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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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Congressman, First District—Thomas H. Tongue, of Hillsboro.
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Joint Representative for Coos and Curry—H. D. Hume, Wedderburn.
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Prosecuting Attorney, 2d Judicial District—George M. Brown, Roseburg.
U. S. Commissioners—J. H. Upton, Langlois; J. Huntley, Gold Beach.
COUNTY OFFICERS.
County Judge—E. A. Bailey, Gold Beach.
County Commissioners—F. H. Blake, Chetco; C. W. Haines, Eskley.
Sheriff—J. G. Walker, Gold Beach.
County Clerk—George W. Smith, Gold Beach.
County Treasurer—James Cagwell, Wedderburn.
Assessor—A. H. Post, Port Orford.
School Supt.—Wm. S. Guerin, Langlois.
Surveyor—D. Caniff, Jr., Gold Beach.
MEETINGS OF THE COURTS.
Circuit Court meets Fourth Monday in August of each year.
County Commissioners Court meets first Wednesday in January, April, July and September of each year.
Probate Court meets first Monday in each month.
COUNTY COUNTY POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.
Chetco—F. H. Blake, Harbor.
Gold Beach—James McCutchen.
Wedderburn—Miss Annie Doyle.
Illinois—J. R. Hall.
Agness—Mrs. J. D. Cooley.
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Hon. Binger Hermann Will Retire.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Binger Hermann has finally been forced out of the general land office. At a recent conference with Secretary Hitchcock, it was strongly intimated to the commissioner that his resignation would be acceptable and Hermann has decided to comply with the wish of his superior and resign, to take effect Feb. 1, when he will probably be succeeded by his assistant, William A. Richards, of Wyoming. The resignation has not yet been tendered, but will be forthcoming in a short time.

This is the culmination of a long and persistent fight made on Hermann by the Secretary for the past two years. There has always been a tension between the two officials, which, on several occasions, threatened to force Hermann out of office, but up to now without result.

Late in 1900 it was believed that Hermann was to be forced out of office by Hitchcock, because of his disagreement with the Secretary. The latter intimated to the President that a change could be made and Commissioner Hermann, dissatisfied with his post under the conditions, told the President he would like to transfer to another office. President McKinley offered to appoint him civil service commissioner, but that office was not to his liking and was declined. While McKinley was looking for some other place for Hermann, the relations between Commissioner and Secretary became severely strained and Hermann finally told McKinley that, if some satisfactory office could not be found for him before the ensuing Oregon election he would voluntarily retire in June, 1902, all of which was related to the Oregonian at the time. Then followed the tragedy at Buffalo. As soon as the new Administration was well under way, Secretary Hitchcock again brought pressure to bear to force Hermann's retirement. But with the Oregon elections approaching President Roosevelt concluded that it would be unwise to permit the change and nothing was done.

From last June up to the present time the friction between Hermann and Hitchcock has been growing more and more intense. The Secretary adheres to the belief that the commissioner is to some extent responsible for the widespread land frauds in Western States and particularly in Oregon. While Hermann is not accused of complicity, it is held that his administration of the land office has been lax and that his interpretation of the laws has been so loose as to permit the spread of the fraudulent practices which are but recently unearthed. The Secretary held that the commissioner has not exercised due diligence nor required such diligence on the part of his subordinates. By overruling many rigid decisions of local land officers, which were in accordance with the letter of the law, it is said he has encouraged carelessness on the part of local officers. Furthermore, the local officers have passed up to the land office and the land office to the Secretary records in cases where fraud was apparent on their face, but where no discovery of the fraud was made until the papers reached the Secretary's office. In fact, several decisions of the Secretary have flatly stated as much. This was true of the apparent frauds in Oregon timber lands and state land selections, where records indicating fraud were not closely examined or held up until they reached the Secretary. The recent discovery of these frauds, and particularly those in Oregon, was largely instrumental in inducing the Secretary to call for Hermann's resignation at this time.

To The Oregonian correspondent Secretary Hitchcock, tonight said: "To my knowledge, Mr. Hermann has not resigned. I have not received his resignation. That is all I care to say about the matter." Commissioner Hermann, when seen, said: "For the past year, it has been my intention to withdraw from the land office. When I so stated to President McKinley, he required me to remain. When acquainted with the situation here, he desired to find another place for me, but until that was found, he wanted no change to take place. I have now concluded, so far as I am drawing to a close, that I would formally submit my resignation, to the President, so as to give him an opportunity for the appointment and confirmation of a successor before the expiration of this Congress. I made known this intention to the Secretary some time ago, and he has understood that I would resign about the first of February. While I know nothing about it, I would not be surprised if my assistant, Governor Richards, was appointed to succeed. He would make a worthy and capable official."

Commissioner Hermann has held office for nearly six years, having been appointed March 27, 1897. His term is longer than that of all predecessors, save two. Under both administrations he has been highly regarded at the White House, particularly by President McKinley. His relations with President Roosevelt have been most cordial. The President only recently complimented him on the manner in which he has carried on his campaign against stockmen who have unlawfully fenced in large areas of the public domain.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The question of the effect of the murder upon a life insurance policy, when issued upon the life of a murderer, was today passed upon by the United States supreme court in an opinion delivered by Justice Brewer. The case in which the opinion was delivered was that of S. M. Burt vs. the Union Central Life Company. Wm. T. Burt, of Travis county, Texas, was the name of the man insured. His policy was made payable to his wife, Anna M. Burt, and in case of her death to his executors. During the following year Burt's wife died, and he afterward was charged with murder and was found guilty and executed. Afterward the heirs of the estate made an effort to collect upon the policy, but company resisted payment. Today's decision affirmed the decision of the lower court, holding the policy invalid on the ground, that to sanction payment under the circumstances would be contrary to public policy.

Work Progressing on the Belt Line.

Roseburg Review.

Major L. D. Kinney returned from Portland last Saturday evening after being absent for two weeks on Coos Bay. He closed up several transactions on the bay and put everything in shape for the winter. Contractor Stone is working away on the line between Marshfield and Empire City, a heavy cut 36 feet deep and of considerable length being well along, besides other grading for the railroad.

Major Kinney is now here adjusting all outstanding accounts, and will leave for New York in a few days to make his annual report. So far as the railroad movement is concerned everything is in good shape, as Major Kinney stated to a Review representative today, there being no flagging of interest by the men who are backing the enterprise.

As to the townsites propositions at Roseburg and Marshfield, the knockers have been persistently hammering away, with the evident purpose of killing the enterprise if possible. Should they succeed they will doubtless go about with a self-satisfied air and the proud (?) remark: "I told you so." Such knockers were never known to build anything, but they never fail to talk against the enterprise of others. The building of the railroad does not depend in the least upon any townsites at either of the places mentioned, as it is a very easy matter to locate the road somewhere else, leaving aside both towns. While no intimation to that effect is given, just such a course is likely to be taken, as men of enterprise much prefer to build new towns than to be hampered by those where the "moose-back" element prevails. In Southeastern Oregon and in the Coos Bay country are large resources (to say nothing of our own country) yet untouched by railroads. This condition will soon end, as capitalists will not much longer delay in pushing railroads into these regions. If our people wish to share in the benefits therefrom, more encouragement and less knocking must be given. No one here is asked to invest or donate anything and there is no occasion to discourage others from coming here or making investments when they do come.

Congress appears gradually to be coming around to the views of Governor Taft as expressed in his recommendations of a year ago with reference to Philippine affairs. Congress then, when the Lodge bill was under consideration, refused to put the islands on a sound financial basis, and in consequence there has been much trouble with respect to the depreciated currency in use in the islands. Then, too, Congress refused to reduce the Dingley tariff duties, except 25 per cent, which neglect to do the right thing has also resulted in much harm. Altogether, the attitude in the islands is not satisfactory. The incurrence has been almost entirely suppressed and civil government has been gradually extended, with fair degree of success, but diphtheria, cholera and rinderpest have followed in the wake of war, and wrought a work of continual woe. The rapid decline in the value of silver, according to Secretary Root, has caused a loss of at least \$1,000,000 in the revenues within the past year, and the Government has been obliged to make heavy expenditures to relieve the natives in several provinces from famine. Senator Lodge has introduced bills for the establishment of a stable currency system and a radical reduction of the Dingley duties, and a bill has also been introduced in the House appropriating \$500,000 for the purchase of goods, animals and implements for the use of the impoverished natives. These are necessary measures, and a proper part of "the white man's burden" which we assumed on taking possession of the islands.—Telegram.

Pekin, Dec. 29.—General Miles arrived here today on a short visit. He will be received in audience by the imperial family, and will review the Chinese troops.

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Onondago Cruiser: A bill is before Congress to repeal the timber and stone act on the ground that wholesale frauds are being perpetrated under these acts. There have been some frauds, but to repeal these laws is to give that other and greater fraud still another cinch. We refer to the placing of scrip on Government lands. The present law permits a working man to procure a timber claim for the few hundred dollars. He has been saving and he has made money out of it. Scrip has been given to big companies in heavy doses for lands which have been logged off, and again placed upon timberland. If the small man is guilty of not living up to the letter of the law there is a great outcry, but the big syndicates will continue to steal from Uncle Sam and all will have to submit.

Work Progressing on the Belt Line.

Roseburg Review.

Major L. D. Kinney returned from Portland last Saturday evening after being absent for two weeks on Coos Bay. He closed up several transactions on the bay and put everything in shape for the winter. Contractor Stone is working away on the line between Marshfield and Empire City, a heavy cut 36 feet deep and of considerable length being well along, besides other grading for the railroad.

Major Kinney is now here adjusting all outstanding accounts, and will leave for New York in a few days to make his annual report. So far as the railroad movement is concerned everything is in good shape, as Major Kinney stated to a Review representative today, there being no flagging of interest by the men who are backing the enterprise.

As to the townsites propositions at Roseburg and Marshfield, the knockers have been persistently hammering away, with the evident purpose of killing the enterprise if possible. Should they succeed they will doubtless go about with a self-satisfied air and the proud (?) remark: "I told you so." Such knockers were never known to build anything, but they never fail to talk against the enterprise of others. The building of the railroad does not depend in the least upon any townsites at either of the places mentioned, as it is a very easy matter to locate the road somewhere else, leaving aside both towns. While no intimation to that effect is given, just such a course is likely to be taken, as men of enterprise much prefer to build new towns than to be hampered by those where the "moose-back" element prevails. In Southeastern Oregon and in the Coos Bay country are large resources (to say nothing of our own country) yet untouched by railroads. This condition will soon end, as capitalists will not much longer delay in pushing railroads into these regions. If our people wish to share in the benefits therefrom, more encouragement and less knocking must be given. No one here is asked to invest or donate anything and there is no occasion to discourage others from coming here or making investments when they do come.

Congress appears gradually to be coming around to the views of Governor Taft as expressed in his recommendations of a year ago with reference to Philippine affairs. Congress then, when the Lodge bill was under consideration, refused to put the islands on a sound financial basis, and in consequence there has been much trouble with respect to the depreciated currency in use in the islands. Then, too, Congress refused to reduce the Dingley tariff duties, except 25 per cent, which neglect to do the right thing has also resulted in much harm. Altogether, the attitude in the islands is not satisfactory. The incurrence has been almost entirely suppressed and civil government has been gradually extended, with fair degree of success, but diphtheria, cholera and rinderpest have followed in the wake of war, and wrought a work of continual woe. The rapid decline in the value of silver, according to Secretary Root, has caused a loss of at least \$1,000,000