

DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL ROAD BUREAU OBJECT OF ATTACK IN SENATE

Senators Pomerene and Gallinger Aim Shafts at Work of Logan Waller Page.

CALL HIM "BUREAUCRAT"

Pomerene Objects to Specification Which Shut Out Bids on Patent Culverts; Gallinger Attacks.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The federal road bureau and its director, Logan Waller Page, received several jolts on the congressional highway while the annual agricultural appropriation bill was on its way through the senate.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio said he would not like to express in public what he thinks of Director Page, and Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire aimed several shafts at the appropriations of the road bureau, expressing doubt as to the value of the work performed.

Pomerene explained that his attention was directed to Page about a year ago, when the good roads bureau provided specifications on bids for culverts. Certain manufacturers in Ohio and Alabama make what is called a nestable culvert. He continued:

He had a patent upon it, but the specifications were so framed that no bids would be received on a patented culvert. As a result, the department was deprived of getting the better class of culverts, and we have this anomalous condition: Congress voting large sums of money for the maintenance of a patent office for the encouragement of invention and a bureaucrat in the department of agriculture discouraging invention by saying, "I will receive no bids on any patented culvert."

The manufacturers who brought this information to me were not asking favors. They simply wanted to have the specification so changed that bids could be presented either on patented or unpatented culverts, and they ought to have had that privilege, but this bureaucrat said "No."

Senator Gallinger followed up with some of his ideas on the good roads bureau and the appropriations it receives. He said the difficulty with government bureaus is that they start out on a small scale, but grow wonderfully, reach out for more appropriations, and become sometimes rather harmful than helpful.

Investigation Is Favored

"We are appropriating money for purposes for which every intelligent man in the country knows it is entirely useless to appropriate," said the New Hampshire veteran. "The agriculture department may tell a farmer something about the soil, but it cannot tell an intelligent farmer how to do the ordinary things that farmers have been doing since the days of Abraham, and yet we are making ap-

propriations for such purposes all along the line. "I should like to see the time come, although I probably never will see it, when there will be a careful investigation into these matters by somebody to ascertain how much of the work is duplicated, and whether or not we are making profligate expenditures, so that, without any reference to any personal feeling or the charge that we are assailing the department itself, we may try to reach more sane and sensible conclusions than we seem in very many instances able to reach now.

Bureau Employees Many

"I am in favor of reasonable appropriations from the government to encourage this enterprise, but I really do not believe that we need in the city of Washington a great corps of clerks and assistants and experts to teach the people of this country how to build roads."

Senator Gallinger pointed out several items of the road bureau which seemed to him difficult to distinguish. He said that first inquiry is made as to systems of road management, then as to the best methods of road making, then field experiments in various methods of road construction. These sounded to him like refinements of language to help along the appropriations.

Term Not Understood

At one point Gallinger ran foul of Brady of Idaho and some other westerners by quoting a line from the bill referring to investigations as to the duty of water, exclaiming, "For heaven's sake, what is the duty of irrigation water?"

Brady explained that this is a technical term well understood by irrigation people, referring to the quantity of water needed to properly irrigate a specified tract. Gallinger accepted the explanation, but said he thought "duty" was an unfortunate word in such a connection.

The total appropriation in the pending bill for the office of public roads and rural engineering is \$698,269.

Road in Lane County Asked

Washington, Feb. 12.—Representative Hawley recently presented to Chief Forester Graves a petition from C. U. Beers of Reed, Or., and others, for a road from the middle fork of Indian creek down Ten Mile creek to the county road at Minnie postoffice, in a remote part of Lane county. Mr. Graves states that he will instruct the district forester at Portland to report upon the conditions, and suggests that the petitioners take the matter before the county authorities, with a view to considering it as one of the proposed projects for federal aid under the first road section of the good roads act.

Oregon Report Is Awaited

Washington, Feb. 12.—The department of agriculture is waiting for a report from the district forester at Portland on all proposed roads in Oregon before any projects are designated for improvement.

This is the answer returned by Secretary Houston to an inquiry by Senator Chamberlain concerning the prospects of the proposed road to the Oregon Caves in Josephine county. The secretary says that road will not be forgotten but will be considered with the others.

He adds the hope that the Oregon legislature will provide a law empowering its highway department to coordinate various road projects and cooperate with the United States in their construction, under the provisions of the federal road act.

Many Seek Indian Lands

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CHANGING OF NAMES BY CITIES AND TOWNS IS RAPPED BY PAPER

Battle Creek, Mich., Journal Fears Epidemic May Raise Merry Havoc.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—

Fear that an epidemic of name changing on the part of towns and cities of the whole country is imminent, is expressed by the Journal of Battle Creek, Mich., which devotes a serious editorial to consideration of the attempts that have been made by Oakland, Cal., and Salem, Or., to induce other municipalities of like name to drop the cognomen in their favor.

There is no Oakland in Michigan, but that state has an Oakland county.

"There has recently been put forward an idea as to names of cities and towns that, if carried to its logical conclusion, will raise merry with our present system and conditions, and change the map of every state.

Beyond Bret Harte

"The city of Salem, in the Pacific washed state of Oregon, complains bitterly because there is such a place as Salem in the Puritan discovered land of Massachusetts, and makes demand that she change her name, and leave the title as the sole property of the cozy little town wherein nestles the state capital of Oregon.

"Western ambition has done much, but even the dreams of Bret Harte who started the land of the west on its upward journey, could hardly picture such a demand as this. In the Salem of Oregon there are some 15,000 inhabitants, in the Salem of Massachusetts there are nearly 50,000.

Brings Witches to Mind

"Moreover, the Massachusetts city is an institution and an integral part of American history. The thought of Salem of the old Bay State brings to mind the age of fear of witchcraft and the burning of witches, of the dread of the unknown and the talking seriously of a people otherwise calm and sane.

"Oakland, Cal., started it. There are 25 Oakland in the United States. The California Oakland, because it had acquired the largest population, recently filed a formal and polite request that the 24 other Oakland in other states should take other names. Not a single Oakland has acceded to the request. Several of them have brusquely suggested that Oakland, Cal., should adopt a new name itself to secure the solitary distinction that it seeks."

Sinnott bill extending relief to entrymen on the lands of the Umatilla Indian reservation, all persons who may hereafter purchase claims will be entitled to take the land without the usual cultivation requirements, where the land is non-timbered and of grazing character.

There are said to be 110 pending entries for these lands and 69,000 acres remaining subject to entry, with an appraised value of \$1.25 to \$2.50 per acre.

Old King Winter Is Fighting Last Round of Season

Washington, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Old King Winter is fighting the last round of his annual bout. You have the word of Uncle Sam's best weather forecaster for it. "In all probability," he said today, "this will be the last extremely cold weather of the season, so far as eastern states are concerned. The present cold wave will begin to break up tonight. It will be more moderate tomorrow, and thereafter, even more so."

The present cold wave is one of the severest of the season, according to the weather bureau. It is the tail-end of last week's product.

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