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# BLOT REMOVED FROM OREGON'S LAND AFFAIRS

(Observer Special)

Washington, D. C. Jan. 29.—In the revocation of the Interior Department's order withholding all patents in Oregon, the last blot and inconvenience for the general public of the state has been removed. While every enterpriser in Oregon was denied a patent, or even final hearing in his effort to secure title to his property, the entire state felt the general imputation upon its name. No heed was given to the strict adherence to the law by a ty person, but because the Secretary of the Interior so willed, and because he was engaged in prosecuting law-breakers, every citizen of Oregon was kept for nearly a year in the light of suspicious people.

Shortly after the land fraud cases were opened in the federal grand jury, the prosecuting officers requested that no further patents be issued to Oregon men for the time. The excuse given by the attorneys for the government was that the work of catching the offenders was made more difficult by keeping the land offices open for mineral, stone timber and homestead patents. Upon this request the secretary of the interior assented, and did not alter the situation until a most vigorous campaign was made to open to the citizens of Oregon their lawful rights. Senator Fulton began the struggle to

revoke the order early last year. After the scope of the government's cases had been outlined by the grand jury reports, and it became evident that the federal attorneys were going to devote their time to convincing in cases presented, rather than to seeking new ones, the senior senator urged the interior department to grant all citizens not in districts affected by the prosecutions, the right of patenting their land, where the cases were regular and above suspicion. Commissioner of General Land Office Richards, seemed more ready to acquiesce. Last December he wrote secretary of the interior urging that the order be revoked. This letter was dated December 18. Later Senator Fulton saw the president in person regarding this situation, and explained the trouble inflicted upon the people of the state. In January the secretary of the interior granted the requests, at first indicating his purpose of opening mineral patent, and soon after opening all offices. Had it not been for the friendly interest of Commissioner Richards for Western affairs, and probably a word from the president, the senior Oregon senator would have been compelled to struggle on for some time longer before he could have lifted the general badge of suspicion which the interior department's action had placed over the state's name.

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No comedy, new or old has evoked more laughter than "The Taming of the Shrew" which Charles B. Hanford with a selected company including Miss Marie Dronah, will present at Steward's opera house Saturday, Feb. 3. Mr. Hanford has presented this comedy so many times and with such success that he can come nearer calling it his own than any other modern actor. The character of

Petruccio is one to which he is distinctively adapted and Miss Dronah is scarcely less notably equipped for the performance of Katherine. The play will have the benefit of a company of extraordinary strength, the cast including that sterling actor, Mr. Frank Hanning and many others of high distinction. "The Taming of the Shrew" as presented by Mr. Hanford, is one of the certainties of the dramatic season. It never disappoints.

### STRAIGHT AIMING UNDERGROUND

In driving the long Simplon Tunnel under the Alps, a fine test was offered of the accuracy with which engineering science can guide the direction of two parties of workers, starting 12 miles apart, so that they will meet in the heart of a mountain. Three principal elements had to be calculated—the total length, the level, and the direction as to right or left. When the two bores met in the middle, was found that the length, the least important of the elements, differed only about 51 inches from the calculated value; the difference in level was less than 4 inches; and the error in direction from one end was less than 5 inches, from the other less than 4 inches. The success of the engineers was remarkable considering that the tunnel is 12 1/2 miles long.

### A GIANT GORILLA

Readers of the late Paul du Chailou's still recall with many a thrill his vivid descriptions of encounters with the gorilla in its native forests. But none of the monsters seen by him could be compared with a gorilla recently shot on the shores of the river Sangha, in French Congo, which measured no less than seven feet six and three quarter inches in height. The

substantial accuracy of this measurement seems to be established by photographs that have been sent to Europe. Prof. E. T. Hamy, the French anthropologist, that this specimen indicates a new race, if not a new species, of gorilla.—Youth's Companion.

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