

RIVERS VS. ROADS IS CONTEST DUE

Supporters of These Bills Are Opposed.

ONE WOULD TAKE ALL MONEY

To Build Highways Government Would Have to Spend Unlimited Amount of Funds—This Would Hurt Rivers and Harbors Bill—Advocates of Latter Say Opponents Hit Army Engineers.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Feb. 17.—[Special.]—There is a possibility of a contest in the future between the rivers and harbors men and the good roads advocates. There is not the least doubt that if the general government should ever become committed to the building of roads throughout the country there is no limit to the amount of money that will be demanded every year. Such appropriations will dwarf and possibly drive out of congress the big river and harbor bills.

When it comes down to actual facts the number of congressmen who are deeply interested in river and harbor appropriations is comparatively small. It is because their state or some portion of it is benefited that induces most of them to support the various bills which have been passed, together with the fact that most men believe that good navigation is of great assistance in regulating freight rates and thus aiding the whole country. But the time may come when the good roads appropriations will swamp river and harbor bills.

Reflecting on the Engineers.

Advocates of river and harbor appropriations insist that the severe criticisms which have been made against the various projects are really reflections on the engineers, that corps par excellence of the army. As a general rule criticism of the army officers is limited to individuals, and the engineers are almost beyond reproach. However, it matters not whether the bills are criticised or not they will continue to pass with large appropriations as long as the country demands better navigation facilities.

Could Reverse Himself.

Speaker Clark is not a bit afraid of reversing himself or of the charge of inconsistency. Not long ago the point of no return was made, which was evidently dilatory, and he so held. There was considerable argument on the subject, and finally Jim Mann pointed out that a similar case arose in a former congress when John Sharp Williams was minority leader and that Williams led a filibuster which Clark helped along for the remainder of the session.

"The gentleman who occupies the chair is right now and was wrong then," sentimentally remarked Champ.

Forest Reserve Protests.

As indicating opposition to the present forest reservation policy of the government Senator Bourne recently presented a petition signed by 226 residents of Oregon near the Stuslaw reservation in which they asserted that the forest reservation was detrimental to people in its vicinity, that it favored the man of means as against the poor man, that it helped the big lumber companies, that poor men could not get benefits from it, that the forest service was conducted by eastern theorists who knew nothing about the west and that the forestry service was conducting the reserves so as to continue and to create a wilderness instead of developing the country.

Many western men in congress have made similar assertions, but the forestry policy seems to have become a fixture all the same.

Want Bailey's Speech.

There is a great demand for the speech which Senator Bailey delivered just before he resigned. Senator Martin of Virginia wanted the speech printed as a public document so that it could be circulated to meet the requests for copies, but the watchful Smoot interposed the objection that such printing was not permitted. The speech will have to be printed at private expense, but it can circulate free in the mails.

The War is Over.

When it is proposed without much opposition and general assent that a Grant-Lee memorial bridge shall be constructed to connect Washington with Lee's old home, Arlington, and that ultimately the United States shall join in a memorial of some kind to Jefferson Davis, we can really believe the war is over. And yet it was not very long ago that rather strenuous opposition developed to placing Lee's statue in memorial hall as a Virginia contribution. Now Mississippi can place a statue of Jefferson Davis in that hall without provoking any serious criticism.

Defrauding the Readers.

Those senators who talk for hours in executive session in order to filibuster against confirming President Taft's appointments are defrauding the readers of the Congressional Record. John Sharp Williams and Claude A. Swanson spent hours telling stories and delving into the forgotten past, using lots of information and anecdote which the Record readers would have revealed in, but which, because they occurred in executive session, are lost to them forever.

A TRIP ACROSS DAMASCUS

Over Hill and Dale—Interestingly Told by Our Damascus Scribe.

Damascus village is an unpretentious riparian cluster of homes. Whether she bears any traits or resemblance to her namesake in the Orient, we can only conjecture. We find it to be one of ten hamlets named in honor of this ancient city. The village itself is not compact but extends from the shore of the Delaware on an eastern incline, along the old Newburg and Great Bend turnpike till it reaches a plateau on the first flight of the river spurs. Two wings also run along the river front. A post office, general store, harness shop, smithy, furniture and undertaking rooms, two churches and a high school constitute some of the prominent points of notice in the group of structures. We have chosen for our pen trip a course along the turnpike road. To note every point along the line of the trip would occupy too much time and space for this letter.

On the first terrace after leaving the Delaware stands an imposing structure at our right. At this spot at one time lived Dr. Luther Appley, whose only surviving son is Luther who resides on the Galilee road about two miles from this village. This particular spot has frequently changed owners and bears no resemblance now of its former self. It looks as though some good fairy had waved her wand and transformed chaos into a paradise. The property is now owned by T. A. Oliver, a great-grandson of Dr. Luther Appley. The doctor married Mary E. Effinger as a second wife. She was a Philadelphia lady of Quaker extraction, and wealthy. Mrs. Appley and also her only daughter, spent the evening of her life in Honesdale and the remains of both now repose in Glen Dyberry.

On the western outskirts of the village stands the dwelling of the late Dr. Theron Appley, now the home of his son, Amasa. This was the first Gothic structure in these parts. It was erected more than a half century ago, the builder being a Mr. Lane, uncle of the late C. J. Lane, who also worked on the building, having just attained his majority. Standing a few rods from this was where the old Damascus Union Academy stood but has since been modeled into a High school. In the old Academy, the writer sat at the feet of the late John Austin McLaurie whose image he revered.

Passing from here and leaving the village behind, we pass down a short declivity, cross a level and begin another climb. When nearly at the top of this we halt to look at where was a famous hostelry presided over by the Lukens. Here also stands one of the stone mile-posts marking the distance from the Hudson river.

Here the old tally-ho stage coach had a relay station. The smithy was conducted by Richard Dickens, but was familiarly termed "Big Dick." It is said that when he took up a horse's foot it was held as though in an iron vice. He was Herculean in strength and gigantic in stature. Maybe some idea of this man's size may be gained when we relate that he was obliged to have a pair of lasts turned especially for his own use in order that his foot gear would fit. We never saw the man but we saw the lasts in the shoe shop of the late James Lovelass where his shoes were made to order. These lasts were marked XIV and measured 3 1/2 inches across the ball. Some of the old buildings are yet giving good service, but the tavern was destroyed by fire several years ago. The present owner of the property is Fred S. Price. Going a little farther we see the farm of another Lukens brother, now the property of H. B. Lord. Just a few rods farther on the other side of the road another brother lived. This is now the home of Joseph Abraham. Previous to the present owner was John O. Jackson who claims he put into use the first silo in this section. A short distance farther west stood one of the toll houses and the spot is still marked by a clump of rose bushes and tansy so commonly found around dwellings when doctors were scarce and herb teas were in vogue. Continuing up another elevation we pass the home of Hon. H. Clark Jackson who is directing so much attention at himself at present. Up, up we go till, at the top of this climb, we see the village of Tyler Hill spread before us. You know a city upon a hill cannot be hidden; neither can this one.

Just as we enter the village from the east stands the manse of the late David Fortnam. This property is descended to the fourth generation and is now in the possession of Clarence D. Fortnam. The farm is named Farview Farm as from this location you can look eastward as far as the eye can carry. Across the road from this stands where formerly was the home of the late M. F. Van Kirk who at that time conducted a stick factory on the stream just south of the village. When men were digging a well for Mr. Van Kirk a blast had to be put in to get through a rock. The force of the explosion carried a large piece of rock high into the air, and in its descent crashed through the roof of the house, but injured no one. The late owner was L. D. Tyler.

The village of Tyler Hill contains a post office, general store, two smithies and a public school building. This little village in its early days bore the euphonious name of Puddin Hill. This is how it is said to have come by it. Alvah Noble on his trips from what is now Calkin followed a blazed path through the woods to the pike near this place and when he reached the home of a friend named Monington he was given refreshments such as was most convenient in those days and this was almost invariably sump and milk. Hence the sobriquet. But the old man gave it the name "pudden" instead of the broad term of sump and milk. There were no autos then, nor many pleasure carriages. A pair of oxen and a wain answered many purposes, and many times provisions were "backed" home in a stout sack, the only road of travel being over a tortuous,

blazed trail through a tangled forest with wild cats and "painters" screeching at the heels of the home goer. This was pioneer days in Damascus. We could furnish names of men who were chased to their own door by those savage beasts of the forests. The advent of Israel Tyler to this village started new activities. For many years he was the nucleus of industries that, with his exodus, is, like the progenitor, a thing of local history only. One of those industries was the making of blocks for saddles, or saddle trees as they were called. These found ready sale while the civil war lasted. His substantial mansion is now owned by E. T. Oliver and the farm was transferred to Thomas Griffith. Even before the establishment of the Tyler, was the chosen name of the village. That neat little cottage there is the home of John S. Oliver once the leading house carpenter in all this section, now retired, and here at the foot of the hill was the home of the late John V. Tyler, a direct descendant of a Revolutionary soldier. The place is now occupied by his son George.

Now, if you have kept sharp count you have found this to be the second descent since we left the Delaware, and three long steep ascents. Over there on the hillside is the elder mill of N. B. Alfast and here is his well-appointed home. Mr. Alfast and family are now sojourning in Los Angeles, Cal. Now for another of those long climbs, and here we land on a table land 1300 feet above the tide level. Turn and look back toward the east. Is it not grand? This is the Laurel Lake House and there is beautiful Laurel Lake. Nearly 100 acres of spring water on the crest of a hill. Is it not wonderful? You might call it one monstrous spring of waters. It was here that Colonel Wm. Doughty settled long ago on a Government grant. Only a speck of the original farm remains.

A scud over a half mile level and we are at the home of the late John Jackson, now owned by his son, William, and worked by the latter's son Thomas. Now look around you. Perhaps no finer landscape view may be had from any point of view in Wayne county. To the right in yonder depression is another body of spring water with about half the area of the one just passed. Two such magnificent lakes only a few rods apart and at such an altitude! We do not wonder that your eyes are dilated. It certainly is marvelous. All that is needed to make it vie with the Yellowstone National Park is a little hot hole and we may be assured of that if we get local option.

That attractive building at our left is the home of B. C. Ross, an old Delaware river pilot. Rushing onward over a rolling stretch of road we pass the West Damascus post office, up a short stiff grade and we are on an apex. Down we start on a long western slope and we are soon in a valley where flows the North Branch of the Calkin creek, near its head waters. On a prominence in front is the large farm and substantial buildings of L. G. Schweighofer, and here is the West Damascus public school. A quarter of a mile farther we pass over a space of level rock several rods long on Cork Screw hill. From this we are soon at the base of Four Story Hill. Now for our final climb. Here is the home of Otto Rutledge; that new house is the home of John Gillis and up there as a grand final on the peak of this gigantic eminence stands the home of James Blair. Surely he is the most elevated man on our trip. Passing a few rods onward we are at the home of T. A. Brooks and only a few rods farther we halt on the dividing line between Damascus and Lebanon townships. On our trip we have made seven ascensions, crossed seven streams, made three descents and traversed about nine miles of as hilly highway as there is in Damascus township. It is said this Newburgh turnpike was laid out on the gin system, that is, the surveyors were offered a drink of gin on top of every hill, and that they built a fire on top of a hill, at night and blazed a streak to it. It certainly takes the cake for its number of hills.

BEACH LAKE.

Beach Lake, Feb. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Davey of Chestnut Lake spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Davey.

The revival meetings began Sunday night and we all hope for a sweeping revival.

Mrs. S. J. Garrett went to Brooklyn Sunday. Her sister, Mrs. White, and her daughter, Mrs. Hall, are both very ill.

Horace Beemer of Laurella, was a caller here Monday.

Bernice Dunn spent Sunday with Henrietta Budd.

Ella Ebert spent Tuesday at Henrietta Budd's.

Mrs. Hiram D. Wood is quite ill with the grippe at the present writing.

Bernice Dunn spent Tuesday at Sadie Wilson's.

Prower Budd has just recovered from an attack of the grippe and now Mrs. Budd, his wife, has it.

Frank Frey, Miss Bernice Dunn, Henrietta Budd and Grace Gregory were callers at Miss Bessie Decker's Sunday.

There was a Valentine social at the home of Jacob Hiller Friday night.

The Valentine social at Mr. Hiller's Friday night was a success. There were games and merry-making and the people repaired to their homes about 12:30. All reported having had a fine time. There were 195 present and the proceeds was \$10.50.

Wednesday evening Mrs. C. T. Vangorder preached to the people, and Thursday evening Mr. Vangorder. The sermons were enjoyed by all present. There are a few new converts and we hope for a great many more.

News has been received here of the death of Lewis Ham.

Miss Bernice Dunn was a caller at Lola Richard's Friday.

There were a number of people who attended the flag raising at the Atco school Friday.

Mrs. Charles Budd is ill at the present writing.

Mrs. Chas. Davey has recovered from the effects of a fall taken some time ago.

Mrs. Prower Budd has just recovered from an attack of the grippe.

HAMLIN.

Hamlin, Feb. 17. The Booklovers' club met with Mrs. D. W. Edwards on Feb. 12th. All the members were present, including Miss D. P. Hamlin, who has not been in attendance at any of the previous meetings this year, having but recently returned from an extended visit with relatives in Hackettstown and Philadelphia. It being Lincoln's birthday the hostess had prepared a program appropriate to the occasion. This consisted of an essay, "The Life of Lincoln," by Florence Spangenberg. Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation by Grace Franc. Mrs. Inez Curtis read a selection entitled "Lincoln's Loves and Marriage," and Mae Walker read some anecdotes illustrative of the character of Lincoln. Lastly Miss Buckingham conducted an oral quiz which gave those present an opportunity to display their knowledge of Lincoln, his parentage, education, character and life. After this a couple of "heart" games were indulged in and later tempting refreshments were served. After these had been partaken of the books were distributed and all departed homeward voting the afternoon an entire success.

Mrs. Marilla Clark, Hawley, has returned to her home after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Loring.

Stewart Peet is ill at this writing. The case is pronounced typhoid fever. Mrs. Pett's mother is with her to assist her in caring for him.

C. L. Simons and Otto Dolmetsch spent Friday, Feb. 14, in Scranton.

Miss Sara Storm and Elsa Gantz-horn spent the week-end with Mrs. Inez Curtis.

The men of the town are all harvesting ice. Nearly all the ice houses in the vicinity were filled last week.

Mrs. B. F. Hamlin is making an extended visit with her son, Dr. B. G. Hamlin, Scranton.

Butler Hamlin spent a part of this week in Scranton.

The remains of Mrs. Anna Evans Nash, Scranton, were brought to Hamlin for burial on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16. Mrs. Nash spent her girlhood days in Hamlin, residing in the house now occupied by W. H. Alt.

POYNTELLE.

Poyntelle, Feb. 15.—John Simpson, of Carbondale, has his ice house at Orson full, and is now filling the one at Poyntelle on Bone Lake. The Consumers Ice company of Scranton has its house on the Five-Mile Lake nearly half full.

William Mulligan had the misfortune to cut his foot very badly on Tuesday. He was using a spurring bar when his coat got tangled with the bar and the bar cut through his rubber and on through his foot between the second and third toes, cutting a gash about two inches long. His wound was dressed at the works by Mr. Black.

Elmer Knapp, who is working for Mr. Simpson, got a bad cut the same day and had to be taken home. Many of the men working on the ice are laid up with the grippe. William Mulligan, Patrick Moran, Henry Wolf and Earl Dunning, of Pleasant Mount, are working for the Consumers.

A number of the men have tried the temperature of the water lately, but they seem to think that it is really not the right time of the year to go in bathing. Even the boss tried it.

Mr. O'Neill, the New York milk dealer, was in town Monday making all of his patrons look pleasant.

WAYMART.

Waymart, Feb. 15. The Merry Dozen Book club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. R. Blayton Burch last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Z. J. Lord has returned from a week's sojourn in Wilkes-Barre. Albert Shafer, of Gravity, visited relatives in town recently.

Frances Westgate, of Uniondale, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. P. Stanon.

Mrs. Charles Baker was in Honesdale last week.

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Russell Dymond, of Scranton, was a recent guest of his uncle, J. B. Dymond.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, of Aldenville, have moved into Dr. Nobles' house and the doctor will board with them.

LOOKOUT.

Lookout, Feb. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Flynn and daughter, Margaret, attended the funeral of Mrs. Flynn's mother, Mrs. Dermody, at Cochection on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Egler and Lulu Swenson spent Sunday with Mrs. Egler's sister, Mrs. Walter Drum who has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Linas Mann of Union were guests of Fred Branning and wife on Sunday last.

There is a large force of men busy putting in ice for the creamery at this place. William Hofer is overseeing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schweighofer, of West Damascus, attended church at this place on Sunday last.

Mrs. J. R. Maudsley is visiting her son, Henry, and wife, at Binghamton, N. Y.

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