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PUBLIC LAND TO STATES.

Senator Carter Finds Way To Protect Water Power.

Senator Root Will Represent United States as Special Counsel.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Senator Carter of Montana hs drafted a bill to authorize the issuance to the states of patents for public lands which are chiefly valuable for the development of water power. The measure is an outgrowth of the discussion at the recent conference of Governors held in Washington and is aimed to meet the demands of those who insist that the states and not the general government shall assume control of this phase of the conservation problem. Mr. Carter is one of the strong men in Congress, an able debater and an experienced legislator. As chairman of the Committee on Irrigation he made a careful and exhaustive inquiry last year of the public domain in the west and he is regarded as being well equipped to discuss and defend his measure to give the states control of the development of water power.

The Carter bill differs fundamentally from that drafted by the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the President and introduced by Senator Nelson. The Nelson bill provides that the government shall retain title to all power sites on the public domain, granting only easements thereon and in such way as to prevent their union for purposes of monopoly with other sites. The right of use is limited to forty years, with means for determining a graduated rental, and with provisions for fixing the terms of renewal.

It is proposed in the Carter bill that the Federal government shall give these lands outright to the States which would thereafter handle and control them for power development. The bill provides also that the states shall never alienate the fee simple title to the land and shill reserve the right to fix the rental rates based on capacity for power development. The state is also to regulate the price to be charged for the electric current generated by the water power.

It is apparent that a great battle will be fought out in Congress before the question of the rights of the states and the federal government respecting water power control is finally settled. This problem has given the National Waterwys Commission more trouble than all the other questions that have arisen before that Commission. It is entirely possible that some of the Senators from the great land states of the far west will line up with the Southern Democrats on this question on the ground that an effort is being made by the general government to take away rights granted the States in the Constitution.

There are few waiters at Rolla, Missouri, where Representative Murphy makes his home. But in Washington, where Mr. Murphy takes his meals in the winter time, the waiter is very much in evidence. Mr. Murphy has introduced an anti-tipping bill, but his measure is not general in its scope. The Missouri Congressman wants to try his plan in the District of Columbia. It provides that no waiter shall take a tip and that no proprietor shall allow tips to be accepted. The penalty provided is a fine ranging from $5 to $50. In view of the agitation for a reduction in the cost of living Mr. Murphy thinks his measure ought to prove very popular among those who have to patronize restaurants and hotels.

There are signs of a widespread and vigorous campaign against the proposed legislation to increase the postage rates on magazines with a view to wiping up the deficit in magazines have already begun to sent out circulars to their advertisers and subscribers denouncing the plan. A number of these circulars have found their way to members of Congress and a greater number of letters from constituents based on these circulars have come to the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads. Hearings on the proposed legislation will begin January 26 and it is expected that a number of the leading magazines will send representatives to Washington to enter an emphatic protect at that time.

Arrangements have been made by the War Department for the maneuvers to be held in various parts of the country during the coming summer. It is expected that Congress will appropriate $1,350,000 for these joint maneuvers in which the regular force and the state militia participate. An allotment will be made of $350,000 for coast defense exercises, to be held at forts along the coast in the neighborhood of the big cities and in which a limted force of state militia will participate. The schedule which the regular forces and the state militia participte. An allotment will be made of $350,000 for coast defense exercise, to be held at forts along the coast in the neighborhood of the big cities and in which a limited force of state militia will participate. The schedule which has been prepared embraces a larger force than has hitherto been engaged in these exercises. The Department is convinced that the gathering together in joint practice of state and regular soldiers works a great benefit to both classes of soldiers.

Senator Root has accepted an appointment to represent the United States as special counsel at the highly important arbitration proceedings which are to define the meaning of the provisions of the treaty of 1818 with regard to the Newfoundland fisheries. He took upon himself this onerous and exacting duty at the urgent request of President Taft and Secretary Knox who are convinced that because of the important part played by Mr. Root as Secretary of State in the negotiations preliminary to the arbitration, it would be impossible to secure more competent counsel.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. Ellen Barnett, of Livermore was given a dinner party by her friends and relatives on Tuesday, January 4, in celebration of the seventy-ninth anniversary of her birthday. She also received many beautiful gifts. The following were present at the dinner:

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stevens and son, Anion, of Englewood, Col.; Mrs. Ellen Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsey, Worth Tichenor and wife, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Bettie Rowan and daughter, Annie Laurie; Mrs. Lucy Cooper, Dr. R. L. Ford, wife, mother and sons, Edward and Louis, Mrs. Mattie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb, Mrs. Harrison and son, Kenneth; Rev. Crowe, Mr. W. P Stevens Mrs. Ollie Nalley; Misses Lasca Barnett, Eva Lindsey, Flora Payne and Edith Tichenor.

Death of Mrs. Bell Hall.

On the evening of Jan. 22nd, the winged messenger of death made its way to the snow crowned earth and claimed the spirit of Mrs. Belle Hall, wife of Lonnie Hall, of Jingo, Ky., after a short illness of pneumonia.

She leaves a husband, one son, Allen aged 12 years, and her father, Joshua Hall, Magan, Ky., aged 80 years and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss

The remains were laid to rest beside her children, Clyde and Hattye S., who died several years ago. Mrs. Hall was a good christian and an earnest church worker, and will be sadly missed in her church and especially in her pleasant home. To Mr. Hall and son, is extended the heartfelt sympathy of all who know them. May they find a solace in God's promise. H.

American Society of Equity Elect Officers.

Calhoun, Ky., Jan. 26.—The McLean County Union of the A. S. of E. met at Calhoun and elected officers as follows: S. B. Robertson, president; W. E. Bibb, vice president; J. W. Garst, secretary treasurer; J. W. Hipsley, county organizer; W. P. Stevens, assistant organizer; W. E Bibb, business agent, and Rev. W. T. Galloway, chaplin.

The county union instructed that each local elect a business agent, and that the Executive Committe in each magisterial distrct reorganize the locals. Various committees were appointed and resolutions adopted.

MUST ENCLOSE POSTAGE PENNIES.

Post Office Department Prohibits Placing Loose Money In Boxes.

Postmaster, M. L. Heavern has received the following letter from the Postoffice Department, at Washington, with reference to the practice of placing lose coins in mail boxes which will be of nterest to many of our readers:

"In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be equied to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

This should be promptly announced to the rural patrons through whatever means you may employ, without expense to the Department, and you are at liberty to give the information embodied herein to your local papers for publication, if they so desire. Respectfully,

P. D. GRAW. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

Acreage and Pooling Pledges Issued.

Acreage and pooling pledges for the 1910 crop of tobacco have just been issued and mailed out to the various locals. The pledges are not much different from those of last year. They are as follows:

ACREAGE PLEDGE

We, the undersigned, members of the American Society of Equity hereby pledge our honor that we will not plant nor have planted more than 10,000 hills of tobacco to the hand, nor more than 5,000 to the half hand. Every person who was sixteen years old on or before Jan. 1, 1910, shall be counted a hand, and those who will be twelve years old, but less than sixteen shall be counted a half hand. This applies strictly to those who work in the tobacco. It is also agreed that anyone who fails or refuses to abide by this limit, be denied the privilege of pooling their tobacco.

POOLING PLEDGE.

We, the undersigned tobacco growers, members of the American Society of Equity for and in consideration of the benefits to be deprived from co-operative selling, hereby pledge our entire 1910 crops of tobacco of amount and kind set opposite our names to the Finance Committee of Ohio County A. S. of E., who shall have the sole right to sell same and have it delivered to the parties designated. It being undersood that the Committee shall arrange to have this tobacco delivered at the most convenient point where enough tobacco can be secured to justify a sale. It is further understood that the cost of selling and grading this tobacco shall not exceed one per cent. of the selling price. This pledge shall close July 1, 1910, and no one will be permitted to sig after that date.

School Closing.

McHenry school closed Friday Jan. 21st. The weather was very inclement, nevertheless there was quite a crowd of visitors and pupils present. The program consisted of songs, recitations and compositions by the pupil and talks by the trustees and teachers. A very liberal treat of oranges to pupils and visitors. Those receiving prizes for highest standing in ther grades are as follows:

Ray Hocker, Ruby Kerndonn, Hallie Maddox, Moneta Bishop, Charlie Maddox, Grace Harris, Wendell Johnson, Dedon Iler, Ernest Iler, Conway Beck. Only one girl received a prize fo pefect attendance, Grace Johnson. The teachers were very sorry to leave the pupils with whom they have labored during the past six months and from the tears shed by the pupils, the sorrow appeared mutual. The teachers receiving the congratulations and good wishes of their pupils with many little tokens of rememberance. L. M.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GOES TO THATCHER.

Bradley's Right Hand Man Has Been Selected.

Washington, Jan. 24.—M. H. Thatcher, of Louisville, has been decided on by the President to succeed Geo. DuRelle as United States district attorney for the Western district of Kentucky.

Mr. Thatcher is at present, state inspector and examiner for Kentucky.

He is Senator Bradley's "right hand man." It was Mr. Thatcher who handled the legislative races in Kentucky in 1907 for Mr. Bradley, and he succeeded in having nearly all the Republicans elected instructed by their Republican constituents, in advance of the convening of the general assembly, to vote for Bradley for U. S. Senator.

Mr. Thatcher is originally from Butler county, Ky., and went to Frankfort during the Bradley administration, and while Wm. Taylor, another Butler county citizen, was attorney general.

Acting Gov. Cox Pardons Bert Skags.

Believing that twenty-four years of a man's life is enough to serve as a convict in the penitentiary upon conviction even three times of petty theft, Acting Gov. Cox has pardoned Bert Skaggs, a negro, of Ohio county. Skaggs has actually served twenty-four years and two months, and Gov. Cox thinks this is punishment enough.

Skaggs was sent to the penitentiary three times and the last time was given a life sentence under the habitual criminal act.

SMALLHOUS.

Jan. 26.—Mrs Alonzo France is quite sick at her home near here.

Mr. J. C. Drake fell, a few days ago from his barn loft and is not able to be out.

Mr. George Bennett, Franklin, La., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett.

Mrs. Robert Hunter's hand which was badly burned Christmas, is almost well again.

Miss Verda Fulkerson has returned from Hopkinsville where she has been for medical treatment.

Little Miss Ethel Boone is on the sick list.

Miss Mary Marks, Hartford, passed through here en route for Bowling Green to attend school.

Mr. John Hayden of near the Mammouth cave visited in this vicinity from Friday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Harriet Fulkerson is visiting her new grand-son at Central City who is the son of Mr. and Mrs Murry Fulkerson.

Mr. Bunger who is living on Mr. Louis Geigers farm has a child on the sick list.

Little Bertha France who has been on the sick list, is about well again.

Mr. O. W. Overhuls will take charge of the new Equity store at Kronos Station, which will soon be completed.

Mr. Joe James is plastering the new dwelling of Mr. Harry Brown at Kronos.

Mrs. Ida Brown and family from Paducah is the guest of Mr. James Withrow and family.

OLATON.

Jan. 27.—Rev. Norman Roberson preached at the Baptist church Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night. He was assisted by the Rev. McMillian. The sermons were interesting and heard by a large and attentive audience.

Mr. Hume Payton was the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Jesse Byers, near Friedaland, Saturday.

Mr. Crit Truman was here from Fordsville several days last week, the guest of Mr. Ernest W. Truman and J. P. Wilson.

Mrs. Annie Daniel left for Island, Ky., Friday, where she will visit Mr Jim Daniel.

Mr. Joe Smith gave a pleasant entertainment at their home near town Wednesday night.

Mrs. Rena Owens is at the bedside of her sister, Miss Curr Mitchell at Owensboro.

Mr. John Mack Ferguson, wife and three children, of La Kemp, Okla., who spent last week the guests of Mrs. Ferguson's brother, Mr. John Allen, left Saturday for Friedaland to visit Mrs. Ferguson's aunt, Mrs. Sarah Ann Park.

Mrs. Melvina Hall is dangerously ill of la grippe and pneumonia, at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. John F. Allen.

Mrs. Nellie Hall and daughter, Miss Jessie, have not returned to their home at Clifton Mills, on accont of the serious illness of the formers mother-in-law, Mrs. Melvina Hall.

It is reported that Mr. W. B. McDaniel has purchased Mr. George W. Wilson's farm near town, and that Mr Wilson will move to Tennessee. Mr. Wilson is a good citizen and one of our earnest church workers, and Olaton will be sorry fo Mr Wilson and family to leave.

Mrs. James Hall is visiting this week in Beaver Dam, McHenry and Taylor Mines.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Farris, Miss Allice Murphy, Mrs. Jane Payton, Rev Roberson and Bro. George Wilson, called Saturday afternoon to see Mrs. Melvina Hall, who is quite sick.

Misses Otha and Nora Patterson and Miss Garnette Felix spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of their friend, Miss Jessie McDaniel, in the country.

It is said that Mr. Joe L. Smith will purchase a town lot on the North side of Main street. If all the present plans are carried out, Olaton, within twelve months it will be a flourishing village of 200 population.

FOR THE BUSY READER.

Trial of the Panama libel suit brought by the Government against the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, was dismissed in the United States Circuit Court in New York Tuesday.

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A fourth of France, it is estimated is under water. Snow and rain are adding to the floods, which are unprecedented in the history of the present generation. The Seine continued to rise and the situation in Paris grows worse hourly.

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The suit of the Burley Tobacco Society against certain independent manufacturers in various parts of the country for refusal to take over their pro rata shares of Burley tobacco purchased at Winchester, was called for trial there Tuesday and postponed until Saturday.

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The appeals of the officials of the American Federation of Labor to the Supreme Court of the United States growing out of the suit of the Buck Stove and Range Company against them in the District of Columbia, court and set for hearing on the first Tuesday in the term beginning next October.

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Callers at the White House, who have sounded the President as to his attitude toward the prosecution of the so-called trusts, report that, regardless of whether the proposed voluntary Federal corporation law is passed or not, the Administration is preparing to put into effect a vgorous policy of dealing with the big combinations.

ROSINE.

Jan. 26.—Mrs. Bell Hall died at her home, in Jingo, the 22nd. Her remains were laid to rest in the Rosine cemetary on the 24th..

Miss Clara and Lillie Johnson visited Mrs. Jane Vance and Miss Lula Kuykendoll last Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Ezell and daughter, Stella of Render, visited Mrs. Lula Nimmo, Monday afternoon.

Little Miss Stella McDaniel has returned to her home here after visiting her father, at Fordsville, for the past month.

They have changed the Christian church at this place. It is changed to the church of Christ.

We have a new blacksmith in our little town. Mr. Tom Smith, of Spring Lick.

Mr. Bob Culbertson and family visited aunt Patsy Kuykendoll last Sunday.

Mr. George Wilson and Mr. John Brownd visited Tom Hines last Saturday.

Mr. Jack Brown has purchased a new organ.

Charlie Johnson and Alonzo Craig have rented the Rosine mill for this year.

HUNG JURY IN ANDERSON CASE.

Stood Seven For Conviction Five For Acquittal.

Another Trial for Next May—Will Probably Never be Convicted.

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 25.—Tonight T. S. Anderson, former president of the defunct Daviess County Bank and Trust company, at Owensboro, an institution he is charged with wrecking, is speeding on hs way to Tennessee, the trial lasting three days having resulted in a hung jury. Seven of the jurors voted that the former banker was guilty of the charge of swearing to a false statement of the condition of the bank, but five of them held out until 4 o'clock this afternoon for his acquittal. At that time the jury appeared in court and the foreman announced that they were hopelessly hung. It was then that they were discharged by Special Judge Dorsey.

The age of the defendant and his gray hairs won for him the sympathy of five of the jurors, it is thought. All during the trial the age of the defendant was brought before the jury by his council and in the argument his gray hairs and devoted wife and daughter, who were present in the court room, were the subjects of many word pictures.

At noon the foreman of the jury reported to the court that they did not want to be discharged, as he thought an agreement could be reached. It is understood that at that time the jurors stood six for a conviction and six for an acquittal. In the afternoon one of those favoring an acquittal was won over by those holding out for a conviction. However, the other five voting for an acquittal remained firm and succeeded in causing a mistrial.

When the jury was discharged Judge Dorsey set the case for May 11, at the next term of the Henderson circuit court. Mr. Anderson was required to execute a new bond, which he did with F. A. Van Hussdaer, of Owensboro, and C. W. Crutcher, of Henderson, as surties, and he was released from custody.

NOT VERY MUCH SURPRISE

There was not very much surprise created in Owensboro over the mistrial in the Anderson case in Henderson. It will be remembered that the first trial of James H. Parrish at Hawesville resulted in a hung jury and he was convicted on the second trial. Commonwaelth's Attorney Ben D. Ringo and County Attorney C. M. Finn say that the next trial of Mr. Anderson will be pushed with even more vigor than the one just ended.

BUFORD.

Jan. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Compton and little son, tto, of Whitesville are visiting ther parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holbrook, this week.

Mrs. Sarah King who has been sick so long, died the 18th, and was buried at the Elm Wood cemetery the 20th, aged 77 years.

Mr. Sam Rhoad's baby who has the diptheria is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. D. Holbrook who has been confined to her bed so long with stomach trouble, is no better.

Mr. John Hamlet who has been confined to his room for some time with white swelling, is slowly improving.

Prayer meeting at this place is progressing nicely and we have an evergreen Sunday school and very good attendance owing to the inclement weather. Subject of lesson for Sunday is True Blessedness. Motto text, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God;" what more could we ask.

Mrs. John King was the guest of Mrs. Seth Riley Tuesday.

Mrs. Hugh Richardson visited her parents Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs R P Kirk, Mr. John King, Mr. Roscoe Holbrook and Mr. R. C. Hudson attended the sale of Mr. R. L. Paris Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mirt Kirk was in Buford Tuesday shoping.

Success to The Republican.