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Railroad Building Again.

The Sioux City Tribune of the 13th contained the following special from Minneapolis:

"J. J. Hill will soon have a direct road from St. Paul to Denver. When the road is built it will be the shortest route between these points."

The statement is by a Great Northern official well informed, and is an intimation of a plan to connect the Burlington and Great Northern in Nebraska. He said further:

"Mr. Hill will accomplish this by building a cut off between O'Neill, Nebr., on the Willmar and Sioux Falls division of the Great Northern, and Thedford, Nebr., or a nearby point, on the Burlington. This will give an almost direct route from St. Paul to Denver, and also between Duluth and Denver.

The route from Minneapolis to Denver by the Great Northern would be through Willmar, Manley and Sioux City to O'Neill. After the connection with Thedford on the Burlington and Missouri railroad is made, the rest is easy. A connection will be made at Alliance with a north and south line leading direct to Denver, crossing the Gurnsey and Cheyenne extension. At Alliance a connection is made with the Black Hills line of the Burlington leading to Deadwood, Billings and Cody.—O'Neill Frontier.

G. W. Wattles Favors the National Insurance Plan.

Gurdon W. Wattles, president of the Union National bank, is heartily in favor of the project to reorganize the Trans-Mississippi Mutual Fire association into a national mutual fire insurance company. A resolution offered at a meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club instructing Commissioner McVann to do all in his power to have the national company located in Omaha was adopted after Mr. Wattles had explained and commended the purpose of the organization. Speaking of the proposed National Mutual Fire Insurance company, Mr. Wattles yesterday said:

"As I understand the company will be formed in pursuance of a resolution which was adopted at a meeting in Chicago, in March, of the National Association of Mutual Fire Insurance companies of the United States. The resolution suggested that the Trans-Mississippi Mutual Fire association of Omaha be selected as the company which should be reorganized into the national company, provided a guaranty fund of \$200,000 should be raised. Officers were selected to finance and organize the company, and were sent to Omaha. They have been here for some time working along these lines, and have been meeting with gratifying success. The purpose of the National Mutual Fire Insurance company will be to take the surplus insurance from the other mutual fire insurance companies of the country. Risks are constantly offered that are larger than the individual companies care to take, and the national company will carry these risks. The company will also take original risks. The plan is to issue certificates for the \$200,000 guaranty fund. The holders of the certificates will be guaranteed 5 per cent and out of the first profits of the company 25 per cent will also go to the holders of the certificate; 50 per cent of the profits will be refunded to the policy-holders, and the other 25 per cent will be held as a surplus fund. It is the expectation and the hope of the officers now in the city to organize in Omaha. So far as I can see, there is a very good prospect that they will meet with suc-

cess. As far as I am individually concerned, I am in favor of promoting all home enterprises, for it is to the advantage of our citizens to keep their money here instead of spending it abroad."—World-Herald.

An Important Decision.

Heretofore it has been held by the department that persons having filed on a homestead between April 28 and June 28, 1904 had no right to make an additional entry after June 28, 1904 for 480 acres more. On June 4, Frank Weyers of Sheridan county filed on 160 acres. On June 29, he made application to be allowed to enter 480 acres more. The Commissioner rejected the application claiming he had exhausted his right. Prior to this Congressman Kinkaid had introduced a bill in congress to amend the law so as to afford relief to parties having thus been affected. On receipt of notice rejecting the application of Weyers, his attorney, F. M. Broome, drew up an appeal setting forth the facts in the case and asking that Weyers be allowed to make the additional entry. A copy of this appeal he sent to Congressman Kinkaid, who, in acknowledging receipt of it expressed a belief that it would prove of material assistance in securing relief to such settlers. On March 25, the secretary of the interior rendered a decision in which he directs that Weyers by relinquishing his first entry and making application under rules providing for second homestead may make the entry for the whole section which he intended to get. As this decision effects a large number of others and being the first decision yet rendered touching upon this point it may be considered as an important one as it provides a remedy in a matter upon which congress failed to act. Notice of the decision was received at the land office yesterday.—Alliance Pioneer Grip.

Niobrara Falls.

R. Grooras has been plastering H. E. Crosby's house.

Wm. Ballard made a trip to the hay flats last week to visit his family.

John Adamson bought a thoroughbred Hereford from C. C. Thompson.

Mrs. R. Grooms has been in town for several weeks taking care of her father.

E. W. Reed went to the North Table after seed potatoes and other grain last week.

Lea Parker was in this neighborhood last week on a hog trade and he got the hogs.

Mr. Latta, the well man, is putting down wells for different parties in this neighborhood.

We think we have taken up Porcupine's mule. If he will send in brand we will be able to tell it.

Several parties went from this neighborhood to the Schlagle school house to a hop Sat. night.

John Sedlacek has bought Sam Heth's land on the river and Sam is going to move on top and try farming.

Lon Mosher and Miss Alice Medsker were married last Thursday, the 20th. The writer wishes them a long and happy life.

Hartman Bros. were at the Niobrara Falls blacksmith shop last week to get a plow sharpened and they are going to turn over the sand hills.

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