

THE BALLINGER-PINCHOT AFFAIR

Congress Devoting Most of Its Time to an Investigation of This Squabble

The Ballinger-Pinchot investigation is exciting more interest at the national capital than is legislation in either house of congress. Mr. Pinchot has completed his testimony and James R. Garfield, who was secretary of the interior, holding the cabinet portfolio now held by Mr. Ballinger, during President Roosevelt's administration, has been in the witness chair. Mr. Garfield has given the senate committee some enlightening information relating to the involved history of this question. In the statements of Secretary Ballinger's connection with the Alaskan coal cases as a lawyer, Mr. Garfield charged that he had known of the Guggenheim deal and reiterated his opinion that the express authority of the law was not always necessary to enable the executive to act in the interest of the people.

There was a long controversy concerning Mr. Garfield's withdrawal of water power sites while he was secretary of the interior, and the senate committee pressed more closely for a justification of his right to place a charge on their use by measuring the water resources which were impounded. It was plainly the sense of the senate committee that such waters were controlled not by the federal government, but by the states. Mr. Garfield replied that the states owned the waters and the government the lands surrounding them, and that each party could impose such restrictions as were deemed necessary. The witness strongly justified his large withdrawals of lands and said that his statement to President Taft that Mr. Ballinger had sought to return them to entry without attracting too much public attention was based on an assertion of Reclamation Engineer Davis. Mr. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, succeeded Mr. Garfield on the witness stand, and said he preferred not to testify unless directed to do so by the committee. Senator Nelson, the chairman of the committee, did not hesitate to advise him to testify.

In this connection it is significant that although Mr. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, is to attend the Minnesota conservation congress to be held at St. Paul next week, he will not be invited to attend the banquet to be given by the St. Paul Roosevelt club on March 19, in honor of Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester. This is a significant straw indicating the trend of public opinion and public feeling. Secretary Ballinger is undoing much that has been done by his predecessors, both ex-Secretary Garfield and ex-Secretary Hitchcock. A large part of the lands along the Grande River in Colorado and Utah withdrawn by Garfield, will be restored to entry by Ballinger. Also, coal lands in New Mexico withdrawn by Hitchcock and Garfield will be restored to entry.

There seems to be a determination on the part of congress to provide a large sum of money for the construction of federal buildings in Washington. Representative Martin of South Dakota, a member of the public building committee of the house, has called upon the secretary of the treasury for a statement of the amount of rent paid by the government in Wash-

ington. The program is to erect a number of public buildings within the next few years. It is expected that a bill providing for a bond issue to cover the cost of the construction of the buildings, about fifty millions dollars, will be presented. It will no doubt be economical for the government to build its own offices, inasmuch as the rented property used is quite inadequate for government purposes and the amount paid in rents is three or four times as much in relation to the value of the property as the amount that the government can secure by the issue of 2 per cent. bonds.

Mr. S. J. Murphy of New York, representing John D. Rockefeller, appeared before the senate committee on the District of Columbia yesterday morning to explain the plans for the incorporation of the Rockefeller Foundation in the bill recently introduced in the senate. His explanation threw much additional light on the plan, which he said had advanced no further than has already been made public. He, however, cleared up some legal and technical details of the incorporation, and he confirmed the facts already published.

**To Extend City Limits of Laclede?**

Laclede is to have two city elections next month. The regular election will be held April 5, at which time a mayor, marshal and an alderman in each ward will be elected. We understand that all the retiring officials will be candidates for re-election. At a special election to be held April 12, a proposition to extend the city limits is to be voted on. The proposed extension takes in a strip eighty rods wide on the north and east of the present city limits and will, if it carries, add nine families to the city's population. It will also make it possible for the city to keep the streets along the present north and east boundaries in better condition and will give the new part of the city a chance to get sidewalks and crossings. Five of the houses thus included are within a quarter of a mile of the business part of Laclede and it seems only fair that they should be in and a part of the city. As to the voters in the district to be included, some are heartily in favor of annexation, while others bitterly oppose it, and what the result of the vote will be is more than THE BLADE can foretell.

**Free Seed Corn**

Why not quit raising "scrub" corn? Why not plant enough pure bred seed this spring to supply you for the future? There is as much difference between "scrub" corn and pure bred corn as there is between a "scrub" steer and a pure bred steer. Pure bred corn will produce a much larger yield per acre than ordinary seed. Until further notice the Farmer and Breeder, published at Columbia, Mo., will give away free a quart of pure bred seed corn with every new subscription. A quart will plant a quarter of an acre and give you all the pure seed you need for future use. The Farmer and Breeder is a big monthly and costs only 50c a year. It is published in the home of Missouri's great agricultural college and every issue is full of articles by agricultural experts on the raising of all kinds of farm crops, the care and feeding of live stock, dairying, fruit growing, fertilizing the soil, poultry raising and every other farm subject. Any single issue is worth the price. Every ounce of this seed corn will be tested by seed experts before it is sent out. You can have either a yellow or white variety. This advertisement is appearing in hundreds of newspapers and our supply of seed will soon be exhausted. So send or leave your subscription at once at the office of THE BLADE, which will forward it to us.

# Seasonable Specialties at THE MODEL

The Model is better prepared than ever to supply your needs in all the lines we carry in the four big rooms of Laclede's Greatest Store. Among the seasonable goods we find

## Rugs and Furniture

We will have in stock this season a complete line of Rugs ranging in price from \$9.50 to \$30. You can't beat the quality or price. You will also need one of our Linoleums for your kitchen or dining room. They are beauties and wear better than anything else.

A big line of splendid Davenport in stock at prices ranging from \$18.50 to \$35. Not cheap stuff, but the best in the county at the prices. Couches all the way from \$1.75 to \$12.50 and every one will cost you more elsewhere. A full and complete line of all other furniture at prices that make you wonder how it can be sold so cheap.

## Garden Time

seems to be here and we are ready for it with a big line of Garden Tools—Wheel

Come in and look over our mammoth stock whether you wish to buy just now or not. Bring us your produce and we will pay you the highest market price in cash.

# J. B. PATRICK

Laclede, Missouri

Hoes, Hand Hoes and Rakes, Spades, etc., and a complete assortment of Garden Seeds in packages and in bulk. Early Ohio Seed Potatoes \$1.00 per bushel.

## Flour

We carry these well-known brands—Monarch, Deutschland, Gold Medal and have just unloaded a car of the well-known Zephyr. Incubators and

## Poultry Supplies

The famous Eclipse Hot Water Incubators, galvanized chicken coops, etc. A fresh line of Pratt's Veterinary Remedies and Stock Dip just received.

If you are thinking of buying anything in the above lines or anything else in Groceries, Furniture, Hardware or Feed, it will pay you to look over our stock and get our prices before buying.

## THE ADVANCE FARM SCHEDULE

Four Million Copies to Be Furnished to Farmers Before the Census Begins

A great increase in the accuracy of the census returns from the farmers, a considerable saving of the working time of the farm enumerators, and the removal of much of whatever misapprehensions and prejudices may exist among farmers with regards to the census are the important results expected by the United States census bureau to follow the use of the advance farm schedule, which has been adopted and will be circulated, through the rural postmasters, among the farmers a short time before the actual census taking.

The employment of this advance schedule is a distinct innovation in census methods. It is the logical and practical outcome of the census bureau's persistent effort for some time past to give the farmers a clear and comprehensive preliminary knowledge of the farm census questions and to induce them to keep written records of their farm operations and equipment in readiness for the call of the enumerators, beginning April 15 next.

Four million copies of the schedule will be printed, and the distribution of them among farm owners and tenants will be entrusted to the farm enumerators soon after they are commissioned, about April 1.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has promised the assistance of his department in the effective distribution of the schedules, and he will issue instructions relative thereto to the rural postmasters. They will be required to address and forward to the farmers receiving mail at their offices the advance farm schedules supplied them by the enumerators.

In a note to farmers on the front page of the schedule, Census Director Durand states:

"In accordance with the act of congress, the census of the population and farms of the United States will begin on April 15, 1910.

On or soon after that date an enumerator will call at your house for the purpose of obtaining the required information concerning your farm.

"Many of the questions which will be asked you concerning the equipment and operations of your farm can not be accurately answered by you without considerable thought and the making of careful calculations or estimates. Therefore this form has been sent to you in advance, so that you may study the question at your convenience and have the answers written down before the enumerator comes.

"You are earnestly requested to read this form and instructions carefully, to write down the answers to all questions that apply to your farm, and to keep it until the enumerator comes. By doing this you can save yourself much time and contribute greatly to the success of the agricultural census.

"Besides the information concerning your farm, the enumerator will also ask you the names, ages, and other facts concerning the members of your household."

It's easier to nominate self-seeking and incompetent candidates than to elect them.

## O. F. LIBBY

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## Order of Publication

(In vacation.) State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss.: In the Circuit Court of Linn County, Mo., June Term, 1910. Willford E. Morley, Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Morley, Defendant. At this 7th day of March, 1910, comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorneys, Bailey & Hart, before the undersigned Clerk in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that Defendant, Elizabeth Morley, is not a resident of the State of Missouri and can not be served by due process of law in this state. Whereupon, it is ordered by the undersigned Clerk in vacation, that said Defendant be notified by publication that Plaintiff has commenced a suit against her in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment and decree of this Court divorcing him from the bonds of matrimony, heretofore contracted with the defendant, and that unless the said Elizabeth Morley be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof to be begun and holden at the court house in the City of Linn, Mo. in said County on the sixth day of June next, and on or before the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as con-

cluded and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in THE LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper published in said County of Linn, Mo., successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next June term of this Court.

JNO. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk. State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss.: I, Jno. N. Wilson, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Order of Publication as the same appears of record in my office. Witness my hand as Clerk, and the seal of said Court, Done at office in Linn county this 7th day of March, 1910. JNO. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk. By JNO. T. CARLON, Deputy.

## An Ordinance of the City of Laclede

Ordinance Bill No. 116, being an Ordinance of the City of Laclede, to extend the corporate limits of said city of Laclede, over territory lying adjacent thereto.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Laclede as follows:

Section 1. Extension of limits.—Description of.—The corporate limits of the city of Laclede shall be and are hereby extended so as to include the territory lying adjacent thereto, as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the North Boundary line of said city of Laclede, as the same is now located and established, at the South-West corner of the South-East quarter of the South-East quarter of Section thirty-one (31) in Township fifty-eight (58) Range twenty (20) in Linn county, Missouri, thence running North to the North-West corner of the South-East quarter of the South-East quarter of said Section thirty-one (31), thence East to the North-East corner of the West half of the South-East quarter of the South-West quarter of Section five (5) in Township fifty-eight (58) Range twenty (20) in said Linn county, Missouri, thence South to the South-East corner of the West half of the South-West quarter of the South-East quarter of Section five (5) in Township fifty-seven (57) Range twenty (20) in Linn county, Missouri, thence West along the South line of said Section five to the South-West corner thereof and to the South-East corner of the present city limits of said city of Laclede as the same is now located.

Section 2. Election—Time of.—An election shall be held in the city of Laclede on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 1910, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to extend the corporate limits of said city of Laclede, and to extend the boundary lines thereof, as herein above provided, at which election said proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said city of Laclede for their decision.

Section 3. Election—Notice of.—Notice of the Election provided for in this ordinance shall be given by publication of this ordinance in THE LACLEDE BLADE, a weekly newspaper published in said city of Laclede, for at least three consecutive weeks before the time provided herein for the holding of said election. And the city clerk is hereby charged with the duty of attending to the giving of said notice as herein provided.

Section 4. Judges and clerks.—Appointment of.—There shall be four Judges and four clerks at each voting precinct, and they shall be selected and appointed by the board of aldermen. Should any judge or clerk fail to appear and qualify, or should there be a vacancy in the number of judges or clerks for any reason, then the by-standers who are qualified voters may select some one to fill such vacancy.

Section 5. The voting places shall be as follows: In the First Ward, the law office of C. C. Biggar, and in the Second Ward the Grand Army Hall.

Section 6. After the closing of the polls, the counting of the ballots, and the final signing and attesting of the poll-books, the ballots, ballot boxes, tally sheets, and poll-books shall be returned and delivered by the judges and clerks of each precinct to the city clerk who shall receive and care for the same, and within three days thereafter, he shall lay them before the board of aldermen, and the board of aldermen shall cast up the vote given upon changing the boundary of the city as herein provided and declare the result of said election and said result shall be entered on the records of the city.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 8th day of March, 1910. T. J. WELSH, Mayor and ex-officio President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Laclede.