

BILLS PROVIDE SALE QUARTER OF MILLION ACRES OF ARID LAND

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SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER

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Washington, Aug. 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The director of the interior to sell 250,000 acres of public land in each of 10 western states, half the proceeds to go into the general reclamation fund and half into a road fund for interstate highways according to the calendars of both branches of congress.

The house bill, just reported from the committee on public lands, bears the name of Representative Taylor of Colorado and is in the nature of an omnibus bill, various bits of like character for the benefit of particular states having been tacked on to one measure. The bill in its present form was in fact drafted in the department of the interior and has the approval of Secretary Lane.

Aid in Road Building.
The effect of the bill would be to divert to road building one-half of the proceeds from land sold under it. At the present time the proceeds from public land sales go into the reclamation fund.

The bill applies to the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Oregon. It directs the secretary of the interior to designate 250,000 acres of land in each state, the land to be "unsurveyed, non-mineral, non-timbered, semi-arid, surveyed public lands which are not, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known surface water supply."

Highest Bidder Gets Tracts.
The land is to be offered to the highest bidder in tracts not exceeding 320 acres, 10 per cent down and the remainder in 10 annual payments, the purchaser being required within five years to place not less than half in cultivation, fence the land, develop a water supply, and expend not less than \$100 in improvements.

The one-half of the proceeds going into a "public roads fund" is to be used in the construction of interstate public roads within the limits of the state from which the money is received, the secretary prescribing rules necessary to carry out the purpose of the act. Since the land must be of a character known to be susceptible of irrigation at reasonable cost by any known surface water supply, and the purchaser, among other things, is required to develop a water supply within five years and make extensive improvements, the benefits of the bill probably will be restricted to certain localities where a supply of artesian water is easily obtainable, or where profit can be foreseen from irrigation development at a cost above that which the government is prepared to undertake.

**LITTLE SIMMONS CAN
GIVE HUGE PENROSE
AN EVEN WORD BATTLE**
Washington, Aug. 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—"Who is the big fellow in the front row that looks like a Republican?" one may hear from visitors in the senate gallery.

"That's Penrose."
"And who is the little one over on the other side of the aisle, near the middle?"
"That's Simmons."

Physically there could not well be greater contrast between the towering, glowering and girthing Penrose of Pennsylvania and the short, slight, inconspicuous-looking Simmons of North Carolina. But when they come into verbal combat a careful umpire would be required to render a decision.

Penrose is the ranking Republican on the powerful finance committee, the tariff-making and revenue considering body. He will become by seniority rule the chairman of that committee if the Republicans gain the senate. Simmons is the present head of that committee. Penrose and Ollie James may dispute as to which is the biggest man in the senate, but no one can, after one look around, question that Simmons is the biggest.

Penrose and Simmons crossed rapier the other day on secret caucuses and conferences. Penrose complained that Republican members of the finance committee had not been invited in while the Democrats were making up the revenue bill. Simmons retorted that the usual custom was followed, and the whole matter had been gone over the day before anyway, when Penrose was absent.

Simmons then countered by asking if the Republicans had not been holding a caucus, too, to consider what they would do about the revenue bill. Penrose responded that the doors had not been closed "that he knew of," and he challenged Simmons to point

out where the Republicans have ever held a caucus.

Simmons replied that Penrose was merely hiding behind language. If it was not a caucus, it was just a conference or a private meeting or a church meeting, he suggested.

The incident ended without the adoption of any official name by which these little party affairs shall hereafter be designated.

**Will Try to Float
Oakland Sept. 10**
Manzanita, Or., Aug. 25.—Efforts to float the wrecked schooner Oakland, high on the beach here, have been given up until September 10, when there will be nine-foot tides. Captain J. H. Roberts and Curt Dittman are now in charge of the vessel.

**BUGLE ROUSES GIRLS
AT TRAINING CAMP;
REAL DRILL BEGINS**
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around. She was in a white not in a room with many other white coats, and each held a girl.

"Come, girls; it's time to get up," she called, brushing the signs of sleep from her eyes.

The others did not need the warning call, for they, too, had heard the bugle when the trumpeter had stood beneath the tent and exercised his lungs so strenuously.

"Patter, patter," came the sound of bare feet, as bed clothes went back and the girls became alive.

It was a regular morning drill. Company D, Twenty-first infantry, at Vancouver, Wash., a few minutes after 6 o'clock this morning, that the patter of bare feet was heard.

Clothes were donned more quickly than ever before. A day of strenuous work was beginning, and the girls enrolled in the women's national service camp at Vancouver wanted to be on time.

They were, and the day's routine was under way. Red Cross uniforms were made. Some had little experience in bed making, but only a few seconds were needed by the more experienced to teach the others, and then sheets and towels were laid out as smoothly as they had been the night before.

Then came the call for calisthenics, real exercise of the day. Some hardy knickerbockers, it is said, exist systematically. They learned in a few minutes. Their appetites became keener. Maybe the chef and those in charge of the camp were amenable to mental suggestion, for within a few seconds came the call for breakfast.

First Breakfast in Camp.
It was the first breakfast the girls had had in camp. Four waiters—soldiers detailed to wait on the girls—dressed in dress uniforms and coats, could hardly bring the food to them rapidly enough. They were hungry. They had been up for more than an hour, dressed, made their beds and taken strenuous exercise—certainly they were hungry.

After breakfast came the regular morning inspection of dress and quarters, followed by a regular military drill. Later came the class recitations and the work of making Red Cross supplies.

The girls—47 of them—arrived in camp yesterday. Two o'clock was the hour set for them to report for duty. Some were delayed by the ferry, others not a late start but as the first ceremony was not scheduled to take place until 4 o'clock the girls had plenty of time. Most of the girls had reported by 4 o'clock and a little later the flag raising exercises were held.

Corporal John T. Thomas of the Thirteenth company, Coast Artillery, got the girls lined up on the sidewalk. The trumpeter had blown his bugle for several seconds but it was not until Corporal Thomas ordered them to come to attention that they followed orders. Two lines of girls, each girl dressed in khaki shorts and blouse, with hat to match, came to attention. Miss Maister, commander, took her place in front of the squad of recruits.

"About face," called Corporal Thomas.

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