

## SECY. BALLINGER OUTLINES POLICY

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Washington, Oct. 27.—Secy. Ballinger of the interior department, who returned to Washington last night after an extensive tour of inspection of the public domain and interests of the far west, under the jurisdiction of his department, gave out today a statement which is regarded as a declaration of his policy as to these matters.

The statement is written in the third person and takes up the various features of the department's work, devoting particular attention to the various reclamation enterprises and especially to water power sites on the public domain.

The secretary reiterates, "without fear of contradiction," the statement hitherto made in his behalf, "that since his incumbency no water power sites on the public domain theretofore withdrawn, have been secured by private parties, and that he will not finally make even offer by temporary withdrawal to segregate existing water sites on the public domain, in order to enable Congress to legislate for their more prudent disposition."

### INSPECTED PROJECTS.

Secy. Ballinger states that during his trip, "most of the important irrigation projects have been visited, some of them by the senate committee on irrigation. The water users and settlers upon the reclamation projects have been conferred with, as well as the government officers in the field, respecting existing projects, as well as questions which may involve the improvement of the service and the advancement of the interests of the settlers."

Respecting reclamation work the studies made by the secretary have inspired him, the statement says, with "ambition to complete existing projects as rapidly as business, prudence and money available will permit, and to seek legislation from Congress to secure from Congress for the issuance of bonds against the reclamation funds to give the service the means whereby all existing projects can be speedily completed and necessary extensions undertaken."

The secretary declined to discuss any phase of the controversy regarding reclamation projects, but did say that he described as existing between himself and Gifford Pinchot, the government forester. He made it plain that he will deal with conservation in his annual report, to which he soon will give attention.

**IN ACCORD WITH TAFT.**

He declined himself to testify second with President Taft as to the undertaking of irrigation work only where probable feasibility warrants the expenditure of the funds, and "independent of local or political considerations. Every measure is to be adopted on the ground that it will be useful for the whole country." The secretary expresses confidence that when his attitude is known the public, both the peo-

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George H. Coomes, city distributing clerk, sat right while he had 50 letters in his pockets. Then they sprang out of his hands, chased the fleeing clerk and captured him. He confessed that he had been stealing letters last July when he was denied an advance in salary. He says he stole more than \$1,000 in cash, burning letters, post orders and checks in a trash at his home.

Attention was attracted to Coomes because he spent more money than he earned. He has a wife and three children.

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