

ASSAILS WILSON POLICY

PINCHOT SAYS ADMINISTRATION NEGLECTS PROMISE.

Shields and Meyers Waterpower Bills and Phelan Oil Bill Blow at Conservation.

Gifford Pinchot, conservationist of national repute, who served in the department of the interior during the administrations of Roosevelt and Taft, has written The Observer his opinion of the conservation policy which the present administration has pursued, and has given his views on the Shields and Meyers waterpower bills and the Phelan oil bills which will be decided at the coming session of congress. The letter is given below in full:

The conservation of natural resources has become one of the largest issues of our time. In the campaign of 1912, it formed one of the chief planks in the Democratic platform, and was often endorsed in Mr. Wilson's speeches. His inaugural address committed him fully to support it.

For these reasons it is important to know what the Wilson administration has done. As one man deeply interested in conservation and familiar with the record, I am writing to lay it briefly before you.

When he took office, Mr. Wilson ceased to say much on conservation, preferring to let the members of his cabinet speak for him. After his inauguration, the friends of conservation, regardless of partisanship, offered him their help in putting the conservation policies through. The opportunity invited action. The fight to save Alaska from the Guggenheims had created a living body of public opinion which lacked only official leadership to save what resources still remained in public hands. It seemed at first that President Wilson would lead.

At the outset the work of the Wilson administration in conservation was good. Congress passed, and Mr. Wilson signed the Alaska railroad bill and the bill which assured government control of coal lands in Alaska. These measures were excellent, and President Wilson deserves praise for their enactment. So he does for his veto of a bill to give away national forests lands.

Unfortunately these creditable instances form but little of the record. Politics came into control. Thus a bill seeking to turn the natural resources of Alaska over to a political commission was repeatedly recommended by the administration through the mouth of the secretary of the interior. If passed it would have thrown Alaska into the hands of the special interests and established a policy almost certain to destroy the national control of natural resources everywhere else as well. This measure we were fortunately able to stop.

When Wilson became president, the reclamation service, in its great work of irrigating the arid lands of the west, was wholly free from politics. By the mouth of his secretary of the interior Wilson advocated, and later signed a bill which leaves the choice of lands to be reclaimed to a committee of congress, and so makes politics dominate the service.

Director Newell was the man who created the reclamation service. He made and kept it one of the most efficient bureaus under the government. The secretary of the interior forced him out, and replaced him by a commission in which politicians control.

The Newlands bill is a conservation measure which proposes to develop all the resources of our inland waterways—waterpower, navigation, irrigation, and domestic supply—for the public benefit. Although Wilson strongly endorsed it during his campaign, as president he let it drop, and instead has signed two waterway bills of the old pork-barrel type, which are everything the Newlands bill is not.

Waterpower is the most valuable resource still in public hands. There is undeveloped waterpower in our navigable streams equal to twice the power of every kind now used in the United States. It is a huge prize. For years the waterpower interests have been fighting to seize it, and the conservationists to save it for the people.

A waterpower measure, the Adamson bill, came before the house in 1914. It favored monopoly, and gave the special interests, for nothing, the public water power on navigable streams. Nevertheless Wilson endorsed it.

On its way through the house, the bad parts of the Adamson bill were stricken out, and the public rights were secured. Thereupon Wilson reversed his previous stand, and endorsed the amended bill. This good bill then went to the Senate, where it was shelved, and the indefensible Shields bill was reported in its place. The Shields bill gives away the pub-

lic waterpowers forever and for nothing. Both Roosevelt and Taft vetoed bills drawn on the same principle. Yet, by another reversal, the Wilson administration got behind it, and when a widely circulated public appeal was made to the president for his help to defeat it, he refused.

As to waterpower on the public lands, there is but one reversal instead of two. Wilson first, by the mouth of a member of his cabinet, endorsed the Ferris bill, which was mainly good. It was replaced in the senate by the Myers bill, which is thoroughly bad. Among other things this bill actually throws the Grand Canyon, the greatest natural wonder of America, wide open to individual appropriation. Nevertheless, Wilson reversed himself in order to give it in the same way his endorsement.

Both as to waterpowers on navigable streams and on public lands, the last reversals leave the administration standing with the special interests against the people.

The Phelan oil land measure, would hand over to private individuals who have no legal rights the valuable oil lands set aside as reserves for the navy. The navy department has made public announcement that the mere threat of the Phelan bill's passage has caused it "to seriously consider the advisability of abandoning" the policy of constructing oil burning ships. Only oil burning ships can develop and maintain the high speeds required in modern war, and without them no navy can be even second class. The secretary of the interior actively supported this surrender of national safety to private greed. The secretary of the navy and the attorney general opposed it. Wilson remained neutral and did nothing.

Because Wilson refused to take sides, or took the wrong side, the question whether the people or the interests shall win or lose in the Shields and Myers waterpower bills and the Phelan oil bill is still unsettled. These bills are still before congress, and will pass or fail at the coming session. The public waterpowers and the efficiency of the navy are at stake. There can be no compromise between the men who would grab the public resources for private profit, and those who would conserve them for the use of all the people. Either the interests will get them or the people will keep them. There is no middle ground.

To sum up, as in many other matters the promise made was not performed. Instead of progress in conserving our resources, the last two years have seen a bitter and often a losing fight to hold what we had. Wilson talked well, began to act well, and then, yielding to the political pressure of the special interests, went back on conservation. Sincerely yours, GIFFORD PINCHOT.

Prune Leaf Spot Control.

Three applications of Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50, or atomic sulphur, 8 pounds to 100 gallons, were found effective in controlling leaf spot disease of prunes in experiments recently conducted by the plant pathology department of the O. A. C. experiment station. The dates of the spraying this year were May 1, just as the last blossoms were dropping, June 2 and June 28. The use of a sticker with the bordeaux mixture was found to add greatly to the spreading power of the spray. The leaf spot disease, says Prof. Bass, head of the department, is caused by a fungus and is responsible for the serious, widespread yellowing and dropping of the foliage in Willamette valley prune orchards this year and last. It reduces the vitality of the tree, probably resulting in greater damage than has been suspected heretofore.

FILIPINO ENTERS UNIVERSITY.

E. A. Gorospe Majors in Architecture; To Return to Islands. To study architecture, to gather broader experience in the world, and to find what he calls "the true path to success," Eulogio A. Gorospe, of Vigan, I. S., Philippines, and a graduate of the Vigan high school in 1913, has registered at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Gorospe, when a mere boy, earned considerable money by drawing and selling pictures of his friends. He works in crayon and water colors. It is his intention to establish himself eventually in Manila, where he says architects are now few. "Probably many Americans do not know that the Philippines have a university older than any college in America," said Mr. Gorospe. "The University of Santo Tomas, in Manila, was founded by the Jesuits three years after the settlement of Jamestown, Va. Popular education was established in 1623.

"Then we have the Philippine University, founded by the United States government. This school, which is conducted by both Filipinos and Americans, is reputed to have the finest medical department in the Orient.

"The number of native teachers in the islands is rapidly increasing with the withdrawal of the American in-

Court House News

Papers filed with the county clerk recently have been:

Warranty deed, R. L. Rice et ux to Kate Fisher, \$7,208.20. Security, 358.3 acres, D. L. C. of Jeremiah Kenoyer and wife, notification number 7653, T. 6 S. R. 7 W. and all of the N. W. quarter of the S. E. quarter of section 3, T. 6 S. R. 7.

Mortgage, John G. Thomassen to Holland-Washington Mfg. Co., \$12,000, 349.8 acres in sections 32 and 33, T. 6 S. R. 6 W., D. L. C. of Elias Harper, notification number 4894, claim number 51.

Suit to enjoin, T. B. Tetherow vs. Valley & Siletz R. R. Co. Plaintiff alleges defendant has injured one acre in D. L. C. of John E. Davidson, section 28, T. 8 S. R. 4 W., to the extent of \$200 by digging ditch with perpendicular walls.

Ethel Gwinn Barham has filed suit for divorce against Jesse A. Barham, cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff asks for divorce, custody of two minor children, Gwinn J., five years, and Katherine, two years, \$40 a month alimony, one-third of the property and costs and disbursements.

T. B. Tetherow of Independence was in the city Wednesday on legal business.

Harry C. Drake, charged with passing a worthless check on F. E. Kersey, has been held to the grand jury in \$500 bail.

H. Thomason, charged with forgery, has been remanded to the grand jury in \$500 bail.

add court house news— Deputy Sheriff Hooker attended the state fair yesterday.

Marriage licenses issued recently have been: to Edward L. Valliere of Rickreall and Miss Christel Palmer; and to Everett U. Branch of Rickreall and Miss Carrie Dahm.

Under the will of John C. Hastings of Airlie \$25 is given to each of five grandchildren, a house and two lots in Airlie is given to two sons and a daughter, and a 440 acre farm at Airlie is bequeathed to the three children and two other relatives.

The marriage of Archie E. Harris and Miss Mamie Ray was solemnized recently at the home of W. S. Plowman in Monmouth by Mr. Plowman.

Justice of the Peace Holman married James H. Ridenhour and Miss Gertrude K. Adam in the county judge's chambers Wednesday.

Many Books in U. of O. Library.

The state university library now contains 65,115 books, of which number 2,377 have been added since June 1. The beginnings of what are intended to be substantial law and architectural libraries were made this year. Use of the library is free to residents of the state. Persons desiring to borrow books should communicate with M. H. Douglass, librarian, Eugene.

OTHERS' OPINIONS

D. H. S. Says It Pays.

Fernwood, Monday morning, September 18, 1916. Editor Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon. My dear editor: I enclose my check to cover the cost of the special service ad. that appeared in the Saturday Gazette-Times, a while back. This ad, even though for church purposes, brought absolute results, and was really worth several times the cost. As I attend the M. E. church regularly enough to know who have the "going habit," I can state that at least forty per cent of the crowd on the morning of the special Layman's service was attracted through the advertising that appeared in the Gazette-Times.

If I were on the "boosting committee" of the church I should certainly have an advertisement—a real display ad. setting forth the features of the next day's service—in every Saturday issue of the town daily. It pays.

Thanking you for your good treatment, I am, very sincerely, Dennis H. Stovall.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

GRANGES MAKE RESOLUTIONS.

Opposed to Adoption of People's Land and Loan Law.

Several granges of the Willamette valley have adopted the following resolutions at recent meetings: Whereas, the so-called People's Land and Loan law, if adopted by popular vote in November, would become a part of the constitution of Oregon, and

Whereas, it would make all farm-owners and home-owners mere tenants of the state, possessed of empty titles and burdened with the obligation of paying each year the full rental value of their homes and lands into the public treasury, and

Whereas, by its provisions for loaning \$1,500 cash without interest for five years to anyone who with his family has failed to accumulate prop-

structors, and there are now about 9,000 natives engaged in the work." Mr. Gorospe expressed delight with the democratic spirit of the University of Oregon.

erty of the total value of \$2,250, it penalizes thrift and puts a premium upon shiftlessness and extravagance at taxpayers' expense, therefore be it

Resolved, that we urge our membership and all other intelligent citizens to give attention to the revolutionary proposals of this radical measure, so it may be voted down by so large a majority that the promoters of this single tax legislation may be brought to realize the futility of encumbering the ballot with their visionary but dangerous schemes at every general election.

Fined Jitney Drivers.

Two jitney drivers, each giving the name of Wilson, were arrested by Chief of Police Freagles Friday evening. Both drivers got to quarreling over the right of way in the road when one drew a revolver and threatened the other's life. He had no more than made his threat, when the other Wilson "soaked him one" between the eyes and took his gun away, after which he had a warrant sworn out for his arrest. Following this action Wilson No. 2 had a warrant issued for the arrest of his antagonist for striking him because he had on eye-glasses. Both were taken before the city judge who found them guilty and fined each \$10, one for threatening the other's life and the other for striking a man wearing eye glasses.—Independence Enterprise.

HIGH LIGHTS OF HUGHES' ADDRESS IN CHICAGO.

"As I was 100 per cent judge I became 100 per cent candidate." "The most serious charge against the present administration is putting incompetent men into important positions." "I propose that when a man goes to represent the American people he shall be looked upon with respect and esteem." "Nobody has the right to pay political debts with the good name and the honor of the United States." "I propose to have no more 'kiss me and I'll kiss you' appropriations in Congress."

Those Canadian sentries who searched the car of Mr. Hughes for explosives missed the bombs he has ready to drop into the Democratic camp.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The New York Sun says that Daniels is the issue, but our opinion is that the Democrats will, in company with several other so called issues, duck this one. Daniels is too difficult a proposition to defend.

Instead of getting those Danish lands at a bargain, "marked down from \$25,000,000 to \$5,000,000," we're going to pay a twenty million bonus on a \$5,000,000 value.

WORDS OR DEEDS?

"If anything in this campaign is real it is that we are now facing the question whether we want words or whether we want deeds; whether we want that which is written and spoken, or whether we want American action in the interests of the American people, worthy of the American name, maintaining the American honor and buttressing the prosperity of the United States."—From Mr. Hughes' Speech at Chicago.

TOWN TOPICS

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