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THE NORTHWEST LAND SHOW.

Announcement is made from St. Paul that the following sections and communities of the American northwest will have special exhibits at the land show to be given in St. Paul in December under the auspices of the Northwestern Development League:

Yellowstone valley, Bitter Root valley, Lakes region of North Dakota, Gallatin valley, northern Minnesota, Helena, Mont., Great Falls, Mont., southern Idaho, Spokane valley, northern Idaho, central Oregon, Flathead district, Red river valley, Judith Basin, Wenatchee district, James river valley, the Musselshell district, the DesChutes and Crooked river valleys, the Black Hills district of South Dakota.

In addition to these the northwest will be represented by extensive exhibits to be made by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, the Northwestern lines and the Duluth & Iron Range railroads.

Preparation of these exhibits has been under way for months while it has required almost a year for the commissioners to collect the Alaska exhibit.

These special exhibits will supplement the displays to be made officially by each of the seven states and will greatly assist in the realization of the managers to "bring the American northwest to the prospective home seekers and settlers of the middle west."

While there have been a half dozen so-called land show enterprises in the field, all claiming for their object the exploitation of the west and northwest, the communities of the northwest have stood almost solidly behind the show to be held in St. Paul because it is really their own show. Different from any other land show the exhibition of western products to be given in St. Paul is one which the commercial clubs and transportation companies of the northwest have planned and on which no private interest stands any chance of making a cent. The large amount of space in the show has been sold at such a small expense that the management is in a position to spend \$10,000 advertising the enterprise to get people to attend and see the exhibits.

MONTANA PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS.

Montana has some of the best phosphate deposits in the country, according to a report by United States Geologist Hoyt S. Gale, which was printed in a recent bulletin issued by the geological survey. The report places the reserve tonnage of phosphate deposits in the western states at 2,500,000 tons. "One of the most important considerations in connection with the discovery of phosphate rock in western Montana," says Mr. Gale, "is its significance as to the probable extent of the western fields, for it now appears probable that similar deposits may extend over a large part of western Montana. Their nearness to the large copper smelters is important, for these smelters produce great quantities of sulphuric acid and sulphurous acid fumes which are usually allowed to go to waste through the smokestack of the plant. Reduction of phosphate rock by means of sulphuric acid appears to offer what is perhaps the largest commercial use for these waste products of the smelter."

Mr. Gale quotes a report showing the daily loss at the Anaconda smelter alone of about 3,800 tons of sulphuric acid.

Mr. Gale's report is a brief description of his discovery last year of the Montana deposits near Melrose, withdrawals of which were immediately made by the president. The survey's test of a number of samples collected by Mr. Gale shows the rock to be high grade, approximately equivalent to 75 per cent phosphoric acid. The best beds are six to eight feet in thickness. A six-foot bed would contain approximately 21,000 long tons to the acre, of which there are nearly 34,000 acres in this state.

Fields of phosphate were also discovered in Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Until recently it had been generally assumed that the phosphate deposits of South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee afforded an "inexhaustible" supply but recent estimates by the United States geological survey show that at the present rate of increase in phosphate mining these eastern deposits are likely to be exhausted within a generation.

The discovery of these phosphate beds, adds another great industry to the innumerable resources of Montana. The Florida price of phosphate is \$7.84 per ton, that of South Carolina \$4.41, and that of Tennessee \$4.12, making the average \$4.62 a ton, while Montana phosphate is placed far above the average.

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FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

The pocket book nerve is about the first and loudest to cry out when it is hurt or thinks that it is.

The roar of rage and dismay that has issued from Wall street ever since Roosevelt set the Sherman act to work against the trusts and while Taft has pushed enforcement of the law against intended monopoly and proposed throttling of competition shows that the voice of gain is louder with certain classes than the voice of righteousness.

It betrays the low moral level to which men have sunk to denounce their chosen rulers merely for doing their sworn duty to enforce the laws of the nation.

Senator Borah of Idaho is quoted to this effect:

"It shows what a low moral ebb many have reached when, for fear of business, they denounce a president for enforcing the law. He is doing his duty. For it he should have the commendation of all law-abiding people, \* \* \* As the law stands it should be enforced. I feel that the president has done his duty so far as he has gone."

The senator from Idaho voices the finest feeling and the deliberate judgment of the vast majority of Americans.

They know that the only thing that really and permanently causes a people to prosper is righteousness.

They hold that property which springs from unrighteous business and unjust profits is no real prosperity, but ruin in the long run.

They believe in the Roosevelt preaching of righteousness in business and every part of the nation's life and in the Taft practice of this preaching.

They do not want business hurt any more than business does or Taft does, but they still less want the laws made a mockery by "bad trusts."

They want the laws enforced until the evil practices in business have been wiped out or until better laws to cope with them are written into the statute book.

One of the things for the United States to give special thanks for on Thanksgiving is that it has a president who enforces the laws of the nation. He is rendering service of the greatest value to business.—Spokesman Review.

The Population of China.

According to the latest figures given out at Peking there are 62,484,264 households within the borders of China, 49,932,832 of which are designated as regular and the rest as dependents, the total population numbering 312,421,325. By regular household is meant a family which occupies an independent homestead, while the dependent stands for one whose house is found in the grounds of others. It seems that the Chinese people have a strange family system which requires kinmen to live on one homestead, so that it is no rare thing in the east to see a hundred people congregated within an enclosure, which is occupied by one house. In consequence, the standardization of the number of members in a family is difficult, and yet the population set forth above is taken on the estimate that five persons form a family.

Uncle Joe's Dilemma.

The Missouriian. Uncle Joe Cannon is quoted in the Associated Press dispatches as saying that the great problem with him has always been to find something to do between midnight and bedtime. This is a problem, the solution of which has puzzled more men than Uncle Joe and the attempt to solve which has brought serious and lasting trouble to thousands. Back in New England they have tried to settle the question by making bedtime antedate midnight so far that there is nothing doing after twelve. But, even in the realm of blue laws, there are individuals who have found the hours immediately after midnight difficult to fill in.

In Missouri, we have the curfew to help the youngsters away from the perplexing question, but when the curfew age is past the problem presents itself and demands solution. Usually, however, a man has disposed of the matter after a couple of decades, either through exhaustion or by fixing his habits. That Uncle Joe, at three-score-and-ten, is still fretting over it, is evidence of his eternal youth. If he hasn't found out yet, he probably never will.

HELENA, Nov. 15.—Sult has been brought by Edward McCarvel, a brakeman, formerly in the employ of the Northern Pacific, against that road to recover \$25,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained last June, when he fell from an engine against a pile of rock. It is alleged the engine was allowed to go out of the round house in a defective condition.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold, of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by all dealers.

WILSON MAY RESIGN.

Secretary of Agriculture Will Soon End Long Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Taft met the cabinet today for the first time in three months. Secretary Stimson was the only member absent. The head of the war department is in Kansas City, where today he spoke on the Panama canal.

The reassembling of the president's official family gave currency to the rumors that Secretary Wilson soon is to resign. This is generally believed to be true and in official circles it is said that the secretary of agriculture is only delaying the announcement of his resignation until President Taft decides on another man for his place. It is said that the portfolio has been offered to at least two men, leaders in scientific agricultural work, and declined.

Aside from a consideration of the many questions which have accumulated during the summer, today's meeting was largely devoted to consideration of the president's message to congress and the official reports of the cabinet officers. The president's recommendations to congress for supplementary anti-trust legislation, probably along the lines of a federal incorporation act, will be formed after conferences with Attorney General Wickersham.

Ruling Affects Irrigation Settlers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Settlers on the governmental irrigation projects who find they have taken more land than they are able to meet the various charges on may relinquish part of it and have payments already made credited to the charges against the retained part, according to a decision today by Secretary Fisher. The settler may relinquish a second tract if he still finds himself overburdened, but the minimum area he may hold is ten acres.

Experience has shown, it was pointed out here today, that the 40 and 80 acre units were in many cases too large for cultivation for a man of moderate means. The secretary's purpose is to promote the intensive cultivation of land for which the government has furnished a supply of water and to enable deserving settlers to retain a part of their present holdings, which otherwise might be lost through cancellation for non-payment of charges.

Uphold Rate Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—In the majority opinion of the commerce court, formally handed down today in the trans-continental rate cases, it is held that the long and short haul provision of the interstate commerce act is constitutional. Judge Archibald concurs in the issuance of a temporary injunction of the orders of the interstate commerce commission, but in his opinion holds the long and short haul provision to be invalid.

Pardons Bank Clerk.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Taft today pardoned Clarence W. Robnett, former bookkeeper and clerk in the Lewiston National bank of Lewiston, Idaho, convicted of embezzling the bank's funds and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. He has not served any of the sentence.

Through Robnett's voluntary confession the government was enabled, it is said, to convict William F. Kestenberg, former president, and George H. Kester, former cashier of the bank. The prosecuting attorney recommended Robnett's pardon.

Chinese In Fierce Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—Provided with arms and ammunition for which they have been waiting for several days, the revolutionary forces began an attack on Nanking early today, according to cable advices received by the Chinese Free Press of this city. The advices say that the imperial forces have been driven to the Purple hills, and that their position is desperate.

The cable dispatch further says that thirteen vessels captured recently by the revolutionary forces are on the way to Nanking to aid the land forces.

Harvester Trust Must Quit.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 14.—The supreme court of Missouri today granted a writ of ouster asked by the state against the International Harvester company and fined the company \$50,000.

The International Harvester company, in September, 1910, was found guilty of violating the Missouri anti-trust laws by a commission representing the state supreme court. The case was submitted to the supreme court for affirmation last April.

The effect of today's decision is to prevent all the companies which make up the International Harvester company from conducting further business in the state.

They Want Montana Coal.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 14.—The Canadian Pacific railway already is receiving messages from towns in Manitoba asking for assistance in supplying them with coal. The coal strike in Southern Alberta is not yet settled. Hopes held

out that it would be ended before cold weather caused many dealers to put off ordering large supplies. Now rush orders are being sent to Montana for a hundred thousand tons to be distributed in Northern Saskatchewan, where the greatest distress is felt.

The Magnetic Needle. There are two places on the earth's surface where the magnetic needle must point due south. They are not easy places to reach. One is in the arctic regions north of the northern magnetic pole, on the line between that pole and the geographical north pole. The other is in the antarctic regions, south of the southern magnetic pole, on the line between that spot and the geographical south pole. In the first case the point of the needle is attracted to the northern magnetic pole. In the second case the other end of the needle is attracted to the southern magnetic pole.

Reasonable Fear. "John, is that you?" "Yesh, Mary." "What in the world are you doing down there? Why don't you come up to bed?" "I'm afraid of gettin' hurt on these darned revolv'n' stairsh."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Tact. He (to second wife)—I am glad to be in this charming spot once more. She—I thought you were here on your bridal tour with your first wife. He—Yes, but I was so much in love I never saw the landscape.—Fliegende Blatter.

No Free Hand Drawing. Son—Father, I've decided to become an artist. Have you any objection? Father—No, provided you don't draw on me.—Boston Transcript.

Mean. "What did the lady say when you told her I was out?" "She smiled and said, 'Friday's not always an unlucky day.'"

HELENA, Nov. 15.—With the arrival here of Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States, the campaign of the Montana Methodists to secure funds for the "Greater Wesleyan" university was opened. The Methodists hope to raise \$75,000 in Montana, and if successful they will secure another 75,000 in the east, making a total of \$150,000 available for the erection of the first unit of a half-million dollar college on a 40-acre campus near the state capitol. Of the Montana fund Helena is expected to raise \$50,000 and the remainder in other parts of the state.

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