

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ASSOCIATIONS MERGE

Mississippi Valley Waterways and Mississippi Valley Association Are Merged

Merger of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association with the Mississippi Valley association was effected at a recent meeting of the directors of these two organizations held at St. Louis, according to information received here.

Under the terms of the merger James E. Smith, president of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association, will become head of the newly created waterways division of the valley association. It is understood that the Mississippi Valley Waterways association's program for river development will be carried out by the waterways division. As far as is practical, former directors of the original waterways organization will assist Smith in functioning of the waterways division.

Under Consideration

The merger has been in process of completion for some time and had its inception at a joint convention of these two organizations held at St. Louis last April. At this time a resolution was adopted by both bodies urging such a merger. H. H. Merrick, president of the Valley association, and Smith, head of the Waterways organization, were appointed to perfect the plans by which the forces of the two organizations would be combined into a more forceful medium for the development of inland waterways.

The Mississippi Valley association has been established several years and has proved a very effective medium in obtaining legislation beneficial to waterway development. The need of additional forces to demand of congress at its next session the need of legislation to complete the waterway development on the Mis-

souri, Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio rivers prompted the merger.

Expresses Satisfaction

"I am very much pleased over the merger of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association with the Mississippi Valley association," said Smith. "To my mind, it is a move in the right direction and I hope that all similar organizations in the Mississippi valley may be consolidated. It is my firm belief that if the commercial interests of the entire territory known as the Mississippi basin, lying between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains will get together and stand together for the protection of the business interests of the entire territory that they will wield a power that will be invincible. The trouble in the past has been that there have been too many different organizations, each working for their own individual community, working at cross purposes and with a great duplication of effort, which, of course, is absolute waste. If all will work together in the proper spirit the Mississippi valley will come into her own in the very near future."

"The waterway program of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association will be carried through, which plans the improvement and use of all the navigable waterways in the Mississippi valley within the shortest possible time. Now that a Mississippi Valley Waterways association has cast its lot with the Mississippi Valley association I hope that the other waterways associations in the valley will take similar action."

BIG FUR THEFT IN EAST BARES EASTERN "RING"

New York.—Operations of a "fur ring" in this city, Philadelphia, Washington and Pittsburgh have been uncovered through investigation of a \$100,000 fur theft from a manufacturer's loft here last April. The "ring" shipped furs from New York in trunks to a private house in Philadelphia, where they were repacked in wooden cases and sent back to New York and to Washington and Pittsburgh, where they were sold.

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Mayor Charles E. Rhoades of Altoona, Pa., has started a crusade against the practice of motorists parking their cars in the city streets without the proper lights. The mayor's car was one of those "tagged" by the police in the initial enforcement of the new order.

FRANCIS X. BUSCH

Democratic Candidate for Judge of the County Court OF COOK COUNTY

Francis X. Busch, Democratic Candidate for Judge of the County Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Judge Thomas F. Scully, was born in Detroit, Michigan, May 9th, 1879.



He received a common school and a high school education, after which he took up the study of law, graduating from the Illinois College of Law in the year 1901. In July of the same year he was admitted to the Bar.

In 1904 Mr. Busch was appointed assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, and served as such until 1906, when he resumed private practice. He had in twenty years of active practice established an enviable reputation as one of the ablest trial lawyers at the Chicago Bar.

Mr. Busch is a special lecturer at Northwestern University, and is the author of several text books on legal subjects.

In its Review of Candidates, September 11th, 1920, the Chicago Daily News said of Mr. Busch: "His high character and fine legal attainments are universally recognized."

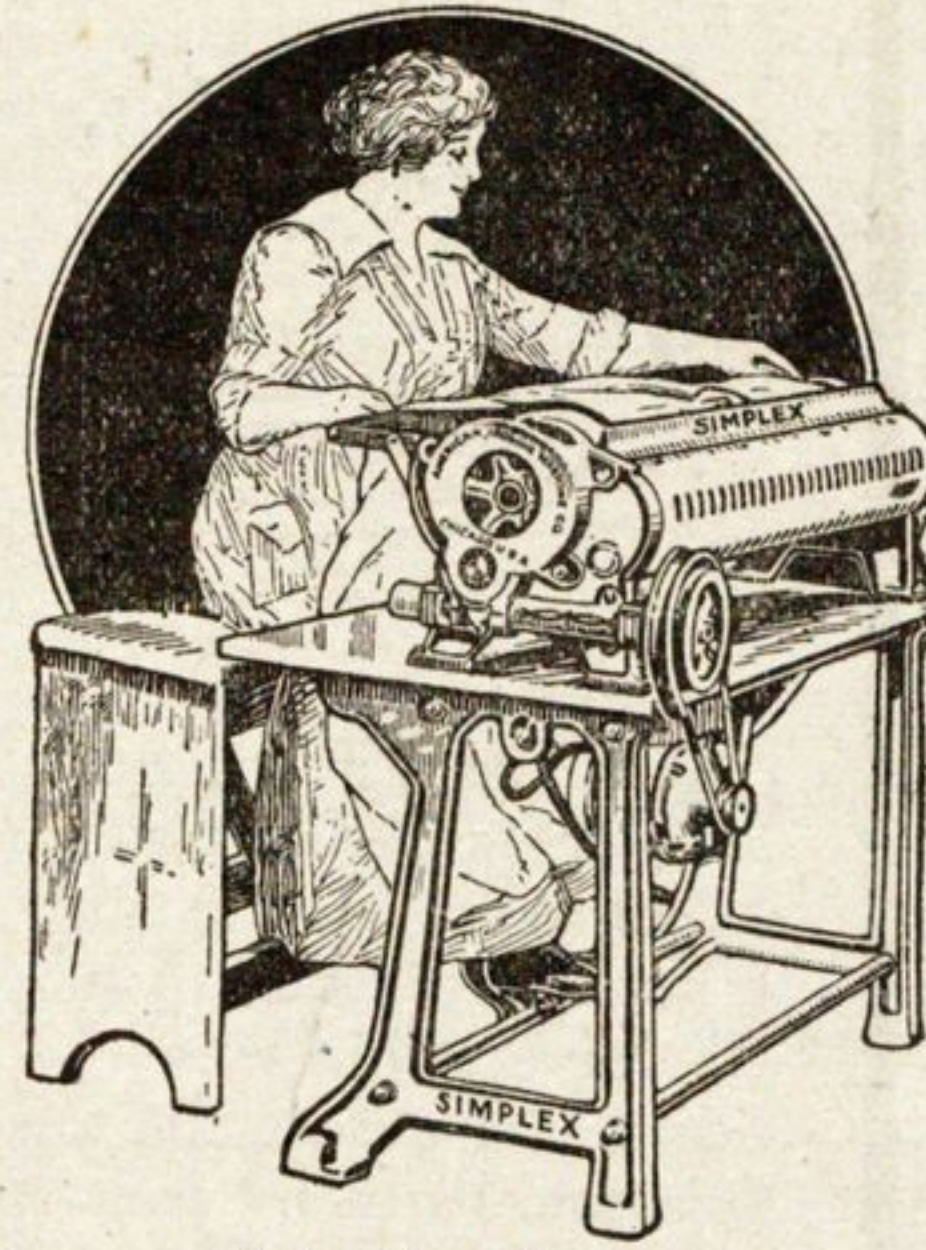
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