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The editor of the Dufur "Doodle" takes us to task for upholding Williamson for being a practical man and says that perhaps we have herded sheep to fit us for the position of editor of this paper; that if so we must have put in a year or two too long. We are sorry to say that our sheep herding experience has been very limited, so much so that we are not as well learned in sheep lore as we should be, but we will wager a new hat that the editor of the Dufur sheet has not even the qualifications necessary to herding sheep. Had he the necessary physical appurtenance he might be turned loose to pick with the chickens.

A great deal of stress is laid on the fact that Moody loaned money to the farmers during the hard times and so tided them over. We would like to ask if this was his personal funds, or was he loaning it out of the bank funds? Did he expect to receive this money back? Was there any great danger of this money being lost forever? Was it not a shrewd political move on the part of Mr. Moody at the expense of some one else? What became of the bank in which he was cashier at the time this money was loaned? Was this money loaned without ample security?

The Heppner Times in substance asks why the democratic press of Eastern Oregon supports Moody. The answer seems plain enough that "he who runs may read." The democrats of this district want to elect the next congressman from this district and they see in the nomination of Moody the success of their candidate. Why? Because Williamson is certain of a large democratic vote if nominated, while Moody will not carry his party vote by a large percentage. This is the pertinent reason.

At this time we would like to ask the state land board what the state receives for its lieu lands? Also what was the reason for their consignment to a private individual or individuals? Could not the state have handled these lands and sold them for the same as this private source and have made the profit that accrues to this individual or individuals? What salary does a member of this land board receive? It must be out of Geer. It certainly has jumped a cog and the people are paying for lost motion.

J. R. Whitney, of Albany, is a prominent candidate for state printer. W. S. Duniway, of Portland, will also be in the field. W. J. Clarke, of Gervais, is in the fight, as is also L. L. Porter, of Oregon City.—Salem Sentinel.

And don't forget that Eastern Oregon has a candidate in the person of Edward Everett Young, of Baker City. Mr. Young is an active force in the upbuilding of this great inland nation and should receive recognition for his services.

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**Moody's Arid Land Bill.**

Representative Moody has introduced a bill in congress, calling for an appropriation of the modest sum of \$100,000 to reclaim arid lands. That amount would construct irrigation works on about the scale of the Sumpter water works system, and whold reclaim only a few thousand acres. There is a little scheme connected with Mr. Moody's bill, and like the "Credit Mobilier" of Union Pacific railroad times, it has leaked out. The proposition is, to build a storage reservoir on Rock creek where the stream enters Powder River valley, for the ostensible purpose of impounding only the surplus water of the stream. Meanwhile, the title to several thousand acres of fertile but arid vacant government land near Haines, and tributary to Rock creek, is to be secured by the "Credit Mobilier No. 2" at the nominal government price. It is to be put under the proposed government irrigation system, and the land will then be sold at from \$50 to \$100 per acre, or as much more as they can get for it. But the chief iniquity of the bill lies in the results to the riparian owners of land on Rock creek, below the proposed mountain reservoir. As the irrigation season advances and Rock creek fails, the inevitable conflict between the riparian owners on one hand, and the "Credit Mobilier No. 2" dry sage brush land owners on the other, will begin in the courts, and the conspirators will claim that the Rock creek water belongs to them, by virtue of the Moody arid land bill, authorizing the building of the Rock creek reservoir and irrigation works. There will be injunctions in the state courts and injunctions in the federal courts and trials in Portland in the U. S. courts, with the attendant heavy expenses of witnesses and testimony by depositions and attorneys' fees galore. This statement is no "pipe dream," but is in substantial accordance with information which is known to be trustworthy.—Sumpter Reporter, Feb. 28.

It is reported that the democrats are grooming brother Liggett for county judge. Brother Liggett has filled the mayor's office very well and would no doubt do his best to fill the office of judge. We fear, however, that he will fail of election as the republicans expect to elect a full board of county officials.

In another place we publish an extract from the Sumpter Reporter that should be carefully considered by every voter in this district. Personal aggrandizement seems to be Moody's watchword.

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