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FOR RECLAMATION WORK.

Estimate of Funds Necessary For Projects in Montana.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has submitted to the ways and means committee of the house, which is considering the \$30,000,000 certificate irrigation issue bill already passed by the senate, and which is showing a disposition to sit on the bill good and hard, a statement showing the funds needed for the continuation of the reclamation projects in Montana. They follow:

Milk river project, approved portion, \$1,857,000, and \$4,000,000 for extensions.

Huntley, \$80,000, and \$73,000 for extensions.

San River, \$108,000, and \$7,608,000 for extensions.

Lower Yellowstone, \$338,000.

The estimate for the Milk river project is for the completion of dams and flood water canals in Milk river valley, notably the North and South Dodson canals, Candalia dams and canals. It also includes the continuation on a small scale of the work of bringing a necessary supplemental water supply from St. Mary river, in accordance with the terms of the proposed treaty with Great Britain. The \$4,000,000 appropriation for the extensions to the Milk river project is for the completion of the storage dam and portion of the canal from St. Mary river to the head of Milk river, the transportation of water through Milk river in Canada back into the United States, the construction of the Chain Lakes reservoir, or the use of other basins for the storage and development of what is known as the Chinook unit. The details of this work cannot be satisfactorily determined upon, says Mr. Ballinger, until the limits of vested rights are known and adjustment made with the owners of a large number of irrigating ditches now in existence.

Insurgents Invited To Be Democrats.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—"Are the insurgents in earnest or have they just been flirting and coquetting with us?"

Senator Raynor of Maryland, in mock seriousness, asked this question and others even more pointed in a speech delivered in the senate today on the railroad administration bill. He said that the democrats wanted no more combinations with the insurgents on preliminary skirmishes, but that the recalcitrant republicans would be welcomed into democratic ranks if they would only enlist and take their feelings with them.

Pointing out that on almost all preliminary moves on various measures before the present congress, the insurgents and democrats have stood together, Mr. Raynor said that, "when the final vote is taken upon the bill, they seem leisurely to stray away from us."

"Now," he said, "the question is, what do our friends mean? Are they in earnest, or are they simply flirting and coquetting with us? Is it merely a temporary engagement, or is it a permanent love feast?"

Roosevelt For Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Theodore Roosevelt for United States senator as successor to Chauncy M. Depew. This is the way the political prophets and wiseacres in Washington have the situation in New York figured out today. They have arrived at the conclusion from many different viewpoints that there is apparently a consensus of opinion that this suggestion offers a solution to a multitude of problems confronting the republican party not only in the Empire state, but in the nation at large. In the general discussion of the situation growing out of the appointment of Gov. Hughes to the supreme court bench, it already has been agreed that his retirement from politics leaves Colonel Roosevelt as the probable head of the party in New York state.

Comet Does Not Affect Weather.

CHICAGO, April 27.—Halley's comet is not to blame for the snow, sleet and rain that have been descending on Chicago in the last 24 hours. Prof. E. E. Barnard has come to the defense of the malignant comet, and declares it is no more responsible for bad weather than for spring styles.

Thousands of Chicagoans Friday were inclined to attribute the extreme darkness to Halley's comet. The men of science, however, scoff at such a possibility.

"There is a possibility of some meteoric showers on May 18," said Prof. Barnard. "If certain changes of phase take place in the head of the comet. This is merely a possibility, however. I am of the opinion that we shall pass

through the tail of the comet without any special physical indications to denote the passage."

Summer Home For Hill.

SPOKANE, April 26.—The new summer home of James J. Hill and his son, Louis W. Hill, the millionaire railroad builder, has just been completed at Lake McDonald, 30 miles east of Kalspell, Montana, by John Spalding of Spokane, a building superintendent in the employ of the Great Northern.

Paulhan Won Airship Contest.

LONDON, April 28.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, won the \$50,000 prize donated by Lord Northcliffe, for the first aeroplane flight from London to Manchester, a distance of 186 miles.

The winning of the prize involved one of the most sensational contests ever seen in Great Britain. It was a race between Graham White, the English aviator, and Paulhan. White a few days ago attempted the trip, but was compelled to descend at Litchfield after covering 117 miles. Paulhan then appeared on the scene, and the two aviators made hasty preparations for the flight, each striving to be first at the start. Paulhan stole a march on the Englishman, ascending from Hendon at 5:20 p. m. Tuesday.

Prosecutor Roasted Heinze.

NEW YORK, April 28.—After a scathing opening address by United States District Attorney Wise, the government began the prosecution of its case against F. Augustus Heinze, charged with the misapplication of funds of the Mercantile National bank, of which he was the former head, and with over-certification of the checks of Otto Heinze & Co., which he and his associates dominated.

To Heinze's operations the prosecutor referred as "flim flam" and "bunco" games, while he charged that the Mercantile National bank had been reduced to the level of a gambling institution.

WILL HONOR ROOSEVELT.

Residents of British Metropolis Will Give Great Reception.

LONDON, April 28.—Theodore Roosevelt will arrive here May 16, and on that day he will dine at Dorchester house with Ambassador and Mrs. Reid and the staff of the embassy. He will be received by King Edward the following day and at the conclusion of the audience will proceed to Oxford, where he will be entertained by Vice Chancellor T. C. Warren, president of Magdalen college.

May 18 will be devoted to a reception to the Rhodes and other American scholars, luncheon with the heads of the university and the Romanes Lecture, which is certain to attract much attention.

Colonel Roosevelt will then be driven to Nuneham Park, Oxford, to visit the Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt and Mrs. Harcourt. He will remain there until the following evening, proceeding to Hackwood Basingstoke, the seat of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the former viceroy of India.

On his return to London, May 20, the ex-president will be the guest of honor at the king's dinner at Buckingham palace. He will go the following day to Wrest park, as the guest of Ambassador and Mrs. Reid and will spend three days at this beautiful country seat.

King Edward has invited Colonel Roosevelt to accompany him to Aldershot, where a review of the troops will be held May 24. Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family will also witness the review.

Settlers Flock To Montana.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Montana is rapidly jumping to the front as the home of the western settler, according to E. C. Leedy of St. Paul, Minn., general immigration agent of the Great Northern railroad, and O. W. Seaton, local immigration agent of the local line at St. Paul, who spent yesterday in Chicago.

Their visit to this city had to do with the exhibit of farm crops from different western states, which are now on view at the local ticket office of the Great Northern line in Clark street.

"Within the last three months about 25,000 settlers have gone into Montana," declared Mr. Seaton, "and a large number are daily seeking homesteads there. Perhaps no western state is enjoying such a boom at present as Montana, and perhaps never has a state offered a better opportunity to the settler than this one. For the man who is willing to work a fortune awaits him there; the land is fertile and a homestead cost him nothing."

Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today notified congress that 45,714 acres have been reserved for water power and reservoir sites in the Flathead reservation, of which 6,998 acres are relinquished allotments.

Carl Rasch, recently appointed district judge for Montana, will remain here until important witnesses before the Ballinger investigating committee, of which he is associate counsel, have appeared. Land Commissioner Dennett and Field Chief Schwartz, formerly of Helena, will follow Ballin-

BALLINGER MAKES DEFENSE.

Secretary of Interior Denies Allegations of His Traders.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Taking the stand in his own defense Secretary Ballinger today asserted under oath to the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee that he would take the same action today that he did as commissioner of the general land office in ordering the Cunningham Alaskan coal claim "clear listed," provided he had the same record before him.

"It is a willful, deliberate lie," he snapped when Mr. Vertrees asked as to the truth of Mr. Glavis' statement to the committee that he had discussed Cunningham claims with Ballinger in December, 1907. He related several instances in which former President Roosevelt had indicated confidence in him.

Mr. Ballinger was still on the subject of Alaskan coal claims when the mid-day recess was taken. The examination now passes from the Glavis charges to Ballinger's differences with Forester Pinchot over restoration to entry by him of water power sites and his attitude toward conservation in general.

After being sworn Mr. Ballinger recounted the story of his career up to the time he became commissioner of the general land office on the earnest solicitation of President Roosevelt, Secretary Garfield and Senator Piles. He referred to the anti-vice crusade he led while mayor of Seattle.

"They knew I would enforce the law, and I did," he stated emphatically.

Mr. Ballinger then told of having come to Washington and of an interview he had in the white house with President Roosevelt soon after his arrival. Raising his voice, Mr. Ballinger said:

"The president said to me as he greeted me, 'I have no apologies to make, Ballinger. I'm glad you are here. Any man who can clean up Seattle as you did, can clean up that land office.'"

Mr. Ballinger then described how he "cleaned up" the land office, relating in detail the many changes he had made and the innovations he had introduced. He said he first met L. R. Glavis in San Francisco in the summer of 1907. At that time he said nothing had been said about coal lands but Glavis had asked him to secure his transfer to Portland when he returned to Washington.

Chicago Claims Big Population.

CHICAGO, April 28.—The census of 1910, now in progress, will place Chicago as the fourth city in the world. Ten years ago it was fifth. That the city, which 75 years ago was a cluster of huts about a blockhouse, will have increased its population by close to 1,000,000 is the belief of some of the city's most careful estimators. Allowing for the normal annual increase, the city directory's estimate for 1910 will be about 2,520,900.

The census of 1900 gave Chicago a population of 1,698,575, ranking it after London, New York, Paris and Berlin. According to the best authorities, it is extremely doubtful, even taking into consideration the wonderful growth of that city in the last half century, if Berlin will exceed the 2,250,000 mark.

Wilhelmina Entertains Roosevelts.

THE HAGUE, April 29.—Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, was the guest of The Netherlands today. Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Kermit, Mr. Roosevelt arrived this morning from Brussels. They were escorted from the frontier station at Roosendaal to Setloo, where at the royal chateau they were received by Wilhelmina.

The queen and Prince Henry awaited their guests in the entrance hall of the palace and their greetings were cordial. A few minutes later luncheon was served. The lavishly gilded coach used by the royal family upon gala occasions has been placed by the queen at the disposal of Mr. Roosevelt during his stay here.

Big Blaze At Sand Point.

SAND POINT, Idaho, April 28.—With flames from at least 50 acres of land piled 25 feet high with valuable lumber, shooting hundreds of feet into the sky, overcoming every effort and the ingenuity of several hundred men, the lumber yards of the Humbird Lumber company on the northern outskirts of this city have been devastated, and the flames are threatening the towns of Ponderay and Kootenai. It is estimated that the Humbird yards contained between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 feet of lumber.

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

LEWISTOWN, April 28.—The public sale of state lands in this county was resumed this morning which Jos. Oker as auctioneer. The court room was again packed with land buyers and the prices paid were uniformly high, some tracts bringing close to \$50 an acre. The sale of the 55,000 acres offered may be concluded by tomorrow night, but it is doubtful.

BILLINGS, April 27.—As the result of stepping into a small pool of water which had become charged with electricity from an underground conduit a horse belonging to one of the local livery stables was killed here today. The man who was riding the horse dismounted, dropped the reins to the ground and walked away and the animal stepped into the water in the gutter and as it reached out to rub its nose against an electric light pole it pitched forward on the sidewalk and died without a struggle.

BUTTE, April 28.—Bills amounting to \$6,990 were presented to the Butte city council last night at its meeting by the 13 discharged policemen whom Judge McClernan recently decided must be put back on the force. The bills were accompanied by a long statement of facts regarding the whole case. The statement and the bills were not read, but the whole matter was referred, as Mayor Nevin put it, "to the mileage committee," which does not exist.

GREAT FALLS, April 27.—Charles Littlefield, an expert traction engineer, was brought to the Deaconess hospital here this afternoon from Geyer with his throat slashed from ear to ear and both wrists badly cut as the result of an attempted suicide. The fact that the razor which Littlefield used was very dull is the only reason ascribed by the attending physician for his failure to accomplish his purpose. Littlefield had been in Great Falls up to a few days ago, when he went to Geyer to run a plow engine. Before he started to work, however, he started to hitting booze, and a several days' drunk caused dependency, which resulted in the attempted suicide.

LEWISTOWN, April 29.—If there were any doubts that the Milwaukee proposed to build from Musselshell to Great Falls, a distance of more than 200 miles, they were dispelled today when the first agreements for right of way went on record. The agreements are between Samuel Smith and John Kyle, land owners near Weede.

HELENA, April 29.—John Hollenback, 31 years old, was electrocuted at Hauser lake this morning, where he was employed as a stationary fireman. How the accident occurred is not known. Hollenback was on the works and suddenly came in contact with a live wire. He was hurled in the water and when removed a moment later life was extinct.

HELENA, April 29.—Bertha Guerre, seven years old, was struck and almost instantly killed this morning by the engine pulling Northern Pacific passenger train No. 3. She was loitering in the yards watching a switch engine when No. 3 pulled in. The engineer apparently did not see the girl, the pilot striking her in the head and hurling her to one side. She died a few minutes later.

HELENA, April 30.—Work of rebuilding the Hauser lake dam was temporarily suspended last evening by the Stone & Webster Engineering corporation company and will not be resumed until after the season of high water has passed in July. Work has progressed to such an extent that the water will do no damage to the permanent structure.

GLASGOW, April 30.—James Hicks, a well-to-do farmer living three miles northeast of town, started for home about 8 o'clock tonight with a load of fence posts and when crossing the tracks near the coal chutes, the team took fright and ran away. Hicks had partaken freely of liquor while in town and when the team started he fell off the load and the fence posts and wagon box were dumped over on him as the team broke away. His head was badly crushed and he was killed instantly.

HELENA, May 2.—Through the capsizing of a row boat at Hauser lake yesterday throwing its five or six occupants into the Missouri river, Robert Tucker, an electrician, was drowned, perhaps a second man lost his life and a third, Bert Wyant, was rescued as he was going down for the last time. The uncertainty about the sec-

ond man results from the disagreement by the men saved, as to whether there were five or six in the boat originally.

RED LODGE, May 2.—Following a drenching rain which fell over this section Thursday and Friday night, the ground was covered with a heavy snow. For sometime the mountains in the vicinity of the city have been clear of snow, but they have again assumed the appearance of midwinter. The snow which fell throughout the day was heavy and wet, coming down in mammoth flakes. It is not cold, however, and little danger from it is feared.

LIBBY, May 1.—Frank Milette, aged 62 years, a watchman at the Dawson Lumber company's saw mill, was found dead in the engine room at the mill this morning, having died, it is supposed, from heart failure and old age. He had punched the clock for the last time at 5:30 a. m., and expired it is thought, almost immediately thereafter. Deceased was an old employe at the mill. Relatives at Merrill and Appleton, Wis., were notified of the death.

State Prison Is Overcrowded.

HELENA, April 29.—The state board of prison commissioners is facing the problem of how to accommodate 650 prisoners in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge, when that institution has cell capacity for only 500. Governor Norris and Attorney General Galen of the board returned this morning from a trip of inspection. Secretary of State Yoder, who also made the trip stopped over in Butte on his return.

Governor Norris stated today that the board has not yet arrived at a solution of the problem, but will give the matter consideration at once. The thing which brings the capacity problem at the penitentiary up at the present time, is that the ranch of Conley & McTague, in the Deer Lodge valley, which for years has been used to accommodate the overflow from the penal institution, changes hands the first of the month and will no longer be available as quarters for those prisoners for whom there is no room in the prison.

In the mean time temporary cells have been erected within the prison buildings and the warden will make out as best he can with those accommodations at hand until such a time as the board figures out a way to make things more pleasant for both prisoners and authorities. The number of convicts in the prison is not as great now as a few months ago, but the number is increasing all the time, and the problem with which the commissioners are forced to struggle is not one that will be solved by time.

Helena Aldermen Arrested.

HELENA, April 29.—Charged with contempt of court in not having obeyed the order of the supreme court and made provision for the payment of the salary of Leonard Bailey as captain of police, seven Helena aldermen were arrested this evening. The action grows out of a hearing today, in which Mayor Edwards and the aldermen were cited to show cause why they should not be required to enact an ordinance providing for the payment of the salary of Bailey.

Mayor Edwards filed an affidavit of disqualification against Judge Clements and the court decided today it would call in another judge to hear the matter, so far as it concerns the mayor. But the aldermen did not appear either personally or by counsel, and after the case of the mayor had been disposed of, W. T. Pigout, who represents Bailey, asked the court to issue warrants of arrest for seven aldermen who have voted against the payment of the Bailey salary.

Big Sale of State Lands.

LEWISTOWN, April 30.—The receipts from the state land sale brought to a close here today far exceeded all estimates, amounting to \$1,204,050 for 47,300 acres of Fergus county land, which makes the sale a record breaker. The scores of farmers in attendance today appreciated the splendid work done by Joseph Oker, assistant register of the state land office, and at the close a rousing vote of thanks was tendered him.

Sixty-four dollars an acre will probably stand as the high record price for any tract, and this is \$11 more than has ever been realized at a sale before.

Have Plunder: Capt. A. Zess, a submarine diver from Sault St. Marie arrived in Havre this week. The captain is no longer wanting to learn what the wild waves are saying. He has given up the water save for an occasional sail on Milk river and has taken up a homestead near this city. The captain is much pleased with the