

MAKE OLD FARMS NEW

Information Urged at National Irrigation Congress.
\$100,000 YEARLY ASKED
Conference Completes Work, Officers Elected and Pueblo, Colorado, Chosen for Meeting Place Next Year.

Spokane, Wash.—That though a man owns his farm he is still only an agent under obligations to conserve the soil, was the doctrine promulgated at the National Irrigation Congress by L. H. Bailey, director of the New York College of Agriculture, when he spoke on "The Farm Community."

He declared that if he takes the old farm he is under obligation to make a new farm of it. He said that after all lands have been improved by private enterprise there will still remain many thousands of acres awaiting reclamation at the hands of the people at large.

There should be a national irrigation movement, said he, "but it is not necessary to develop all of our resources now. It is well that we have plenty of resources to take up within the future."

John Carson, Chicago millionaire and clubman, took up the cudgels in defense of Secretary Ballinger of the Interior department. Mr. Carson strongly attacked the statements of former Governor George A. Pardee of California, concerning the secretary's policy in public land withdrawals.

Dr. Pardee started the controversy by questioning a statement by a speaker. He again accused Secretary Ballinger of permitting the opening for entry of valuable water power sites.

This brought Mr. Carson to his feet, asking Dr. Pardee if he meant to insinuate that the secretary was dishonest. With Dr. Pardee's reply that he meant no such accusation the incident was dropped.

An annual appropriation of \$100,000 for a period of five years to aid in irrigation work is asked from congress in resolutions adopted by the Irrigation Congress. This is perhaps the most important recommendation in the resolutions adopted. Among the other resolutions made were the following:

That homesteaders, under a government project, shall not be required to establish a residence on the land. The government is prepared to furnish them with water.

That the government take measures to drain swamp lands in aid of land reclamation and of public health.

ROBERT E. LEE STAUPE

Stands in Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Bronze statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, Virginia's contribution to the nation's "Hall of Fame," were placed in statuary hall at the capitol. Formal ceremonies attending the unveiling will take place at some time yet to be determined.

Both statues are beautiful works of art. Lee is pictured in the uniform of the south, and his statue stands between those of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, and J. L. M. Curry of Alabama.

Near the statue of these are those of General James Shields of Illinois, and Philip Keany of New Jersey, in the uniforms of the union army. The Lee statue was designed by Edward V. Valentine of Richmond, Va.

Washington's statue was placed in the southeast corner of the hall, between the statues of General Ethan Allen of Vermont and General Peter Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania, a distinguished soldier and statesman of revolutionary times, and a brother of the first speaker of the house of representatives. The Washington statue is a replica of Houdon's famous masterpiece now at the capitol in Richmond.

Elliot Woods, superintendent of the capitol, said that formal acceptance of the two statues is not required, although presentation of the statues may be formally made with elaborate ceremonies at the instance of the Virginia statue commission, and with the permission of congress.

BLONDE PEOPLE HANDICAPPED.

New York Doctors Say American Climate Does Not Agree With Them.
New York City.—The startling warning to blue-eyed, light-complexioned New Yorkers is uttered by Dr. Chas. E. Woodruff, surgeon and major in the United States Army, who has just completed a private tour of the prisons and asylums of the city and state.

The jails and institutions, he says, are full of blondes, who, unable to stand the struggle for existence in a climate to which they are unfitted, have fallen into poverty, disease and crime.

What is true of New York, he says, is true of the country as a whole and unless the blonde American finds or adopts some better means of survival there she has at present the same bleak future as a type in favor of the brunette.

The great trouble is the sunshine. There is too much of it in America for blondes, says Dr. Woodruff. It breaks down their nervous system, renders them unstable morally as well as physically and makes them peculiarly liable to the ravages of consumption and other deadly ailments.

CANADIAN STRIKE RIOT.

Twenty-Four Men Shot at Ft. William, Ontario.
Fort William, Ont.—Fort William is under martial law. A thousand dock laborers, principally Greeks, Hungarians and Italians, who have been on strike for a week, enraged by special Canadian Pacific police from Winnipeg, were incited to riot, and three hundred of them engaged in a battle with the police around the Canadian Pacific freight sheds. Two dozen men were injured, three at least fatally, including Chief Ball, of the railway's local force, and two Greeks. The Ninety-Sixth regiment of militia was called out.

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"When it is considered that each census supervisor will have tremendous force of enumerators under him, the census patronage may be readily realized. Each of the supervisors will receive a salary of \$2,000, but their work will extend over eight or ten months. The enumerators will not have so long a service."

The states where the supervisors are divided equally between the democrats and republicans are Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Director Durand said that he hoped to have the supervisors actively at work by the middle of October. President Taft, it is said, laid down the rules, especially in states where a division has been made between democrats and republicans, that supervisors shall not be active partisans, and that no attempt should be made to build up political machines out of the census patronage.

The far southern appointments announced are as follows:
New Mexico, Paul A. F. Walter. Arizona, Franklin F. Towle. Florida, first district, Henry W. Bishop, republican; second district, Lesueur Golden, republican; third district, Thomas David White, democrat.

Alabama, first district, Lawrence W. Locklin, democrat; fourth district, George F. Parson, democrat; fifth district, William P. Cobb, democrat; sixth district, Simeon T. Wright, republican; seventh district, James J. Curtis, republican; eighth district, Thomas P. Wood, republican; ninth district, John T. McNairy, republican; tenth district, Samuel Thompson; second district, Alfred Earlesey Agee; third district, John H. Jearley; fourth district, Reese Q. Lillard; fifth district, John B. Strong; sixth district, Harry A. Luck; seventh district, Marion E. Hays; eighth district, Sidney E. Murray; ninth district, Vincent Atkins Biggs; tenth district, John William Farley, Memphis.

WU TING FANG RECALLED.

Chinese Minister to United States Has Been Called Home.
Washington, D. C.—For the second time in his diplomatic career, Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, has been recalled from his post. The Chinese government has directed to proceed home, where it is expected he will be assigned to other work.

Dr. Wu's successor, whose selection will be Chang Yin Tang, known as a "progressive" in Chinese political affairs and a man who has seen diplomatic service in India, England, Thailand and in the United States. He is regarded generally as a man of wide experience.

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