

FISHER HAS COAL LAND BILL

Secretary Would Allot Fuel Fields to Municipalities.

GRAND JUNCTION FIRST CHOICE

Recommend that Two National Houses Pass Measure Granting Six Hundred and Forty Acres to Municipality.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Secretary Fisher has a plan to allot government coal lands to cities, which in turn may operate them under certain regulations to supply municipal needs as well as those of citizens.

As a first step in the plan, Secretary Fisher has recommended that congress pass a bill granting 640 acres of coal land to the city of Grand Junction, Colo., and meanwhile the interior department has withdrawn from entry the land the city desires.

Cities in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho and other public land states west of the Missouri river would be most vitally affected by Secretary Fisher's plan. The bill he offers would authorize the secretary of the interior in his discretion to patent 640 acres of government coal land for each city and 120 for each town under conditions providing for prompt and continuous development of the coal, the prevention of any assignment or transfer of the land, the safeguarding of the health and safety of laborers mining or handling the coal, the prevention of undue waste of mineral resources and other restrictions.

Has Effective Safeguard.
The secretary believes that any such patent should be safeguarded by the provision that the title of the land patented shall revert to the government if any city or town to which coal land shall be patented shall at any time fail to perform any conditions of the patent.

Secretary Fisher maintains that the aim of the federal policy with respect to government owned coal lands is to insure for the public an abundant supply of fuel at prices which will yield a fair return and no more upon the capital invested in mining and handling the coal. He thinks this impossible when a fee simple patent is granted to private persons or corporations for the commercial exploitation of the coal deposits.

The leasing system, Secretary Fisher thinks, is the method for the private exploitation of government-owned coal lands which can protect the public. By retaining the title in its own hands and properly conditioning the lease the government will be able to protect the public from extortion.

Policy Not Endangered.
Such a policy Mr. Fisher holds entirely consistent with the principles of conservation.

Although Secretary Fisher believes that a long time lease for a nominal consideration would be better for some purposes than an outright grant because it would admit of greater flexibility in dealing with each city according to local circumstances and conditions, he asserts it is possible to embody in a patent to a city the most essential conditions necessary to effect the purpose of the federal conservation policy.

It is desirable, he says, to retain in the hands of the federal government a certain amount of supervision to make sure that the city will actually develop the coal without waste and with due regard to the health of the miners; also that all transactions of the city be given the fullest publicity to prevent any opportunity for abuses and to keep the federal government and the general public fully informed as to just how legislation of this character is operating in actual practice.

Upon the request of Representative Taylor of Colorado, Secretary Fisher has directed that the coal lands desired by Grand Junction be held withdrawn from entry. The right of the secretary to make withdrawals by executive order in the absence of express authority previously conferred by statute has been a subject of controversy, especially in Colorado, but Secretary Fisher has no doubt of his executive authority in this matter.

Schalach's Plea is a Rather Peculiar One

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Joseph Schalach, who was arrested at Florence last week on the charge of stealing a horse from Matzen Bros., of Hooper, was bound over to the district court for trial yesterday afternoon, and in default of bail was committed to jail.

He is a man of about 35, a native of Austria, highly educated and speaks fluently, German, Bohemian, Italian and French, is able to make himself understood in English and says he can also talk some Arabic. He pleaded not guilty and declined to be sworn or employ an attorney, but told his story of the affair without first being sworn.

He said that he had been employed in a bank in New York City at a salary of \$60 per week and had come out to Nebraska to see "his girl," but she declined to marry him. He hired Matzen's horse to ride out to her father's farm to see her again but changed his mind and instead went to Blair and Florence, where he was arrested. He says his father is a man of considerable means and that he expects to give him a few days. He says he intended to return the horse but his girl's refusal and a letter from his father which he says "was a awful one" excited him so much that he decided he would go to Omaha and consult an attorney.

DEMOCRATS COMPROMISE ON ONE BATTLESHIP FOR YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Battle ship and no-battle ship democrats in the house today practically effected a compromise by which provision will be made in the naval appropriation bill for one super-dreadnaught.

As a result of the understanding a petition was circulated for a caucus next Wednesday night. It is expected the difficulties by that time will have been smoothed out and there will be no hitch in putting through the program.

The two-battle ship champions are said to be insisting as a price for their surrender that the ship to be authorized shall be more powerful than any now afloat or contemplated. The proposal will be fought, however, as there is a strong conviction among many members of the naval affairs committee that smaller and faster battleships of the cruiser-dreadnaught type are preferable to those of heavier armament and slower speed.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

Woman Dies of Joy at Seeing Daughter; Was Omaha Visitor

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Joy caused the death of Mrs. Sabina Winternette, 69 years old, in the Union station tonight. Mrs. Winternette had been visiting in Omaha. As she stepped off a train she saw her daughter, Mrs. Mary Meyers, standing outside the gate.

"Oh, Mary, I'm so glad to see you," cried Mrs. Winternette, rushing into her daughter's arms.

As the two embraced Mrs. Winternette fell dead. Physicians said she had become so excited over seeing her daughter that she had died of heart disease.

RINGLINGS ENTERTAIN HOSTS

Big Circus Proves Drawing Card for Thousands.

L. E. FANTS PUT ON DIET

Carefully Preserved from Onslaughts of Small Boy and Sack of Peanuts—Big Spectacle Brings Applause.

Replete with all modern derring, dazzling, spectacular and laugh producing stunts. Ringling Brothers' three-ring circus of circus gyrovators swooped down tonight on the city of Omaha Saturday and held captive audiences spellbound, dust-choked, thirsty and collar-wilted.

The old story about the small boy and the pink lemonade is a fit relic for the blue pencil and should be relegated just as the chestnut about the real estate agent who averred he was a good enough talker to sell swamp to a Scotchman.

It is also time to chop the overblown patter about the youngsters feeding the elephants peanuts. The thing was a hoax from the beginning and was only perpetrated by fluent space fillers. Ringling's L. E. Fants do not eat peanuts and wouldn't if they had a bushel of the little gubbers staring them in the face.

They are special dieters just like King Al-Ben-Ben's troupe of wild animals. Ringlings' show is a balm for bald heads as well as young heads—there was a ballet of numerous little fluffy chorus maidens who tripped about in the immense Joan of Arc spectacle with all the gusto of a bunch of twenty-dollar a week burlesque "heavies."

Just to prove that the affair amounted to something, Captain Henry Dunn of local sports fame was on hand prying behind the scenes in the Joan act in the hope of signing some gay little oriental badasses for his harem which holds forth out at the den every Monday night. He met with little success, however, and afterwards had to hesitate at the last moment between signing one of the musical seals and retaining Herr Oscar Lieben as leader of the king's royal orchestra.

The event was a good tonic for tired nerves, even Steve Maloney, the beau brummel of the Omaha sleuth headlines, said so. Dan Butler sat on the cold hard boards of the reserved seat section and smiled when a clown pulled off a "wild" comedy stunt.

The crowd in the evening was a record breaker and after filling every available seat under the big canvas, the influx was hustled around the arena and seated on bales of straw, fresh from the elephants' managers.

For the last three weeks an adept press agent has been telling about the show and yesterday his words were verified. If you don't believe it and you didn't see the circus go and see. The troupe pulled out of town on its special train last night and is billed for two performances at Atlantic, Ia., today. After that Des Moines on Monday.

Gardner Asks T. R. Position on Trusts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, republican, in the course of a speech tonight on the house steel trust investigating committee's report, challenged Colonel Roosevelt to make plain his attitude on the trust problem. Mr. Gardner caused a stir by the advanced ground he took on the trust question, even advancing the opinion that eventually a federal commission with powers to regulate prices might have to be named.

Mr. Gardner declared that in his confession of faith, Colonel Roosevelt had been opposed to the dissolution of trusts, but that the progressive party platform was capable of interpretation in favor of dissolution or in favor of recognition of big corporations.

"The International Harvester company has such a predominance in its particular industry as to be indistinguishable from a monopoly. Do you recommend its dissolution or do you recommend its recognition?"

Representative McGillicuddy of Maine and Chairman Stanley, both of the committee, together with Representative Jackson of Kansas, republican, also spoke on the report.

Gov. Stubbs Carries Hundred Districts

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 10.—Returns received late today from over the state tonight indicate that Governor W. R. Stubbs has carried nearly 100 of the 125 legislative districts. The governor issued a statement in which he declared he had easily won the republican senatorial nomination from Senator Curtis.

Judge W. H. Thompson also issued a statement in which he claimed the democratic nomination for senator over Hugh P. Farrelley. Nons of the other contests were materially changed by the results received during the day.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MAY NOT TAKE PART IN EXPOSITION

VANCOUVER, Aug. 10.—British Columbia may decline to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition and the "flying legion" of fifty leading San Franciscans, who are due here August 25, to conduct a "booming" campaign for the big fair, may receive a cool greeting.

A. B. Erskine, president of the Board of Trade, when shown a dispatch from London to the effect that Great Britain might refuse its support for the fair, said today:

"In view of the British government's attitude, I am convinced it is only dignified in the people of Vancouver and the province not to take part in the exposition."

VALUABLE FURS RECOVERED

Sam Agursky Accused of Stealing Them from Yost's Store.

POLICE FIND THEM IN HOME

Property of Omaha Society Women in Storage for Summer Part of Loot—Total Reached Three Thousand.

Between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of fine furs were taken by the police last night in a raid on the home of Sam Agursky, 2010 Spruce street. Sam Agursky and Henry Elkins, who lives at 1833 North Twenty-third street, were placed under arrest and a charge of grand larceny was booked after the name of Agursky. Emil E. Yost, who has operated a furrier establishment at 5-7-99 Baldrige building, held a quantity of furs in storage for the summer. Many valuable sets have been missed from the place in the last few days and the police were put on the case.

Elkins runs a tailor shop in part of Yost's rooms. Agursky has been employed by Elkins. When the police made a search of the homes of these men they discovered the valuable quantity of furs at the home of Agursky. Detectives Ring and Van Dusen worked on the case and made the arrests.

Mr. Yost has been out of the city for the last few days. A part of the furs were missed soon after he left and the next day more were missed. Attorney J. B. Kelenky was notified and the detectives were set to work. A part of the furs have been identified.

Some of the more valuable furs missed from the establishment were a white ermine set, muff and throw, and a sable set, collar and muff, all belonging to Mrs. Sergeant of Nebraska City. Another was a stone mink muff belonging to Mrs. Arthur English of Omaha. A lynx muff and collar and an ermine collar belonged to Mrs. Van Brunt of Omaha. One lynx muff was the property of Mrs. R. S. Hall of Omaha. One mink collar and muff belonged to Mrs. Joseph Pollock of Omaha. One mink muff was the property of Mrs. Millard of Omaha. One mink collar and muff belonged to Mrs. Sumner of Omaha.

Attorney Kelenky said last night that so far as he knew he believed all of these had been recovered and he believed there was a great deal in the collection taken that had not even been missed before it was found. There was a seal set collar and muff in the collection found, the name of the owner of which has not yet been learned.

Following a fire in the Yost establishment recently, Yost collected a large amount of insurance and left for the east to replace the property lost. His patrons have been anxiously awaiting his return.

Mexican Raiders Pursued by Poses of Live Americans

SIERRA BLANCO, Tex., Aug. 10.—Forty Americans, mounted on fast horses and fully armed, departed from this town at dusk today. They go in pursuit of 200 Mexican rebels, some of whom crossed the international line forty miles south-west of here early today and raided Otto Smith's ranch on the American side, stealing several horses.

A special train brought Sheriff P. J. Edwards and twenty-five deputies and Texas rangers from El Paso this afternoon and this posse was amplified here by cowboys from surrounding ranches. Departing shortly after the sheriff's train was another bearing a company of the Twenty-second infantry from Fort Bliss.

All along the line of the Galveston, Houston & San Antonio railway between here and El Paso, a distance of ninety miles on the frontier, were received reports today of raids by rebels who crossed the Rio Grande, which at most points, marks the international boundary.

During last night rebels are reported to have crossed the line below Fabens, Tex., and made away with twenty horses. EL PASO, Aug. 10.—The Mexican bandits crossed the international boundary and came into Texas today, then began raiding near Sierra Blanca, according to a telegram Sheriff Edwards received here this forenoon.

United States troops are moving to the point where Mexican rebels are reported to be raiding American ranches. Colonel E. Z. Steever has dispatched troop G. of the Third Cavalry from Fort Bliss, the cavalrymen moving on horse along the border.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 10.—Weary of fighting, Pascual Orozco of the Mexican rebels in the north has made proposals of peace to the Mexican government, but for some unexplained reason late today repudiated them.

Prizes Awarded in Eagles' Competition

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 10.—The degree team of the aerle of Worcester, Mass., won first prize, \$1,000, in the competition today before the grand aerle of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. To the Indianapolis team fell second place and \$500. Milwaukee took third place and \$250.

The grand aerle today so amended the laws as to deny any members of the order the services of an aerle physician for any illness or injury caused or brought about through the use of intoxicating liquor or by immoral conduct.

No aerle shall be permitted to establish a buffet until its charter shall have been in force a year, the grand aerle decided and then only upon application to the grand aerle of at least two-thirds of the aerle membership.

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

Do not say the springs of life by neglect of the human mechanism, by allowing the accumulation of poisons in the system. An imitation of Nature's method of restoring waste of tissue and impoverishment of the blood and nervous strength is to take an alternative glyceric extract (without alcohol) of Golden Seal and Oregon grape root, Bloodroot, Stone and Mandarins root with Cherrybark. Over 40 years ago Dr. Pierce gave to the public this remedy, which he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. He found it would help the blood in taking up the proper elements from food, help the liver activity, help the blood to get rid of the poisons from the blood and vitalizing the whole system as well as supplying and restoring a cough.

No one ever takes cold unless congested, or exhausted, and having what we call mal-nutrition, which is attended with impoverished blood and exhaustion of nerve force. The "Discovery" is an all-around tonic which restores tone to the blood, nerves and heart by imitating Nature's methods of restoring waste of tissue, and feeding the nerves, heart and lungs on rich red blood.

"I suffered from weak, under my right shoulder, which also a very good cough," writes Miss W. H. Jones, of New Bedford, E. C. to Dr. E. V. Pierce. "I had tried different doctors and none did me any good. Some said I had consumption, others said I would have to have an operation. I was bedridden, unable to sit up at all, and was looking for death. I was told to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. When I had taken one bottle of the 'Discovery' I could sit up in bed at a time, and when I had taken three bottles I was able to get out of bed and tend to the children. I took fourteen bottles of the 'Discovery' and am now in good health. My weight is now 107 pounds."

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Taking of Evidence in Darrow Trial Ends; Arguments Monday

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—The taking of evidence in the bribery trial of Clarence S. Darrow was concluded today and by stipulation of both sides final arguments will be begun Monday morning.

After a conference between attorneys for both sides and Judge Hutton it was decided to allow two and a half days for argument by prosecution and defense. This agreement assures the case going to the jury not later than next Friday evening.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Expansion in Iron and Steel Continues with Activity.

PREMIUMS FOR QUICK DELIVERY

Trading in Dry Goods Markets Shows Steady Growth, with Buyers Operating with More Freedom.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade today says:

The expansion in iron and steel continues with activity, especially marked in finished lines, and with additional price advances. Increasing difficulty is experienced in obtaining prompt deliveries and in some instances large premiums are being paid. Plate mills are crowded with orders, while prominent rail manufacturers are booked up to next February.

Of the \$20,000,000 of rails for which inquiries were in the market, contracts for 180,000 tons have already been closed, one railroad alone taking \$6,000,000. Further buying of rails is also reported and all equipment companies are busy, while steel foundries are working at a higher rate than in many months. Greater activity appears in pig iron, in response to conditions in steel and steady, though moderate prices are noted.

Considerable inquiries are out for foundry iron for shipment in the first quarter of 1913, and substantial purchases of basic iron have been made in eastern Pennsylvania.

Trading in the dry goods markets shows steady expansion, numerous buyers being present and operating with considerably more freedom. There is a marked absence of speculation, the enhanced values of cotton goods being entirely due to active buying and the increased cost of production. Export trade is quiet, but shipments of cotton goods for the fiscal year just closed exceed those of the previous twelve months by 170,000 yards, although only 13,000 yards of this amount were due to the added trade with China—the largest customer. In woollens and worsteds the staple dress goods continue to be the first hands, and jobbers report a better business than for some time. Large orders for storm sergees have been booked, cotton warp goods are being bought freely, and broadcloths are better demanded. More lines have been opened and advances are noted, ranging from 7 to 9 per cent.

Footwear manufacturers are busily engaged in preparing shipments for August and September delivery. Mail orders are received in liberal volume and buyers are apparently becoming more reconciled to the higher prices.

Aggregate business in shoe and leathers is in good volume, with pronounced strength still prevailing, especially in bottom stock. Supplies are limited in all lines, and shoe and union backs are very firm in price.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Bradstreet's today says:

Trade and crop reports, barring corn, are even more encouraging than heretofore, and improvement in trade has been more widespread. Buyers visiting the larger centers are purchasing more freely, thus adding zest to house trade, and labor is well employed, the railroads have fewer idle cars, collections are less difficult to make, money is firmer because business is more expanded, and, finally, feeling throughout the grain producing regions is better than for several years.

Jobbers of dry goods—thanks to the presence of out-of-town buyers—have done an increased business, and in turn their customers have done so. The purchase from first hands. Trade in staple dress goods is large, various lines of cloth and dress goods are being sold at a profit, and the demand for the same is well maintained. In iron and steel further improvement is manifested. Mill operations are active, plants are well sold ahead, pig iron is in better demand at firmer prices, the railroads have ordered about 200,000 tons of rails for next year's actual delivery, orders for equipment continue to be placed, and the structural steel trade faces exceptionally large orders.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending August 5, 1912, against 224 last week, 208 in the like week of 1911, 231 in 1910, 219 in 1909 and 219 in 1908.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending August 5 aggregated 1,740,125 bushels, against 1,646,687 bushels last week and 2,560,967 bushels this week last year. For the six weeks ending August 5 exports are 4,786,141 bushels, against 12,221,242 bushels in the corresponding week in last year. Corn exports for the week are 22,305 bushels, against 7,843 bushels last week and 32,713 bushels in 1911. For the six weeks ending August 5 corn exports are 222,544 bushels, against 4,717,990 bushels last year.

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Monday morning, continuing all week, we place on sale at phenomenal prices our entire stock of cutlery, including the famous German "Twin Brand" and "Keen Kutter" goods. Opportunities greater than ever before to buy highest quality articles at bargain prices.



POCKET KNIVES.
Lot No. 1.—One and two blades, with stag and wood handles, worth 40c and 50c, on sale at..... **25c**

Lot No. 2.—Two and three blades, full polished, with stag, horn and bone handles, worth 75c to \$1.00, on sale at..... **50c**

Lot No. 3.—Beautiful, three and four blades, German silver mounted, worth up to \$1.50, on sale at..... **75c**

Agents for Celebrated "Twin Brand" Pocket Knives.

SHARPERS—Special big lot of guaranteed Nickel Plated Shears, all sizes, 6-inch to 8 1/2 inch; worth up to \$1.25; all at one special price, while they last..... **49c**

Agents for **KEEN KUTTER** Shears—Standard quality, fully guaranteed, 8 1/2 to..... **\$1.25**

RASORS—Complete line of Regulars and Safeties. Enders..... \$1.00
Keen Cutter Jr..... \$1.00
Universal..... \$2.50
Gillette..... \$5.00

Strops, Hones and all the Shaver's requirements at Special Prices.

KITCHEN KNIVES—Good butcher knife for kitchen use; 8-inch blade, sale price 15c

COOK'S KNIVES—Genuine French pattern, 9 1/2-inch size..... 45c
11 1/2-inch size..... 55c
13 1/2-inch size..... 75c

Handel's full line of Cook's and Butcher's Knives.

CAVVERS—All at 20 Per Cent Discount.
\$1.15 Knife, Fork and Steel with stag handles and silver ferrule..... **\$2.52**
\$2.25 Three-piece Sets, at..... **\$1.80**
\$5.50 Three-piece Sets, solid Sterling trimmed; sale price..... **\$5.20**

KNIVES AND FORKS
Beautiful sets—6 knives and 6 forks, guaranteed steel, silver plated with handsome ivory handles, in satin lined cases; \$7 value; sale price..... **\$4.95**

85c Aluminum Kettles for 49c
When properly filled out with name and address, this coupon entitles the bearer, if presented on Monday, Aug. 12, 1912, to purchase one No. 119 "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Preserving Kettle, 3-quart size, for..... **49c**

Name.....
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No orders filled without a coupon.

SETS FIRE TO THIRTY HOUSES

Son of Public Official Confesses Starting Flames.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT MILLION

Hotels and Buildings in Connecticut and Massachusetts Suffer from His Activities—Towns Thrown in Panic.

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