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**OUR NEWEST NORTHWEST.**

In his "New York Day" speech at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle says the New York World, Gov. Hughes carried a tribute from the East to the far Northwest of the continental United States.

Alaska was bought from Russia in 1867 for reasons of international politics rather than in the expectation of immediate commercial benefit, like Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase. In 1874 people were still branding it worthless in almost the same terms applied in 1844 by Webster and others to "barren Oregon." Each now North-west in turn—Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Alaska—has suffered such detraction.

Alaska cost about \$7,000,000. Gen. Greely, writing in the Geographic Magazine, computes that since the purchase its exports alone have totaled \$327,000,000. Its furs were 90 per cent. of all its products up to 1880. Since 1900 its fisheries have been seven times, its minerals thirteen times as important as fur. Of gold \$500,000,000 may still await the miners; of many other metals found there no one knows how much.

The greatest source of future value remains undeveloped. Alaska is as large as Germany, France, Japan, Holland and Denmark. Almost anything that will grow in New York will grow in Alaska, and the commoner Northern staple crops thrive at all the six agricultural stations and at private farms far beyond the Arctic Circle. Special Agent Georganon speaks well of the grazing. Alaska should prove as fertile as Finland and can support in the same ratio a population of 6,000,000. If Prof. Crookes and other pessimists are right in predicting a world-wide wheat famine the Territory will become a vast granary, a possession of untold value.

Alaska is a white man's country. As in Norway, the coast is kept comparatively warm by a sub-tropical current. It has progressive, electric-lighted towns full of educated people. We brought no war in buying it; acquired an indefensible claim to military dominion over millions of aliens. The 27,000 natives are wards, not enemies.

If American colonial enterprise had never left the continent, what reasons should we not have for pride in our last outpost on the Pacific.

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**MAKING BETTER ROADS.**

Williamsburg Journal-Tribune: Last Friday the automobile owners of the town did a commendable act when they gathered up three car loads of men and made an attack on the "chuck holes" that lined the roads leading out of town. There were merchants, bankers, grain men and one traveling salesman, a Frenchman named Boyle from Cedar Rapids. Tom Jordan went along to show the boys which end of the shovel or spade to use and the way the dirt flew was surpassing the wonderful. Several miles of road were looked after and spruces of chuck holes were leveled up, thus insuring smooth and uniform roads. Another trip will be made next week and the volunteers in the cause of good roads have already earned the thanks of the traveling public.

**PRESS BUREAU, BOARD OF CONTROL OF STATE INSTITUTIONS, DEPARTMENT ON TUBERCULOSIS.**

In spite of the hot weather which has prevailed throughout the state the work on tuberculosis goes on with increased vigor and it is apparent that Iowa is winning in the campaign against the tubercle bacillus in many quarters the strength of the enemy is showing weakness, and some of its strongholds behind which he has entrenched himself have been taken already, others are in a state of siege. Mighty forces are at work and from every quarter of the state reinforcements are appearing which are heralds of ultimate victory.

In a very real sense it is a demonstration of the power of mind over matter. It is a contest between intellectual forces and material conditions which destroy human life. It is the power of knowledge over ignorance, superstition and filth. It is a social reform which has as its motive the abolition of unsanitary, unhygienic living and the substitution of sanitation and hygiene.

And everywhere there is manifested a most remarkable interest. Teachers' institutes have called for lectures and literature to such an extent as to be wholly impossible to respond to but a limited number of invitations. Chautauquas, always educational have made special endeavor to bring to the attention of vast audiences information regarding tuberculosis and methods of combat against it. A new spirit seems to have seized these great educational gatherings. It is the spirit which may be said to be the most potent factor in the elevation of any people the spirit of knowledge regarding public health and human happiness. So urgent has the appeal become that laymen, bureau, platform managers and lecture committees are asking for skilled men to discuss subjects relating to the public health.

The newspaper press is perhaps the most potent factor in this educational propaganda. Everywhere throughout the state not only have the papers published the monthly letter from this department but editors have contributed splendid editorials on the various aspects of the problems of tuberculosis. This work is now regarded as the most useful ever undertaken in the state of Iowa, as it is fundamental and therefore of primary importance. This is not in any way discouraging to those other great movements which have to do with juvenile delinquency or problems affecting criminology, nor yet with other great social movements; but it is now beginning to be understood that the winning of the fight against consumption will also mean much in the settling of the other great questions agitating the philanthropic public mind. Let all the people continue the intelligent co-operation now being given this department.

**A CALL TO THE WEST.**

Governor Johnson of Minnesota in his recent Seattle speech said in part:

"It is time that the West throw off the shackles of the East. I would preach no sectional divisions and no sectional strifes, but Minnesota and Washington and the States between them, with those to the south of us, should rise in their might and claim for themselves that fair share of influence in the halls of Congress and in the administration of national affairs to which they are entitled by every law of common sense, as well as of political economy."

"We, as an integral part of the American people, should cast our influence and our votes, not only to advance the material interests of our own particular section, but we should hold broad enough and big enough to labor for common good of our common country. We have in the States west of the Mississippi the undoubted

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**TOMORROW AND TODAY.**

Tomorrow is a bully day on which to get the baby's buggy (it and have new wheels put on); To clean the dirty furnace room and fix the pump which leaks; To rid the doors about the house of irritating specks; To change the furniture about with groans and weariness; To take the children to the park and grant their every wish; But today's the day of all the days on which to go and fish.

Tomorrow is a splendid day to pay a little bill; To get a haircut or a shine or take a liver pill; To read a good improving book or square your tax account; Or head a big subscription list and give a snug amount; While having molars clobbered up down in a dentist's chair; To buy a ton of china or a carpet for the hall; But today's the day of all the days to see a game of ball.

Peoria Herald-Transcript.

**CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LANDS.**

Synopsis of address of George Otis Smith, Director, U. S. Geological Survey, at National Irrigation Congress Spokane, Washington, August 11, 1909.

The necessity for classifying the public lands is not a recent discovery. The earliest land legislation in this country both contemplated differences in the quality and character of the public lands and planned for descriptions based on field examination. Yet even the honest administration of the land laws has ever been subject to criticism arising from the fact that no adequate provision was made for land classification.

A period of national awakening to the worth of the public domain followed the close of the Civil war and another epoch of realization by the nation of the true source of its wealth and prosperity has just opened, while both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government are awake to the fact that exact knowledge is essential to the proper utilization of our country's great resource of land. The earlier propaganda bore fruit in the creation of a scientific bureau among whose functions was the classification of the public land, but this specific duty was subordinated to the more general task of determining the natural resources of the public domain. The duty of classifying the remaining unentered public lands is now definitely accepted by the United States Geological Survey and the opportunity earlier neglected has for several years been vigorously improved. The Survey is heartily co-operating with the General Land Office to the end that the best disposition of the land may be secured, and it should be noted that no small part of the data utilized in this work represents the fruitage of the Survey's earlier general investigations.

Utilization is the keynote of the present public land policy and by utilization I mean that kind of local development that is promoted by the "land skinner," but rather a development whose plan weighs national needs and calculates future demands and whose accomplishment will serve our country's development in the next century as well as in the present decade. Utilization is opposed to both non-use and waste.

A notable example of land classification in aid of proposed legislation is afforded by the Act of March and October, 1888, wherein Congress directed that an irrigation survey should be made by the Geological Survey and that the reservoir sites and irrigable lands designated as a result should be reserved pending further legislation. The legislation of 1888 was itself the logical outcome of Major Powell's 1879 report on the arid lands and his subsequent work as Director of the Geological Survey and the law that eventually resulted from the work thus authorized in 1888 was the Reclamation Act of 1902, through the operation of which the West is coming into its own as the garden of the nation.

Hydrographic and topographic surveys which are now in progress under instructions of the Secretary of the Interior have as their purpose the collection of information that may be presented to Congress in aid of legislation looking toward the best utilization of the water powers on the public domain. Reports on the mineral or non-mineral character of coal, oil, and phosphate lands of which the Survey has made actual field examinations are now being transmitted to the General Land Office. Another line of activity is the segregation of non-irrigable lands under the terms of the "enlarged homestead act" of the present year. The existence of Survey data whereby within the few months since the passage of this law the Secretary of the Interior has been able to designate 162 million acres in itself a forceful argument for an adequate land classification.

The classification and valuation of coal land is a special phase of public land work to which the Geological Survey is giving increased attention. The geologic investigations of the last three field seasons have not only furnished a knowledge of the quantity and quality of the coal on the public domain but have rendered possible the present policy obtaining coal prices for coal lands. The General Land Office now depends on the Geological Survey to furnish detailed valuations for every 40-acre tract of coal land that is placed on the market. In the two and a half months following the adoption of the revised scheme of valuation the reports to the General Land Office released to agricultural entry approximately two and a half million acres in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana and placed selling prices on nearly 400,000 acres of coal land with an aggregate valuation of over \$15,000,000. The price of Government coal land is now determined on the basis of estimated tonnage, the unit rate varying with the quality of the coal from 1-2 to 3 cents a ton for coal deposits within 15 miles of a railroad. These prices average less than one tenth the usual royalty paid in the West. Yet this conservative valuation will more than double the average price of public coal lands. In exceptional cases the price based on tonnage represents a fifteen-fold increase over the old minimum price. It is conceded that this policy of basing the price on the quantity and quality of the article sold will not encourage purchase by speculators, but I maintain that the Government valuation will not impede the disposition of the coal deposits for purposes of utilization. The real development of the

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**West will be promoted, not retarded. The increased valuation of the millions of acres of public coal land must result in increased contributions to the Reclamation Fund and greater possibilities for local utilization of the agricultural lands through irrigation.**

A principle that is winning increased recognition in land legislation is that of relative worth. The present coal land law expresses this principle by giving gold, silver and copper deposits, priority over the coal in turn preference over agricultural values. These distinctions necessitate land classification based on adequate field examination. Wherever the different values can be separated that separation by appropriate legislation is at once the easiest and best solution of the problem, and the first step in this direction was taken in March of this year in the passage of the Mondell Act whereby the homesteader may secure all for which he makes entry—all that he swears he is getting—while the coal beneath his tillable land is reserved to the nation for future disposal.

The ideal land classification is that based on field examination, scientific and detailed enough to include every natural resource; the ideal land legislation is that which fully recognizes the principle of relative worth; and the ideal land administration is that which will assure the reservation or the disposition of the land for its highest use.

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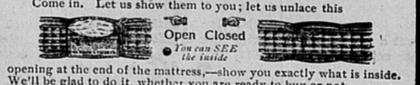
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