

J. A. O. PREUS.

Announces Candidacy for State Auditor of Minnesota.



PREUS ENTERS THE FIELD

Will Make the Run for State Auditor of Minnesota.

St. Paul, Feb. 10.—J. A. O. Preus, state insurance commissioner, today announced his candidacy for state auditor. For some time it has been evident that Mr. Preus would yield to the insistence of his friends and make the run.

Mr. Preus' rise in state politics has been rapid. After his admission to the bar he became private secretary to United States Senator Knute Nelson. Later he was named executive clerk to Governor Eberhart, and then advanced to his present position as insurance commissioner.

A "live wire" Progressive has been placed in charge as chairman of his personal campaign committee in the person of Mr. A. H. Turrittin of Sauk Rapids. According to the announcement Mr. Preus later will elaborate upon the policies he proposes to follow out in the event of his election.

WRECK RESULTS IN LOSS OF TWO LIVES

Broken Rail Causes Derailment of Omaha Train.

Worthington, Minn., Feb. 10.—The list of fatalities in the derailment of Omaha train No. 2 near Bigelow was increased to two when Gerbrand L. Gibson, express messenger, Minneapolis, died in a hospital here. Gibson received a fractured skull and suffered from concussion of the brain.

Of the sixteen injured three are not expected to recover. John Greer of Minneapolis has been in a stupor since the accident. John C. Achen of Hal-brite, Sask., is suffering from a fractured skull and Edward Phelan of Omaha is injured internally. Others are improving.

A broken rail due to extreme cold weather was the probable cause of the derailment and subsequent wreck. All the coaches were thrown down a twenty-foot embankment and one passenger, J. Bloomfield, traveling salesman, Surprise, Neb., soon died of his injuries.

WILL PAY MINNESOTA TAX

Contest Ended by Consent of Gates Heirs to \$82,538 Levy.

St. Paul, Feb. 10.—The contest over the inheritance tax on the estate of the late Charles G. Gates has been dropped and the state's claim for \$82,538 will be paid. The payment of the state's claim will give to Minnesota its fourth largest inheritance tax.

Evidence obtained by W. J. Stevenson, assistant attorney general in charge of inheritance tax matters, has established that Charles G. Gates was a legal resident of Minneapolis. The estate on which the Minnesota tax will be paid is estimated to be worth \$2,750,000.

This estimate does not include the Gates holdings in Texas, which are said to be extensive, nor the holdings in Oklahoma and New York. It includes the personal property of the estate and real estate in Minnesota.

Notice that there would be no opposition to Minnesota's claim of residence came from A. L. Humes of New York, who was attorney for Mr. Gates.

FIRE DAMAGES PAPER MILL

Three Buildings Destroyed, With Loss of \$150,000.

Brokaw, Wis., Feb. 10.—The arrival of steam fire engines on a special train from Wausau saved the Brokaw paper mill from heavy loss, the damage being confined to the destruction of the grinder, wood cutting power house and digester building. The loss will be about \$150,000.

The firemen had a hard battle with the flames, owing to the bitter cold, which froze the hose. A dozen workmen, members of the private mill fire department, were overcome, but soon revived.

SENATORS WILL ATTEND CAUCUS

Democrats to Discuss Repeal of Free Tolls.

PLATFORM NOT BINDING

Leaders Say Conditions Have Changed Since Adoption of the Plank at Baltimore.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Repeal of the provision of the Panama canal act exempting coastwise ships from tolls, favored by President Wilson, is to be made a subject of consideration and action by a Democratic caucus of the senate. This would be a wise and necessary course in the interest of party harmony and the nation's foreign policy is the conclusion of administration senators who have discussed the subject with the president within the last few days.

The fact the Democratic party endorsed the toll exemption at the Baltimore convention, these senators and President Wilson hold, should not be a subject of open controversy at this time because conditions involved in the tolls question have changed since that time. The point to be settled is whether the policy adopted by the nation through the action of congress should be reversed regardless of the declaration in the Baltimore platform.

President Wilson has made it clear to senate and house leaders that he is not attempting to force congress to reverse itself. He has outlined to them the country's situation with respect to foreign relations and his belief that a reversal of the policy on the tolls question would be the best thing. He is seeking to convince congress that this is so, but party leaders who have talked with him declare that he is not attempting it in any spirit of antagonism, but in a spirit of co-operation for the general welfare.

STATE OF OHIO BACKS FIGHT

Cleveland Wants Six Millions in Taxes From John D. Rockefeller.

Cleveland, Feb. 8.—John D. Rockefeller's departure for Tarrytown, N. Y., in the face of efforts by local tax commissioners to collect about \$12,000,000 in personal property taxes will have no effect on the tax question, commissioners announced.

"We'll go ahead," said Commissioner John D. Flacker. "We desired to hear from Mr. Rockefeller himself, but if he prefers not we will place his property on the duplicate at the best figure we can and proceed with the best legal aid we can obtain."

Attorney General Hogan instructed Cyrus Locher, county prosecutor, to sue the oil king and the state would stand back of the fight.

Under the Ohio law Rockefeller had until Saturday night to divulge a list of his estimated \$900,000,000 of personal property holdings for taxation if he desires to escape a 50 per cent penalty.

MEMPHIS BANK IS CLOSED

Head of Institution Said to Be Short \$800,000.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 10.—Alleging that almost \$800,000 has been lost through speculations of C. H. Raine, president of the Mercantile bank, ten directors of that institution ordered that the bank not open its doors for business. The bank was considered one of the strongest here.

In a petition for a receiver filed in chancery court here the directors alleged that with liabilities of approximately \$2,196,894 only \$1,408,089 can be found. They charge that Raine secured the money "by a system of handling drafts, property and exchange in such a manner as to deceive the directors and conceal his manipulations."

Raine turned over his personal estate he claimed to be worth approximately \$350,000.

CONGRESSMAN BREMNER DIES

Had Been Undergoing Radium Treatment for Cancer.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—Robert Gunn Bremner, member of congress from the Seventh New Jersey district and editor of the Passaic Daily Herald, died of cancer at a local sanitarium where he had been undergoing radium treatment since last December. He had been suffering from the disease for four years.

Mr. Bremner was thirty-nine years old and married, but childless.

SIX KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Four Brothers Among Victims in Saw Mill Accident.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 7.—Word was received here from Urban, Ky., that six men lost their lives when boilers in a sawmill at that place exploded. Among the dead are four brothers, Thomas, Lincoln, John and Robert Hayer, all of Urban, and Robert Hampton and Frank Pennington, also of that vicinity. All were workmen employed at the saw mill.

P. A. B. WIDENER.

Pays \$700,000 for Picture of Madonna by Raphael.



The purchase by P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia of the "small Cowper Madonna" by Raphael, the most valuable picture ever brought to this country, for a sum said to be in excess of \$700,000, creates a record price for a single art transaction in this country.

The previous record was Mr. Widener's purchase of "The Mill," by Rembrandt, for \$500,000.

DOES NOT APPROVE OF LITERACY TEST

President Gives Opinion on Immigration Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Wilson's opposition to the literacy test as a restrictive measure on immigration has been communicated to the senate committee on immigration which has before it the Burnett bill as passed by the house. The president's attitude was not volunteered, but was solicited by direction of the committee, which authorized its chairman, Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, to confer with the chief executive.

Senator Smith has discussed the matter with the president several times and made a report to his colleagues. He had another conference at the White House and he will discuss it at a meeting of the immigration committee. The senator refused to talk about his visit to the White House, but he emphasized his own determination to steer carefully the bark of immigration legislation as launched by the house.

As to the literacy test in the house bill Senator Smith would make no statement, either concerning his own or the president's views. Other members of the committee have let it be known, however, that President Wilson favors some other form of immigration restriction.

NEGLECTANCE WAS THE CAUSE

Blame Fixed for the Sinking of the Titanic.

London, Feb. 10.—Negligence in navigation caused the Titanic disaster almost two years ago, according to the British court of appeals, which affirmed the damage verdict obtained in a test case in a lower court by relatives of four steerage passengers, who died in this tragedy of the ice fields.

The decision of the high court is expected to bring to trial the enormous litigation growing out of the sinking of the White Star ship.

Millions of dollars in damages were asked on both sides of the Atlantic by families of the Titanic victims. All the suits have been held up pending the final adjudication of the test cases.

PASS BILL FOR MORE GUNS

Senators Approve \$6,892,200 for War Supplies.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate has passed the fortification appropriation bill, carrying \$6,892,200, and materially increasing the house appropriations for artillery and ammunition.

Unpreparedness of the United States for war was debated during consideration of the bill.

Senator Bryan said the increases were needed to meet as nearly as possible the estimate for an army of half a million men.

Senator Smoot said the lack of ammunition was almost criminal.

AERO OFFICER IS KILLED

Lieutenant H. B. Post Falls Five Hundred Feet.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 10.—Lieutenant H. B. Post, First Aero corps, U. S. A., was instantly killed by a fall of 500 feet in his hydroaeroplane. About 150 feet from the surface of the bay Lieutenant Post was seen to about clear of the machine.

It was said by watchers that the engine exploded.

The Farm Bureau Establishes Credits

Seed Grain, Silos, Pedigreed Live Stock and other Permanent Improvements are Recognized by Bankers When Undertaken by a Group of Responsible Farmers

FARM CREDIT BASIS

Banks Willing to Treat Farmers the Same as Merchants in Loan Rates.

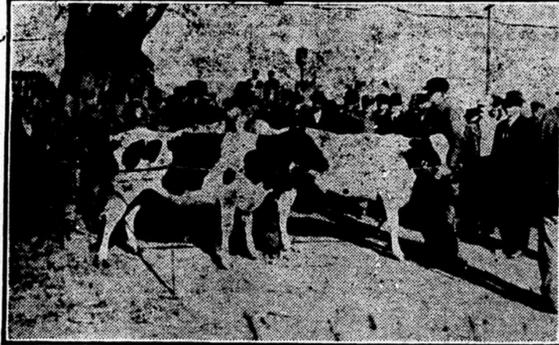
[National Crop Improvement Service.] George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago: "The average American farmer is too independent to accept the community scheme which is now being introduced into Canada upon European models. As for the government making loans direct upon farm land, I can see no reason why the government should do this for the farmer any more than for another individual or business man."

"I believe that any plan which will enable the farmer to obtain loans easily on proper security, and which will provide for some amortization period of twenty-five or thirty years, will be a benefit if the idea is properly safeguarded. There is a great deal of politics mixed up with the constant demand for a loan or credit

scheme for the farmer. The farmer, especially in the middle West is now in an excellent financial condition. There are some communities, no doubt, where aid is needed, but the condition of the American farmer is vastly different from that of the European farmer."

Many other bankers have stated that the farmers, when character and security are both considered, are able to obtain money on the same terms as an equal transaction in any other business.

Low rate loans are being made to clubs of farmers for permanent improvement such as silos, cattle, etc., when recommended by the County Agent and his Advisory Council. This is one of the greatest branches of developing the community spirit. While the community does not stand sponsor for a man's integrity, yet, application for loans from a number of persons at the same time, makes bankers willing to handle the whole proposition at a lower rate.



Auction of Holstein's at Stevens County, Minnesota

PRACTICAL FINANCING

The work of helping finance the operations of farmers in organized counties is very well shown by recent reports from Stevens County, Minnesota, where six carloads of Holstein cattle were purchased and payment guaranteed by the business

men and bankers of the county. The cattle were sold at auction to the farmers with the banks in some cases advancing money for the payment at a reasonable rate of interest. In no case has an importation of stock been made at a loss, but generally there has been a profit.

The country school has fewer pupils than formerly. It now is, as a rule, a playless school and utterly fails in that rigid discipline for life that the larger unit gives. The remedy here is to consolidate the schools and bring enough children together to develop organization, and co-operation. We teach team work on the football field, but not in the school room.—H. J. Waters.

In late years, the most marked change in the educational world has been the development of agricultural instruction in the public schools. From May 1910 to March 1912 the number of institutions giving work in agriculture increased at the rate of 76 a month. Now 19 states have agriculture in the common school and give examinations reviewing agriculture as a prerequisite in obtaining a teachers' certificate.—Charlotte Baker.

Cost of living is not to be materially reduced by simply taking a market basket in hand.—Saturday Evening Post.

LOANS TO FARMERS

Wisconsin Law Now in Effect to Give Financial Aid. Bonds to be Issued Against Loans.

[National Crop Improvement Service.] Two applications for charters for land mortgage associations in Wisconsin have been received; one from Eau Claire and one from Marinette.

The association and its workings are simple. Fifteen or more persons incorporate with a capital stock of not less than \$10,000 and adopt the by-laws prepared by the state board of public affairs and the commissioner of banking. The funds of the association are loaned on first mortgage security and when these securities are deposited with the state treasurer, the association may issue bonds to an amount equal to the securities deposited.

The bonds issued are sold and in this manner additional funds are provided.

MARKETING EGGS

Two communities in Minnesota have had co-operative egg-marketing associations for several years. The Dassel Farmers' Club organized one in 1910. Since that time it has marketed 125,000 dozen eggs in cartons at a premium of \$3,000. This club also handles live stock, dressed poultry, seed grain, seed corn, and other farm products, and buys machinery, feed, twine, seed and other farm supplies. Barnum also has an egg-marketing association. It handles nothing but strictly fresh eggs and has built up a mammoth business. Barnum is looked to as one of the best egg markets in Minnesota.

HOW TO GET TOGETHER.

The most expensive system of distribution in the world may be precisely the one in which producer and consumer deal directly with each other. Mr. Farmer hauls a hundred pounds of vegetables five miles to a city market. Mrs. Housewife travels five miles to reach the market and carries forty cents' worth home. No middleman intervened. Producer's price and consumer's price were identical. But the actual cost of getting that forty cents' worth from farm to kitchen was enormous. If Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Housewife had anything in particular to do—if their time were commercially valuable—the cost would be prohibitive.

There is nothing in any cost-of-living remedy that sees no farther than mere elimination of some middleman. Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Housewife may enjoy the trip to market. There may be diversion in simply getting producer and consumer together; but there is no real economy in it. The real job is not so much to eliminate a middleman as to devise a system that shall be more economical than his, and that involves organization on a pretty extensive scale.

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Public Sale!

Having rented my farm I will have a Closing Out Sale on the premises, 8 miles east and one mile north of Cresco and 3 miles southwest of Bluffton, commencing at 10 a. m., on

Monday, February 23rd

3 HEAD OF HORSES
Gray Mare in foal
Bay Gelding
Sorrel Gelding

20 HEAD OF CATTLE
9 Young Cows
3 Yearling Steers
4 Heifer Calves
4 Steer Calves

MISCELLANEOUS
Set Work Harness
Single Harness
Pair Wagon Springs.
Piano
Household Furniture
Sharpless Cream Separator
Other articles too numerous to mention

35 HOGS
6 Brood Sows
29 Shoats

FARM MACHINERY
Champion Binder
Sulky Plow. 2 Wagons
Walking Plow. 2 Surreys
Imperial Disc Drill
Ohio Corn Plow. Mower
Single Buggy. Cutter
Spring Wagon. Hay Rake
3-sec. Harrow. Bob Sleigh
Garden Cultivator
Potato Digger
Corn Planter. Hay Loader
Galloway Manure Spreader
300 bu. Oats. 400 bu. Corn

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE: All sums of \$10.00 or under cash. On sums over that amount one year's time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent. interest. All articles must be settled for before leaving the premises.

TORGEY NELSON

COL. JOHN FINEGAN, Auctioneer

W. H. TILLSON, Clerk