

Democratic Watchman

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Conservation Association to Protect State Resources

BIG CAMPAIGN IS STARTED

Prominent Engineer Will Make Addresses in Various Parts of Pennsylvania to Educate People as to Value of Water That Now Causes Floods.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 19.—The first comprehensive attempt to place the control of floods upon a sensible, business like basis is now being made by the Water Conservation Association of Pennsylvania, an organization recently formed for the purpose of solving the state better control over its water resources and for giving a real money value to the rivers and streams in Pennsylvania.

The organization is made up of various persons throughout the state interested in conservation, in water supply and water power. The president is Morris Knowles, an engineer of Pittsburgh who had much to do with the preparation of the report of the Flood Commission of that city which shows how the flood problem can be effectively solved in Pennsylvania. A. B. Farquhar of York, president of the Pennsylvania branch of the National Conservation Association, is a member of the executive committee of the new organization and takes a prominent part in its deliberations. The other members of the executive committee are C. La Rue Munson, of Williamsport; W. S. Kuhn, John B. Eichenauer and George S. Davison, of Pittsburgh; and J. E. Aldred, of New York. W. B. Bennett, a Harrisburg engineer, is secretary.

The Flood Commission of Pittsburgh was one of the leaders in formulating the plans for the Water Conservation Association. This Commission contemplates the erection of a number of dams for the purpose of storing water during the flood season and releasing it during the summer months to supplement the low-water flow. Its comprehensive report shows that there are enormous possibilities for water control on the watersheds of the rivers flowing past Pittsburgh and the conditions applying to these streams are applicable in all parts of the state. It shows further that under wise state control water power can be developed in conjunction with storage dams for flood prevention and navigation, and that if all three objects are combined in one project a great saving will result.

Investigation shows that the laws of Pennsylvania at the present time are inadequate to cope with the question of water resources in the state. These matters are in charge of the Water Supply Commission, the powers of which are very limited, and it was for the purpose of having its powers made adequate that the Flood Commission is aiding the water power and water supply companies in the state that are willing to assist in broadening the powers of the Water Supply Commission, if such body is authorized by the next legislature.

The purpose of the new association is to have proper remedial legislation enacted. In order that the people of the state will have full knowledge of the possibilities of water control a statewide educational campaign is in progress. President Knowles is making addresses in various parts of the state to fully acquaint the people with all the details.

River Regulation in Pennsylvania.

River district conservation work has been preached so many years as the correct solution of many hydraulic and sanitary engineering problems that the slightest approach to it in any part of this country is worth mentioning. The idea that the conditions in each river basin were local and should be treated independently of those in other basins first received public approval in England, where the increasing pollution of rivers made it necessary to exercise some sort of control over the use of each stream from its source to its mouth. Something of the same sort is now to be seen in the Emacher district in Germany, in the sanitary control of the streams of Massachusetts by the Board of Health of that state, and in some other places. It is not often, however, that any attempt is made to control the river districts upon other grounds than that of sanitation. This is not surprising, perhaps, in view of the trifling use made of small water powers in this country and the disuse of most streams for navigable purposes. It appears, however, that the plans of the Pittsburgh Flood Commission are meeting with encouraging co-operation from parties interested in power development. In Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia water power developments are being considered with a view to their joint development by their promoters and the flood commission. The idea is to so design the reservoirs on the headwaters of some of the streams that their maximum serviceability for both flood prevention and power production shall be obtained, the expense of the works to be borne jointly in some equitable ratio.—Engineering Record.

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Constitutional Amendments

Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State.

Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys; relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State.

Authorizing the adoption, or legitimation of children.

Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties or changing county lines.

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Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts.

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Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes.

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Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment.

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Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing, but the legislature may regulate and fix the wages or salaries, the hours of labor, or individual the right to lay down a railroad track; nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed.

Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

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