

CROW COMMISSIONERS

They Will Serve Another Year and No Doubt Complete Their Work

OF OPENING RESERVE

The Abolition of the Commission Rescinded During the Closing Hours of Congress.

A couple of weeks ago it was announced that the commission which has been treating with the Crows and other western Indians for some time past for the cession of portions of their reservations would be abolished after April 1 next, a bill having recently passed the senate to that effect...

There is no danger of that now, however. News reached Billings Tuesday morning from the east that the time of the commission had been extended for one year. Nothing to that effect had been published in any of the western papers...

Mr. C. G. Hoyt, chairman of the commission, arrived in Billings yesterday morning from the west on his way to the Crow agency, where Commissioner McNeely now is. Mr. Hoyt confirmed the news that the time of the commission had been extended...

METHODISTS IN SESSION.

The Sixth Roseman Conference Being Held in Billings This Week.

The sixth session of the Roseman conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is being held in this city. Yesterday afternoon's session, after a half-hour prayer service, was spent in disciplinary business, including reports from pastors, local preachers, Sunday school superintendents and class leaders...

Resolved, That we, ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church and members of the Epworth League in district conference assembled, hereby extend, by the hand of our president and secretary, our hearty thanks to his excellency, Governor R. B. Smith, for his courage in preserving the good name of our beloved state.

Done at Billings this 9th day of March, 1899.

Rev. J. W. Bennett, President.

Rev. J. W. Tait, Secretary.

An interesting prayer meeting was held from 7 to 7:30 last evening, led by Fred W. Ball, followed by a sermon by Rev. Sanford Snyder of Red Lodge.

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IT IS GOOD NEWS.

Wormser Has Procured His Bond and Will Begin Work April 1 on Big Canal.

The state arid land commission is in a very happy frame of mind over a piece of intelligence they received Tuesday affecting the commencement of work on two of the big irrigation ditches the commission proposes to build in the eastern part of the state.

Word has been received by the Helena Herald that Mr. A. Wormser, who several months ago closed a contract with the commission to construct two canals near Big Timber for irrigating a vast area of land, agreeing to take his pay in the bonds of the commission, has secured in Baltimore an indemnifying bond for \$50,000 to guarantee the faithful performance of his work.

The news that he has secured the necessary indemnifying bond is a source of considerable gratification to the commission. It means nothing more than that he has found a market for the bonds that he is to take for the work.

The marketing of the bonds of the commission augurs well for future operations in reclaiming arid lands under the terms of the Carey arid land law.

Mr. Wormser secured his indemnifying bond from the United States Fidelity Loan & Trust company of Baltimore, Md., one of the leading surety companies of the country.

His contract with the commission is to construct a canal from the Boulder river near Big Timber for the irrigation of a large tract of land that at present cannot be reached; also to construct a similar ditch from the Big Timber river to reclaim contiguous lands.

Mr. Wormser expects to commence work by the first of next month. During the coming summer work will progress rapidly and see the completion of the initial enterprise carried on by the arid land commission in this state.

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

So Says Attorney General Nolan Concerning the New Road Law.

Another bill passed by the last legislature has received its death blow: not from the governor's veto but from an opinion of Attorney General Nolan. The state's legal advisor, after investigation, declares that house bill No. 5, providing for the election of road supervisors and repealing the act of the last legislature abolishing the office of road supervisor, is unconstitutional.

The attorney general reached this conclusion after looking up the law in response to an inquiry from E. Beach, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Lewis and Clarke county.

The reason Mr. Nolan holds that the law is unconstitutional is that it divests the county surveyors elected at the last election of both their offices as supervisors of the roads and the emoluments thereof.

ENCOUNTERS A FOOTPAD.

W. H. Ross Has a Gun Shoved Under His Nose While Going Home.

W. H. Ross had an encounter Wednesday night with a footpad that he does not care to have repeated. He was going home at about 10:30 o'clock and just as he reached the corner of Twenty-ninth street and Second avenue north, he was accosted by a man with a revolver and told to "throw up his hands."

But he didn't do it. He gradually backed away from Mr. Robber for several feet, being unarmed, and then, all at once, commenced to yell, when the robber turned on his heels and flew, being followed for half a block by Mr. Ross, but he could not overtake him.

South or East, Which?

When a trip is contemplated it is always well to prepare in advance in order to avoid little inconveniences which are often annoying.

The two fast trains leaving Minneapolis and St. Paul daily via Wisconsin Central lines for Milwaukee and Chicago make close connections with trains east and south.

Being elegantly equipped with sleeping cars, parlor cars and day coaches, they are fully appreciated by the traveling public.

Your nearest ticket agent will give you complete information and furnish you folder of the Wisconsin Central lines.

Jas. C. Pond, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

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