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Mr. Hitchcock's Referendum

Hon. Gilbert M. Hitchcock, present member of congress from the Second Nebraska district, is taking a referendum of the voters of his district upon the question of postal savings banks. This is one of the most valuable reforms for which the people's party has always stood.

Mr. Hitchcock has not only done a valuable service to the people in presenting a bill for this purpose, but he is proving that he has faith in the people of his district when he applies the principle of the referendum to secure a vote upon this question.

If the voters of the Second district take advantage of Mr. Hitchcock's offer and vote upon this question, it will probably be the first instance where the people of this country ever had an opportunity to vote directly upon any bill before congress. The time will come when all the people of the nation will demand an opportunity to do that which Mr. Hitchcock offers them of his own free will.

The following is an outline of the general features of the bill upon which he asks a vote:

The bill is entitled: "A bill to establish postal savings banks for depositing savings at interest with the security of the government for repayment thereof, and for other purposes."

Every postoffice in the United States which is authorized to issue money orders, is made a postal savings bank to receive deposits from the people. The postmaster general may extend this to other smaller offices.

Any man, woman or child may start a deposit account at any office. At least \$1 is necessary to open an account, but after it is opened, deposits may be as small as ten cents. No person can deposit more than two hundred dollars in any one month and if a deposit exceeds five hundred dollars in any one year, no interest shall be allowed on that part of the deposit in excess of the five hundred dollars, and no interest shall ever be allowed on that part of a deposit above one thousand dollars.

Deposits under the proper limit stated above, draw interest at the rate of three per cent, and interest shall be added to the principal every six months.

Money on deposit in a postal savings bank is not subject to attachment, seizure or detention under any legal process.

The money held on deposit in the various postal savings banks shall be kept in an account, to be called "the postoffice savings bank account."

The secretary of the treasury shall keep a safe reserve of cash on hand to meet all demands of depositors, and may invest the balance in United States bonds or state bonds, or may turn the money into the general fund of the treasury when the condition of the treasury demands it, to be used by the government for public works or other purposes.

Any depositor having a deposit of ten dollars or more, standing to his credit for three months, may apply to the postmaster general and have United States bonds issued to him in place of such deposit. One ten dollar bond shall be issued for each ten dollars of deposit, or one fifty-dollar bond for each fifty dollars of deposit, etc. All such bonds shall be due in twenty years at the option of the government or upon the demand of the holder upon six months' notice, but not more than one thousand dollars in bonds shall be issued to any one depositor in one year, and the rate of interest shall be two and four-tenths per cent a year. No premium shall be charged for these bonds.

Following is the form of the ballot, which is printed upon a postal card, for the voters to fill out and mail:

I (fill in "favor" or "oppose") your bill for a system of government saving banks in the postoffices of the country. My chief reason is because.....

Party affiliation:

- (Mark X opposite your party if you desire.)
- Republican
- Democratic
- Populist
- Socialist

Signature.....
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