

TWO NEW LAND DISTRICTS.

The Bill Creating Them Passed the House Yesterday Morning.

THE MISSOURI RIVER COMMISSION.

A Bill Introduced Providing for Three Additional Members—Beatrice Federal Building Prospects Very Good.

WASHINGTON TELEGRAPH THE OMAHA BE... 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, OMAHA, Mo., April 7.

Senator Pettigrew introduced a bill today to enlarge the Missouri river commission and to provide for a survey and improvement in the Missouri in Montana and North and South Dakota. The bill provides for the appointment of three additional members of the commission, one each for the states of Montana and North and South Dakota, who shall receive the same compensation and have the same powers given the commissioners at present authorized under the law. The bill makes appropriations for removing snags, bridging, etc., as follows: At Yanke... \$50,000; Chamberlain, \$50,000; Pierre, \$50,000; between Bismarck and Fort Benton, \$75,000; between Yanke... \$50,000; between Bismarck and Bismarck, \$50,000; between Bismarck and Rocky Point, \$100,000; between Rocky Point, Mont. and Fort Benton, \$70,000; for removing snags between the mouth of Big Sioux and Fort Benton, \$75,000; for an ice harbor at Yanke... \$50,000; for an ice harbor at Bismarck, \$50,000; for a survey of the Missouri above the Big Sioux, \$75,000. Senator Pettigrew said this afternoon that after Montana's two senators were seated there would be at least six senators working for this bill, and he believed it would be adopted in the senate. The house heard an argument from Senator Pettigrew upon the improvement of the upper Missouri, but refused to make provision for it in the regular river and harbor bill, and the senator is now working for an independent appropriation bill.

AN ILLEGAL SCHEME.

Secretary Noble Saves Uncle Sam Some Valuable Land.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Secretary Noble has rendered an opinion upon the report of the board appointed by Commissioner Groff of the general land office to examine into the facts and circumstances concerning the illegal issue in November, 1889, to Thomas Reed of a patent for 112 acres of land said to contain valuable mineral deposits, in the Duluth, Minn., land district. The investigation was completed yesterday. It is reported that the patent was issued a question as to the title to the land was pending before the department. After reviewing the facts presented by the board, the secretary has concluded that the action of parties, who to anticipate, it is intimated, adverse action by the department, procured the record of the patent in the Duluth land office, and that the secretary has concluded that the secretary has approved the title for patent in excess of his duty and must be disapproved. The secretary has also advised the board that the title to the land was pending before the department. After reviewing the facts presented by the board, the secretary has concluded that the action of parties, who to anticipate, it is intimated, adverse action by the department, procured the record of the patent in the Duluth land office, and that the secretary has concluded that the secretary has approved the title for patent in excess of his duty and must be disapproved. The secretary has also advised the board that the title to the land was pending before the department.

THE BEATRICE PUBLIC BUILDING BILL.

An effort was made this afternoon to induce Speaker Reed to sign the bill. The bill was passed by the house yesterday.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

Iowa, Calvary, Iowa county, J. D. Rogers, resigned; George C. Clark, Clark county, W. B. Enory, vice P. Miller, resigned; Padesic, Cedar county, F. H. Smith, resigned; Padesic, Cedar county, F. H. Smith, resigned; Padesic, Cedar county, F. H. Smith, resigned.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The house committee on appropriations today completed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It carries an aggregate appropriation of \$20,864,000. The appropriation is \$10,000 more than the last bill and \$102,834 less than the estimates. No new legislation is proposed. A large number of changes have been made in the bill, including the four new states, the stopping of territorial offices. The salary of the president's assistant secretary is increased from \$4,250 to \$5,000.

A Pension for Mrs. Parnell.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The house committee on pensions today ordered a favorable report on the Brookshire bill, granting a pension to Mrs. Della T. S. Parnell, daughter of the late Admiral Charles Stewart and mother of Charles Stewart Felt.

RECOGNITION OF SUBSIDIARY COINS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures today authorized a favorable report on the bill for the coinage of subsidiary coins of the United States. It authorizes the secretary of the treasury to cause subsidiary silver coins to be struck for circulation or for denominations for which there is no current demand to be required in such denominations as may be required to meet the demand therefor. It provides that the loss incident to recoining be paid from the silver fund.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

For Omaha and vicinity: Fair weather, followed by rain.

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Great Crowds in Des Moines to Attend the Sixteenth Annual Encampment.

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Women's Relief Corps Will Also Hold a Meeting—Elections Throughout the State—Legislative Proceedings.

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THE WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Women's Relief Corps is also to hold its annual meeting at this time. The national president, Mrs. Anna Wittmeyer of Philadelphia, is here and will address a large audience of Iowa women. There are 200 relief corps in this state.

CHANGES IN THE ATCHISON SYSTEM.

CHICAGO, April 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A New York telegram printed here to-day stated that there would soon be important changes in the management of the Atchison system, notably that Chairman M. Magown of the board of directors would supersede Mr. Maxwell as president. Atchison officials here ridiculed the dispatch. President Maxwell said: "It is simply a cock and bull story, hardly worth denying. As far as the management of the Atchison is concerned, I have no reason to believe Mr. Magown would accept the presidency."

OFFICERS OF THE ALTON.

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