing and All Seemed Well Pleased.

Col. M. L. Allison, who left here on the 8th to attend the Lakeview land drawing, returned yesterday. The Colonel was very much impressed with Lakeview and the surrounding country, also the people there, of whom he speaks in the highest terms, as will be seen from the following interview had with him:

"I left here on the 8th for Lakeview, for the purpose of seeing for myself just what the conditions were over there, and must say I was very agreeably surprised, both with the country and the people. I never met a better class of people than in Lakeview, and the creditable manner in which they have handled a crowd of between 1,400 and 2,000 visitors there during this land drawing is a marvel. Private citizens have thrown open their homes and with the aid of tent equipment this immense crowd has been handled without hardships to anybody, and without a hitch.

"Between 1,400 and 2,000 people attended this drawing, among whom were bankers, farmers, railroad clerks, railroad agents—in fact, people from most all the walks of life. Noticeable among the visitors were railroad men in great numbers, such as station agents and general office men, who doubtless were in greater evidence from the fact that being railroad employes they were enabled to get passes or reduced transportation, which in itself is quite an item.

"There were about 14,000 contracts sold through the middle west, which were practically all represented at the drawing in Lakeview. Among all of the contract holders present I never heard a word of dissension or complaint. On the contrary, all present seemed to be well satisfied and delighted with the conditions and surroundings.

"As to the number of actual settlers among the arrivals, of course, that is impossible to state, but no doubt there will be a good many. I noticed quite a few wealthy farmers from Kansas and Nebraska there, and they doubtless are buying this land as a speculation for their children, as on account of their age they would hardly think of changing their residence at this late time in life. Then, again, there was a considerable element of speculators, who were buying on the future. It is my idea they will not lose on their speculation, for, in addition to the ten acres of land, they get a good lot in Lakeview. Now, if the railroad goes to Lakeview these lots will doubtless be worth the price they paid for the land, so it is not a bad gamble, after all.

"To sum the whole situation up, it looks to me like this land deal of the Oregon Valley Land company was a mighty good thing for Lake county, and also for Klamath county and the state of Oregon as well. The value of the advertising this state will get by these people returning home and spreading the news of the possibilities of our great state is incalculable.

"Lake county has one of the most creditable showings of her resources on exhibition there in the way of grain, fruits, hay and grasses I ever saw. They have a building 60x100 feet filled up with their products, and arranged in a very artistic and effective

manner. This display alone has attracted great attention from the visitors, as it gives them an idea of the possibilities in that section. Another original advertising feature they have in operation is a sign placed conspicuously, reading as follows: 'Anybody desiring a box of this exhibit upon leaving their postoffice address will be forwarded a box free of expense.' It is remarkable the number of boxes that have been forwarded.

"A report has been in circulation to the effect that there was work for nobody in Lake county. This is not a fact. Every man in Lakeview can get work that wants work, and this has been the condition all summer. The company has had a large force at work constructing canals, and they have had a hard time to keep labor. From what I saw of the construction of the canals, the work was excellent."

CITY BRIEFS

Mrs. H. D. Mills of Medford is in the city.

Six blue and white Jap cups and saucers for \$1.00 Saturday afternoon at Deal.

Newt Shook of Ashland is visiting this city.

Up-to-date tailored suits in all the leading shades at Still's Dry Goods Co. M. E. Gibbins of Lakeview is in the city.

Souvenir spoons of Crater lake, the high school and Klamath Falls. At McHattan's.

H. H. Carpenter and wife of Dunsmuir are in the city.

Don't forget the millinery opening on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Still's Dry Goods Co.

L. W. Shook of Tipton, Ia., is registered at the Lakeside.

Sale on blue and white Jap cups and saucers at Deal next Saturday after. See window display.

F. W. Patton of Ashland is registered at the Lakeside.

A new \$550 piano, case slightly damaged, for half price; also bargains in other plans; at Virgil's furniture store.

Geo. L. Hoxie, the septic tank expert, arrived last night.

The Portland Store, belonging to K. Sugarman, was closed today on account of being the Jewish New Year.

You should never go any place without a Thermos bottle, as they are a joy forever.

At McHattan's.

N. B. Merrill, who has been attending the Water Users' convention at Salt Lake City, returned last evening and left this morning for home.

A most exquisite line of French pattern hats will be on display at Runk & Schneider's, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17th and 18th.

G. W. White and wife and W. A. Delsell and wife will leave shortly on a trip to Bellingham, Wash. Claude Chastain will act as cashier of the First National bank during Mr. Delsell's absence.

Mr. Goodrick, of the Cash Grocery, returned last evening from a two week's trip. He is putting in a general line of goods in addition to groceries, consignments arriving about every day.

The Farmers' Implement and Supply House announce to the public that from and after this date they will carry a full stock of hay, grain and ground feeds in their warehouse, located at the corner of Sixth and Klamath avenue. Free delivery to any part of the city.

There will surely be a crowded house at the Iris theater next Monday night when the lady's gold watch is drawn for. Every seat has been filled so far this week, and the suspense are being snugly stewed away. If a number is drawn and the holder is not on hand, another is drawn until the watch is given to some one in the

audience. It is a pretty watch, and a good one. There is nothing cheap in the Iris way except the price of admission; that's cheap because there's a world of good pictures, good service and a snugger coziness in the little place that is homelike and comfortable when contrasted with the dime show of the big cities.

At the Opera House tonight an amusing series of transformation scenes in beautiful colors showing the adventures of a chef and a basket of magic eggs will be the first film. Then a good hearty laugh for all in "An Obliging Friend," in which a hypnotist attends a ball, mesmerizes the guest and slopes with the daughter. "A Profitable Marriage," in which a young man, in order to obtain a bequest of \$20,000, secures a wife through a matrimonial agent. A stirring tale of colonial days shows how the "Press Gang," who would force the colonists into the English service, are outwitted by a wee slip of a girl.

Old memories are one of the blessings of our declining years, and in "Faded Flowers" one watches grandma as the years fade again and she is young again in her thoughts. An exceptional program throughout, with new songs and music.

NEW YEAR FOR JEWISH PEOPLE

Once more the earth has revolved around the sun for the Hebrew people and yesterday ushered in the beginning of a new year—the year of 5670. New Year's day began last night at 6 o'clock, and will extend with feasting and rejoicing until 6 o'clock tonight. All day has been observed as a holiday and according to the usual custom, Hebrew places of business were closed and all work refrained from. The orthodox Jews go a step farther and celebrate the following day as well, and hold services both days.

The Jewish New Year or Rosh Hashanah is one of the most joyful holidays of their year, ushering in as it does the season of penitence. All the joyousness of the people is given full play that day. Then for ten days they observe a season of penitence, which prepares them for "Yom Kippur," the most solemn day of the entire Jewish calendar. That is made a day of most rigid fasting and past sins are considered and repented of, and everyone is expected to forgive his neighbor for any ill doing of the past year. It is also made memorial day for the dead, and services are held all day long, beginning in the evening and continuing through the morning of the next day.

For fresh lime, call at George Blehn's.

"FATHER OF SEPTIC TANKS"

WILL ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT ON THAT SUBJECT

CITY ENGINEER OF FRESNO

Constructed the System in the California City and It Has Proved a Great Success.

George L. Hoxie of Fresno, Cal., who arrived in this city last night, is considered the leading expert on septic tank construction in the United States; in fact, he is termed "the father of septic tanks." Mr. Hoxie is visiting this city and incidentally while here will look over the situation on the Hot Springs and Enterprise tracts as to the drainage thereof.

This gentleman for a number of years was city engineer of the city of Fresno, and upon his re-election the city of Fresno voted \$175,000 for the installation of sewers and septic tank system, with the result as shown in the following letter of recommendation:

Fresno, Cal., April 7, 1909.

To Whom It May Concern: This is to certify that Geo. L. Hoxie has been for years past the city engineer of the city of Fresno. That at the time of the appointment of Mr. Hoxie to this position the city of Fresno was permanently enjoined from using its outfall sewer, for the reason that a nuisance had been proven to exist at the outfall and thereof. Upon Mr. Hoxie's plans the city voted a bond issue of \$175,000.

This money was used to lay a parallel 24-inch line of main outfall sewer; also to lay a main line through the city; to purchase 512 acres of land to be used as a sewer farm, and to install thereon a septic tank according to Mr. Hoxie's own ideas and designs.

The work planned was carried to completion (by contract) within his estimated cost, and the system has been in perfect working condition for fifteen months, and from all appearances will continue so indefinitely. Without doubt it will pay interest on the expenditure in so far as the farm is concerned, in excess of the rate paid on the bonds.

Mr. B. E. Cronkite assisted Mr. Hoxie in the capacity of deputy city engineer in carrying out the plans herein referred to.

And we, the undersigned, the honorable mayor and members of the

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Hannan Shoes Now Here

Hanan Shoes embody everything that is best in modern footwear. See the new Fall Styles at the exclusive agency.

K K K STORE

Hanan Shoes, Walkover Shoes, Nap-a-Tan Shoes "You can't Better the Best"

Let Us Fill Your Prescriptions

When a man says, let me fix your watch or let me paint your house, you've got to believe him capable of doing a good job before you have him do it. That's reasonable. When we ask you to let us put up your prescriptions it is natural that you should be told how capable we are of doing it. How that every prescription we handle is filled to the letter. How we test every article in our store before placing it in stock and that none but a thoroughly qualified pharmacist is allowed to handle your prescription in any way. We have established our ability to fill your prescriptions early in having been located here for five years and still going and more every year. Let us fill yours.

Star Drug Store "They Have It"