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THURSDAY, . . . . . April 30, 1903

## MISS WARE GONE.

She is Wanted at Eugene as a Federal Prisoner.

Washington, April 24.—On request of Secretary Hitchcock, the Department of Justice has instructed the United States Attorney at Portland to take steps looking to the arrest of Marie Ware, late United States Commissioner at Eugene Oregon, and also the arrest of two other Oregon Commissioners, whose names cannot be learned. It is believed they are two of the three Commissioners recently removed from office by Judge Bellinger—H. W. Reed, of Bend; J. W. Hamaker, of Ely, or J. O. Hamaker, of Bonanza.

Miss Ware and the other two Commissioners are to be arraigned for perjury, falsification of records and conspiracy, with additional minor charges against each.

The department is advised that Miss Ware is a fugitive, having disappeared from Eugene shortly after her resignation, merely explaining that she was going to visit relatives. Her whereabouts is not known to the officials here, and it is feared she has gotten out of the country. If so, and she can be located, extradition proceedings will be instituted to procure her return.

The three ex Commissioners when arrested, will be bound over to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury, and from what little can be learned here, it is believed all will be indicted. When this step has been taken, vigorous prosecutions will follow, in which evidence collected by Special Agents Green and Linnen will form the basis of the case.

In some of these cases the evidence clearly indicates that the Commissioners have been in collusion with land locators and cruisers and by improper methods have been able to reap considerable personal gain out of the transactions. Fictitious entries have also been made in several instances, the Commissioners assuming sole responsibility in these cases. The three Commissioners whose arrests have been ordered are said to be guilty of more than gross negligence, as the evidence establishes the fact that they willfully violated the laws under which they are permitted to receive land filings, with the sole idea of profiting by their illegal action.

## Stamping Out Plague.

Prineville, Or., April 24.—After the beautiful day here the doctors report everything very encouraging with but one new case on hand, R. P. Arrington, city marshal who has rather a hard case to deal with. Each day the board of health is taking more active steps to stamp out the disease. Wednesday, the 15th, the state health officer gave the Poindexter hotel a clean bill of health and Monday, the 20th, the local health board ordered the hotel closed again.

The business men have by mutual consent closed up very nearly each day, the barber shops have closed and all saloons have piled up tables and chairs in their places of business, allowing no lounging or cardplaying. The general vaccination ordered is causing some sickness, but the people soon get over it. The schools are closed and health officers patrol the streets day and night and have instructions to impound or kill all loose animals found upon the streets.

The board of health has the whole body of citizens at its back and loss of trade and business is a secondary consideration to the health of the citizens. The precaution now being observed will be kept until all possible chance of another outbreak has passed.

## Homeseekers Coming.

Every train that reaches Portland is bringing in large numbers of homeseekers. Especially from the middle west are the numbers seeking new homes on the Coast becoming larger, and it is expected when the trains that left the East this week with homeseekers aboard arrived at the terminus of the different lines they will have a large crowd aboard. April 21 was one of the two April dates upon which round-trip homeseekers' tickets were sold, and though the local officers have not been advised of the number that left Chicago and St. Paul, it is believed from earlier advices that the movement westward is unusually large. The next date upon which these tickets will be sold is May 5.

As an instance of the big rush of homeseekers this Spring, Superintendent Field, of the Southern Pacific, brought back with him when he returned from his Southern trip a story of a small town in Southern Oregon, where 183 persons had settled since the first of the year. This proportion of newcomers will not be maintained throughout the state or the Northwest, but it indicates that the movement is even greater than railroad men themselves expected.

## More Land Withdrawn.

Washington, April 23.—Secretary Hitchcock has ordered the temporary withdrawal from entry, except under the homestead act, of 42 sections of land along the south bank of the Columbia River, extending from Willows past Arlington to Blalock.

While these lands are withdrawn apparently for irrigation purposes, it is the intention of the Interior and Agricultural Departments to conduct extensive experiments on these withdrawn areas this Summer with a view to devising a practical method of controlling the shifting sands. Sand-binding grasses and trees are to be planted along the line of the O. R. & N. in the hope that some species will develop a superiority and demonstrate the ability to control the shifting sands.

Secretary Hitchcock also ordered the withdrawal, under the National Irrigation law, of township 34 north, range 27 east, and townships 33, 34 and 35, range 26, on Okanogan River, Washington, with a view to their examination to determine their adaptability for irrigation by the general Government. The withdrawal is recommended by the Geological Survey, which will make an examination of the lands this Summer. This is the only irrigation withdrawal so far made in Washington. The lands withdrawn are still open to homestead entry, under the terms of the reclamation act.

## Will Not go on Stump.

Salem, Or., April 24.—Governor Chamberlain will not take an active part in the Congressional campaign. This intention he expressed this afternoon in response to an inquiry by The Oregonian correspondent. Governor Chamberlain said that he is Governor of all the people, regardless of party, and feels that while in that position he ought not to go on the stump and participate in a partisan contest.

He believes that public officials and employes of the state and Federal Government often take a more prominent part in political contests than they should, and if he could change the practice in that respect he would do so. While Governor Chamberlain will not take the stump for Mr. Reames, he has already expressed his desire and belief that the Democratic candidate will be successful, and doubtless he will assist his favorite to some extent without being prominent in the campaign.

It is proposed to hold the next republican national convention in Detroit as a feature of the semi-centennial celebration of the birth of the party in Michigan.

William P. Lord, former governor of Oregon and United States minister to Argentina has been forced to leave his post because of illness.

## Carnegie's Rich Gift.

New York, April 23.—The trustees of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, in Alabama, have received \$600,000 toward the endowment fund from Andrew Carnegie, who attended the recent meeting in behalf of the Tuskegee Institute, where ex-President Grover Cleveland presided. The trustees will meet soon to take formal action in accepting the gift, and at the same time to take measures to still further increase the endowment.

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