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TAKING ACTION AT LAST.

The movement among representative men of mountain and foothill counties to put a stop to forest destruction is taking good form, and promises to amount to something at last.

This is an excellent idea, but the State has a duty also in this matter that has thus far been practically neglected.

True, we have a Forestry Commission, but its powers are so circumscribed that it can do little more than file reports and give advice, and, as a rule, the Legislatures do not read the one or take the other.

We have the spectacle now of the Chief Forester of the State establishing his headquarters at Los Angeles, in which section there is the least of forest growth, the headquarters being several hundred miles distant from the sections in which the greatest outrages are perpetrated by the denudation of the mountain and hill slopes.

It appears that the people of Kern, Fresno, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare have fully awakened to the fact that if the depredations of the campmen, the sheepmen and the hunters continue, the time will speedily arrive when all the valley streams will run dry early in the summer, and when the rains come there will be such sudden floods as will work incalculable damage in the lowlands.

The undergrowth being burned out, gradual feeding of the streams, and disastrous freshets will result and ruinous RECORD-UNION began to preach them to the people of this State some seventeen years ago, and has not failed to repeat the warning year by year ever since.

Other journals have been equally diligent in endeavoring to rouse public attention to the danger of permitting abnormal forest destruction to continue.

In one or two years in all that time there were spasmodic manifestations of interest, and some steps were taken to ascertain just what danger portended in the premises.

Finally a Forestry Commission was created, but its power was limited to examination of a narrow belt of country. Its reports, however, were justified all the warnings given.

Two years later the powers of the Commission were broadened, but they are still inadequate. If we are to profit by the experience of others, we ought now to study the history of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France, in the matter of forestry.

If we are not wise than stupid we will not remain quiet, but with the convening of the next Legislature will begin upon such a line of action as will save to the slopes of our hills and mountains what remains of their natural clothing, and which is so vitally essential to the agriculture of the valleys, and, indeed, to their occupancy.

For forest destruction with us may mean such climatic changes as will render some sections of the State, now populous, the most undesirable portions of the continent. It is well that the people should be thoroughly educated on the importance of this subject, with a view to Legislatures being chosen by them that will reflect the common wisdom of experience, so far, at least, as the forestry question is concerned.

THE ERA OF PEACE.

The burst of fraternal enthusiasm at the Buffalo banquet to the delegates of the three Americas Congress is significant.

The toast that resulted in so exuberant a manifestation of friendliness between the Chilean and the Peruvian ministers, embodied the sentiment that the three Americas should be one in peace, and live as kindly and helpful neighbors, and never as enemies.

Thereupon the Peruvian minister sprang to his feet and extended his hand to the Chilean minister who had offered the toast in honor of the United States of America, and it was taken and shaken heartily while all the delegates arose and cheered.

It may be said that this was merely a little post-prandial ebullition to which no political significance attaches, we think differently. These men are not likely to say or do anything in the presence of each other that they are not ready to abide by, and which does not reflect the sentiment of their people.

Chile and Peru have been at war often enough to make them abhor the very word. Peru has always had the worst of the struggle, and Chile has at times been merciless towards her weaker neighbor.

But there is every reason to believe that Peru is ready to accept the situation as it is, and abandon all thoughts of enmity towards or recovery from her late foe, and that Chile is willing to forego any further ambitions at the expense of Peru.

This sentiment is strengthened by the call for the Congress cannot be doubted. The statesmen of the several states of the Americas, chosen for the special achievement of such understanding that peace and amity between all the American states shall be permanent, and the need for any one of them arising in distrust of another may disappear wholly. The very highest office of statesmanship

WASHINGTON CULLINGS.

The Objections of California Wine Producers Fully Answered.

TANNER TANS SECRETARY NOBLE.

He Also Claims that Harrison Carried Indiana on the Promises Made to Veterans.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

FOURIFYING WINES.

The Commissioner Answers Fully the Complaints From California.

WASHINGTON, October 20th.—California wine producers have lately complained greatly of the severe restrictions placed on their production of fruit brandy for the fortification of sweet wines, and the necessary vigilance was used over their distilleries.

It has been claimed by wine-growers that large quantities of brandy distilleries have been placed over the brandy distilleries in the South, and that Special Revenue Agents Eldridge and Thomas have been particularly pernicious in their activity this season.

So great has the excitement over the matter grown that Congressman Vandever wrote J. De Barsh Short late in September, asserting that the internal revenue was being run by a whisky ring in its own interest.

The Los Angeles Board of Trade adopted a long series of resolutions denouncing the action of the revenue authorities, and Senator Stanford and Representative Morrow, upon the representation of Southern California wine-growers, sent a long telegram to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting that agents Eldridge and Thomas be transferred to new fields of usefulness.

The agents were given a chance to defend themselves, and both state that they had not been on the field for a month. The Internal Revenue Bureau, however, is so disturbed over the charges that it is dominated by a "whisky ring" and hostile to the California wine interest, and tonight Commissioner Mason authorized the agent of the California Associated Press to make the following statement:

The Internal Revenue Bureau is not hostile to the California wine industry, nor in any other section of the United States. In the collection of a tax from fruit brandy produced from grapes and from other fruits, the law is the same, and the regulations and instructions governing local officers are alike and applicable to all.

It is the policy of the bureau to enforce the laws and regulations referred to in a fair and impartial manner, and to protect the honest taxpayer, and the officers are prohibited from indulging in harassing, overbearing or ungentlemanly conduct in the discharge of their official duties.

It is reported to this office that the practice of using illicit brandy in the collection of a tax from fruit brandy produced from grapes and from other fruits, the law is the same, and the regulations and instructions governing local officers are alike and applicable to all.

It is stated that the number of officials employed in California this year for the purpose of visiting distilleries and overseeing the collection of tax on fruit brandy is true that special agents have been employed in both districts, it is also true that a few number of special deputies have been employed by honest taxpayers to a view to increasing the efficiency of the force and at the same time of reducing the expense, the men appointed to fill these offices was a matter purely local to the two collection districts in California, all of them being recommended or endorsed by the influence of honest taxpayers.

The Commissioner acted in his recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury, and if they have been honest, industrious and intelligent in the discharge of their official duties, it is his duty to enforce the law, and flattery to the Collectors under whose orders the work has been done, and very gratifying to the Commissioner.

It is further stated that all the men employed in this work, with the exception of a few special agents, are old and experienced officers, from the Collectors down, all having a practical knowledge of the duties required.

TANNER'S REPLIES.

He Goes for Noble's Scap and Tells How Harrison Carried Indiana.

WASHINGTON, October 20th.—Ex-Pension Commissioner Tanner makes public tonight a long letter in reply to the recent published article of Secretary Noble and strikes back savagely.

First he denies that he was inebriated to Noble, and quotes in full a letter of his to Noble in August in which he stated that he had no desire to be inebriated; that he desired to carry out Noble's wishes, and if he had done so he would have been a great help to the cause.

This letter Tanner claims that Noble did not make public, and in fact did so at a later date. Tanner then takes up the question of ratifying and arranges and defends his own action in so doing on the ground that it was his duty as Commissioner to do so, when he discovered that injustice was done.

In support of his action he calls Noble's attention to the fact that he, Noble, as General Powell, of Illinois, to ex-Commissioner Black with a note and that it resulted in Black's resignation, and giving him \$4,300 arrears without Powell filing an application or submitting to a medical examination.

This action, Tanner claims, justified him, as it showed Noble's belief at that time, but since then he finds that Noble considered such actions illegal, and he was surprised at this sudden change of belief.

Tanner then states his belief that he was forced to resign because of his excessive liberality in granting pensions. Only two other men he says were granted pensions, and that he was only carrying out what he and other Republican speakers had promised old soldiers in the campaign that elected Harrison.

He (Tanner) had plastered Indiana all over with such promises, in order to capture the soldier vote.

In conclusion he attacks the method of the Commission that investigated the Pension Office, and says that he (Tanner) was denied the right of being present and defending himself, and, in fact, all he can learn that the Commission discovered wrong was that he (Tanner) was granting more pensions than his predecessor. This Tanner said he is glad of.

Various statements have been published over the country about the vast number of claims of employees of the pension office which had been acted upon during my incumbency.

TESTIMONIAL.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM Mrs. George Stoneman, wife of Hon. George Stoneman, ex-Governor of the State of California.

LOS ANGELES, ALBERTA, CALIF.,

MR. COOPER:

Your letter received this morning, and I am happy to oblige you by testifying to the excellence of the MATHESON GRAND old and new soap, and I think, indeed, of extraordinary quality, and I have used it ever since I received it, and I can truly say that it is the best in the world.

The singular quality of this soap is particularly suitable for soaps, and, while agreeable in a small room, it can, by its brilliancy and power, fill a large hall with its fragrance.

Yours, etc.,

MRS. GEORGE STONEMAN.

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There are nearly 700 soldier employees in the pension office, so the public can judge, as well as I, how much foundation there is regarding the point of the annual for the criticism passed upon the office in that respect.

Such is to say that four gentlemen, representing the public, were called to the office and of acknowledged character and capacity, in their report to me on twenty-four cases, broadly impeached the correctness of the action in one case, whereupon I immediately called for the papers. In that case and finding that the certificate had not yet been issued, cancelled all the proceedings taken in the case.

Of the thirty-three cases they reported that three were simply increase cases and not ratification cases; that the action taken in two of the others was right in part, and that in one case an injustice had been done the pensioner, and that he had not been granted enough. Six cases were reported as having been wrongly favored.

All these were certified to an absolutely correct report, and the action taken in a notice to me of the fact that a Committee of Investigation would be appointed, and when they appeared a day or two afterwards I instructed the Chief Clerk to place the office and all it contained at their disposal if they desired it.

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