

GIANT TREES SAVED BY NEW LAW

THE NEW FOREST RESERVE BILL PRESERVES THE COUNTRY'S TIMBER PRIDE.

Washington, March 7.—By signing the bill for the creation of the Calaveras national forest, President Roosevelt completed the legislative act which saves for all time the most famous grove of trees in the world. The people of California, particularly the 500 women of the California club have been working to interest the government in this wonderful grove of big trees for more than nine years but not until now has it been possible to arrange a plan satisfactory alike to the owner of the land and to congress.

The senate bill passed by the house of representatives has just been signed by the president. Everyone interested in the great natural wonders rejoices that as a means of saving the big trees the way has been paved for a practical exchange of the timber in the groves for stumps on other forest land owned by the government.

The Calaveras big trees are known the world over. The north grove contains ten trees each having a diameter of twenty-five feet or over, and more than seventy having a diameter of fifteen to twenty-five feet. Most of the trees have been named, some for famous generals of the United States and others for statesmen and various states of the Union.

CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORY.

The first mention of coal in the annals of mankind occurs in the Bible, Proverbs xxvi, 21, and is as follows: "As coals are to burning coals and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife." This was written about 1016 B. C., at the time King Solomon came into power.

Years before the Christian era coal was in common use in China. Anthracite coal is powdered, mixed with wet clay and rolled into balls. These are dried in the sun and the pores use this fuel in little hand furnaces precisely as they did centuries ago.

Two bills, designed to regulate the loaning of money on wages to be earned in the future and to curtail the operations of the so-called "loan sharks" are pending in the temple of the New York state legislature.

Official Report of the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana, for the Quarter Ending February 28, 1909

The board of county commissioners of Missoula county, Montana, met in regular session Monday, March 1st, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. Present: D. T. Curran, chairman; Frank Nelson, Tyler Worden, commissioners.

The board granted a license to R. E. Nurse to conduct a retail liquor business at Taft, Mont.

Motion was made by Nelson that Walter Nesbit be re-employed until March 15, 1909, same was seconded by Curran. Worden voting No.

The board proceeded to audit the claims against the county of Missoula and warrants ordered drawn on the several respective funds.

It was ordered by the board that road district No. 2 be changed as follows: Commencing at the rock grade on the east to the intersection of the Big Blackfoot Milling company's road with the old Millan road at Bonner.

Road district No. 3 to be comprised of the following boundaries: Commencing at the county line at the east and excluding all that portion of the county road on the Big Blackfoot to the bridge across the Blackfoot river east of Bonner.

It was ordered that the portion of road district No. 3 being between the post house and the east end of the Blackfoot bridge be annexed to district No. 4.

The road supervisors appointed for the various districts are as follows: District No. 1—John Anderson, Bonita.

District No. 2—John McCraig, Clinton. District No. 3—Bert Lish, Potomac.

District No. 4—George Duncan, Missoula. District No. 5—P. Nettles, Carlton.

District No. 6—Tom McGee, Lolo. District No. 7—Henry DeBerge, Missoula.

District No. 8—Con Maher, Missoula, R. F. D. District No. 9—Alex Blason, Missoula, R. F. D. No. 2.

District No. 10—S. Roberts, Missoula, R. F. D. District No. 11—Peter Longpre, Huson.

District No. 12—Mike Hebert, Cyr. District No. 13—E. B. Peppard, Gothrop.

District No. 14—Chris Frey, Quartz. District No. 15—J. F. Pearson, Superior.

District No. 16—J. J. Smith, St. Regis. District No. 17—Mike Maher, DeBorgia.

District No. 18—Thomas Thayer, Saltese. The clerk was ordered to notify each of the above of their appointment and to furnish a bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful performance of their duties.

The following named persons were appointed county high school trustees: Reuben Dwight, Clinton; August Hollenstetter, Lolo, and J. M. Evans, Missoula.

Dr. Oscar J. Craig was appointed as a member of the board of educational examiners.

The following road reports were examined and approved: J. J. Smith, district No. 18.

Thomas Thayer, district No. 20. J. Anderson, district No. 1.

The following justice of the peace reports were examined and approved: Wm. Dyson, Heligate township.

H. M. Small, Heligate township. A. Flaig, Saltese township.

E. Wessinger, Frechtown township. B. H. Denison, Saltese township.

The following reports of constables were examined and approved: P. H. Hale, Heligate township.

Sam Pulliam, Heligate township. Burleigh Sizemore, Frechtown township.

County officers' reports: Thos. P. Conlon, district clerk.

D. Graham, sheriff. Mrs. C. G. Maher, care poor.

Mrs. L. B. Maxwell, care poor. H. C. Kennedy, treasurer.

The following warrants were cancelled on their respective funds, according to the laws provided for such cases.

General funds \$ 23.85 Poor fund 34.00 Road fund 34.00 Bridge fund 10.00

Total \$120.40 The board proceeded to check the receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending February 28, 1909.

The Roosevelt and Central schools were designated as voting places for the school election.

Adjourned. The following are the claims allowed for the quarter ending February 28, 1909:

Table with columns: Name and Service, Amt. of Claim, Amt. Allowed. Lists various individuals and their claims for services like county treasurer, sheriff, and school trustees.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN EXPERIMENT WORK

Los Angeles, March 7.—The Aero club of California, the headquarters of which is in this city, has sent a letter to the navy secretary, in which it asks that the club be authorized to use the war department in conducting experiments with aeroplanes along the coast with the idea of coast defense work.

A Noteworthy Record

For the information of its army of policy-holders, the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, of New York, has issued a statement of its standing at the end of the year 1908. The facts set forth show that this great insurance organization continues to carry more policies and to distribute greater benefits among the whole people than any other like institution.

WHO CAN TELL?

Western newspapers are requested to assist in the search for Mrs. McGoldrick and her son, John McGoldrick, who settled in Washington in territorial days. They are heirs to an estate of \$10,000 in New York state, where Mrs. McGoldrick's mother died a year ago.

GOMEZ SIGNS BILL TO FREE PRISONERS

Havana, March 7.—The general amnesty bill was signed by the president yesterday. It will take effect immediately and provides for the release from prison of those persons who have been convicted of other than crimes of great atrocity. This will result in the freeing of many professional criminals, which causes uneasiness in Havana.

A branch of the American Association for Labor Legislation has been formed in Minneapolis.

Perhaps nothing brought out in this report is more wonderful to contemplate than the fact that one force of executive officers and office employees transact a business of this complicated nature with so vast a number of people.

Instead of leading its policy-holders to hope for more than they eventually receive, the company has voluntarily taken a directly opposite course. Within the past few years it has distributed sums amounting to nearly eighteen millions of dollars among its policy-holders in bonuses in addition to what the policies

Princeton, N. J., March 7.—Yale defeated Princeton yesterday, by the score of 35 to 18 in the swimming meet here. It was the first time in many years that the locals were defeated by Yale. The New Haven water polo team also defeated Princeton 2 to 0.