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PINCHOT GETS OVATION.

His Speech to the National Irrigationists is Wildly Received.

SPOKANE, Aug. 10.—Gifford Pinchot evidently found out where he stands with the national irrigationists this morning when the twelve hundred delegates in the big armory gave him an ovation lasting fully five minutes and winding up with a burst of three cheers. His was the wildest reception yet accorded a speaker before the congress. He went immediately into his subject giving as he announced it, a stewardship of his doings for the last year.

A spell of silence fell over the congress when Mr. Pinchot directly charged that there is a water power trust in process of formation.

"Not only this," said he, "but this water power trust does not have any hesitation about appearing before this congress in the person of its attorneys and thus seek to break down the last remaining opposition to the ownership of all the power in the country."

"In fact," he continued, "I know one genial and urbane gentleman who is here now helping the trust's cause. The time for protest is very short and the water power trust will show but little consideration to the common people when once the power of the country is centralized. In power there is life and the power trust will eventually control all other trusts."

Mr. Pinchot named one power corporation which he charged is after the control of water power. He paid a tribute to the Roosevelt policies and brought another storm of cheers by saying that the Taft administration is irrevocably pledged to the support of those policies.

Change in Paper Currency.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Several important changes in the designs of the paper money of the country are to take place soon.

Secretary MacVeagh, Assistant Secretary Norton and Director Ralph of the bureau of printing and engraving, have under consideration, a general scheme for systemizing the designs of all issues of paper money in such a manner that the same portraits and emblems will appear on all notes of the same denomination.

It can be stated authoritatively that a portrait of the late Grover Cleveland is soon to appear on all ten dollar bills.

Distinctive designs for one dollar, five dollar, twenty dollar and fifty dollar bills and perhaps those of even higher denominations, have been prepared. The two dollar bills may be abolished, it is reported. If the two dollar bill is retained, it is certain that its design will be such as to make it stand out from a pile of one dollar and five dollar bills with a prominence that will permit of no mistake in its handling.

Some treasury officials are inclined to favor even a more radical change, and recommend that paper money be reduced to about the size of French and Italian notes of smaller denominations. These notes are about three-fifths the size of the American kind, and are more convenient to handle.

Water Power Sites Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Secretary Ballinger will report to congress in December numerous withdrawals of temporary water power sites in western states in order that proper legislation may be enacted by congress to preserve power sites to the government and prevent monopolies.

Acting Secretary Wilson today withdrew for temporary power sites 6,690 acres in Montana and Utah. In Montana the following withdrawals were made:

Along the lower Yellowstone river, 1,222 acres; along the Hell Gate river, 4,286 acres; along the Judith river, 1,166 acres; in Utah, along Ashley creek, 240 acres.

Heavy Damages Wanted.

HELENA, Aug. 11.—Louis Ferris, the young Italian, who was arrested on a charge of dynamiting the Burlington passenger train on the night of May 1, 1908, and was subsequently tried on a charge of murder for causing the death of Engineer A. C. Bussey and was acquitted, has brought suit in the district court against the Northern Pacific Railway company, W. J. McFetridge, James Reynolds and Archie Reynolds for \$200,000 damages. The wreck of the Burlington train caused the death of Engineer Bussey, Fireman George Eble and another man, Carl Merg. After his arrest for the crime Ferris made a confession and furnished the officers with details of the wreck. However the con-

fession was repudiated when it came to trial and there was a conflict of testimony as to whether the wreck was caused by dynamite, as stated in the confession, or was caused by a bad track and broken rail. The defense contended that the alleged confession was forced from Ferris, in order to fasten the wreck on Ferris and save the company from heavy claims for damages arising from the wreck.

Secretary Interferes with Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—In consequence of orders said to have been issued by Secretary Ballinger of the interior department, General Forsythe, in charge of the troops in Yosemite valley has prevented the erection on government land of temporary buildings to shelter the workmen sent out by Engineer Marsden Manson of this city to begin the Hetch-Hetchy water project.

Under agreement between the city and former Secretary James Garfield, the first improvements were to have been made at Lake Eleanor and it was in pursuance of this plan that Manson sent his men into the region. General Forsythe notified Secretary Ballinger of the activity of the San Francisco engineers and the order to stop all work on the government preserves followed.

A dam in the system by which this city is to be supplied with water was to have been built at Lake Eleanor and until permission is received from Ballinger to proceed along lines agreed to by Garfield no progress can be made.

City officials will endeavor to get the secretary of the interior to remove the obstacles when he arrives here from Spokane on his way back to Washington.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Land Sold by the State Claimed For the Government.

HELENA, Aug. 11.—A clash between the state of Montana and the forestry department of the national government over title and control of certain lands seems imminent in the immediate future.

When Montana was admitted to statehood it was given, under the provisions of the enabling act, sections 16 and 36 in each township in the state for school purposes. In many instances these had been homesteaded or otherwise disposed of and the government authorized the state to make lieu selections from any unoccupied federal lands. With the creation in recent years of forest reserves, officers of the latter have professed administrative powers, if not actual ownership, where it was known these sections or lieu selections were embraced within the boundaries of forest reserves.

An apparent crisis has been reached growing out of an incident at Kalspell when the state offered for sale a portion of section 16 lying near the town of Belton. The Great Northern Railway company was the highest bidder, and purchased the 80 acres at the rate of \$75.50 an acre. The sale was conducted by Joseph Oker, assistant register of the land office.

Forest Supervisor James Bunker, who was present, warned the bidders that the government claims the land, which is within a forest reserve in northwestern Montana and that it would contest the sale.

On Mr. Oker's return he notified the land board of the action of the forest reserve officer and the matter was referred to Attorney General Galen for a legal opinion. The attorney general says the matter will be carried to the highest courts if necessary, that forest reserve officers had no right to violate the provisions of the enabling act, which is a contract between the government and the state. The state having made the sale of the land, it will await initial action by the forestry officers in the nature of a contest, as intimated by Supervisor Bunker.

Milk River Lands Opened.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Over half a million acres of land formerly withdrawn from entry in connection with reclamation projects in California, Montana and Washington were today restored and are subject to settlement in November, according to the announcement of the general land office.

The actual process of restoration occurred July 23, it being the policy of the interior department not to make public information concerning withdrawals within two weeks after the order is signed by Ballinger or his assistants.

Of the land restored 485,000 acres was formerly withdrawn in connection with the Milk river project in Montana, 115,000 on the Colorado river project in California and 43,000 on the Yakima river (Tieton) project in Washington.

VETERANS ELECT.

Ex-Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, is Chosen Commander-in-Chief.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 12.—Samuel R. Van Sant, former governor of Minnesota, became commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic today. He won over Judge William A. Ketcham of Indiana by a vote of 587 to 156.

Mrs. Jennie L. Berry of Des Moines, Iowa, won the fight for the national presidency of the Women's Relief Corps. After three ballots she was elected over Mrs. Belle Harris of Kansas by a vote of 213 to 90.

Both elections were held in executive session. The Grand Army's order of business did not provide for the election of officers today, but the delegates warned the encampment that an early choice would be necessary to secure a full expression of the will of the majority.

In addition to the election of Commander Van Sant, the following officers were elected:

Senior vice commander, C. M. Bostaph, Ogden, Utah.

Junior vice commander, Judge Alfred Beere, Bristol, Conn.

Surgeon general, W. H. Lemon, Lawrence, Kan.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 13.—By a vote of 367 to 273 Atlantic City was selected today by the Grand Army of the Republic as its meeting place in 1910. Today was the final day of the encampment of 1909 and it was spent in the completion of the election of officers by the veterans and auxiliary organizations as well as the closing up of routine business.

Suit for Recovery of Land.

DENVER, Aug. 11.—The Calumet Fuel company and thirteen individuals are named as defendants in a suit filed in the federal court today by U. S. District Attorney Ward to recover 880 acres of land, valued at over half a million dollars, charged to have been secured through dummy entrymen. The land is located in the Pueblo, Colo., land district.

The petition charges that dummy entrymen secured patents for the land in question in 1903, transferred the lands to Edward C. Quenten, who in turn gave deeds to George W. Kramer and Edward L. Yard and they to the Calumet Fuel company. Kramer, who has since died, was vice-president of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and president of the Globe Express company. Robert W. Forester, a geologist, and William H. Bird, a land notary, are also named as defendants. The petition also alleges that the so-called "dummies" received \$50 and had their expenses paid by representatives of the Calumet company for making the entries and transfers. The Calumet Fuel company is a subsidiary of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

Standard Oil Must Pay Duty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The Standard Oil company will have to pay a duty of about 10 per cent ad valorem on oil it has imported into the Philippine islands since the new tariff bill became effective, although oil under that measure is admitted into the United States and the Philippines free of duty.

The imposition of duty results from the fact that the oil, although of the "growth and product of the United States," was put up in cans made from imported tin on which the Standard had accepted a drawback in view of the fact that the tins were for the export trade.

Had the Standard not asked for and received the drawback on tin used in making its cans, its oil, together with the container, would have been admitted into the Philippines free. While the amount of duty that will be paid on the shipments is not large, the decision is regarded as of importance in establishing a precedent.

Land Frauds in Alaska.

DENVER, Aug. 12.—Within a month a hearing will begin in Seattle, Wash., that government officials claim will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska. This investigation will be followed by similar hearings to be held in a score of cities. The best coal engineers and lawyers with the general land offices have been assigned to duty in connection with the hearings and special agents who have been working quietly for months securing evidence will take stand as witnesses. The facts pertaining to the alleged frauds are known to Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, and Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, and they have given the word to their subordinates to proceed against persons responsible for the alleged frauds. That more than 200,000 acres of

rich coal lands in Alaska, some of them having veins 65 feet in thickness, have been filed upon by dummy entrymen, procured through agents of six large corporations, the land office has ample evidence to prove, according to information made public tonight.

Chinese Minister Recalled.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, has been recalled from Washington and ordered to Peking for further assignment. His successor will be Chang Yin Lang, formerly charge d'affaires at Madrid and now deputy vice minister of foreign affairs.

Minister Wu is now in Peru, to which country he has been credited along with the United States.

The recall surprised government circles here. Mr. Wu has been the accredited representative of China on the American continent since March, 1908, and during that time has done much toward adding to the reputation he established among the people generally during his first term as minister to America in 1897-1902, of being one of the most popular diplomats who ever came to Washington.

His sympathies with the United States during the Boxer trouble led to his first recall. It was reported then that he was to be beheaded, but this government promptly asserted that such a course would be offensive to the United States.

BALLINGER DEFENDED.

The Story of the Water Power Sites in Montana.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—"At no time during the administration of Secretary Ballinger have any power sites been filed on in Montana," said Acting Assistant Commissioner Schwartz of the general land office in a statement today. This statement was issued as a denial of the story that in the Bozeman, Mont., land district one Jeremiah Collins, on June 11, filed on 15,868 acres of land valuable for power sites. The assistant commissioner says that neither Collins nor the Collins Land company has made any such filing at Bozeman or elsewhere.

"The only water power sites on the watersheds of the Missouri river now under the control of the government, under Secretary Ballinger's orders of suspension, are sites which have been in private ownership for several years," said Mr. Schwartz, and two additional sites which are improved and developed to run the street cars and lighting of Helena and Butte and the mines in Butte. These two sites are in possession of the Helena Power and Light company and Capital Improvement company, one having a dam 85 feet high and the other 126 feet high across the Missouri river.

"These rights, however, are mere revocable permits as distinguished from vested easements, and these permits were approved jointly by the department of the interior and the forest service in the years 1907 and 1908, the approval for the Helena Light and Power company being upon appeal from the action of the general land office in rejecting the application for a permit to erect the dam.

Great Northern Earnings.

ST. PAUL, August 14.—The Great Northern railroad is the only northwestern line that shows a falling off in earnings for the last fiscal year. The decrease in gross earnings from freight and passenger traffic amounts to more than a million dollars. There was a decrease in operating expenses of over three million dollars. The hard times of last year caused the falling off and while the last six months were among the best the road ever experienced, they were not enough to bring the earnings up to the standard of 1908. The total operating revenue for 1909 amounted to \$53,658,463, a decrease of \$735,000 from 1908.

To Move Indian Bureau.

WASHINGTON Aug. 12.—Senator Dixon of Montana is preparing a bill providing for the removal of the headquarters of the bureau of Indian affairs from Washington to Salt Lake in order to bring the administration of Indian affairs in closer touch with the Indians.

Only a skeleton of force will be kept in Washington if the measure passes. The change would result, it is contended, in a large saving in the expenditures of the Indian bureau, and would greatly increase its efficiency.

The removal to the west of the greater part of the forest service force is a precedent which has worked very satisfactorily.

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MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

HELENA, Aug. 11.—The Custer Publishing company of this city was made defendant in a libel suit brought in the district court today by Anton Niget, proprietor of the Rialto meat market, opposite the city hall, who demands damages in the sum of \$5,000 and costs for an alleged defamatory and libelous article appearing in the Independent in the issue of Aug. 5. The objectionable article alleged sickening odors came from the shop.

MILES CITY, Aug. 11.—The Custer county commissioners made the tax levy today and it will be the highest in the history of the county, 20 1/2 mills. Miles City will pay 29 1/2 mills and Ekalaka 37 1/2 mills. Ekalaka's excessive rate being due to the fact that quite a number of people of that locality, in order to have a legal excuse for avoiding jury duty, organized a volunteer fire department, for which they are taxed.

HELENA, Aug. 11.—Unable to extricate himself from between the brake and the front wheel of a wagon attached to a runaway team, John Rogan, eight years old, was pumped and bruised and his head was swung first against the wheel and then the wagon bed, last night at Fort Harrison, and when picked up his skull was fractured and his body was covered with bruises. His life is despaired of. His father is a valley ranchman who was delivering produce at the post.

PLAINS, Aug. 11.—Out of debt and no taxation for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910, is the record of the local municipal organization. At the last meeting of the council a resolution was passed and approved by the mayor providing that no tax be levied for this year and the clerk was instructed to so notify the county treasurer. This action was taken after ascertaining that the revenue from other sources than taxes would be ample for all expenses.

MILES CITY, Aug. 11.—The deadly disease of anthrax, which caused so much anxiety in eastern Montana last summer by its existence in South Dakota and which the government veterinarians by hard work suppressed, is reported to have broken out again, this time at Bowman, S. D. It is not believed it will get past the Little Missouri. It is essential that all ranchmen turn any cattle back coming into Montana from South Dakota.

HELENA, Aug. 11.—Advice to a creditor to beat up his debtor was given a farm hand by County Attorney Sol Hepper today. The laborer took him at his word and severely beat J. L. Maddox, a valley ranchman against whom complaints have been lodged before of not paying his men. A little later the creditor returned with the debtor and the county attorney was informed that the wages were to be paid and until they were the farm hand would be the guest of Mr. Maddox, the latter proffering the invitation voluntarily, after having been whipped.

ANACONDA, Aug. 12.—The news of the awarding of the contract to build the monster dam six miles below this city is the cause of considerable gossip on the streets this morning. While the contract went to a Butte man, the business men of the city appreciate the magnitude of the work. One hundred thousand dollars in addition to Anaconda's already splendid payroll should make things lively here.

KALISPELL, Aug. 12.—A subscription list has been placed in circulation and \$7,000 has already been pledged toward a fund to defray the expense of boring a test well for the purpose of ascertaining what underlies this region. It is stipulated that the well shall be sunk within a radius of 25 miles of Kalispell in the most promising location. It is believed that oil exists throughout this region, many tests previously made showing strong indications, and it is for the purpose of determining the question that a fund is being raised.

BUTTE, Aug. 12.—His right leg torn off by the wheels of a Great Northern freight last night, Albert Escallier, 16 years of age, sustained such a shock that he died at an early hour this morning at a local hospital. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock at the Talbot avenue crossing. Escallier jumped from one of the cars as he was returning from a trip to Woodville. According to the boy's story, which was hardly more than a few sentences, he struck a post as he jumped and

was hurled back so that his right leg went under the train.

BILLINGS, Aug. 12.—The dead body of a new born male infant was taken from the north side drain ditch, near the point where Second street west crosses the ditch, by Commissioner Bryan today. The body apparently had been in the water about 15 hours. The infant was fully developed. It is the belief of Mr. Bryan that it had been struck on the head with some weapon before it was thrown into the drain. The body was lodged against a small island near the southern bank of the drain. The head and a part of the chest were plainly visible. Persons who were passing along made the discovery and telephoned the police station.

GREAT FALLS, August 13.—Harry Zick, a well known Belt hotel man, filed a suit for divorce today in the district court, charging his wife, whom he married a little more than a year ago, with extreme cruelty. Zick alleges that three days after the wedding bells had pealed for him his bride attacked him with a knife and fork, injuring him badly and frightened more. He cites a number of other alleged instances of cruelty.

ANACONDA, Aug. 13.—Fred Rutledge, who is employed at Greig's greenhouse, is thanking his lucky stars that he has his right arm intact or that he is not on a slab at the morgue. He was out shooting gophers with a shot gun and leaned it on a rail fence at his side. The gun slipped off and the hammer struck a rail in falling, the gun was discharged and the charge grazed his shoulder, tearing a hole in his coat and shirt and reddening the skin as it passed harmlessly.

HELENA, Aug. 13.—Monday morning at 8 o'clock the soldiers of the Sixth infantry stationed at Fort Harrison will march from the reservation northward through the northern part of this county and the southern part of Cascade county, on the annual hike, lasting from 21 to 25 days. The camp equipment will be loaded aboard the wagon train tomorrow night. In heavy marching order the soldiers will leave, the first camp being made at Silver. The regimental band will accompany the battalion, and a number of concerts will be given en route.

BILLINGS, Aug. 13.—For the purpose of cross sectioning the new line which the Northern Pacific will build between this city and Laurel a corps of surveyors arrived in Billings this morning to begin work. It is understood that bids for building the new line, which will mean a double track between the two places, will be opened early next week and the contract awarded, so that construction can be taken up at once. Track laying is to follow as soon as a portion of the grade is finished, and it is expected the entire work will be rushed so that trains can be operated over the new line within 90 days.

HELENA, Aug. 15.—The office of the Montana railroad in Helena has been closed and the records and furniture will be transferred to Chicago, where the headquarters of the company will be located in the future. The road is now a subsidiary company of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, which bought up the Montana right of way for its through line to the coast, recently completed.

TWIN BRIDGES, Aug. 15.—William O'Laughlin of Fallon, Mont., was here the first of the week looking over the situation as to a grain elevator. Mr. O'Laughlin was taken in hand by Secretary Yerkes of the Commercial club and given a drive through a large portion of the three valleys and shown the crops of growing grain. He expressed himself as favorably impressed with the outlook. The time is too short to erect an elevator this season, he said, but it is very possible that he may return and put up an elevator at this point before next season.

MISSOULA, Aug. 15.—A special to the Missoulian from Superior, Mont., at 4 o'clock this afternoon stated that practically the entire town of Iron Mountain, Mont., in the Coeur d'Alene district, was wiped out by fire during last night. The fire started in the kitchen of one of the hotels and rapidly spread to other buildings. The town has no fire department and the flames were quickly communicated to the surrounding buildings and finally burned itself out. Everything in the path of the flames on the south side of the Northern Pacific tracks was destroyed with the exception of one shack. No one was injured. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000.

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