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## Poindexter Introduces Queer Bill

Would Have Government  
Operate Railroads and  
Coal Mines in Alaska,  
Laborers to Get Profits.

Washington, July 25.—A remarkable bill providing for the development of Alaskan resources along model, if not Utopian, lines has just been introduced by Miles Poindexter, the Progressive senator from Washington. Poindexter's bill provides for the government operation of half the coal properties of Alaska, leaving the other half to be leased to private interests, and the transportation of this coal to the American markets on government railways and steamship lines.

In the operation of the mines and transportation facilities, the bill provides for all the reforms for which labor today is struggling—the minimum wage, the eight-hour day, the prohibition of child labor, workingmen's compensation and accident insurance proper sanitation, housing and general living and working conditions.

But the bill goes even further and adopts a socialistic plan of returning to the workers who operate the mines and railroads a portion of the profits accruing from their work. Pure socialism would give to the Alaskan miners all the profits from their work, and to the railroad and steamship men all the profits from theirs. The Poindexter bill would divide the profits between the workers and the purchasers of coal and the shippers of freight on the railroads and steamboats.

The bill may be visionary and Utopian, but it is an indication of the trend of thought today. The growth of the I. W. W. and the continual increase of the socialist vote are the indications of the rising anger of the public against the present day treatment of labor. The Poindexter bill is submitted as a model on which the captains of American industry must reform their methods if they would escape the rage of the people. The exploitation of women and children, and the grinding down of men through starvation wages, speeding up processes, the Taylor system and all other devices by which employers expect to get more and more work for the same or less money, must cease.

The Poindexter bill is one to arouse a good deal of speculative thought. Suppose, with one hundred million population, today there were no transcontinental railroads. Would the government be granting vast empires of land as bonuses to private railroad builders? On the contrary, would the government even be thinking for a moment of sanctioning any private monopoly of transportation? I believe that if transcontinental railroad building had been left for the present generation, the government would build and operate the lines.

But Alaska is a great, rich empire, whose distances compare with those of the United States. Is a private railroad monopoly to be thought of there? Are we going to give away those vast resources of coal and other minerals to private exploitation to the enrichment of the few, when those resources now belong to the whole population?

Some such plan as that submitted by Senator Poindexter is almost certain to be adopted. The bill does not give the government a monopoly of coal any more than it gives one to private interests. Half of the coal lands are to be

leased in the Poindexter plan. But the lessee must duplicate in his treatment of labor all of the conditions in the government mines.—Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner, in Klamath Falls Northwestern.

### An Intelligent Mistake.

An Irishman purchased a beautiful clock from Jeweler Newcomer recently. For a week the time-piece gave perfect satisfaction, but on Saturday the jeweler was amazed to see Pat walk in with the clock under his arm.

"Shure," said Pat, "an' ain't yez th' mon who sold me this clock?"

"To be sure," replied the jeweler, "what's the matter with it?"

"Matther?" roared Pat, setting the clock down on the counter with a slam, "faith an' matther enough! Shure an' Oi woke up roight in th' middle of last night, an' Oi heard th' blamed thing a-stroikin' noon."—Emmett Examiner.

### FEDERAL LAW ON MIGRATORY BIRDS

Congress has passed the Weeks-McLean Migratory Bird law, the most sweeping action ever taken to protect wild life; and the agricultural department has just made public the regulations under the law, which takes effect October 1, 1913.

The country is divided into two zones, northern and southern, the dividing line running wholly or in part north of latitude 40 degrees and the Ohio river. Oregon and Idaho are of the 25 states in the northern zone.

Spring shooting is absolutely prohibited. Shooting migratory birds between sunset and sunrise is prohibited.

No shooting whatever is allowed of song birds, doves, pigeons, etc., or of insect-eating birds such as robins, larks, etc. In the northern zone the open seasons allowed are:

Waterfowl, September 1 to December 15.

Rail, September 1 to December 1.

Woodcock, October 1 to December 1.

Shore birds, September 1 to December 15.

A close season until September 1, 1918, is established for cranes, swan, curlew, and all shore birds except the jack snipe, golden and black-breasted plover, and the greater and lesser yellow legs wood duck.

### Origin of the Hot Winds.

Most of the disastrous fires on this coast occur when a high pressure area in Northern British Columbia and Alberta coincides with a low pressure area in the California region, producing a violent southerly air current which may, however, be sharply deflected in different directions by local conditions, exceedingly dry because containing no moisture, and well known as the summer "east wind," "west wind" or "norther" according to locality. In winter it is the famous "chinook." It is the chief dread of fire fighters, for fires not thoroughly in hand are likely to be fanned beyond human control with tremendous rapidity.

### Tough on the Frogs.

A royal good time was enjoyed by a company of young people last Friday evening at a frog hunt on the big creek near Edgar Dille's place. The party left for the hunt about 2 p. m. and returned at 10 p. m. There were guests in the party from various parts of the United States, namely from Boston, Portland, Omaha and other points, besides our own immediate neighborhood. Luncheon consisted largely of frog legs fried over a fire in the open.—Roswell Correspondence Parma Review.

V. B. Bean was instantly killed by a falling tree while dragging logs in the timber near La Grande. He is survived by a widow and 10 children.

## JORDAN EXPRESS WANTS TO KNOW

What Becomes of the Road  
Fund of the Interior Dis-  
tricts.

The county court is planning to expend a considerable amount of money, says the Ontario and Vale papers, on graveling or macadamizing the road between Vale and Ontario.

We are satisfied that there must have been some extra leakage or drain on the road fund of this and other interior road districts or the supervisors would not have been notified to stop work on the roads as the funds of their district were exhausted before they had been able to put even the worst places in a passable condition.

The levy for road purposes in this county last year was 4 mills, and we are informed this road district has an assessed valuation of over \$700,000, giving a fund of over \$2800 for road fund. Where has it gone? D. C. Beers, the supervisor of this district, worked two or three men for a month or two this spring on the county roads and received notice that the funds were exhausted before he had even the worst places repaired. Did any of our road money from this district go toward the Malheur County Fair appropriation, or for the macadamizing of an auto speedway between Vale and Ontario? Or has it all been used to pay for some steel bridge put across some stream in some out-of-the-way nook with no road built to it, like the one at Watson?—Jordan Valley Express?

### THE SAUCY YOUNG BRUTE

Prospective Mother-in-Law Didn't  
Want to Lose Her Daughter, but  
Why the Delay?

Mrs. DeGroot drew a deep sigh when her daughter told her that she had become engaged to Mr. Bobles.

"I suppose it's foolish of me to feel so bad about it," she said, wiping her eyes, "but I can't help it. I know it's a woman's destiny to be married, dear, and I have always hoped that you would marry and be happy. But a mother can never lose a daughter without feeling deeply on the subject. She can never help regarding it as an awful loss—a tragedy. She cannot give up her little girl, even to the best man that ever lived, without the deepest reluctance."

"But, mother, dear—I shall come and see you often. And you mustn't cry as if it were going to happen right away. You will have time to get used to it."

"Will it? How soon are you to be married?"

"Not for nearly a year. Bob thinks that—"

"Not for a year? What on earth does he mean by putting it off that long? I don't believe he intends to marry you at all, the smirking young snip! If he did, he'd insist on having the wedding before September. And I shall tell him so. You bring him to me, Clara. You tell him that he'll either marry you next month or never. Huh! I'll show him!"

### MEKRAN, LAND OF MYSTERY

Is Desolated by Nature and Shunned  
By Man—Few Tribes  
Linger There.

Mekran, mysterious Mekran, is the land stretching almost from the Indus to the entrance to the Persian gulf. The greater part of Mekran is desolate and forsaken, a land desolated by nature and shunned by man. The few tribes which linger there are the jet sam of history, stray wreckage which has drifted into this obscure corner of the world in the backwash of great events. It is even believed that the Dravidians passed through Mekran on their way to southern India and left stragglers, whose descendants have dwelt there ever since. There are patches of Mongols from the days of Genghis Khan; colonies of half-breed Arabs from the time when an Arab dynasty held Sind; unmistakable Rajputs, who were there before Alexander; African negroes, the offshoots of medieval slavery, and traces of still older peoples, whose origins are lost in the mists of time. Yet Mekran cannot always have been either so dry or so deserted. Then there are vast masonry dams, obviously built to catch the water in the hills just as engineers are making dams in the Indian ghats today. Sometimes the hills are terraced for cultivation, after the fashion of hills in southern Japan and elsewhere: only in Mekran the terraces are dry and bare and not even a blade of grass remains. The crumbling ruins of whole cities, the very names of which are forgotten, lie concealed between the serrated ridges.

Wednesday noon a waterspout burst at Bridgeport, covering with debris 200 tons of hay belonging to Wendt Bros., and doing considerable other damage.—Malheur Mining News.

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### TOO CARELESS ABOUT APPENDICITIS HERE

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