

### Purchasing Problem Cleared Up by Board

Bickering over the powers of committees in making purchases, that has been a sore spot with the county board of supervisors for more than a year, was relieved last week when the new rules and regulations for 1929 were approved by the board.

In reshaping the rules the purchasing committee was empowered to have charge of all accounts except printing, stationery and supplies and alterations coming under buildings and grounds.

Objections had been made to the rules offered yesterday because conflict was met in several instances that would leave committees finding

purchases had been made by other bodies and ordered through still others.

A resolution was adopted providing that uniform requisition blanks be given all county officers through the county clerk so that purchases could be made with strict compliance to the board rules.

In addition a resolution was adopted that provided that all bills should carry the signature of at least two members of the committee, except in the case of poor bills or be disapproved by the board.

Many people seem to have great difficulty in recognizing the traffic signals, particularly when no officer is looking.

According to latest reports anybody seems to have taken the rep out of the reparations conference.

The champion in self-control is the man who laughs at his own jokes when some friend tells them to him.—Boston Globe.

The country may be going to the dogs like a lot of mentay dyspeptics claim it is, but the fact remains that our churches gained more than eleven hundred thousand members in 1928.

We don't believe there will be any revolution in Germany soon, especially in view of the fact that the government has decided not to raise the tax on beer.

### WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE PRESERVED

#### U. S. Forest Service to Continue This Policy, According to Bulletin

Col. William B. Greeley during his administration as chief of the U. S. Forest Service inaugurated the policy of preserving wilderness areas in the national forests. His successor, Major R. Y. Stuart, has continued the same policy with an elaboration, says a bulletin of the American Game Protective association. It has been decided to establish two distinct forms of so-called wilderness areas in national forests, each to have its distinctive character and purpose.

One form is to be known as research reserves designed to insure the preservation of virgin areas typifying all important forest conditions in the United States to meet the needs of science and education. This will be done particularly for such forest types as are not permanently preserved in national parks.

#### Not Recreation Areas

Such research reserves will not be available for recreational purposes; public use of them will be strictly limited and no interference will be permitted which will tend to disturb the characteristic animal and plant life and soil conditions peculiar to each.

Primitive areas designed for both recreational and educational use, access of the public to which will be permitted, are also to be established.

#### Maintain Wild State

The so-called wilderness character of such areas will be maintained so far as possible by excluding summer hotels, automobile roads, permanent camps and industries which would tend to destroy the primitive character of the area; the object being to maintain natural conditions and primitive means of transportation living accommodations so far as possible. This would mean pack trains, canoe and other primitive methods of transportation to the exclusion of highways.

Instructions have been issued by the chief of the Forest Service to all forest supervisors to make surveys of the forest areas under their charge and make selection as soon as possible of areas suitable for these two types.

The supreme court having legalized "pocket vetoes," we shall all know what it means if we see President Hoover's pockets bulging out by and by.

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