# FOR THE SALE OF ARID SOIL

One Way of Solving the Question that is Now Being Agitated.

OPPORTUNITY GIVEN FOR IRRIGATION

Senator Carey's Bill Granting Public Land to be Sold to Settlers Discussed by Commissioner Lamoreux-States that Are Interested.

WASHINGTON, March 23.-The senate committee on public lands will probably soon take up Senator Carey's bill granting to each of the arid land states and territories 1,000,-000 acres each of the public lands to be sold to settlers in lots of 160 acres each.

The secretary of the interior endorses the bill and the commissioner of the general land office has written a letter, in which he takes advanced ground in favor of the improvement of arid lands by placing the work under the control of the various states. He "The bill is clear and guarded in its terms. It is in the interest of small se-The United States holds the title until the lands are actually reclaimed and He continues: "The prosecution of irri-

ga ion work has been found to be very expensive, costing from \$5 to \$30 an acre. Consequently the most successful settlements, notably in California and Colorado, under irrigation canals have been where the land could be procured in bodies, generally within Spanish and railroad grants. Now that the lands along the water courses, as a rule, have been taken, the question arises how can the lands difficult and expensive to irrigate be made available for settlement? The people of the states in which the arid lands are located would like to see the United States undertake the reclamation. This is certainly impracticable now and is is doubtful whether it will ever be other wise. That additional legislation to induce the reclamation and settlement of arid lands is necessary cannot be denied, and the entire acreage to be reserved under the bill, if all the states to which it is applicable about a reclamation of the states are set of the set of t plicable should avail themselves of its provisions, would not be as great as each of the several states acquired under the swamp acts. Congress may well try the experiment here proposed, retaining the title in the United States as the bill proposes so that if the results are satisfactory, which I have no doubt will be the case, prehensive legislation may hereafter enacted to recover other large bodies of

reclamation of the arid lands in their bor-ders and the settlement and cultivation thereof by individual citizens. The work is too vast to be undertaken by the general government. Local and community interest under state control will stimulate re-sults with far greater zeal and success. The principal proposition involved-recla-mation and settlement by individuals in small holdings—meets my strong approval, and this bill seems to me to present full opportunity for practical experiment and under proper safeguards. The United States retains title until reclamation is accomplished and the land occupied by actual settlers. This, if successful, is the great object to be attained."

The states and territories to which the bill would apply if it should become a law are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

### LOOSE METHODS EMPLOYED. Reports of Agents Who Have Been Investi-

gating the Appraisers Office at Boston. WASHINGTON, March 23 .- Special agents who have been investigating charges preferred by David E. Lonergan, a former employe, against A. L. Dodge, appraiser of the port of Boston, have reported to the secretary of the treasury, who today submit ed their report to the senate, in compliance with a resolution adopted by that body February 19. The allegation that complainant and one other employe were detailed to police work while drawing pay from the govern-ment is not fully established, although it has some color of truth. His further allegation that certain firms were improperly favored in the matter of importations is wholly discredited by the special agents. The report, how-ever, states that there was much direct leatimony showing great looseness in the con-duct of affairs of the appraiser's office in some respects and utter disregard of the customs regulations. This is found to be par-ticularly true as to the liberties allowed brokers and importers to examine goods other than their own. "The features of Mr. Dodge's administration," says the report, "apparently shows a lack of comprehension of the pre-scribed system of conducting such a depart-ment."

# HUGE GUNS ARE NO GOOD.

Chairman Cummings Explains Why the Smaller Weapons Fill the Bill. WASHINGTON, March 23.-Chairman Cummings of the house committee on naval affairs is not a believer in huge guns for naval purposes such as were recently tested

"In my judgment," said he, "a ten-inch gun is the largest we should make, as it combines the greatest efficiency with the least disadvantages. least disadvantages. At Annapolis I saw one of the thirteen-inch guns, similar to the one tested at Indian Head, mounted on an one tested at Indian Head, mounted on an Italian war ship. It was on a raised turret, with delicate machinery for swinging the gun on an eccentric. But the delicacy of the machinery was better suited to a watch than to a heavy gun. A six-pound shot dropped into it would have destroyed this delicate mechanisms and this delicate mechanism and crippled the gun. These disadvantages of mounting and handling huge guns quite outweigh any advantage they have in effectiveness. It was established at the Indian Head trials that a ten-inch gun is sufficiently effective to de-molish any plate made. That being so there is no need of getting any more effec-tiveness. All beyond the ten-inch gun is

# MORE ACTIVE OFFICERS NEEDED.

som's Revenue Cutter BIII.

Views of Secretary Carlisle on Senator Ran-

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- Senator Ransom, the chairman of the senate committee on commerce, today received from Secretary Carlisle a letter containing his views of the pending bill "To Promote the Efficiency of the Revenue Cut er Service." The secretary quotes from the annual reports of sev-eral of his predecessors to show the necessity for a provision of law creating a re-tired list of officers of the revenue marine tired list of officers of the revenue marine service. The statutes provide that each revenue vessel shall have one captain and a stated number of other officers, but no provision is made for the filling of places made vacant by reason of old age or other physical infirmities. That is, no appointment can be made until there is an actual vacancy, caused either by resignation or death. The secretary shows that the "waiting orders" list contains nearly one-third of all the captains in the service, their ages ranging from 54 to 90 years. The secretary says that the need of more officers on the active list is an need of more officers on the active list is an urgent one, and he recommends that a re-tired list be authorized and that the places left vacaut be filled by promotion, as now.

# NEW MONEY ORDER OFFICES.

One Hundred and Thirty-Eight to Be Es-

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- There will be 135 money order offices and thirteen postal note offices established throughout the country on April 2. The former will be distributed by states as follows:

Alabama, two; Arkansas, one; California, three; Colorado, one; Connecticut, one; Pior-ida, three; Georgia, three; Idaho, one; Illinets, two: Indiana, four: Iowa, six: Kansas, three; Kentucky, two; Louisiana, eight; Maine, eight; Maryland, one; Massachusetts, four Machan four; Michigan, six; Minnesota, five; Minsis-sippi, three; Missouri, four; Nebraska, four; Nevada, one; New Jersey, one; New Mexico, one; New York, five; North Carolina, two; North Dakota, four; Ohio, one; Oklahoma, five; Oregon, three; Pennaylvania, two; South Carolina, six; South Dakota, one; Tennessee two; Texas, fourteen; Utah, one; Vermont five; Virginia, two; Washington, three; Wis-

The postal note offices are distributed as follows: California, two; Washington, three; Arkansas, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Missisaippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee each one.

### ANTI-OPTION BILL.

It Has Been Amended and is Now Ready to

Be Reported to the House. WASHINGTON, March 23.-The house committee on agriculture has completed its consideration of the anti-option bill and today authorized it to be reported to the house in the amended form agreed upon. As agreed upon, the bill provides that "option" contracts and every "future" contract shall have affixed thereto internal revenue stamps, representing taxes, as follows: For every 10,000 pounds of cotton, hops, pork, lard, bacon, dried, salted and pickled meats, 1 cent, and every 1,000 bushels of wheat and other grains, I cent. Every cancellation, clearance, acquittance, contango, backward action, privilege waiver, or other agreement, by which the options or futures are terminated, otherwise than by actual sale and de-livery, or such termination is delayed or obviated, shall have affixed thereto internal revenue stamps representing taxes as fol-lows: For every pound of raw or unmanufactured cotton, hops, pork, lard and bacon, 1 cent a pound; for every bushel of wheat, 3 cents; for every bushel of corn, oats, rye and barley, 2 cents. Another amendment was adopted by which

a person engaged in the business may move from any state to another one on notice to the collector of the district in which his business is carried on. The notice to the collector must state the principal place where the business will be carried on. This amendment was adopted to meet the objections of the southern members who represent constituents dealing in cotton who have frequently to move from place to place and who would not be able to con-veniently furnish a penalty bond for the observance of the law in each city in which they may be doing business. Every bill of sale executed at the ter-

mination of contract is to have affixed thereto a 2 cent internal revenue stamp. The special tax on dealers in options and futures is fixed at \$12 instead of \$24, as originally proposed, and the penal bond required to be furnished is fixed at \$3,000 instead of \$10,000.

In the first section, which defines options, the bill has been amended so as to apply to "any person as vendee for whom or in whose behalf such contract is made," as well as to the party acquiring the right to sell to deliver to another at a future time or within a designated month or other period. The same modification as to the time limit was made with regard to "future" contracts. Dry salted meats and pickled neats are added to the list of articles to contracts. which the bill is to apply and flour is dropped therefrom

All option and future contracts and transwriting and signed in duplicate by the partles thereto, and every option contract is to state in explicit terms the time or privilege of delivering or the right of de-livering the articles therein named shall expire, and every futures contract is to state in explicit terms the quantity and the day upon which, or the last day of the period within which, the articles contracted to be sold shall be delivered. In each contract the party contracting, or the party for whom he acts as agent, etc., shall state explicitly whether he is or is not the owner of the artilivered, or has or has not theretofore acquired it or them by purchase or is or is not then entitled to the right of the future possession of such articles. Any such contract, not including such statements so made and signed, shall be

Dealers are required to keep a book for recording on the day of its execution the date of the option and future contracts these may be transferred or assigned by such dealers—and all other information incident thereto, which book is to be subject to in-spection by the revenue officers. Monthly re-turns are to be made to the revenue collectors, who, in return, at stated periods, are to make reports to the commissioner of internal revenue. Provision is made for the preparation of suitable stamps denoting the taxes required by the act to be paid therewith, and for punishing counterfeiters thereof.
Persons violating the provisions of the act are to be liable to a fine or imprisonment in addition to the taxes prescribed in the act. There were twelve members of the committee present and Chairman Hatch said there were but two negative votes against the bill, those of the members from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. All the absent members, he said, were in favor of the

# WESTERN PENSIONS.

Veterans of the Late War Recently Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Pensions granted, issue of March

Nebraska: Original—Joshua Porter, Lit-tle, Holt. Increase—Abraham Spade, Sparta, Knox. Reissue—Edwin Randolph, Lincoln, Lancaster. Original widows, etc.—Kebecca Vore, Indianola, Red Willow. Iowa: Original—De Forest A. Ingersoll, Fort Dodge, Webster; Proctor E. Maynard,

Hawarden, Sioux; Morris L. Davis, Agency Wapello; Peter Crohan, Clinton, Clinton. In crease—Christian Henning, Clayton, Clayton, Reissue—Duane E. Simons, Churdan Greene; Truman W. Hazleton, Palmer, Winneshiek. Reissue and increase—Thomas C. Bond, Central City, Linn; Allen Hamrick, Knoxville, Marion. Original widows, etc. Eva Nienstedt, Clinton, Clinton. South Dakota: Renewal and increase-

Original-Thomas B, Joliff. Montana: Armington, Cascade. Colorado: Original-Willard A. Newcomb,

Colorado City, El Paso, Increase—Henry Hatch, Sterling, Logan. North Dakota: Additional—James Watson, Valley City, Barnes.

GOVERNOR TILLMAN'S TRADE MARK.

His Action Against the Commissioner of Patents to Come Up Soon.

WASHINGTON, March 23.-Governor Tillman's action against Commissioner of Patents Seymour to compel the registry of the trade mark "Palmetto" on South Carolina's dispensary liquors, will be given a hearing in the United States supreme court on April 9, unless an agreement is made by counsel to fix the 2nd of the month as the date. The commissioner's counsel will file a motion to dismiss the appeal from the court of appeals for want of jurisdiction In their arguments on the motion they will allege that the matter in dispute, exclusive of costs, does not exceed \$5,000, as required. It will also be argued in support of the motion that no question was presented in the cause involving the validity of a patent, copyright, treaty, statute or authority exercised under the United States as required by

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Indianapolis Musical Festival. INDIANAPOLIS, March 23 .- The Indianapolla May Music Festival association has engaged the following artists for its sixth annual festival, May 15, 16 and 17: Emma Eames, Henri Marleau, Emma Juch, Clara Poole King, Gertrude May Stein, the Eng-lish artists Ben Davies, Walker Mills and Antionette Trebelli, Max Heinrich, Arthur Freidheim and others. Five concerts are to be given, and the principal works to be presented will be the oratoric of St. Paul and parts of Lohengrin, Tannhauser and Meister

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# TRIPS TO THE NORTH POLE

Searches for the End of the World Showing Unusual Activity.

SOME EXCURSION PARTIES ORGANIZING

Several Projects on Foot for Exploration of the Arctic Regions that Will Start from St. Johns. Newfoundland, During This Year.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 23.-Preparations are already being made here for three Arctic explorations this year; one consist ing of three or four persons, probably under the leadership of Prof. Holprin of Philadelphia. They will go to Bowerden Bay in West Greenland in the steamer Falcon, and will bring back Lieutenant Peary and the party that went with him to the Arctic

During the winter another expedition under Mr. Stein, consisting of eight persons, proposes going to Smith's sound, also the northern latitudes to conduct geological investigations. They will remain three years. Three of this party are Norwegians. One of its objects is to find the Swedish explorers, Bjorling and Walstennins, who went north in 1892, on the schooner Ripple and were supposed to be lost, as the ves sel's wreck was found last year.

The third expedition projected will be the largest in many years. The American consul has signed a treaty for a steamer to take a party of sixteen scientists north to a place on Franklin bay. The expedition is under the auspices of the American government, and an appropriation by congress is awaited before completing the arrangements. The purposes of the expedition are geographical, geological and me-teorological investigations. The party will remain north four years. A steamer is likely to visit them with fresh supplies two years after starting.

### STEAMERS OVERDUE.

Heavy Fog Outside New York Delaying the Arrival of Ocean Vessels.

NEW YORK, March 23.-The bay and rivers are enveloped in a dense fog today which renders ferry traffic dangerous and hinders the approach of ocean steamers. Several steamers are due today, among them the Cuific and Germanic from Liverpool, and the City of Para from Colon. Some of them are probably at anchor off the bar, waiting for the fog to lift.
The Hamburg-American steamer Rugia is fifteen days out from Naples.

The State of Georgia is twenty-two days out from Aberdeen The Donna Maria salled from Oporto on March 7 and has been out sixteen days. The Grecian from Glasgow is thirteen days

The Kansas City from Swansea is fifteen The Bohemia is fourteen days out from The North German Lloyd Elbe sailed from Southampton March 14 and was due yester-

steamer Apollo, which left this port February 11 for Antwerp. It is now forty days since

### MADE ENEMIES ENOUGH.

John Sanders Shot a Man, a Child and His Own Wife-He Was Nearly Lynched.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 23 .- A bloody tragedy occurred at Midvale this evening. John Sanders, a Polish boarding house keeper, had a quarrel with Mills Bishop. He fired at the latter with a rifle. The sho missed Bishop, but killed a 2-year-old child in its mother's arms in an adjoining room. The second shot entered Bishop's body near of being too intimate with the boarders and shot her twice in the leg and in the neck. The latter wound will probably prove fatal, and it is believed Bishop can not live. In less than an hour a mob of 500 persons gathered at Sanders' house and attempted to tear it down. Sanders fired upon them. His ammunition was soon ex hausted and he was arrested. An effort to lynch him failed.

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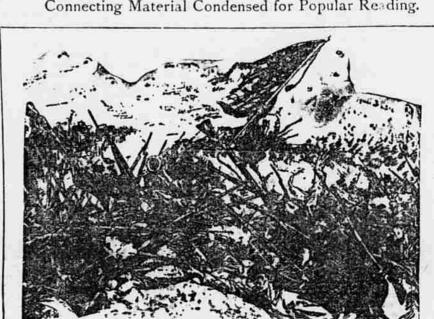


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