

PREST. TAFT
ON RESOURCES

Administration's Policy Regarding Conservation Same as Roosevelt's.

STRONG PRAISE FOR PINCHOT.

States Should Supervise Forests That Are Privately Owned.

W.H. Ask Congress to Authorize Bond Issue to Complete Irrigation Projects Under Way.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 28.—As the train bearing President Taft and party rolled into the Northern Pacific yards at 6:25 o'clock this morning a great double rainbow in the west greeted the visitors. It was a pretty sight and was taken as a good omen by the great crowd that had gathered to meet the chief executive, the third time Spokane has ever elected a president of the United States.

The train was five minutes ahead of time. Promptly at 8 o'clock the smiling face of the president appeared. He stepped upon the rear platform of the coach and a great cheer of welcome went up.

The first to greet the president were Capt. George H. Holden of the Twenty-first Infantry and Lieut. Robert R. Bass, of the Third Infantry.

The president was then welcomed by Gov. M. T. Hay, Mayor Pratt, Senator Wesley L. Jones, Congressman Pendleton, President P. E. Goodall of the Spokane chamber of commerce and R. E. Erdman of the entertainment committee.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

In a speech on the conservation of natural resources delivered here today President Taft declared that the voice of the people in asking Congress to authorize bonds to complete irrigation projects already begun in the west and on which work had been stopped for lack of funds. This had been the hope of many settlers in the arid regions who had taken up lands in expectation of procuring a supply of water to make them fertile and the president's declaration was enthusiastically cheered.

The president declared that many newspapers had drawn unfair inferences as to the attitude of his administration on the general conservation of natural resources.

"The truth is," he said, "any administration is pledged to follow out the policy of Mr. Roosevelt in its regard and while that pledge does not involve me in any obligation to carry them out unless I have congressional authority to do so, it does require that I take every step to exert every legitimate influence upon Congress to enact the legislation which shall best subserve the purpose indicated."

BAILINGER IN ACCORD.

The president declared that Secy. of the Interior Bailinger is in accord with him as to the necessity for promoting in every legitimate way, the conservation of natural resources.

The president also gave praise for Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and referred to his "wonderful work for the conservation of the forests, supported by Mr. Roosevelt."

President Taft declared as to water-power sites that Congress must authorize the government to allow these sites to private interests for development if the government is to retain general control and supervision.

He declared also that he would urge upon Congress the necessity of an administrative classification of public lands to prevent defacement of the past, such as the setting aside of coal and mineral lands as agricultural lands and the like.

The president sat up on his train until after midnight dictating his speech. He consulted friends with Secy. Bailinger before beginning work on the address, and again when the rough draft had been completed this morning.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES.

"I am going to take up today the subject of the conservation of our natural resources. It has been given a very wide scope. I don't promise to cover the whole ground today. I shall confine my attention to the parts of the policy which are certainly within the jurisdiction of the national government and especially concern the country west of the Missouri river."

"I refer first to the preservation of the national forests. Due to the restoration of the arid and semi-arid lands by irrigation; Oidiro to the disposition of water power sites upon public lands, with proper restrictions upon the use both in respect to the compensation, its extent in point of time and the adjustment of rates to be charged to the public. In the majority of the grants, fourth, to the disposition of coal, oil and phosphate lands owned by the government, with such restrictions as will permit their development for private profit and yet will prevent monopoly and extortion in the sale of the product."

The national forests as reserved by the government contain 167,000,000 acres of land in the United States proper. All of this land is now under the direct control of the forestry bureau and is being preserved from fire and from other destruction and is being treated in accordance with the best modern methods of dealing with forests, under the supervision of Mr. Pinchot, the chief forester and head of the branch of forestry in the department of agriculture.

PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.

"It appears that the government timber land is one-half one-fourth of the timber land owned by private individuals and that only 2 per cent of timber land owned by private individuals is properly looked after, according to modern methods of forestry. The destruction of fire of forests is estimated to be \$50,000,000 a year. It would seem therefore, imperative that the government should exercise their jurisdiction over all forests to which I have referred, which are held by private individuals, and to acquire some system of fire protection and the adoption of the best methods of forestry. It would seem that the states have a right to do this because of the general interest which the public has in the preservation of the forests and in its equalizing of the

water supply and its effects upon the climate. The regulation of the water supply of course, prevents erosion of the soil and the wasteful destruction of the best part of the soil which is carried down the rivers with the floods.

"I do not stop to discuss at length the forest fire question. The wonderful progress made by Mr. Pinchot and Secy. Wilson, at times has been the communication of persons in this western country on the ground that property was being taken which Congress intended for individuals and was being withheld from them. But I think general opposition to Mr. Pinchot's plans has been dispelled and that the great body of the American people recognize the benefit of the term in reference to forestry, and that they agree that it was not begun years ago. Congress has come fully to recognize the necessity for pursuing forestry reform by making liberal appropriations for the purpose. The forest lands of the United States ought to be surveyed and carefully preserved, and its jurisdiction in respect thereto clearly defined.

"The regulation of timber in navigable ownership within state boundaries is not plainly within the scope of federal jurisdiction and it should be undertaken by the states. I do not think that the states have taken up the matter with as much energy as they ought and have not improved the opportunity which was given them the very day example by the forestry bureau of the United States. The question whether the federal government, with the purpose of equalizing the flow of water in navigable streams, and to promote navigation during the entire year, may not upon a plan of regulating existing forests and reforesting certain denuded territory in the states, need now discuss. The subject need involve a wider discussion than I have given it.

RECLAMATION PLAN.

"The plan of the government to reclaim the arid and semi-arid lands, manifested in the reclamation act has been carried out most rapidly by the bureau charged with its execution. I have the honor the other day in Colorado of opening the most ambitious of these projects—at least the most difficult—of the Gibbons tunnel, which is to bring water to a valley in Colorado, known as the Uncompahgre valley, with some 150,000 acres and put it in a condition to grow fruit and cereals.

"There are some 30 projects which have been entered upon by the reclamation bureau and I believe that all of them are to be commended for their great adaptation to the uses for which they were created and for the speed with which the work has been done. It is said, however, that in the planning of a number of these improvements, the enthusiasm of the projectors has carried them to a point where they begin to feel embarrassed in the matter of resources with which to complete the projects, and begin to show that the strict limitations of the reclamation act were not closely observed by those engaged in executing them; that the projects were too many and more than could be completed in a reasonable time after their beginning, because of a lack of funds. The reclamation act provides for the expenditure of funds and imbursement from time to time by the installments to be paid by the settlers who take up the irrigated land and also provides that no part of a project is to be contracted for and begun until the money for the completion of that part of the project contracted for shall be in the treasury of the state. Now it appears that it will take \$100,000 or more, which is not available in the reclamation fund at present, fully to complete the projects, and it also appears that a great number of persons, by reason of the beginning of the projects, have been led into the making of settlements, the expenditure of time and labor with the hope and upon the reliance that such reclamation enterprises will be carried through in a reasonable time.

INTENTION OF CONGRESS.

"I think that there is no doubt that it was the intention of Congress that projects should not be multiplied in such a way that they could not be completed within a reasonable time with the reclamation funds provided.

"The sale of public lands and the proceeds from the same should be used to adhere strictly to the limitation thus constructed even though the language of the act, by dividing up the projects into parts on terms, seemed to permit the beginning of more projects than there was likely to be money enough to complete within a reasonable time. The pressure was doubtless very great and the reclamation service yield to the pressure within the letter of the law, and the result is that such reclamation enterprises will be carried through in a reasonable time.

"We are asked to stop the fight," he said with the rising inflection used by so many well known orators. "If we are not in the wrong in this fight, we should stop. It was in the interest of that able lawyer, that well known American—and the guessing contest was launched, when Darmer spoiled all bets by naming this man. He was Judge W. H. Bramel.

PIE-HUNTERS
ANSWER CALL

Grand Reunion of Chronic Office-
Seekers Held at Salt
Lake Theater.

"AMERICANS" IN CONVENTION

Same Old Oratory Opens the Ball With
The Usual Triflings as
Side Dishes.

Bulletin.—At 2:30 this afternoon Allan Sanford placed J. S. Bradford in nomination for mayor. A. J. Weber presented the name of Joseph Lipman, and Attorney Vergy presented Ezra Thompson. There was quite a fight in progress on the floor of the convention, with the odds apparently in favor of Bradford, and with Joe Lipman's chances slowly fading away.

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JUDGE GOODWIN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Goodwin said in part:

"There is in this special occasion for returning to this question now. The mystery of men in the orient, Spanish America, southern Europe, western Asia and northern Africa will not, cannot and have not changed their money-some states have accepted the gold standard, others have not been merely for convenience in dealing with us. The money of the world, who creates a country's wealth, has remained the same. And that money is silver money."

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DEMONETIZATION QUESTION.

Silver should be reinstated as a Money Metal or Gold should be Demonetized."

Goldfield., Nov. 28.—The convention of the American Mining congress settled down to business today, the preliminary exchange of greetings between hosts and guests having been disposed of on the opening day. After the introduction of several resolutions which were referred to the committees appointed to consider such matters, the delegates entered into a free discussion of the silver question. The debate was of a restricted nature, any political significance being expressly barred, and hinged upon the ways and means open to the mining industry to create a larger market for the white metal. The discussion preceded the reading of several papers on this subject presented by men of wide reputation in the mining fraternity.

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DEMONETIZATION AND DEMONETIZATION.

The great financiers and bankers

have been at work preparing the wood and plaster figures, which today decorated the floats in the procession.

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PASTOR REFUSES TO ACCEPT BIG SALARY.

New York, Sept. 28.—The center of the Hudson-Fulton festivities today was the route chosen for the historical pageant of commemorative boats. It comprises Central Park west and Fifth avenue extending almost in a straight line, with a slight elbow at Fifty-ninth street, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Fourteenth street at the foot of Washington square.

The celebration committee has attempted to illustrate the periods of American history made famous by the lives of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton.

The day opened with a drizzling rain, but this stopped before 8 o'clock. Although there was a chance that Wilbur Wright and Glenn H. Curtiss might make brief trial flights over Governor's Island, the sightseers were too occupied with the grand display to flock to the Battery as the day advanced. These flights were the only outdoor feature of the celebration to be expected. It has been announced, however, that if the aviators flew at all, their most spectacular effort would not occur until tomorrow.

For the same reason, comparatively little interest was shown in the New-York-Albany balloon race. As a high northwest wind still prevailed there seemed little chance the dirigible balloons would rise.

SEVEN NEW CASES ADDED TO LIST.

More Typhoid Fever Reported to Health Authorities Today and Investigations Made.

Seven new cases of typhoid fever were reported this morning from different parts of the city and cause some anxiety among the health authorities. The cases were immediately investigated and an inspection of the premises were made and orders were given to clean up and use plenty of disinfectants freely. It is still believed, however, that the epidemic is under control. The health authorities say there will probably be several more cases reported where persons have been exposed a week or 10 days ago.

The list of victims reported today are as follows:

Mrs. J. H. Holst, 1202 Bryan avenue; Mrs. M. E. Stoddard, 241 Second Street; Clarence Anderson, 1000 Avenue; Ernest Nott, 123 Tenth East street; Emma Hornsby, 533 Jefferson street; and Afton McDonald, 630 First street.

QUARANTINE RAISED.

The story told this morning is that

for some time Marsh, who was booked

as a boarder in the home of the Newells.

Not long since Fred Newell, who is

an electrician and well known in

the city, left to take a position in

the electrical goods trade with his wife and children temporarily in Salt Lake. With

almost the going of Mrs. Newell, who

had remained as a boarder, he

was making advances toward Mrs.

Newell, with importunities that she

forsook her family and husband for him.

The repulses to his advances seemed only to add fuel to the fire of

his ardor, and he conducted himself

such that Mrs. Newell was compelled

to send for her husband. When Mr.

Newell arrived in response to the call

he literally threw Marsh out of

the house with the caution that if he

returned it would be to die. That

is between the two of them, but

the police were called and

the two were separated.

AWAKENS GIRL.

As Mrs. Newell fell back under his

strength, unable to utter a cry, she

reached and caught the hair of her 10-

year-old daughter, who was in bed

and was crying.

She awoke shortly after a noise

in the house. As she started to

arise in her alarm Marsh entered the

room and with a snarl cry,

"Here's where we die," threw her back on a chair.

Holding her throat in a vice-like grip, he at the same time, it is said, bit the girl's ear.

When the girl awoke she

attempted to force a vial into her mouth.</p