

## Nebraska Citizens Urge Passage of the Currency Bill.

The following communication signed by eighty-five residents of Custer county, Nebraska, has been sent to Nebraska's United States senators, urging them to support the Glass-Owen currency bill.

Broken Bow, Neb., Oct. 24, 1913.—To Hon. G. M. Hitchcock and the Hon. George W. Norris, United States Senators from Nebraska: We, the undersigned, who claim to be representative citizens of Broken Bow, Custer county, Nebraska, regardless of politics, most respectfully but firmly insist that you give your support to the passage of the bill now pending in the United States senate known as the Owen-Glass currency bill. We claim to know what the bill is and since it is opposed generally by the element who have used the government as an asset to exploit the people, we are thoroughly convinced that the bill would promote the welfare of those whose interests have for many years, not been consulted in the administration of government.

C. W. Beal, county attorney; C. R. Deming; T. C. Grimes, county superintendent; M. S. Eddy, Clyde D. Wilson, Scott Cooper, Robert Farley, J. L. Swope, D. E. Moses, W. H. Predmore, J. W. Johnson, J. R. Dean, W. B. Eastham, A. P. Johnson, H. L. Dean, J. E. Deming, J. M. Deming, Ross G. Moore, J. G. VanCott, G. E. Pennington, A. H. Souders, J. J. Wilson, H. H. Spracklen, John Cramer, J. C. Lovitt, A. L. Umpleby, H. C. Bruggemann, J. M. Sweeney, C. C. Biggerstaff, R. W. Buckner, H. B. Drake, O. H. Ward, F. A. Reed, H. F. Hanson, E. Taylor, J. L. Ferguson, Warren Deming, W. F. Dunbar, O. W.

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Auburn, Nebraska.—To Hon. Gilbert M. Hitchcock: We, the undersigned democrats of Nemaha county, Nebraska, having faith in the policies of the present democratic administration, and believing it the part of wisdom to uphold the hands of the president, who has proven himself the master of the situation and a friend of the people, suggest that you, as one of our representatives in the United States senate, lay aside your personal opinion as to minor details and get squarely behind the president in the important matters now before the senate, the currency bill, and by so doing claim a part of the glory due this democratic administration as the greatest moral uplift in the history of our country. G. W. Hopkins, M. T. Conner, Edw. T. Lambert, Geo. Fablinger, H. L. Feistner, A. C. Mutz, J. M. Demoree, Fred G. Hawxby, H. A. Lambert, Allen D. May, P. L. Langford, Frank Snyder, W. H. Linn,

Wm. Dally, Wm. Watson, H. E. Sellers, J. W. Webber, W. T. Mudd, J. A. Galloway, H. M. Stover, J. A. Salisbury, C. W. Gilman, Fred D. McClay, L. E. Hayes, J. C. Broady, Fred Lampe, W. D. Culwell, W. S. Cochran, George Hayes, J. N. Simmons, Adam Habig, W. H. Bock.

An Albion, Neb., dispatch, dated October 24, says: Forty-seven Boone county democrats have wired to Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock at Washington, urging that he support the Glass-Owen currency bill. The petition read as follows: "We, as democrats of Boone county, Nebraska, are heartily in favor of the Glass-Owen currency bill. We most earnestly request you as our representative in the United States senate to give your undivided support to this bill. We see by the daily dispatches that some of the Omaha bankers have made the statement before the committee that 'Nebraska is opposed to this bill.' This may be true of the Omaha bankers, but we can assure you that this is not true of the voters of the state."

### SUB-SECTION OF NEW TARIFF LAW INOPERATIVE

An Associated Press dispatch says: Attorney General McReynolds has decided that the sub-section of the new tariff law authorizing a discount of 5 per cent on all goods imported in American vessels is nullified by its provision that "nothing in this sub-section shall be so construed as to abrogate or in any manner impair or affect the provisions of any treaty concluded between the United States and any foreign nation."

Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, made public the attorney general's opinion and announced that in accordance with it, collec-

tors of customs would disregard the sub-section as they had been instructed to do on October 8. Entries held up pending the decision now will be liquidated, leaving importers who insist upon the 5 per cent discount to protest with the right of finally carrying the question to the court of customs appeals. This ends for the present at least the long drawn out discussion over the proposed differential duty provision, the subject of much debate in congress while the tariff bill was under consideration.

Mr. McReynolds said: "That the 5 per cent discount to American vessels only, which is the primary object of the sub-section in question, cannot be given without impairing the stipulations of existing treaties between the United States and various other powers and that consequently the sub-section, by the expressed terms of the proviso is inoperative."

Twenty-three nations have treaties with the United States under which they claimed their ships had a right to the differential in common with American ships. These included Germany, Great Britain, France, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, The Netherlands, Spain, Norway and Sweden.

Several foreign governments, including those of Germany, France, and Spain, made strong protests to the state department against the proposed discrimination and there was some indirect threats of a trade war if the preference duty was enforced.

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