

Council Bluffs

TART GIVES CREDIT TO SMITH

Writes Letter Referring to Able Work for Shiloh Monuments.

SENATOR CUMMINS ALSO WRITES

Correspondence Confirms Statements Made by General Dodge to Congress in Famous Iowa Regiment.

Some time since General Grenville M. Dodge of this city, Iowa's illustrious soldier and the distinguished survivor of the civil war period, sent out a letter to his comrades in the Ninth congressional district in which he stated, among other things, that Congressman Walter I. Smith wrote the inscriptions of the Fifteenth and twentieth Iowa regiments at Shiloh. Certain papers in the Ninth district which are favorable to the candidacy of Attorney General H. W. Byers and hostile to the renomination of Judge Smith have seen fit to dispute the word of General Dodge.

In a recent letter, President Taft confirmed what General Dodge had told his old comrades in the Ninth district. In his letter to General Dodge, President Taft wrote as follows on this particular subject:

"I note your request to me to confirm the statements that you make in respect to Judge Smith's connection with the inscriptions on the Shiloh monuments, and Judge Smith's efforts in behalf of the placing of General Grant's statue. I know Judge Smith well, and know a great many more reasons for wishing him to come back to congress than those you state for. I regard him as one of the ablest and one of the best men in congress, and one of the strongest lawyers and debaters on the floor. But as you invoke my personal testimony in respect to certain facts in your letter, I do not hesitate to say that Judge Smith's connection with the securing of the inscriptions which are now on the Shiloh monuments was direct and close. Many Iowa persons took part in the discussion, and many long arguments were made, and the matter acquired such importance that I delayed deciding the question after the arguments were made, as I recollect it, for several months; and at the end of that time Senators Allison and Dolliver, and Secretary Shaw and Judge Smith came to me with an inscription drawn by Judge Smith, which was offered and which I adopted as a solution of the difficult position presented."

Our letter from Cummins. Judge Smith yesterday made public the following letter received by him over four years ago from Senator A. B. Cummins, who was then governor of the state of Iowa, which is a direct contradiction to the friends and supporters of Attorney General H. Webb Byers:

"Executive Office, Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 21, 1896.—My Dear Judge: I have yours of seventeenth inst. I regret as much as you possibly can the premature publication respecting the controversy over the inscriptions. You, of course, know that I was not in any wise responsible for the same, and I am sure you will not be. I am the first I knew of it was a dispatch in the newspapers.

"There shall be no publication at this end of the line of your gratifying information, until it is beyond recall through the order of the secretary. I consider you most anxious to see the program you are making, and I am just as grateful to you and your associates as though I had been a member of these regiments, for I have become deeply interested in the outcome of the struggle.

"As you know, I cannot speak authoritatively for the Iowa regiments, but I feel sure that insofar as the point over which I have had the controversy, namely, the time of the engagement—the proposed inscriptions, a copy of which you enclose, will be satisfactory. There is no little difference between the proposed and the ones you send me, in this regard, that they ought to be accepted, and I have no doubt they will be.

"The members of the Fifteenth Iowa will feel badly about the change in inscriptions, but it is not likely that they will insist on any further contest. I am not familiar with the merits of this part of my argument. I only know that they will always believe that the government has not given them credit for all that they suffered in that engagement. I will do my best to make these inscriptions the end of the matter, if they are finally approved by the secretary of war. Kindly advise me as soon as the order is entered, and oblige.

"Yours very truly
"ALBERT B. CUMMINS."
Hon. Walter I. Smith, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

NINETY-SEVEN AWARDED GRADE SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Pupils in Rural Districts Given Certificates of Admission to High Schools.

Ninety-seven pupils of the rural schools in Pottawattamie county passed the recent examination from the eighth grade entitling them to admission in any high school in the county. Diplomas for these successful pupils are now being prepared by County Superintendent Charlotte Dryden. Graduation exercises will be held in all rural schools before June 1.

Following is the list of the students who graduated from the eighth grade:

- Belknap—Glee Turner.
Boomer—Roy Darrington.
Carson—Minnie Hart, Ivo Henry.
Center—Dean Tipton, Jessie Brock.
Crawford—Jude Brownell, Jessa Covall, Lloyd Kirkwood, Agnes Kirkwood, Dorothy Pusey, Harley Johnson, May Adams, Mary Adams, Hazel Dorsett, Grace Miller.
Garner—Carl Carlson, Rudolph Carlson, Gertrude Thomas, Henry Hansen, Clara Downs, Elsie Koch, Judith Peterson, Stanley Hanney, Russell Mahood, Roy Garner.
Harkin—Grace Brokman, Bruce Chambers, Leo Hartwig, Ivo Henry, Mabel Kerber, Ruth Kerber, Ray Kerber, Wallace Melton, Willie Melton, Fred Mendenhall, Oscar Manning, Ruth Manning.
Thomas—Walter Underwood, Mary Underwood, Hazel Tychon, Theodore Whitson, Rosemary Price, Margaret Hickey, Ross Mearns, Mildred Morris, Esther Morris, Marion Stuppel, Sophie Hansen, Louisa Mills, Altophina Vinters, Henry Peterson.
Hotel Federal Grove.
James—Iona Reinka, Orville Young.
Lee Creek—Reinka Hoff, Marie Lorenz, William Lorenz.
Meadow—Anna Felton, Marie Harp.
Layton—Meta Fredericksen, Roberta Robinson, Fred Hassumussen, Meta Bell, Mary Berg.
Lewis—Varian Millard, Marc Pettit, Harry Tannehill, Laura Basch, Martha Frohardt.
Lincoln—Lubert Hardenberger.
Macedonia—Lorena Lintner.
Meadow—Anna Felton, Marie Harp.
Norwalk—Harvey Kilson, Val Ross, Fred Steele, Estia Ellis.
Pleasant—Vida Holdorf.
Rockford—Eugene Berger, Cecilia Jensen, Marvin Knott, Eunice White.
Sibley—Creek—Emmels, Perkins, Harry Westerman.
Valley—Howard Meier, Edward O'Neil, Ralph Patterson, Fred Taylor, Cora Stevens.
Washington—Gladys Gifford, Vera Lawson.
Wright—Ethel Stevenson, Bouah Giltner, Hubert Tye.
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The STATE OF IDAHO WILL OFFER FOR SALE ON MAY 27th., THIS YEAR, in the present month. THIRTEEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, the richest, most fertile in the United States. It is INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANY MAN NOT AN

BURLEY, Idaho, April 28, 1910.

Miss A. C. Harrington, 3552 West Farnam St., Omaha, Neb.,

My dear Miss Harrington:

You will remember me, perhaps, if I recall to you our meeting on the steamer, a chance acquaintance, merely, during your Alaska trip last summer. I am the engineer and surveyor, who told you of irrigation and irrigated lands in Idaho.

At the time you will recall, I promised to "put you on," if I ever knew of something "real good" out here; something you could handle.

Since my return to Idaho and to Burley, I have been elected Secretary of the Commercial club and for that and many other reasons, I know two or three things that may be of value to you; if you can avail yourself of them.

Almost everybody out here knows of the United States Reclamation Service Minidoka Project. This is one of the great irrigation plans of the government, which differs from the State and Private projects in several material points.

One of them is that it takes twice as long and costs three times as much as any other kind of a project. For example the private project of the Kuhn Bros., the Pittsburg millionaires, whose advertisements you see signed by the American Water Works Company, in all the magazines, has been conceived, planned, financed and completed, since the Reclamation Service STARTED on the Minidoka project. In that time Twin Falls has grown to be a city of 6,000 people; starting with sage brush. This, you will say is a disadvantage. It is. BUT—

When the government has FINISHED with its project it is as much better than the private project as it has taken longer to complete it. Just this example will serve; THE HEAD GATES OF THE GOVERNMENT LATERALS, CANALS, AND ACEQUIAS ARE OF BE-IN-FORCED CONCRETE AND cast steel slides; enabling a PERFECT measurement of water. The corporation-owned; or private projects build THEM OF WOOD; compelling a loose and inefficient system on measurement. And while this plan MAY be as well for you as for the other person; still you KNOW the government has done the thing as well as modern engineering science permits. And while this may take longer; when it is finished it is DONE FOREVER. This obviates expensive maintenance and repairs.

Here at Burley, of course, we are all "cus-sing" the government because we have been compelled to see Twin Falls pass us, when we STARTED THIS IRRIGATION GAME, but now the Government is almost through. There are only two more pumps to put in and OUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE; FINISHED, and our crops are in; water is ALREADY running in the canals and we have Twin Falls' system "fixed for fair." It has taken longer, but we KNOW we have got the best.

The State of Idaho and Cassia county have been "cute" enough to hold out 13,000 acres of

state land, which is under this project and around, over through which the Reclamation Service has been obliged to construct canals, laterals and acequias. Sometime next month the State of Idaho will offer this land for sale at public auction and the men of the "inside" have not been saying a great deal about it. The sale will be advertised, of course, but very few people believe ANYTHING they see in a newspaper; much less the advertisements. However, the advertisements, this time, will tell the truth. The land is ABSOLUTELY THE RICHEST IN SOUTH IDAHO. Further than that the Oregon Short Line is constructing its Red River extension right through Burley; the shops and the division point have been located here; and an electric line is being promoted to connect this town and Alton, an historic old place located on the Old Oregon Trail about twenty-five miles from here, the county seat. Therefore, this land, in time, will be the most valuable in Southern Idaho.

A PRIVATE OWNER WOULD HOLD ON TO IT; the State is going to SELL IT. And at auction. As County Commissioner, I have looked all over the land and I KNOW where the best land is. When this auction comes off I will be there looking for a bargain for MYSELF and I already own 120 acres on this project.

And, AS PER MY PROMISE OF LAST SUMMER, I can look for a bargain for you. At former auctions the land has sold at prices ranging from \$22 to \$72.50 per acre. The last figure was because the land was only a mile and a half from town and a couple of bankers got to bidding each other. I think the land at the coming auction will sell at a maximum average of \$35. You see the sale is VERY close at hand and the officials have done NOTHING yet to get a crowd here. At that figure, therefore, 50 acres would cost \$3,800. The water is supplied by the government, but the price of the water right has not yet been fixed nor announced by the government. As an engineer I would say that the maximum figure would be \$40 per acre; or \$2,000 for the 50 acres, a maximum price of \$2,000 for 50 acres of land with a water right all ready to clear and set the trees in. The water right is perpetual and the government delivers it to the orchard FREE OF COST.

This land is sold ON CREDIT. It is disposed of at auction, the highest bidder getting the particular piece offered. The method of payment is: (let's take the maximum average.) One-fifth in cash on the day of and at the time of sale, plus the interest at 6 per cent on the deferred payments from the day of sale to the end of the year. Therefore, the first payment on 50 acres of this land at the next auction (and we are working on the presumption that we pay the maximum average) will be one-fifth of \$2,000, or \$400, plus the interest at 6 per cent on \$2,240 for 7 months, or approximately \$80. That sum added to \$480 will make the first ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SUM \$560. In addition to this there is a charge of 50 cents per acre for Engineer's fee, and this MUST BE PAID before the day of the sale. The purpose of this, ostensibly is for the verification of "corners," but—well; you have to pay it. Its consolation is that it assures you of an ABSOLUTELY PERFECT piece of ground. Some people refuse to pay it; some people get "stung." I paid it. I'm glad I did. So our first sum of money is \$680, one more little "graft" and you are through with the land. You have to pay about \$4 or \$5 filing fees. So we have arrived at THE TOTAL FIRST ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SUM AS \$685, figuring ourselves as BUYING THE VERY BEST LAND ON THE PROJECT AT THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE OF PRICE. You still owe \$2,240 principal on the land and this is payable in 16 annual payments; giving you SIXTEEN YEARS in which to pay for the land at the rate of \$140 each year, plus the interest at 6 per cent on the deferred payments. Thus; January 1, 1911, you will pay \$140 of the principal and \$126 of the interest, or \$266 in all. On January 1, 1912 you will pay another \$140 of the principal and \$117.60 of the interest, or \$257.60 in all. On January 1, 1913 you will pay another \$140 of the principal and \$108.20 of the interest, or \$248.20 in all. January 1, 1914; \$140 principal and \$100.80 of interest, or \$240.80 in all. January 1, 1915; \$140 principal and \$92.40 interest, or \$232.40. January 1, 1916; \$140 of the principal; \$84 interest, or a total of \$224 in all. By this time you can SELL the land at \$150 per acre or \$12,000 total; a profit of \$2,240. However, you must take \$710 interest from this \$2,240, which makes your total net profit \$2,490. Out of your \$12,000 you could pay the balance of the purchase price, stop the interest and WALK OUT OF IDAHO. If you want to, WITH EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS OF GOOD

This letter was found on West Farnam street yesterday. The information it contains is most valuable for any man or woman who has a little money to invest in property which will assuredly double in value. Read EVERY WORD OF THIS LETTER. It may mean YEARS OF EASE FOR YOU.

IDIOT could fail to avail himself of this great advantage. You can double your money in Idaho if you will take those chances that come your way. This is one of them. Write to THE BURLEY COMMERCIAL CLUB for maps, data, dates, and the state's appraisal.

GOLD COIN that you haven't had to work for. But, if you want to hold the land; put it into orchard, cultivate it and develop it; you can figure that for each dollar you spend on it is worth two dollars more; if not three or four; development is really what pays the best. In that case the land would EASILY sell for \$50 to \$100 per acre, increasing your profit by \$5,000 to \$10,000 more, or a net profit of \$24,000 in all; less what you have spent on it.

I know it sounds like a fairy tale, but IT HAS BEEN DONE ON THE TWIN FALLS TRACT, not once but a score of times to my personal knowledge. Men who came to Twin Falls without a dollar in their pockets; men with far less intelligence than a barber, have done it and today own their own automobiles.

Perhaps you can handle an eighty acre orchard or an eighty acre "farm unit." In that case get some friends to go in with you and halve it. If you cannot do that, get some friends to go in with you and quarter it. Take three of your friends and in that case you would each need \$75.50. I may state that I have an order from another friend of mine who will buy 40 acres and if you have a friend who will put in with you, so that each of you could have the other 20 acres each of the eighty acre unit, it would cost each of you \$172.50. If you want to do this you can send \$172.50 to the Burley State Bank here and instruct S. Grover Rich, cashier, to give you vouchers and I will buy the land for you; pay for it; deposit the papers in the bank; look after the filing and "clear it up" in ship-shape manner free of charge; in memory of the moon-light night on the deck of the steamer that took us to the glaciers.

So far as the water is concerned you needn't bother about it. It will not be appraised until next year; you then have a year's grace in which to make the first payment; it is paid for in 16 annual payments without interest. The application for the water MUST be made, but it isn't necessary to do it, and you can just as well let it wait until next spring. The land is valueless without the water, but you need not have it this year; thus you have a year longer in which to pay for it.

Remember that the payments decrease each year; that you only have \$5 per week to pay the first year; after you have made our first payments. If you and three friends take an eighty ten acre unit, YOUR payment amounts to about \$1.30 per week. If you and one friend go in with the client I already have and who is paying all my fees, then you will have but \$1.30 each to pay per week. And remember that even this sum is decreasing every year. Also remember that you and your friends may PAY UP THE WHOLE SUM AT ANY TIME AND THUS STOP ALL of the interest.

I am not much of a real estate man but this much you ought to know; that this project is only 31 hours from Omaha, the gateway to the west and the market for our products; but forty five hours from Chicago; and a much less item from the markets of the Pacific Coast, thus giving this land an additional marketable value because of the nearness of markets.

And remember that this is probably the last best opportunity of this kind that the west will afford. The Kuhn have the Oakley Project and the Raft River project, but, if you wish, you can exercise your rights to each of these projects so long as you remain in the land. The taking of land on this project under the state land sale, does not affect that right. If you get married in the meanwhile, however, you will lose your Carey Act right; and this is true whether you have land under the State Auction or not.

Also your taking of land under any one Carey Act project does not affect your