

TO RECLAIM ARID LANDS

Commercial Club Asks Lawmakers to Lend a Helping Hand.

IRRIGATION IS THE LOGICAL REMEDY

Voluntaneous Resolutions Are to Be Submitted by Secretary Ut to the Nebraska House and Senate.

Secretary Ut of the Commercial club is preparing a memorial on the subject of irrigation to be presented to the senate and house of representatives of the state of Nebraska to be adopted by those bodies and forwarded to the congress of the United States.

The memorial recites that it is estimated that not less than 100,000,000 acres of the country can be reclaimed by irrigation; that the expense of the enterprise is beyond the ability of private capital; that the benefits to be derived from the reclamation of the land would affect every section of the country and open up opportunities for millions of home builders, and that the problem can only be solved by inauguration of a broad national policy and a fixed adherence to fundamental principles which should control that policy.

Resolutions Are Adopted.

The resolutions are as follows: Be it resolved, That we urge the adoption of the following complete and comprehensive national policy for the preservation, reclamation and settlement of the public domain:

First—All the remaining public lands to be held and administered for a trust for the benefit of the whole people of the United States, and no grants of land to any of the public lands to be hereafter made to any state or territory or to any one but actual settlers and homesteaders on the land.

Second—The preservation and development of our national resources by the construction of storage reservoirs by the federal government for flood protection and to save for use in all of navigation and irrigation the flood waters which now run to waste and cause overflow and destruction.

Third—The construction by the federal government of storage reservoirs and irrigation works wherever necessary to furnish water for the reclamation and settlement of the arid public lands.

Fourth—The preservation of the forests and reforestation of denuded forest areas as sources of water supply, the conservation of existing supplies by approved methods of irrigation and distribution, and the increase of the water resources of the arid region by the investigation and development of underground supplies, and the united ownership of land and water.

Resolved, That we respectfully urge upon the congress of the United States that an appropriation of not less than \$20,000,000 should be made annually for irrigation surveys and maps of irrigable public lands with plans and estimates of reservoirs, canals and irrigation works necessary for their reclamation and for sinking existing reservoirs, wells, etc., \$100,000 for the irrigation investigations of the Department of the Interior.

Resolved, That we likewise urge upon congress that the national policy above set forth should be carried out without delay and that liberal appropriations should be immediately made for the construction of storage reservoirs and irrigation works and for forest preservation and reforestation in accordance with said policy, and that such appropriation should be commensurate in amount with the great national interests involved in the execution of the results to be accomplished.

Resolved, That we earnestly urge upon congress and every member thereof, regardless of their political affiliation, their immediate attention and favorable action upon this matter which will benefit the welfare of millions of people of these United States.

Resolved, That the secretary of the department be requested to forward to each of our senators and congressmen in duplicate a copy of this memorial and joint resolution.

YOUNG MEN ARE ANXIOUS

Walter Peterson and Seth Sutley Think They Have Been Swindled.

Walter Peterson and Seth Sutley, young men from Norfolk, complained to the police yesterday that they had been swindled out of \$10 each by John P. Morse, who formerly ran a ticket brokerage and employment office on the Tenth street viaduct opposite the Union station. They said that the money had been paid last Wednesday afternoon for transportation to Houston, Tex., where they were to be given a railroad job. Since then Morse has been putting them off with excuses and they allege that he deserted his office Tuesday afternoon and has left the city. The police are looking for Morse.

The annual statement for 1900 of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, which has just been published, makes a fine showing. Over \$24,000,000 of business was written last year by that company, and the insurance in force was increased during the closing year of the century to over \$604,000,000. During the year the company's income amounted to over \$4,000,000. At the present time the assets have increased to over \$40,000,000 and the surplus to over \$6,000,000. In payments to its policy holders the Prudential has a remarkable record. In the matter of claims, matured endowments and dividends over \$7,000,000 was paid to policy holders in 1900, making a grand total of over \$48,000,000 paid out in the same way since the organization of the company. The Prudential has built up for itself an enviable position in the life insurance world, both in the lines of ordinary and industrial insurance.

Wanted Man for \$2,500 Position. An established and responsible business concern of Omaha wishes to employ a first-class man 30 to 40 years old to take the general agency for its business in a good territory. This position requires the best business ability and experience and absolute integrity. It also requires tact and executive ability and good judgment in employing men. Only applications from successful men who are in earnest will be considered. This position will pay about \$2,500 per year and expenses, if filled satisfactorily. Give age, past experience, present business, references, income desired and address. J. S. Bee office.

Only One Night on the Way. From Chicago to St. Augustine, the Chicago and Florida Special is only one night enroute, leaving Chicago Union Station, via Pennsylvania Lines, at 12 o'clock noon Tuesday and Friday arriving Jacksonville 7:30 p. m., St. Augustine 8:30 p. m. next evening. Sleeping car reservations and tickets may be arranged for by addressing H. R. Bering, A. G. P. Agt., 248 South Clark street, Chicago.

LESS THAN HALF RATES Via Omaha & St. Louis R. R. On sale February 19 to Port Arthur, Beaumont, San Antonio, Lake Charles, Houston and Galveston, Tex. Call at city office, 1415 Farnam street (Paxton block), or write Harry E. Moore, C. P. and T. A., Omaha, Neb.

St. Paul and Return \$10.05. On February 18 and 19 the Illinois Central railroad will sell tickets to St. Paul at rate of \$10.05 for the round trip. The short line and only line from Omaha with buffet-library smoking car. Particulars at City Ticket Office, 1402 Farnam street, or address W. H. Brill, D. F. A., Omaha.

Half Fare to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Via the "Northwestern Line" Feb. 18 and 19th. The only line with double daily train service and operating cable-observation cars. City offices 1401 and 1402 Farnam St.

BOSTON STORE 1-2c DRESS GOODS.

Today the Greatest Bargains from W. L. Strong Stock Yet Offered. 25c ALL WOOL DRESS GOODS, 8 1/2c. Today we place on sale two solid cases of double fold all wool dress goods, in a full variety and neat patterns of broken checks. They are regular 25c fabrics, at 8 1/2c a yard. To give everybody an opportunity to secure some of these bargains we limit the quantity to ten yards to a customer.

75c French flannels, 25c and 35c a yard. 75c all wool challis, 35c a yard. 75c dress goods and homespun, 25c yard. 1 1/2 dress goods and homespun, 48 inches wide, at 35c a yard.

15.00 broadcloths, cloakings, stockings, etc., at 50c a yard. 3.50 CORSETS AT 29c EACH. Today we place on sale a jobber's surplus stock of corsets. The lot includes the following well known makes: American Lady, H. & H. Thompson's Glove-fitting, etc. These are made of coutille, jean and batiste. All sizes, latest French styles, long, short and medium, choice 29c.

A great variety of embroideries, all widths, worth up to 35c a yard, at 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c yard.

Sample pieces of all over lace and embroidery effects, worth up to \$1.00, for 15c. Valenciennes and tuchen laces and insertions, worth up to 25c a yard, at 1c, 2 1/2c, 3 1/2c and 5c yard.

SPRING BARGAINS IN BASEMENT. \$1.00 ten yard dress patterns of wash goods, 25c pattern.

Fancy lawns of all descriptions in mill remnants, 1c yard.

Mercerized black and colored satens, worth 40c, at 25c yard.

Fancy colored imported bedspreads, worth \$1.50, at 29c.

5c finishing braids, 1c bolt. 5c crochet cotton, 1c ball.

"The Best" sewing silk, 1c spool. Embroidery silk in all colors, 2 1/2c dozen. 25c and 50c double fold repellent kerstings, etc., at 15c yard.

Table oilcloth slightly imperfect, worth 25c, at 7 1/2c yard.

BOSTON STORE, OMAHA. J. L. Brandeis & Sons, Proprietors.

DEATH OF MRS. H. D. FISHER

Her Husband Was Formerly Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Omaha.

Word has been received in Omaha of the death of Mrs. H. D. Fisher at Topeka, Kan. She was the wife of Dr. H. D. Fisher, who was pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha during the years of 1876, 1877 and 1878.

Both Dr. Fisher and his wife were very active in the upbuilding of the First Methodist church and during the doctor's pastorate a new church was built at the corner of Davenport and Seventeenth streets. The old building is now used by the Salvation Army.

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DANDRUFF WON'T WASH OUT.

The germ that causes it has to be destroyed by Cuticura Dandruff. Many a woman spends an hour twice a week scouring her scalp, thinking scrubbing off the scurf will cure the dandruff. Two hours a week, at the age of 40 years, she has spent 200 days of 12 hours each, or two-thirds of a year of her life, in that vain hope; vain, because you can't cure dandruff without killing the dandruff germ, and the only hair preparation on earth that will do that is Newbro's "Herbicide"—also a delightful hair dressing, and thorough antiseptic against all contagion from use of others' hair brushes. It is also a delightful hair dressing.

THE WORLD'S BEST KNOWN TRAIN.

The Empire State Express—What It Does Daily and How It Does It. "The" Dr. Fisher and his wife were very active in the upbuilding of the First Methodist church and during the doctor's pastorate a new church was built at the corner of Davenport and Seventeenth streets. The old building is now used by the Salvation Army.

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REALTY DEALERS TALK SHOP

Weekly Meetings of the Exchange Are a Decided Success.

SECOND OF THE SERIES OF AUCTIONS

General Discussion of Omaha Real Estate Conditions with Special Reference to the Tax Levy for Current Year.

The popularity of the weekly meetings of the Real Estate exchange was never better illustrated than yesterday, when nearly a hundred men sat at the tables for lunch and took part in the proceedings which followed.

The principal event of the day was the second real estate auction which has taken place under the auspices of the exchange. The lots in question are Nos. 11 and 12 of block 13, Orchard Hill addition. They are situated on Decatur street, ninety feet east of Thirty-eighth. They were placed on sale without reserve, the terms being one-half cash and the balance in one year. President Green acted as auctioneer, starting the lots at \$50. By bids increasing \$5 at a time lot No. 12 was sold for \$90 to O. C. Olson. Lot 11 was sold at \$40, the second bid carried it to \$55 and it was sold to Mr. Olson for \$90.

Committee on Tax Levy. Before the sale of the lots J. W. Robbins read a report from the committee which visited the mayor to secure a reduction of the tax levy. The committee reported that it had offered suggestions, which, if adopted, would have reduced the levy 1 1/2 mills, but that to have adopted this figure would have meant that no additional policemen could have been employed, and that the new engine house could not have been built.

One of the peculiar features of the report was that it found fault with the only item of city expenditure in which a reduction below the expenses of last year was asked, the maintenance of the city hall. The report was accepted and the committee thanked for its work.

John S. Knox asked that the exchange protest against the enactment of senate file 114, a bill to increase the salaries of certain city officers whose salaries are fixed by the charter. The bill was read and it was stated that the increase in the fixed charges would be about \$7,200 in the salaries provided by the charter and about \$5,400 over the salaries now paid, as one deputy is drawing \$1,800 per year by ordinance provisions.

Referred to a Committee. This matter, as well as all bills now before the legislature affecting the interests of real estate of the city and the city generally, was referred to a committee consisting of W. H. Green, John S. Knox, J. W. Lytle, S. A. Broadwell, D. V. Sholes, J. G. Willis, E. D. Wood, C. F. Harrison, J. W. Robbins, John P. Flack and H. T. Clark. The members of this committee will go to Lincoln to personally urge the views of the exchange in the framing of laws.

The question of rules to govern the exchange in the sale of lots at auction was referred to a committee consisting of John S. Knox, F. D. Weed and C. F. Harrison.

It was decided to hold the banquet of the exchange at 7 o'clock February 21. The committee reported that about 100 plates would be required for the occasion.

For driving out dull bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

January 1, 1901.

Assets \$304,598,063

Assurance Fund and all other Liabilities 238,460,893

Surplus \$66,137,170

Outstanding Assurance \$1,116,875,047

New Assurance \$207,086,243

Income \$58,007,131

J. W. ALEXANDER, President. H. H. HYLE, Vice-President.

H. D. NEELY, Manager for Nebraska, 206-208 Bee Bldg., Omaha.

COUGHING YET!

It certainly is unwise to let a cough run on, for frequent coughing naturally increases the irritation in the bronchial passages. If your cough has become somewhat serious by this time, and you are wondering what to take, suppose you try Schaefer's Cough Syrup 20c a Bottle.

Cramer's Kidney Cure 75c. Dr. Karl Cramer's Pennyroyal Pills \$1.00. Men's "Tum" Powder 15c. Wine of Cardui 15c. Carter's Liver Pills 15c. Dr. Williams' Hair Vigor 50c. Duffy's Malt Whiskey 50c. S. S. Syrup of Pines 50c. Miles' Nervine 75c. Maltese Milk 75c. Pierce's Favorite Prescription 75c. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills 75c. Uncle Sam's Tobacco Cure 40c.

SCHAEFER CUT PRICE DRUGGIST & W. Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts.

WHITE GIRL LOVES NEGRO

Attempting Suicide, She Chooses a Razor for Her Weapon of Death.

Dollie DeVerate, a pretty young girl who came to Omaha last fall from her Iowa home, attempted to commit suicide early Wednesday morning at 911 Capitol avenue. Patrolmen Storey and Thomas and Special Officer Cullen broke in the door and found her lying on a sofa with a chloroformed handkerchief across her mouth and nose while she was drowsily trying to cut her throat with a dull razor. A letter addressed to "Bob" Johnson, her lover, was found near. It was sickly sentimental and gave reasons why she no longer cared to live. Minute directions were given in regard to the funeral and the disposition of the property. The letter closed with the wish, fervently expressed, that she might meet Johnson in a better world. Johnson is a big black man, who never works and spends his time drinking Third ward whiskey and shooting craps. The girl is white.

Yesterday the woman had recovered from the effects of the chloroform and was arraigned in police court. She was sentenced to five days in the city jail, with a promise of thirty if she was ever brought up again.

The man who was "born tired" should use Prickly Ash Bitters. It makes work a necessity to give vent to the energy and exuberance of spirits generated by functional activity in the system.

VELVET CANDY

Our window is full of HILDRETH'S VELVET MOLASSES CANDY. The finest made—one-quarter pound, 10c; half pound, 15c; one pound, 25c.

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HAYDEN'S HAYDEN'S Grand Grocery Sale

Cracker Sale Specials in Cheese

Ginger Snaps 5c. Oyster Crackers 5c. Milk Biscuits 5c. Graham Crackers 5c. Oatmeal Crackers 5c. Animal Crackers 8 1/2c. Lemon and Vanilla Cookies 8 1/2c.

CANDIES

We make all our own candies fresh every hour. Our Pure Stick Candy 10c. Fairy Mixed Candy 10c. Sweet Oranges, 3 dozen for 25c.

FISH SPECIALS

New Labrador Herring, pound 5c. Iceland Herring, pound 7c. New bright and fat Norway Mackerel, each 12c. New American Shore Mackerel, each 8c. Columbia River Red Salmon, pound 10c. Family White Fish, pound 6c.

Teas and Coffees

New Tea Siftings only 20c. Regular Green Japan Tea 25c. Basket Pired Uncolored Japan 42c. Mayonna Gunpowder Tea 42c. Ping Suey Gunpowder Tea 42c. Choice drinking Sauton Coffee 15c. Fine Family Java and Mocha 25c. Old Govt. Java and Mocha 25c. 2 pounds for \$1.00.

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No. 1 Ham, sugar cured 10 1/2c. Best New Bologna 5c. Fancy Wienerwurst 7 1/2c. Fresh Bulk Oysters, per quart 25c. Boneless Cottage Hams 19c.

Grand Closing Out of Valentines

\$1.00 Valentines at 35c. \$1.50 Valentines at 50c. \$2.00 Valentines at 75c.

New D'Aiglon Belts

25c and 50c. New Spikes, dozen 10c. For one day only.

HAYDEN BROS.

ADVANCE NOTICE. Extraordinary Sale Men's Shoes, Saturday. 1,200 PAIRS.

HANAN & SONS' AND THOMPSON BROS' Men's \$5, \$6, \$7, and \$8 Shoes

In patent leather, enamel, Russia, calf, French calf, vicci kid, box calf. ON SALE AT \$3 Saturday, Feb. 16.

Boston Store, Omaha

See samples of the different styles in our window. THE SMOKERS PREFER MERCANTILE. BECAUSE THE JOBBERS' PROFIT IS ADDED TO THE QUALITY. P. B. RICE M. CO., MANUFACTURERS, ST. LOUIS, MO. UNION MADE.



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Women's Golf or Walking Skirts, made of extra quality plaid back golfing material, ten rows of tailor stitching around bottom, two pockets, proper hang, proper price, real value \$5.50—for \$3.90

Women's Wrappers

In a pretty line of patterns, braid trimmed, tight fitting back, full front, separate waist lining, full width skirt, deep flounce—real \$1.50 values—for 95c

Free & Black, Phone 1049, 1608 Farnam.

Our Gold Crowns

Are made of 22-karat gold, and are shaped to assimilate the natural tooth, have a fine polish and will wear a life time. Gold Crowns, \$5.00. Best Set Teeth, \$8.00. Taff's Philadelphia Dental Rooms 1517 Douglas St.

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