

Nebraska

BOARD CONSTRUCTS THE LAW

Irrigation Works Under Control of Railway Commission.

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS EXCEPTED

Attorney General Marvin Renders Decision Giving His Construction on Theory Act is Fully Constitutional.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The following interpretation of the recently enacted Hoagland irrigation statute has been given publicly by the State Railway commission:

"Section 1, chapter 38, Nebraska Session Laws 1907, declares irrigation works constructed under the laws of this state to be common carriers. Section 2 makes it the duty of the owner or operator of any works for the storage, carriage or diversion of water (except irrigation districts) to deliver all water legally appropriated to the parties entitled to the use of the water for beneficial purposes at a reasonable rate to be fixed by the State Railway commission, according to the law in such cases relating to common carriers.

"The attorney general of Nebraska has rendered an opinion as follows:

"I have not gone into the subject of this act so as to pass upon its constitutionality and I therefore assume it is constitutional in all respects. Evidently the legislature intended by this act to place all irrigation works except irrigation districts under the jurisdiction of the State Railway commission. Section 1, article 11, chapter 22, Compiled Statutes of 1907, makes it the duty of all common carriers to file with the State Railway commission within thirty days after the taking effect of such act all freight and passenger schedules, classification rates, tariffs and charges used by said common carrier and in effect on any day in 1907. Various provisions of the act use the words 'rate, tariff and charge' used in the provision to apply to telegraph companies and other common carriers not mentioned in the act.

"I think said section is also applicable to the filing of rates by irrigation works, and if such irrigation companies have not filed their rates with the commission, they will be justified in demanding of them to do so within a reasonable length of time, and upon failure on their part to do so the commission will have the right to fix reasonable rates therefor. When such irrigation works or companies have so filed their rates, tariffs, etc., or when same have been fixed by the commission, such irrigation works would not be subject to the provisions of the act until after application had been made under the provisions of subdivision 1 of article 11, chapter 22, Compiled Statutes, 1907, which makes it unlawful for any common carrier to change its rate until permission has been obtained from the commission.

"According to the provisions of law as above interpreted, the commission hereby requests all owners or operators of works for the storage, carriage or diversion of water (except irrigation districts) to file their rates in effect April 20, 1911, of the date on which chapter 38, with emergency clause, was approved.

"Please fill out the enclosed blank and return by early mail, if you anticipate for any reason a change in the rates under the requirements of the act advise fully.

"All irrigation companies and other concerns subject to the act are hereby notified that the rates in effect April 20, 1911, must not be changed except by authority of this commission, as prescribed by subdivision 1, section 2, of the railway commission act article 11, chapter 22, Compiled Statutes, 1907."

Valuation of Lumber.

The total assessed valuation of Linn county as finally fixed by the County Board of Equalization is \$2,992,624, which is \$20,441 more than last year, when the assessed valuation was \$2,972,183. The Board of Equalization has fixed the levy at 12.5 mills, which will raise taxes to the amount of \$373,248. Last year the levy was 11 mills, and on the assessed valuation the tax income should have amounted to \$324,255, or \$48,993 less than this year.

The levies for the various funds and the amounts which they will raise are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. Includes General, Road, Bridge, Soldiers' relief, and Sinking funds.

Two Young Men Held.

George Oberg and Emory D. Gale of Denver are under arrest at North Platte on the charge of grand larceny, the complaint being filed by the sheriff of Denver, who alleges that the two young men drove off with his automobile, a vehicle valued at \$1,000, and then left Denver. The requisition papers filed with Governor Aldrich do not state whether the boys took the automobile with them when they left Denver or whether they merely took a joy ride and returned the machine. They have employed an attorney and will resist extradition. Governor Aldrich will hear their attorney Monday.

Freight Hearing Closed.

The state railway commission has closed its hearing on the classification of freight and has the subject matter under consideration. Commissioner Whitsett has called attention to the fact that the Commercial club of Lincoln apparently took so much interest in the questions before the commission. Omaha had representatives present and the commission knows what Omaha desires, but it has no knowledge of what Lincoln shippers desire with the exception of a few implement dealers, who were attending the hearing.

Charged with Failure to Test Cream.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Mansford Egan of the county store at Arago was cited to appear before Justice of the Peace Sprague on a charge of failure to test cream. The pure food commissioner is anxious to have the charge brought without giving it the proper test. The regulations established by the pure food commission require that cream must stand a certain number of hours under proper conditions before it is tested and paid for by the purchaser.

Two Weddings at Broken Bow.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Calvin C. Calhoun and Miss Dollie C. Barber of this city were married yesterday by Rev. C. M. Kelly of Tabor, la., a missionary for the Holiness church. Mr. Calhoun will expect to enter the ministry here in this country. Ferdinand Bestler and Miss Dora B. Seany of Middle were married by County Judge Holcomb yesterday. They will live on Mr. Bestler's ranch in the Middle neighborhood.

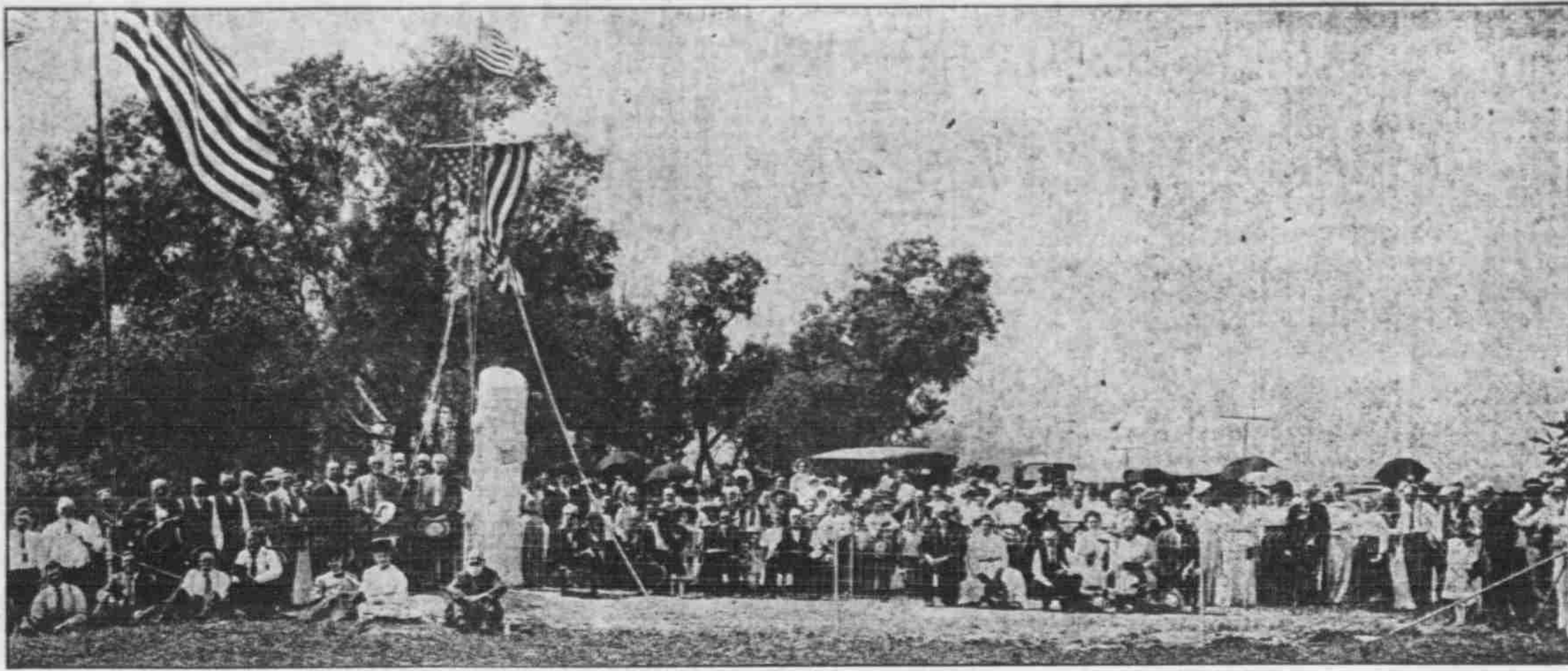
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Scene at the Unveiling of the Lone Tree Monument



PLATTE VALLEY REUNION HAS SUCCESSFUL SESSION

M. G. Merrill is Re-Elected Commander and Central City Gets Permanent Camp Ground.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The most successful reunion in the history of the Platte Valley District Reunion association of the Grand Army of the Republic closed here last evening. The speakers for the concluding program were Mrs. Condon, a well known Woman's Relief Corps leader; State Senator J. H. Kemp and Representative H. G. Taylor, and it was one of the best of the reunion. After the campfire in the evening address were read and camp was broken. In all 56 old soldiers of the civil war registered. At the business meeting the following officers, who served this year and were responsible in a large measure for the success of the reunion, were re-elected: Commander, M. G. Merrill; adjutant, C. E. Louder; quartermaster, A. F. Jewell; superintendent of the date, John W. Miller.

The camp was called Camp Palmer this year in honor of the late Captain E. H. Palmer, for a number of years postmaster at Omaha, and a past department commander. There were carnival features in abundance this year, but careful discrimination was employed by the management in granting concessions, and there were no games of chance or questionable shows admitted to the grounds. Early in the reunion all of the small tents were taken and a big tent was set up and fenced off into compartments to further accommodate the veterans, but this was insufficient to house all of those who came to camp and many slept in the big assembly tent, and the capacity of the hotels and rooming houses in the city was also severely taxed. The reunion was held in the city park and many of the tents will be left up to accommodate Chautauqua visitors next week. The reunion has been permanently located here.

LUTHERANS MEET AT WAHOO

Opening Services Thursday Evening in Fellowship by Addresses and Special Exercises Friday.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The meetings of the Nebraska Lutheran conference, which is now convening for its twenty-fifth anniversary, are well attended. Thursday evening the president of the conference, Rev. F. N. Swanberg, delivered an able opening sermon. Rev. J. Terell, one of the pioneers of the church in this state, spoke Friday afternoon on "The Mission of the Nebraska Conference." Rev. Swanberg also spoke, his subject being "The Guiding Hand in Our P. M. Conference." In the afternoon Rev. F. M. Lindberg of the Deaconess Institute of Omaha delivered an excellent sermon on the subject, "The Great Things that God Has Done Unto Us." This was followed by an original poem by Rev. C. A. Longmire, with remarks from Dr. C. J. Hesterman, who has been sent here as a delegate to represent the Nebraska conference. The Jenny Lind chorus of Luther college has furnished music. This chorus is under the direction of Prof. Peterson.

Oxford House Consolidated.

OXFORD, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The Oxford hotel, which was built last year by L. A. Rutan and for the last six months operated by E. D. Hawley, was today leased by Mullen & Bohannon, lessees of the Burlington hotel here, and the Oxford office and kitchen will be used by the Burlington and the entire hotel business will be under the management of C. E. Looking, who has had the management of the Burlington for several years past. Mr. Hawley will take charge of the Burlington hotel at Akron, Colo., and expects to leave for that place Monday morning.

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RAINS BRING CROPS ALONG

Cuming County Farmers Unite in Belief of Average Yield of Corn.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Two heavy rains of a week ago, followed by intermittent showers during this week, have had a most wonderful effect upon growing crops, particularly corn, grass and potatoes. Pastures and meadows are greatly revived and corn, in spite of the drawbacks of the earlier part of the season, is in splendid condition. The stand is remarkably good, due largely to the careful selection of seed. The most pessimistic of the farmers now confidently expect an average yield. As this is by a very large percentage, the staple crop of Cuming county, the conditions prevailing have caused a general feeling of confidence and security. Potatoes are now growing rapidly, the late varieties especially producing fairly well. Market price is now \$1.50 per bushel and stock is sound and of fair size.

The twenty-third Cuming county teachers' institute, which closed today, has been one of the most successful sessions ever held in this county. The arrangements were under the personal supervision of Miss Emma R. Miller, county superintendent. The number of teachers enrolled was ninety.

A large party of Oakland boosters, traveling in automobiles, visited West Point on Thursday in the interest of the coming chautauqua in that city which commences August 20. One hundred men were in the party, which visited six towns during the day.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the week to John M. Tost of Dixon county and Miss Emma L. Losench of Winnebago, and to Walter Leimer and Miss Alma Schlicht of Rock Creek.

Prof. Albrecht, who for some time has been head of the German Lutheran parochial schools in West Point, has accepted a position as teacher in Kansas and will shortly remove, with his family, to that state.

MONUMENT TO THE LONE TREE UNVEILED THIS WEEK

STELLA, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The annual midsummer festival and corn show, given by the merchants and citizens of Stella, will be held one day only in Nutters Grove at the edge of town Friday, September 1. Beside an unusually large number of free attractions, a good ball game will be given in the afternoon. The grounds will be lighted by electricity from the local plant, which made the evening entertainment so enjoyable last year.

PRICES DOWN TO HARDPAN

Actual Cost of Clothes Such as Soldiers Wear Shown by the Government.

The one place in which we can find with any accuracy how much clothes actually cost is in the reports of the United States government, in which it is told how much the soldiers have to pay for their clothes. Here alone our feet are upon solid earth concerning the price of clothes.

The soldiers of the United States army wear good clothes that fit, are suitable for the purpose for which they are designed, and clothes that with ordinary protection will stand a great deal of wear and yet continue to look good.

The new olive drab woolen uniform consisting of breeches and tunic costs the soldier \$14.00; \$2.25 for his coat and \$2.25 for his breeches. His linen collar costs him 4 cents. His woolen olive drab gloves cost 2 cents and he can buy woolen mittens for 2 cents and overalls for 2 cents. His stockings cost him as follows: Cotton, 9 cents; heavy, 14 cents; light, 10 cents. His dress trousers of twenty-two-ounce kersey, the material of which is sold to officers at \$2.30 a yard, cost \$2.00, and his dress coat of the same material is \$2.75. He pays for his khaki breeches \$2.50 and for his khaki service coat \$2.50. His chamber shirt is 25 cents; the olive drab flannel shirt, \$2.50 and the muslin one only 25 cents.

The most expensive item of all his equipment is his olive drab overcoat, which costs him \$11.11. These clothes are sold to the soldier at cost plus a very thin additional profit which the government has to pay for storage, and in the case of the overcoat, millage, with the cost of packing added—Success Magazine.

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FAIRBURY CHAUTAUQUA OPENS

Enterprise This Year is in Charge of a Stock Company of Local Business Men.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The seventh annual session of the Fairbury chautauqua opened at the city park auditorium Thursday afternoon with a concert by the Parkland-Newhall bell ringers. The chautauqua will continue until August 24. The Fairbury chautauqua during the past has been owned and managed by Frank L. Rain and it has been a successful affair. Last year at the close Mr. Rain announced that he did not care to risk the undertaking again, consequently a stock company was organized composed of Fairbury citizens. The standard established in the program since 1905 has been maintained in this season's program. An exceptionally strong entertainment and musical program has been arranged for this season. The officers of the Fairbury chautauqua include Luther Nelson, president; F. L. Rain, secretary; A. Lynch, vice president; M. Coffman, treasurer; directors, E. M. Bailey, M. Coffman, A. Lynch, F. L. Rain, L. M. Nelson, Mrs. T. A. Maxwell and William McDonnell.

August 12 will be labor day at the chautauqua and John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, will deliver a talk on "The Philosophy, Purpose and Ideals of the Trade Unionist Movement."

NEWS NOTES FROM BEATRICE

Owls Put on Wrestling Suit and Listen to Address—Fred Schmidt is Dead.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The local nest of Owls held a largely attended meeting last night at which Fred H. Schmidt, a former resident of this city, who died last night, was the featured speaker. Mr. Schmidt was formerly engaged in the banking business here, and at the time of his death was 52 years of age. He is survived by his widow and three children.

Beatrice Lodge No. 10, Ancient Order of United Workmen, held a well attended meeting last evening and initiated a class of twenty-one candidates. Grand Master Walling and Deputy Grand Master were present and made brief addresses.

The Blue Springs girls' basket ball team defeated the Wynora girls' team Thursday at Diller, by the score of 21 to 2.

New Teacher for Table Rock. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the school board it was decided to hire another high school teacher in addition to those already employed. This becomes necessary owing to the congested condition of some of the lower rooms. There have been some changes made in the various grades, and a kindergarten room is to be fitted up in the basement.

BASE BALL WITH WHISKERS

"Great American Game" Played by "Koble Reds" Four Centuries Ago.

The great "American game" is very properly domiciled in this hemisphere according to Franklin Adams, the perpetuator of the Chichon Itza ball game. The Chichon Itzaes gathered for their ball games much as did the ancient Romans for their gladiatorial combats, for frequently a victory was celebrated by human sacrifice—the victims being thrown into the Sacred Well of the Itza after a very elaborate ceremony of consecration. On other occasions the combats were their own liberty on their prowess. The game was played with a rubber ball, which as the ancient chroniclers explained with ingenious accuracy, was made from "white drupe which exude from a certain tropical tree, but which become hard and black when exposed to the air for several days." The balls were large and solid, the eighteen-inch aperture being barely large enough to allow them to pass through with ease. The two enormous stone rings were fixed in the side of walls near the top, twenty or twenty-five feet in the air. The contestants—sometimes nine or ten on a side, but more frequently playing single—were not allowed to touch the balls with their hands, but were supposed to make the strokes with the point of the hip, which was covered with rawhide—New York Times.

Among the ruins of the ancient City of Chichon Itza ("the mouth of the Wells of the Itza"), on the Yucatan peninsula, fifteen miles from the nearest railway station, the traveler found a remarkable ball court bounded by parallel walls of cement and about 270 feet long and 21 feet high, placed 12 feet apart. Lying at the foot of one of these walls was an enormous limestone ring more than four feet in diameter and eleven inches thick, pierced by a hole eighteen inches in diameter. The hole naturally excited the investigator's curiosity, and when he searched the ancient records to learn the explanation for this bit of carved stone he discovered this century's right of primogeniture to the

UNCLE SAM'S GROWING ALUMNI

Treasury Department Graduates in Active Demand in the Real-estate World.

The unofficial function of the Treasury department as a training school for business life outside has been demonstrated with striking force within the last two or three months. No fewer than five of the most useful employes of the treasury have been graduated into business this spring, and no doubt the process will continue as long as the department is able to attract ambitious young men and turn them out equipped to earn large salaries with private corporations. The recent selection of Charles F. Montgomery, chief of the customs, to take charge of the customs affairs of the American Sugar Refining company, is a case in point. Mr. Montgomery is an older man than others to be mentioned and had been longer in the service, but his price in the business world appears to be none the less substantial. Only a few weeks ago George K. Leets, a clerk in the office of Assistant Secretary Philip Andrew, was made the private secretary by Albert H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel corporation. A week or two ago Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, was offered the presidency of the First National bank of Pittsburgh, and declining that position because of his desire to continue a series of reforms he had instituted, the place was given to O. L. Telling, chief of the national bank examiners. S. Hason Bond, who, appropriately enough, had charge of the bonding of government employes in the department, has left that place to go with one of the great surety companies. Edward F. Currier, until within a month private secretary to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury James F. Curtis, is now second secretary to Vice President Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City bank of New York.

Assistant secretaries of the treasury appear to be always in demand in mercantile life, especially if their service has taught them familiarity with fiscal matters. Charles D. Norton, after a year or more of service as secretary to President Taft, is an officer of the First National bank of New York. Louis A. Coolidge, who preceded Norton and began many of the administrative reforms which have since been carried out, is treasurer of the United States Shoe Machinery company. Mention might be made also of Milton E. Allen, formerly an assistant secretary, and now holding a responsible position with the Riggs National bank of Washington. Mr. Allen is one of the leading financial writers of the country, although much of his work is done anonymously. Mr. Vanderlip himself was an assistant secretary to the treasury when he was taken over by the National City bank. In every instance, it may be needless to say, the salary offered by private concerns has been greater than that paid by the government—Boston Transcript.

New Well for Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the Tecumseh city council last evening the contract for the proposed new well, although much of his work is done anonymously, Mr. Vanderlip himself was an assistant secretary to the treasury when he was taken over by the National City bank. In every instance, it may be needless to say, the salary offered by private concerns has been greater than that paid by the government—Boston Transcript.

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