

ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICTS

Plans for Forest Service Headquarters Are Nearly Completed.

Plans for the Forest Service field headquarters which are soon to be established in the west are being rapidly worked out in detail. Each headquarters will be modeled after the Washington office. In all there will be six district headquarters, one located at each of the present inspection district headquarters—Portland, San Francisco, Albuquerque, Salt Lake, Denver and Missoula, Montana, or some other points equally well or better located for the purpose.

At the head of each office there will be a District Forester and an Assistant District Forester. Under these there will be experts in charge of the various lines of work. A Chief of Grazing will have charge of range matters. A Chief of Products will handle the preservative treatment of timber and strength tests and study market conditions. A Chief of Lands will look after such matters as land examinations. The office of Lands deals with the questions involving the validity of claims asserted under the public land laws; applications for special use of the resources of the National Forests; changes in boundaries of Forests, and the examinations of lands applied for under the Act of June 11, 1906, for agricultural purposes.

The Forest Service, however, never passes on the titles themselves. That is entirely a matter for the General Land Office to decide. In the case of applications for homesteads under the Act of June 11, 1906, the Forest Service is called upon to decide whether the land is in fact more valuable for agriculture or for timber, and if it is, to recommend its listing as open to entry and patent. In the case of claims the Service ascertains whether any facts exist which seem to show that the claim is not a legal one, in order that the National Forest land may not be unlawfully taken up. But it rests always with the Land Office of the Interior Department to decide whether the title should or should not be granted. The branch of Lands in the District Forest Service organization does not mean any new assumption of land business.

There will also be in each district a Chief of Silviculture, who will have charge of timber sales, planting, and silvicultural experiments, and a Chief of Operation. The latter will supervise the personnel of the Forests; the permanent improvement work, through an engineer in charge, the accounts of the district, including receipts, disbursements, and bookkeeping, which will be directly supervised by an expert accountant, and the routine business of the district.

In each of the lines of work the management will be in the hands of a man who is a specialist and who has had thorough experience in the west and in Washington. The foresters and clerks at each district headquarters will number about fifty. The establishment of these field districts will bring the Service into more immediate touch with the public. It is merely the completion of the movement started some time ago, to have the Forests administered as far as possible by men actually on the ground.

The change will not affect the investigative work of the Service, which will center, as hitherto, in Washington. Mr. Pinchot is expected soon to name the men who will fill the various positions.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCARCE IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., August 13.—Comment was excited in the state board of education today by the report of the state superintendent of public instruction, Hyatt, in which he gives figures to show that there is an alarming decrease in the number of high school children in the first to fourth years.

The statistics are for the year 1907-1908, and are based on the attendance all over the state. It is shown that out of a total registration of 7679 boys and 7853 girls in the high schools for the first year course, there are only 1427 boys and 2276 girls in the senior grade. This means that between the first and fourth years that 5645 boys and 5577 girls have dropped their high school work.

Superintendent Hyatt declares that the proper remedy for this condition is to offer a more varied course of studies in the high schools.

SAYS CHARGE AGAINST HIM IS PREPOSTEROUS

SAN JOSE, Cal., August 13.—A. H. Michener, attorney, notary public and private secretary to Congressman E. A. Hayes, today declared that the charge of fraud made against him in connection with Tuesday's primary election is preposterous and that he intends to fight it to the last ditch.

Michener was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by Adolph Greninger charging him with attempting to remove ballots from the ballot boxes in the precinct in which he was an election inspector. He was released on \$2000 bonds furnished by J. O. Hayes and Attorney Will Biggs and his preliminary examination was set for next Monday.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

F. V. Medynski is at his homestead.

Robert L. Wilson has been sick with a severe attack of ague.

Aaron Beck has purchased two lots, as has also Oliver Adams.

Several new buildings are under construction, others contemplated.

Our mill is kept busy turning out finishing lumber to meet the demands.

E. B. Boardman is harvesting a fine crop of wheat and oats from the Rapp ranch.

Taylor & Conklin, the expert painters of Medford, are camping in the hills near by.

What do Medfordites think of sitting by a fire mornings and evenings these hot days?

There is talk of an early marriage of one of our young ladies to a most worthy young man.

Lawyer Pentz is at his homestead making improvements. Fred Root of New York is with him.

Mrs. Kate Franke of Medford has sold her business lot to Claspill & Wheeler, who will build upon it a store building.

Additional help has been engaged for the Hotel Duprey, as it is taxed to the utmost to entertain local and transient patronage.

Ed Walker was circulating among his army friends this week and reports everything O. K. at the Crater Lake company's camp.

Mr. Mathes of Medford, who lately bought a fine residence lot, has come to the Falls and is getting ready to build a fine home.

Eagle Point has sent quite a number of campers to the Falls and vicinity, who are rustating in the woods near the cooling streams.

Postmaster Briggs has returned from a business trip to the valley. He frequently imports ice and refreshes our townsmen with ice cream.

FIGHT ON AGAINST THE SOCIAL EVIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 13.—It became known today that a severe war upon traffic in immoral women in San Francisco has been begun by agents of the United States immigration bureau, who are working in conjunction with Commissioner Hart H. North to stamp out the evil trade. A branch of the so-called "Protective league," organized for the purpose of curbing on the importation and disposal of women of this class has been found here. Henry E. Villet, who is supposed to be at the head of the league has been arrested by federal officials.

Villet is held under \$10,000 bonds and his case is set in the United States district court for tomorrow morning. The specific charge against him is that he brought Margerita Pissini, a French girl, from Paris to the United States and placed her in a house of ill-fame in this city. The woman was arrested in Tucson, Ariz., and is being brought here as a witness against Villet. The prosecution of the man is in the hands of Assistant United States District Attorney Black.

If convicted, Villet may be sentenced to five years in the state prison and fined \$5000. The woman will be deported.

ANOTHER SUBWAY FROM BRONX TO THE BATTERY

NEW YORK, August 13.—Honey combed Manhattan island is to have another subway extending from the Bronx to the Battery, if the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company is unable to make an agreement with the existing underground lines, according to the statement made today by Charles S. Mellen, president of the railroad. The New Haven road expects a big increase in the suburban sections and Mellen says the present system of putting passengers down at the Grand Central station at Forty-second street is unsatisfactory. New York business men must be taken by the trains to the immediate vicinity of their offices, he says.

"The construction of the new subway is inevitable if we cannot make an agreement with existing lines."

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE

Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, August 10, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of all outstanding general fund warrants protested prior to August 1, 1908.

Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

L. L. JACOBS, City Treasurer.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the city recorder will receive sealed bids up to 12 M., August 17, 1908, for the construction of an artificial stone sidewalk 14 feet in width on Seventh street along the north side of block 68, from H street to I street, and an artificial stone sidewalk 8 feet in width along the north side of block 77, from the ends of the present walk to the curb on I and J streets.

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BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the next meeting for a license to sell spirits, wines and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon for the period of six months, at his place of business at lot 15, in block 29, in the city of Medford, Oregon.

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