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Very unusual interest has been aroused by the action of President Taft in summarily discharging Gifford Pinchot from the position of chief forester in the government service. We will state the facts in the case as briefly as possible.

One of the greatest of the many great services which President Roosevelt rendered to the American people was his action in arousing interest in the vital matter of the conservation of the Nation's natural resources. These resources were being drained, and were approaching the point where they were liable to be exhausted, by the wastefulness and indifference of the many and the greed of the few. Mr. Roosevelt saw that if such a state of things were allowed to go on unchecked, the nation would suffer a loss which could not be repaired; and he therefore called public attention to the matter and maintained at the head of the forestry division Gifford Pinchot, a thoroughly trained expert who is devoted to the conservation movement.

Mr. Taft is on record as favoring conservation; but soon after he became President, trouble broke out through friction between L. R. Glavis, a government field agent, and Secretary Ballinger. Glavis claimed that Ballinger was allowing the Nation's interests to be sacrificed to corporate greed in the matter of some Alaskan lands; Ballinger denied this. President Taft looked into the matter, exonerated Ballinger and discharged Glavis.

Pinchot's sympathies were known to be with Glavis. Glavis argued his case in the columns of a newspaper; Ballinger demanded a congressional investigation; but before that investigation was begun, Pinchot addressed a letter to a senator in which, among other things, he praised Glavis. The President, regarding this letter as an act of insubordination, summarily discharged Pinchot.

Mr. Taft is a man of undoubted integrity. So also is Mr. Pinchot. It is unfortunate that these two men have fallen out so seriously; but the public as a rule is not very deeply stirred up over a disagreement between two of its servants. The reason for the intense public interest in this case is that Pinchot's conservation policy is regarded as a Roosevelt policy, that Mr. Pinchot is a close friend of Mr. Roosevelt's, and that Mr. Roosevelt is the man who made it possible for Mr. Taft to be elected. And everybody is asking, What will Roosevelt do about it? And the man who can answer this question can foretell the result of the next campaign.

There is no doubt, technically, Mr. Pinchot was guilty of insubordination; the President's right to discharge the forester, if he chose to do so, cannot be questioned. The question is whether that action was wise. Democrats profess to see a big split in the republican party as the outcome. But they have been seeing that sort of thing for half a century; and yet, by the time election day arrives, the republicans are working in harmony and win the election.

The fact is that the republican party is not a one man party but the party of the people; and its policies have for fifty years been determined by the membership as a whole. At the right time the party finds the right solution, and the election returns show the result.

1st National Bank

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hendersonville was held Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the president, who was prevented by sickness from attending, W. A. Smith was asked to act as chairman.

The roll of stockholders was called and more than three-fourths of the stock was found to be represented.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the stockholders of the First National Bank unanimously express their deep sorrow that our worthy president, W. J. Davis, is not able to be present, and indulge the ardent hope that he will soon recover and that he may have a joyous New Year.

The examining committee, appointed by the directors, filed a written report testifying that they had examined the notes and collateral held by the bank and found the security entirely satisfactory. The report was adopted.

It was decided on motion to increase the number of directors to sixteen, and the following were elected:

W. J. Davis, W. A. Smith, R. C. Clarke, A. L. Holmes, J. O. Bell, R. H. Stator, S. Johnston, R. H. Bennett, K. G. Morris, D. F. Cannon, Dr. J. L. Egerton, George Stephens, B. G. Collins, G. W. Reagan, A. Cannon, J. C. Reed.

The new board of directors met and re-elected the present officers.

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HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

**Water Rates
Raised**

The following town ordinance has been passed:

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Hendersonville, that the following water rates, be, and the same are, hereby ordered in force from and after January 1st, 1910:

The first 1,000 gallons at 50c per 1,000 gallons.

The next 2,000 gallons at 40c per 1,000 gallons.

The next 3,000 gallons at 30c per 1,000 gallons.

The next 4,000 gallons at 20c per 1,000 gallons.

All over 10,000 gallons at 10c per 1,000 gallons.

All other rules and regulations, as now in force, to be and remain as at present.

This 10th day of January 1910.

(Signed) R. H. Stator, Mayor.

J. D. Davis, Secretary.

This action was taken in consequence of a report from R. M. Oates showing that water has been supplied at less than cost. The net

**Real Estate
for Sale**

16-room dwelling and lot 140 by 170, close in, one of the best residence properties in Hendersonville. Plenty of room for another house on lot. Price \$7,000

9-room, new 2-story dwelling and lot 120 by 160, in one of best locations in city. Cheap at the price of \$3,000.

Seven-room, new pebble-dashed house, well built, short distance in country; one barn with 4 stalls, hay loft and shed. Good well water. Price, \$2,000.

1 1/2 acres of land 2 miles from court house, 4 rods of Flat Rock road; fine for trucking and gardening. Fairly good cottage on lot; well water; nice young grove of shade and ornamental trees around house. A bargain at the price of, \$750.

16 1/2 acre truck farm, just outside of corporate limits; fine land in good state of cultivation. Price \$2,000.

5 acres good land in northern part of Hendersonville, suitable for building purposes; truck gardening, or most anything else. Price \$2,000.

10 acres, 2 miles from center of town; 3 acres cleared, balance in woodland. 10-room dwelling with 2 halls and 2 piazzas; good well water; property well located and a splendid suburban home. Price \$3,000.

15 acres 2 miles from court house south-east from Hendersonville; 9 acres in cultivation and pasture; balance in timber suitable for firewood; one 4-room cottage; 1 cabin; 1 crib, smoke houses and small barn. Good well water, and 2 small streams flow through place. A dandy place for trucking, poultry raising &c. Price \$3,000.

Lot 78 by 100 feet on E. Park avenue, one block from Main street; Sewer line runs through lot and water line just in front. Nice lot for residence or for safe investment. Price, on good terms, \$950.

Lot 145 1-2 by 150 feet in one of the best residence sections of the city; good elevation and southern exposure; actually worth to-day fifteen hundred dollars, but for the next few days the price is put at the low figure of \$1,125.

10 acres on Sunset Heights, just outside corporate limits; 7 acres in native growth (fine grove), 3 acres cleared; fine hill for nice residence, commanding a splendid view of mountains and surrounding country. Will be sold on terms, at the low price of \$1,500.

Lot 80 by 200 feet in one of the best parts of the city. Beautiful residence lot. Price \$1,100

Stator & Rector

revenue for the six months, June to November inclusive, was \$1,470; the remaining six months would of course produce considerably less.

Basing an estimate for the coming six months on figures for last November, it was seen that the net revenue to the town for the coming six months would be approximately \$1,000. Adding this estimated revenue of \$1,000 to the actual net revenue for the past six months of \$1,470 we have a total revenue for the year of about \$2,500. The interest on water works bonds, salaries of the plumber and water shed patrol, the annual tax of \$64 for analysis of the water, together with repairs to water mains, costs of cleaning reservoir, etc., all of which enter into the cost of supplying water, make a total expense to the town for this department considerably in excess of \$3,000.

State's Resources

Charlotte, Jan. 11.—Much interest was aroused by an address made here today to farmers and others by Dr. S. A. Knapp of Washington, head of the farmers' demonstration work in the South. The subject was, "How to make a state in which the rural masses will prosper."

Dr. Knapp said that one-fourth of the land in this state is improved; one-sixth is cultivated. That is, one-sixth of the entire area must pay taxes on five-sixths and support our entire population. The one-sixth that is cultivated produces only one-third of the crop which it could be made to produce; therefore we are using only one-eighteenth of our resources.

After summing up the character of the work to be done for the development of the state, Dr. Knapp said:

"Thus equipped North Carolina would become one of the greatest producing manufacturing states of the Union. It would be possible under such conditions to produce a billion dollars worth of products upon the farms and a billion dollars from factories in a single year and support a population of 10,000,000 people."

When papa wants to get an extra half hour's sleep in the morning some of the children are sure to give a voluntary imitation of an alarm clock.

NOTICE

This is to give notice that the undersigned purchased, on the first Monday in May, 1909, at a sale of property for taxes, duly advertised and conducted by the tax collector of Henderson county, N. C., at the court house door in Hendersonville, the following described property: A tract of land in Mills River township, Henderson county, North Carolina, on the Haywood road

near Mt. Gilead Baptist church, which land formerly belonged to and is known as the Sam Summey place, containing about twelve acres, adjoining lands of Henry Mease, Sherman MaHaffee, J. L. Allen, and others. Said land was assessed for taxes in the name of Henry Summey, and the time for the redemption of said land, by the person in whose name it was listed, or by any other person interested as owner or mortgagee, will expire on the first Monday in May, 1910, and unless redeemed on or before said date the undersigned will apply to the tax collector for a deed to said land. Said land was assessed for taxation in the year 1908. This 5th day of January 1910. J. S. Rhodes.

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