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A COMPROMISE BILL

Congressman Pollard's Ideas Incorporated in Forest Reserve Measure.

After protracted consideration by the Committee of Agriculture of the question of procuring National Forest Reserves and after having had before it six or seven bills bearing on the subject, the Committee has finally reported a compromise measure which embodies the principal features of the so called Lever-Currier Appalachian and White Mountain Forest Reserve bill which was introduced at the last session of Congress and the Pollard bill on the same subject. The Committee has held protracted hearings on these bills having examined witnesses from all parts of the country as well as experts from the Forestry Bureau and the Geological Service of the Government. In the consideration of this subject, it is gratifying to know that Nebraska's member of the Agriculture Committee, Mr. Pollard, took a deep interest in this matter and was influential enough to stamp his ideas upon the bill that is now pending in Congress and will in all probability become a law before the present session closes. Mr. Pollard has been an active advocate of the conservation of our forests. In an interview given out at Washington he stated that he was disappointed in the present bill but was supporting it because it was a step in the right direction. The entire areas included in the water sheds of the southern Appalachian and White Mountains could have been brought at once into the Forest Reserves had his bill been agreed to. He has, however, given the present measure his hearty support because he considers it to be the best that can be secured at the present time. The greatest obstacle that has stood in the way of securing the most effective legislation has been the determination of the people who have been behind the bill insisting upon the purchase by the government of all these areas.

A large part of the lands in question were bought a few years ago by speculative lumber-men at prices ranging from 10 cents to \$1.00 an acre. These lands were covered largely by heavy timber. All of this commercial timber is now removed. The original purchasers have made all the way from \$50 to \$1000 an acre on this land. Having stripped it of its commercial timber they now desire to unload it upon the government at a price of from 200 to 300 per cent higher than the original cost. The Committee of Agriculture, as well as Congress has been unalterably opposed to any such plans. Had the bill originally presented by these people been enacted into law, it would have entailed upon the government an expenditure of no less than five hundred millions of dollars.

We are glad to know that Mr. Pollard steadfastly opposed this deal. The bill the Committee has reported provides for a co-operative system of supervision between the states of this region and the Federal Government,

each bearing a portion of the expense. It also contemplates the purchase of limited areas where found to be necessary to protect the navigability of navigable streams and to preserve the forest upon lands that are valueless for any other purpose.

FOR ELECTRIC POWER

Railroad in the Far West will conduct Experiment with Electrical Equipment.

Electrication of 100 miles of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway company's main line over the Bitter Root mountains with two power stations of from 20,000 to 25,000 horse power each on the St. Joe river in Northern Idaho and the Missoula river in western Montana, is the project announced by C. B. Pride, hydraulic engineer, with headquarters in Spokane. Contracts will be awarded in two weeks, the installation to be completed as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Pride says the operation of trains over the mountains is really an experiment, but he believed the problem presented on the Milwaukee will be solved. He added that the company's engineers are investigating the possibility of replacing steam locomotives with electric equipment for all traffic at points where power can be generated or transmitted over high voltage lines. The company has power plants in various parts of Washington, Idaho and Montana, where it will erect plants as rapidly as they are needed.

"If the system to move trains over the mountains is as successful as expected," he said, "there is every reason to believe that electric operation will be installed between St. Joe, Idaho, and Puget Sound. There is an ample water power in the northwestern states to move the traffic on all lines and leave several million horse power for lighting and manufacturing purposes. I am told that in the state of Washington alone the streams have a total horse power of more than 3,000,000."

The Great Northern Railway company will operate its trains through the Cascade mountains, west of Spokane, with electric power. Four locomotives, each of 239,000 pounds, have been built, and one of these is now being tested in the east.

Notice to Subscribers.

Attention is called to the new mailing system recently adopted by the NEWS-HERALD. The date following the name indicates the expiration of the subscription, a feature which we feel sure will be appreciated by all our subscribers. When a subscriber makes a payment on subscription the date following his name is advanced to the time paid for, thus obviating the possibility of a misunderstanding as to the proper credit. After payment is made at this office a short time should be allowed, usually from two weeks to a month, for us to make the proper credits. Then if you have not been credited properly call our attention to the fact and the matter can be rectified while it is still fresh in the minds of both parties.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Votes will Be Published for the First Time Next Week—Now is the Time to Commence to Hustle.

The NEWS-HERALD and Nebraska Farmer's subscription rally is getting started in earnest and the following nomination have been made as contestants:

UNION, NEBR.
Oeta Austin
Reu Frans
Orilla Frans
Ben Roddy
Agnes Pearsley
Zola Frans
Blanche Mougey.

NEHAWKA, NEBR.
Ray O'Day
Victor Strum
Fern Schrader
Gladys West.

WEEPING WATER, NEBR.
O. M. Ward
Carl E. Day
Chas. Joice
H. D. Reed.

Ralph Clifford
Charles Gaebel
W. H. Hoover

AVOCA, NEBR.
Fred Westlake.

This is quite a list of nominations and we would like to hear of them getting busy as the contestants who start out right at the first will have the best chance to win. All of the above nominees have been supplied with small receipt books and subscription blanks and they can get other supplies at any time by letting us know here at this office.

The following nominees have signified their intention of getting in the game right and are now out after the subscriptions that will make them the votes:

Harriette Adams.
F. S. Sheldon.
Pauline Burris.
Zetta Brown.

At Christ Church

First Church of Christ Scientist, of Plattsmouth, will hold Lincoln day service in the Coates Block, Friday February 12 at eleven o'clock, A. M. Subject, Freedom. The public is invited. 73-2t

SCHLUNTZ RESIGNS

D. O. Dwyer Appointed to fill Vacancy—Routine Business Transacts.

Last Monday night at the usual hour the city council convened in regular session, with all members present. After the reading of the minutes, the resignation of Councilman H. J. Schluntz of the First ward was read and accepted. Acting Mayor Sattler appointed D. O. Dwyer to fill the vacancy, who was promptly confirmed. This looks like "sop" indeed, as it will be remembered that only a few weeks ago, when Mr. Dwyer was nominated by Mayor Gering for city attorney, his nomination was promptly rejected by the city council. Mr. Dwyer must have reformed very rapidly, or the council must have not considered him a competent person to be City Attorney, or possibly their act was intended as a rebuke to Mayor Gering. Such proceedings look a good deal like horse play or something unusual.

W. B. Clement, City Treasurer, reported \$7,533.49 in the treasury on the first of the month.

The following claims were allowed and warrants ordered for the payment of the same:

Jos. Fitzgald, salary.....\$50.00
Jas. Skoumal, poll tax..... 3.00
Olive Jones, salary.....25.00
Platts. Tel. Co., rent..... 1.50
Ben Rainey, salary.....50.00
Jas. Donnelly, salary.....4.50
Public Library expense..... 1.15
J. N. Egenberger, fuel.....14.25
Jas. Mrasek, street work..... 4.73
Mike Sedlak, poll tax..... 3.00
J. V. Egenberger, fuel.....14.50
M. Archer, salary.....30.00
Phil Harrison, street work..... 3.15
W. B. Rishel, street work.....1.23
Chas. Bates, hauling cinders.....1.40
M. Herold, stationery..... .50
To the claims committee:
C. L. Martin, livery..... 3.00

It looks like the allowance of \$50.00 per month to Joe Fitzgerald, as chief of police, as "salary" was a misnomer, it should be "donation." Very few taxpayers can see where any value received is given for this allowance.

An ordinance was presented for the purpose of allowing business men to put up electric signs. We believe this a good ordinance, but doubt the advisability of limiting the signs to electric signs, as someone might choose gas, for lighting purposes.

Tin Wedding Surprise.

Monday was the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Judge and Mrs. A. J. Beeson and a number of their friends determined to celebrate the event by giving them a surprise party. And as a departure from the usual form of such functions those attending went enmasque. H. A. Schneider was selected to deliver the felicitary oration, and

TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Ossenkop Case Brought to a Standstill Until the First of March.

There will be no further proceedings in the trial of Fred Ossenkop until the first of March. When court convened Tuesday morning a motion was introduced by the defendant for a continuance over the term, accompanied by an affidavit in which he set up that the testimony of Ed. Ossenkop and Fred Ossenkop, nephew and son of William Ossenkop, was necessary for his defense, and that they were quarantined at their homes with small-pox. This motion was strongly opposed by County Attorney Ramsey, and after hearing the report of Dr. Hay of Lincoln who was selected to investigate the reported case of small-pox, Judge Travis ruled that the trial be postponed until the first of March, and decided to let the jury return to their several homes after admonishing them against talking over the case or permitting anyone to talk it over with them.

It is learned that the small-pox at the Ossenkops' is in a mild form, and Dr. Hay believes that the witnesses wanted can be out of quarantine within ten days or two weeks.

It is said by those present that he excelled even himself. A most pleasant evening was spent.

Those attending were D. C. Morgan and wife, Jas. Donnelly and wife, W. K. Fox and wife, W. K. jr., H. A. Schneider and wife, N. H. Isbell and family, Mrs. Minor, Mrs. A. Beeson, Misses Mary E. Foster, Alma Larson, Teresa Hempel, Anna Hassler, Mai Gering, Gertrude Beeson and Katie McHugh.

Departs for Bloomington.

W. L. Cooper, who recently resigned his position in the B. & M. supply department, departed Tuesday night to begin his new duties with the Chicago and Alton railroad.

The General Storekeeper of that road will find Mr. Cooper's ripe experience in his line of work a valuable assistance in the reorganization which we understand is being made in the store department of that road.

Mr. Cooper received a highly appreciated surprise from his co-workers, who presented him with an elegant traveling bag in token of the high regard in which they held him and expression of regret in losing him, but all united in complimenting Mr. Cooper upon receiving such a desirable position, which came to him as a surprise and unsolicited—one more proof that efficiency in work is recognized and finds its reward.

Takes New Position.

Miss Alma Larson, formerly book-keeper in the NEWS-HERALD office, has accepted a position as stenographer and assistant to the auditor with the Plattsmouth Telephone Company. Miss Larson excels in office work, and the telephone people are to be congratulated upon securing her services.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little know, nor long remember, what we say here. It is for us, the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

MYNARD, NEBR.
Manota Perry
E. L. Vallery.

MURRAY, NEBR.
Vance Pittman
Fred Towle
W. C. Timlin
James E. Golden
Frank Hulfish
A. H. Waltz

MURDOCK, NEBR.
Fred Buell
John J. Gustin
Iva McCrary
J. L. Gochry
Wm. Langhorst
E. H. Miller.

CLDAR CREEK, NEBR
Ray Horn
Fred Heil.

SOUTH BEND, NEBR.
Eva Stander
V. D. Harris.

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBR.
Henry Nolting
F. S. Sheldon
Emil Parkening

ELMWOOD, NEBR.
Joe Capwell
Noel Tyson
J. R. Baird.

ALVO, NEBR.
Summer Hall
Gladys Appleman
Oscar Kitzel
Henry Roelofz
R. A. Stone.

EAGLE, NEBR.
Pearl Betts
Merle Carr
Jay Adams

GREENWOOD, NEBR.
V. D. Conn
A. C. Clymer
Wm. Chandler
E. A. Howard
W. E. Newkirk
D. L. Taleott

LOUISVILLE, NEBR.
J. H. Albert
S. W. Ball
H. H. Denning
Frank Gadway
J. M. Hoover
John L. Burns

Ione Kiser.
E. H. Miller.
We hope to have the names of many more good active contestants to publish by next week. Anyone wishing to get in the race can do so by letting us know at this office whether they have been nominated or not.

The standing of the votes will be published for the first time in next week's paper. We hope all will try to have a good showing the first time they are published so their friends will see they are really in the race and working to win.

Votes are allowed on all subscription payment as follows:

VOTING SCHEDULE.

Each year's renewal subscription to the NEWS-HERALD counts 400 votes.

Each year's new subscription to the NEWS-HERALD counts 800 votes.

Each year's renewal subscription to the NEWS-HERALD together with a year's subscription to the Nebraska Farmer, 1,200 votes.

Each year's new subscription to the NEWS-HERALD together with a year's subscription to the Nebraska Farmer, 1,600 votes.

Five years paid to both papers counts 2,000 extra votes.

Ten years paid to both papers counts 5,000 extra votes.

Fifteen years paid to both papers counts 10,000 extra votes.

The prizes to be awarded at the close of the contest consist of a fine Buick five-passenger touring car as grand prize, and it will be given to the contestant receiving the most votes in a group of twelve contests all conducted by local county papers. A first class Howard piano purchased from the Plattsmouth Music Co., a combination desk and book case purchased from Streight & Streight, and a \$10 due bill on any merchant advertising in the NEWS-HERALD will be awarded the contestants in this contest. Someone in this contest has a fine chance for the automobile so why not begin work today? The subscription price of the NEWS-HERALD is \$1.50 per year. The clubbing price of the NEWS-HERALD and the Nebraska Farmer is \$2.

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