

SURVEYS IN THE TERRITORIES.

Part of a Discussion in the U. S. House of Representatives, April 26, on the Legislative, etc., Appropriation Bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

"For Surveyor-general of California, \$2,700; and for the clerks in his office, \$20,000."

Mr. RANDALL. I move to strike out "20" and insert "10."

Mr. HOLMAN. I move to amend by striking out "10" and insert "8," so that it will read "\$8,000."

Mr. RANDALL. I accept the amendment so as to make it "\$8,000."

The amendment as modified was agreed to.

The Clerk read as follows:

"For surveyor-general of Nebraska and Iowa, \$2,000; and for the clerks in his office, \$6,000."

Mr. HOLMAN. I think there is no necessity for appropriating so large a sum as \$6,000 for clerical hire in Nebraska; I move to reduce it to \$2,500.

The amendment was agreed to.

The Clerk read as follows:

"For surveyor-general of the Territory of Utah, \$2,500; and for the clerks in his office, \$4,500."

Mr. RANDALL. I move to strike out "\$4,500 and insert "\$5,000."

The amendment was agreed to.

The Clerk read as follows:

"For surveyor-general of the Territory of Arizona, \$3,000; and for the clerks in his office \$6,500."

Mr. FORT. I move to strike out "\$3,000" and insert "\$2,500." Why should the surveyor-general of Arizona have \$3,000 when other surveyor-generals are only allowed twenty-five or twenty-seven hundred dollars?

Mr. RANDALL. Let the gentleman submit his amendment.

Mr. FORT. I have moved to make it \$2,500.

Mr. BAKER, of Indiana. Why in Wyoming do we allow \$2,500, \$2,700 in Montana, \$2,800 in Dakota, and \$3,000 in Arizona?

Mr. RANDALL. This was done after full consultation upon the facts we then had before us.

Mr. BAKER, of Indiana. I can hardly understand why there should be this difference in salary.

Mr. RUSK. I suggest they all be put at the same figure.

Mr. MAGINNIS. I suggest the committee is very nearly right in this thing, excepting that Colorado and Wyoming should be grouped together, and Idaho, Arizona, and Montana should have the same salary provided for the surveyor-general. That is the way they should be grouped, arising from increased expense of living.

Mr. BENNETT. In Idaho, Arizona, and Montana living is higher.

Mr. HOLMAN. I hope all these salaries will be put at the sum of \$2,000. The surveys made last year of public lands amounted to 25,000,000 of acres all told, exclusive of railroad grants, while a little rising 3,000,000 acres were disposed of. The surveys in every State and Territory having public land are far beyond what is required by emigration and settlement. The clerical force can be largely reduced, as well as the salaries of the surveyors-general. I suggest these salaries be fixed at \$2,000.

Mr. MAGINNIS. I object to going back.

Mr. HOLMAN. Very well; we can reach it at another time. I move the salary of the surveyor-general of Arizona be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

Mr. FORT. My amendment is \$2,500.

Mr. HOLMAN. I suggest the gentleman from Illinois will say \$2,000. The chairman of the Committee on Appropriations will yield the floor in the House to move to equalize all these salaries. It is manifest there is no business to be done in any of the States and Territories requiring so large a salary. I am surprised Delegates of Territories seek to keep up these salaries unnecessarily.

Mr. BAKER, of Indiana. Is there any justice in making the salary of the surveyor-general greater than that of a territorial judge?

Mr. HOLMAN. None at all.

Mr. RANDALL. I ask unanimous consent this portion of the bill relating to surveyors-general in

the States and Territories be passed over, and I will state why. Another committee of this House has in view a proposition whereby the work of the surveyors-general will be reduced in the various Territories, and at the same time less clerical force will be needed.

Mr. MAGINNIS. In what respect?

Mr. RANDALL. The gentleman from Ohio will state the character of the bill. In addition, the Committee on Appropriations have in view a decided reduction in the appropriation for surveys of public lands that will permit a large reduction of expenditures. These facts have just come to the notice of the committee, or they would have been prepared with amendments on these various items.

Mr. WALLING. Mr. Chairman, the committee on public lands have under consideration a proposition to limit the surveys of public lands in the Territories. The information furnished them is of this character, that, extending perhaps from the one hundredth parallel to the Sierras, there is not more than two or three per cent. of arable or pasture land. It is proposed that surveys be made by triangulation of that portion, and to stop surveys by base lines and section and quarter sections, as now carried on, whereby a large portion of the present expense will be saved. While applicable to the valley of the Mississippi and the valleys of eastern rivers, the present system is not necessary in the portion of the Territories to which I have referred.

Mr. MAGINNIS. It is not likely we shall ever agree to any plan of that kind, and therefore it is not well to base legislation on any such hypothesis. — *Congressional Record.*

Protection of Immigrants.

Proceedings of the U. S. House of Representatives, April 20.

Mr. COX, by unanimous consent, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of New York, with reference to the protection of immigrants; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed in the *Record*, as follows:

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