

ALASKA NEEDS DEVELOPMENT

Friends of Territory Urge Commission to Take Charge of Public Land Utilities and Franchises.

Herald Washington Bureau
 WASHINGTON, May 26.—Friends of Alaska are trying to have congress create a commission which will have charge of all public land utilities and franchises in the territory. This commission is not to interfere in any way with the administrative government as at present constituted, but to deal entirely with the development of the natural resources of Alaska. Those who propose this system declare that the present attitude of the government has decreased the population of Alaska and has to a certain extent paralyzed the industries of the territory.

Those who are urging this commission call attention to the census bureau's summary of Alaska mining operations, and also to the fact that it requires more money now to engage in mining than it did ten years ago; that there are fewer people employed, and that the products developed in the year 1919 were less than they were ten years ago. The census bureau in commenting on the figures shown below says:

Placer Mining Drops

"These changes reflect the well-known decrease in bonanza placer mining and the development on a large scale of lode mining in the territory during the decade."

The census figures comparing the mining business in Alaska as between 1909 and 1919 are as follows:

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The bill for the Alaskan commission is now being considered by the house committee on territories, and a number of prominent men in Alaska are taking much interest in the proposition.

Pulp Wood Rot

J. L. McPherson, an engineer, believes that the Alaska timber available for the pulp wood would furnish practically two-thirds of all the pulp and paper needed in the United States. In his testimony before the committee, he said that conditions in Alaska have prevented the development of this industry, and that instead of keeping American capital and labor employed in Alaskan forests, it had been diverted to Canada and British Columbia timber, while the Alaskan pulp wood was allowed to rot.

"The present need is a centralized and localized management of the forests by a resident authority," McPherson declared. "This authority should be empowered to encourage the establishment of the pulp wood industry by reasonable regulations."

In striking contrast to the development of this industry in Alaska, McPherson produced statistics indicating that the paper pulp manufacture of British Columbia, which was started in 1912 is now the industry of second importance in the province. His figures showed that British Columbia in 1918 sold more than \$10,000,000 worth of paper to American newspapers, and that the capital for the development of the industry came mostly from American sources. The importation of pulp wood in 1919 was valued at an excess of \$36,900,000 and more than two-thirds of the imports came from Canada. He declared the fact that the United States has made it impossible to develop a pulp wood industry in Alaska and forced American capital to go to Canada, and has at the same time made the nation dependent upon other countries for the equivalent of two-thirds of the news print used by American newspapers.

Salmon Industry Hit

While the government has failed to use the timber resources of Alaska, thereby contributing to its destruction by dry-rot, it has allowed another essential resource to become threatened with depletion through over development. McPherson yielded figures showing that the salmon fisheries of Alaska have produced more than \$300,000,000, and that the supply of this valuable food is rapidly becoming exhausted because of the lack of a law to protect the industry.

McPherson said that the salmon, once the poor man's food in Scotland and on the Eastern shore of the United States, had become a delicacy of the rich, because streams were over-fished. He declared that the same fate inevitably will befall the Alaska salmon fisheries unless immediate steps are taken to regulate and control the supply.

"The fish strive to ascend the streams to their spawning grounds," he said, "but too few escape the nets

and traps. A contributing factor to the over-fishing is the class of labor employed. Contract labor of the lowest class in annually taken North on the cannery boats. These men have no interest whatever in protecting the food resources of the nation. Almost half of them are of other races than white men. They take what fish they can catch, destroy what they do not need and then leave the territory to return the next year.

"Conflict in the powers vested in the United States bureau of fisheries and the Alaska legislature has resulted in retarding the industry on one hand and failed to serve the people of Alaska, in whom the fisheries should be vested, on the other. Immediate and comprehensive measures of conservation, an adequate policy of control and inducements, to a resident fishing population are among the remedial measures asked."

Doings of Public Service Commission

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Nine Eastern Oregon lumber mills have notified the public service commission that they will withdraw from operation under workmen's compensation act. It is possible that a revision of rates, if found possible, may keep some of the mills under the act.

The Slide Irrigation district in Malheur county has applied to the state irrigation securities commission for certification of a bond issue of \$100,000 and state guarantee of interest on the bonds. The project embraces 15,000 acres and practically has been completed.

Bids on \$1,000,000 Oregon state highway bonds will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland May 27. The bonds will mature October 1, 1925.

The Southern Pacific System has informed Fred A. Williams, chairman of the public service commission, that it will install an automatic block signal system on its west side line between Reedsport and Portland. This is known as the Bertha line.

The Iowa Association of Oregon, which has as the nucleus of its membership, former Iowa residents now living in the Central Willamette valley, will give its annual picnic at the state fair grounds June 17. All Oregon people who formerly lived in Iowa are invited.

The public service commission has issued an order revising the rates of the Grande Ronde Telephone company, which has its offices at Yaphill. Certain improvements in service are made. The change in rates is slight. Heretofore the rate has been \$1 for residence phones and \$2 for business phones. The order makes a rate of \$2 for individual line service and \$1.25 for party lines, not exceeding ten parties.

A. C. Barber, state fire marshal, has issued a statement showing that the April fire loss in Oregon outside of Portland totaled \$123,345. The largest loss was at Eugene, where a garage and contents burned, with a loss of \$59,000.

The state board of control has approved tentative plans for the girls' dormitory at the state industrial school for girls, for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature. The estimated cost is \$43,000.

In a general way, the state desert land board has approved a proposal of the Jordan Valley Land & Water company, by which the company hopes to procure \$100,000 in cash to proceed with development of its project in Malheur county. A condition is that the state enter into a new contract with the company and reduce its bond from \$100,000 to \$25,000. The district is a Carey act project embracing 25,000 acres.

The state bond commission, composed of the governor, the state treasurer and a member of the state industrial accident commission, will meet May 29 to consider the investment of \$150,000 in state funds in bonds. School district bonds are preferred with county bonds a close second.

Attorney General Van Winkle has written an opinion holding that the state board of eugenics has legal authority to examine persons who are not confined in state institutions, with a view to their sterilization.

Members of the public service commission who attended the interstate commerce commission's hearing at Yakima relative to possible reductions in freight rates on fruit shipments eastward, say the cause of the Northwest shippers and growers was



The movies are after Keith Gorrell, Hicksville, O., to take the place of Fatty Arbuckle in slapstick comedies. Keith is 19, weighs 440 lb and is 42 inches around the waist and can lift one end of a diver with one hand.

Fatty, Beware!

thoroughly presented, and hope is strong that relief will be forthcoming. A decision is not expected before July.

On Monday, June 6, O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, will name the Oregon banks which are to be depositories for state funds during the next year.

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Justine Johnstone

—IN—

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ORRIS PERSONALS

DORRIS, Cal., May 26.—C. H. Crisler of Klamath Falls, was a business visitor in Dorris yesterday.

Ed Tull, who is logging at the Graham Mill east of town, was in town yesterday attending to matters of business. Owing to recent rains, operation at the mill has been almost entirely suspended until the past day or two.

Robert Austin is here visiting with acquaintances.

J. A. Gordon drove to Dorris yesterday from Klamath Falls to look after business interests in this local city.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Belding and Mr. Belding's mother were in town today for a short visit with local friends. Mr. Belding is the Klamath Falls manager for the Western Union.

J. P. Shellen returned yesterday morning from Klamath Falls where he spent a few days ago to purchase lumber for the completion of his new residence.

Mrs. Lucile F. Richardson has returned to her home after a short visit with friends and relatives south.

William Melland, whose home is in Klamath Falls, is in town for a few days assisting in the cement construction of the foundation for the new home of J. P. Shellen. W. D. Miller is building the residence.

F. J. Patrick was a business visitor here yesterday. Mr. Patrick is interested in the local moving picture theatre as well as one at Klamath Falls.

W. D. Miller, contractor of Klamath Falls, was in Dorris Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Miller who is a sister of Mrs. Roy Taylor of this city.

J. M. Osterander, an employee of the Department of Agriculture near Madras, was brought to Dorris a few days ago with a badly injured knee and is being attended at the Dorris hospital. Osterander was

struck by a cable while working on a log shoot.

The sawmills out in the Topsy Grado district have been compelled to quit work, owing to stormy weather.

Letter burning before the letter is mailed may save many a heart burning letter.

Showing at the

★ Theatre

PHOTOPLAYS OF QUALITY TO-DAY

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