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**NEWLANDS OUT OF NEVADA.**

A DISPATCH from Washington announces officially that Senator Newlands will spend the winter in California, where he will find congenial company and agreeable society to while the tedious of the rigorous season. Anything to get away from detestable Nevada, which he has no use for and which he never fails to avoid as another man would shun a pestilence. In the whirl of fashion the recent candidate for the United States senate may be heard soliloquizing something after this form: "I've hoodwinked the people of Nevada before and I can hoodwink them again. I want nothing to do with Nevada. My past shows it. My future will prove it. I have no interest there now that I have been elected."

It does not require a long hark back to the days of the campaign when the dignified solon condescended to visit Tonopah and entertain the voters with a speech which put them in a trance so far as his continued neglect is concerned. At that visit the senator, in speaking of the necessity for returning him to office declared he was so close to the administration in the White House that President Wilson could scarcely spare him from Washington long enough to come home and fix his political fences so the Platt forces would not break through. It looks as though the esteemed senator from Nevada put one over on his constituents at home and that the White House can manage to worry along without advice from the sagebrush sage. On the other hand the voters of Nevada who placed their crosses opposite the name of the saintly St. Francis Newlands will have cause for reflection.

**ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WORK.**

An excellent resolution was introduced yesterday in the Mining Congress convention at Phoenix, Arizona, urging the National Congress to suspend the law requiring the performance of the annual assessment work on mining claims. The argument in favor of this waiver are many, but the best and most effective is the general stagnation of the industry throughout the west which has thrown thousands out of employment and left them with a scant pittance to eke out a living until the business of mining is restored to its former place. It is a well known fact that a majority of claims are held by poor men and that but a very small percentage are held by capitalists who would not be discommoded by the expenditure required by law. These poor men have not the means of buying supplies and cannot afford to indulge in the luxury of paying \$100 a claim for the privilege of holding property on the public domain. To compel the performance of location work at this particular time would work incalculable injury to a class of men who should be encouraged to do more prospecting. Many persons consider the law too severe under normal conditions. During the present depression enforcement would mean nothing short of confiscation.

The Queensland, Australia, government has assumed a very generous attitude toward miners hard hit by the war in aiding them while the war is in progress. Miners' rights have been granted free of cost to men wishing to go prospecting, and men who have been thrown out of work and who decided to engage in "fossicking" for minerals will not only be provided with rations while engaged in that work, but, when necessary, their wives and families will be similarly provided for while the men are away.

The mining industry of Australia has been seriously affected by the war, but, according to the Queensland Government Mining Journal, the situation in Queensland, though acute, will not be as bad as at first feared. The mines producing industrial metals and gems are the hardest hit. This is sending many men to the gold fields as prospectors. The governmental aid mentioned should make prospecting a popular occupation that should result in the opening up of much new mining ground.

Pennsylvania might take a lesson from Nevada in the art of transporting dynamite in mines. Yesterday thirteen miners in the Keystone State were blown to fragments by a box of powder carried in the same cage with workmen. The laws of Nevada provide that neither tools, timbers nor explosives be taken up or down with miners. The miners themselves are so familiar with the danger that they will not allow a man to carry a single stick in his shirt or bootleg.

Franklin K. Lane is taking alarm over the cry raised in the west that the government is going stark crazy mad over conservation by placing control of every natural resource in the hands of politicians who know nothing of the interests they are supposed to safeguard. Mr. Lane is a practical politician who sees in this centralization of power another bombshell to interfere with his own presidential aspirations.

President Wilson advises the American people not to go daffy over war scares, but the secretary of war says plainly this country could not cope for an hour with a single first-class power which attempted to land troops on our shores.

Close perusal of the multitude of department reports emphasizes the fact that the west is given the go-by, as few contain even the remotest reference to the wants of this part of the world.

It is said that elephants once roamed over Ohio. Nothing strange about that. They roam over every state where the circus is popular.

Some say that the day of the battleship is over. Not if the ship-builders know themselves, and they think they do.

The cynical say that a "sane" Christmas is a stingy Christmas. And sometimes the cynical are right.

An Ohio expert predicts rubber roads in the not distant future. Such predictions tire people.

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Secretary Bryan's "The First Battle" does not belong to the European war literature.

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Two of the hardest things in the world to get rid of are colds and creditors.

If one cultivates a hobby will it bring one culture?

The greatest social activity is climbing the ladder.

If the hobo works at all he works wonders.

## GROWING HOSTILITY OF WEST TREATED BY FRANK K. LANE

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR SAYS ANTAGONISM OF THE PUBLIC MUST BE OVERCOME

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A definite, constructive policy for the Indian, by which he may be transformed from a ward of the government to a successful and integral part of the American citizenry, a discussion of the development of the west; and a review of the achievements of the last year, are contained in the annual report of Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the Interior Department, sent today to President Wilson.

"Three things," says Secretary Lane, "of unusual purport have marked the life of this department during the past year—the passing of the Cherokee nation, the opening of Alaska, and the advancement of a series of measures aimed to promote the further development of the west. These things are apparently unrelated, yet they have made an appeal to me as alike illustrative of the newness of our country, the novelty of its problems, and the responsiveness of our government."

"In my report of last year," continues the secretary, "I suggested a series of measures for the development of western resources which I thought consonant with the advancing spirit of our time and would meet the demand of the west. There were five of these measures, one providing for a government railroad system in Alaska, an Alaskan coal-leasing bill, a new reclamation act, a bill providing for a new method of opening and developing coal, phosphate, oil and potash fields, and a 'waterpower bill'. All of these measures have passed the senate and by your approval have become law. I feel that it is conservative to say that by the passage of these bills the federal government has given to the more remote states greater assurances of its interest in their welfare than has been given for many years."

In an extended discussion of the needs and development of the west, Secretary Lane advert, with notable frankness, to embarrassments which he has encountered in dealing with

the problems presented in his department.

"It cannot be unknown to you," the secretary says, "that there is throughout the country, more especially in the western states—which because of their ambition are naturally impatient of obstruction—a very real fear of what is called the bureaucracy of Washington. This is said to be a system of organized machine, the spirit of which is to oppose action or to effect negative action. It is visualized as either cynical or malevolent, altogether out of sympathy with those who needs must come to the government for some sort of help, and so wound round and round with the red tape of officialdom as to resemble a harbed-wire entanglement which, if not absolutely impregnable, is only to be passed through after much suffering and toil. It is a matter of no immediate concern how much basis there is for this belief. The presence of the belief makes it a real problem, and the destruction of the belief a necessity, if the government itself is to remain an object of pride and its beneficent efforts understood and appreciated."

Secretary Lane points out the accomplishments of the several bureaus of the Interior Department during the last year. Some of the typical and important achievements he instances follow:

General land office: Reduced the delay in acting upon homestead final proofs by fifty per cent; surveyed more than 17,000,000 acres of public lands at a cost of less than four cents an acre, the lowest record of cost for such work ever made.

Geological survey: Completed detailed geological surveys covering 12,000 square miles, including 180 square miles in Alaska, the total area surveyed geologically being as great as the combined area of Denmark, Switzerland and Greece; classified 47,000,000 acres of public lands, an area larger than the New England states; made an annual census of mineral production through correspondence with about 90,000 mineral producers.

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