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## AGAINST LEASING

### Extract From Williamson's Speech Delivered at Heppner.

#### Leasing the Public Domain Would Retard the Development of the West

"The republicans of Oregon, in convention assembled last month, adopted a plank in their state platform declaring against any system of leasing the public domain. It is only necessary for me to state that all this time, when the public lands are being settled upon the homestead laws by the hundreds of thousands of acres each year, it seems to me that it is no proper time for us to begin parceling out these lands in large tracts to large corporations. Any lease is a step toward ownership, a large part of our public lands falling into the hands of a few people. Leasing the public lands would militate against the homebuilders, retard the development of the West, and give the independent few a great advantage over the dependent many. Likewise, in my opinion, is the proposed reclamation of the arid lands by irrigation in such a manner that large tracts of the public domain come practically into the hands of a few incorporated companies, instead of into the hands of the homebuilders.

"Some scheme must be devised along the lines suggested by President Roosevelt in his last message to congress, whereby the federal government shall put water of certain streams in reach of the adjacent lands in such quantities and at such cost as will enable the homebuilders to remain permanently upon the land. In my opinion, these vast arid regions had better remain so indefinitely, the undeveloped heritage of all the people, then fall into the hands of large corporations.

"A short time ago I had occasion to visit different sections of Eastern Oregon. While I have resided in this section of the state for a quarter of a century, I am continually making discoveries as to the magnitudes of its resources and its possibilities. While over in Gilliam county in quest of the nomination for congress—for I might as well be frank about it—I made a discovery that was entirely new to me. While traveling through Gilliam in March, I saw immense stacks of grain threshed and piled up in sacks—thousands of bushels of the very finest wheat, that had lain there all winter, covered with straw, because of the lack of transportation. I then and there made up my mind that nomination or no nomination, congress or no congress, I would thereafter never let an opportunity escape me to contribute my aid toward opening the Columbia River to navigation. With the opening of this great river of the Pacific, not only would the value of every acre of land and every bushel of grain in the Columbia basin be enhanced, but the production of cereals in that region would be doubled. For the Government to delay longer this needed improvement would be to retard arbitrarily the growth and development of three of its greatest states—Oregon, Washington and Idaho."—Extract from Williamson's speech at Heppner.

#### News Briefly Told.

Archbishop Corrigan died last week as did also Admiral Sampson.

The Union Pacific is driving the piling for its new road across Salt Lake Utah.

A fire in the town of Prairie City last week destroyed the main business houses of the place, caus-

ing a loss of \$50,000 and the loss of one life, that of George Jones, formerly of this place.

A volcanic eruption in the Danish West Indies last week destroyed a city of 40,000 inhabitants very few of whom escaped, besides destroying or severely damaging all the shipping in the harbor.

Paul Leicester Ford, author of Janice Meredith, was shot and killed at his home in New York May 8 by his brother Malcolm W. Ford, who then committed suicide by shooting himself in the same manner as he shot his brother.

Reports from all over the state indicate that there will be a large falling off in the vote this year over that of 1900. This is caused by a spirit of neglect to register that seems to have taken control of the voters throughout the state.

The official semi-annual statement, published in this issue, shows that Wheeler county is rapidly paying up its debts inherited from the other counties. The county is now less than \$20,000 "in the hole," with the new courthouse paid for. —Fossil Journal.

The Oregonian has a representative on the road to Thunder Mountain whose articles telling of the trip, while not so rambling, are more realistic than those generally sent out from that camp. He speaks of the hardships that have to be undergone and tells them as if they were facts, which they are.

Last Saturday evening William J. Schmidt and Sarah E. Swift were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the Oregon Hotel in Mitchell, Justice Sasser officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are residents of Crook county and reside in Summit Prairie. Their many friends in Wheeler county unite in wishing them a happy married life. —Fossil Journal.

What's in a name? Well you just write or place in type the name of the Second Oregon Agricultural Fair Association as often as a newspaper is required to and you'll find out. It certainly is a subject for the human society to take in hand for the sake of those connected with the association and others interested in its welfare. Such a name is enough to kill the association any way.—Dalles Chronicle.

#### Hermann Opposes Leasing Law.

Senator Gibbon, of Montana, has presented in the senate a letter from Commissioner Hermann of the general land office in opposition to the policy of leasing the public lands as proposed by a bill now pending in the senate. Mr. Hermann says that under the terms of the bill practically all the public lands west of the Mississippi river would be subject to leasing, and that as it is provided that when under lease they shall not be disposed of except under the homestead and mineral land laws, the sale of the public domain would be greatly curtailed.

He also attacks the provision of the bill fixing the rental of the leased lands at 2 cents per acre. He declares that the general effect of the bill would be to place the control of the public lands in the hands of the extensive stock-growers, with the corresponding result of making the small owners pay tribute to their more prosperous fellows or go out of business.

#### Notices.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Crook county, Oregon:

It has come to me that certain parties are telling that I had not and would not accept the nomination, on the democratic ticket, for County Judge, which is a mistake. I am out for the office and if elected will qualify and conduct the office to the best of my ability for the best interests of the taxpayers of Crook county.

W. A. BOOTH.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1902.

## THE COUNTY COURT

### Met in Regular Session Last Week.

#### All of the Board Present

#### A Large Amount of Routine Business Transacted—Bills Allowed.

The commissioners court met in regular session on Wednesday, May 7, 1902. There being present County Judge Wm. C. Wills, Commissioners D. E. Templeton and H. J. Healey, J. J. Smith, clerk, and W. C. Congleton, sheriff. The following proceedings were had:

In the matter of the remonstrance of J. V. Hammond et al against saloon license. Remonstrance considered.

In the matter of wrongful assessment of Neat White. Rebate allowed in the sum of \$15.

In the matter of petition of George Stevens for saloon license. No proof of publication of notice having been submitted, no receipt from treasurer having been exhibited, and a remonstrance containing a greater number of names of legal voters than contained in petition, the prayer of petitioner refused.

In the matter of the petition of J. F. Hogg for change of voting place. Ordered that voting place be changed to school house in precinct as prayed for in petition.

In the matter of road viewers report of W. T. Davenport et al. Report read three times and report being favorable, road declared a public highway and platted on road records and opened by supervisor, and petitioners charged one day's labor in opening same.

In the matter of report of appraisers of J. A. Moffett et al, road damages, report of appraisers read and damages assessed at \$600. The road is declared a public highway upon the payment into the county treasury of the sum of \$100 by petitioners; that warrant be drawn in favor of W. T. Casey in the sum of \$600 and that said road be platted and opened.

In the matter of road viewers report on road of Andrew Morrow et al, the report of viewers being adverse and a remonstrance appearing with 34 more names than there were on the petition the prayer of petitioners is refused.

In the matter of the remonstrance of J. F. Taylor et al for vacation of county road. Remonstrance considered.

In the matter of the apportioning of the road fund to the various road districts in the county, apportioned as follows: Prineville No. 1, \$300; Bend No. 3, \$80; Montgomery No. 4, \$93.50; Black Butte No. 5, \$100; Haystack No. 6, \$194; McKay No. 7, \$100; Hay Creek No. 8, \$100; Cross Keys No. 10, \$100; Ashwood No. 11, \$125; Cherry Creek No. 12, \$75; Johnson Creek No. 13, \$125; Mill Creek No. 14, \$100; Howard No. 15, \$86.13; Summit No. 16, \$50; Camp Creek No. 18, \$75.47; Hardin No. 19, \$160; Beaver No. 20, \$200; Maury No. 21, \$300; Newsom No. 22, \$175, \$25 to be spent on Horse Heaven road; Kutcher No. 23, \$68; Broese No. 24, \$80; Bear Creek, balance unused taxes paid in being \$34.56 same to be expended on road in said precinct. Ireland No. 3, ordered that a sum equal to the road taxes paid in be expended on roads in this district.

In the matter of the petition of C. E. McDowell et al for county road, Petition presented, proof of notice being sufficient and bond for costs having been filed, the road is ordered reviewed. James Prose, Gus Prose and Wm. Davenport appointed viewers and C. A. Graves surveyor, to meet at the place of beginning on the 20th day of June there to proceed to survey and lay out said road.

In the matter of rebate of taxes of Prineville L. & L. S. Co., continued for verification as to number of sheep owned on March 1, 1901.

Same, rebate and repayment of taxes on lands in Tp. 18 and Tp. 17, range 16. Clerk ordered to draw warrant for \$11.26 in favor of the company.

In the matter of the application of Hahn & Fried for rebate and repayment of taxes. Application refused. Error in describing but not carried to aggregate.

In the matter of the claim of R. V. Jenkins for damages. The matter being duly considered and the court not

being well informed as to the evidence in the case, and what is just in the matter, further consideration is continued until the first day of July term.

In the matter of the application of F. M. Loveland and others for county road. Ordered reviewed and Geo. Osborn, Perry Read and David Barnett appointed viewers, C. A. Graves, surveyor, to meet at place of beginning June 13, 1902.

In the matter of petition of J. E. McMeen et al for bridge across Crooked river on Forest road. Ordered that the county road master secure an estimate as to the probable cost of a Howe Truss bridge at the point mentioned in said petition and make report and submit same on the first day of the regular July term of this court.

In the matter of the petition of Benton & Grater for saloon license. A petition having been filed containing a greater number of names than the total number of votes cast at the last election in Ashwood precinct, due proof of publication having been submitted, a receipt from treasurer for \$200, it is ordered that a license be granted to said Benton & Grater to run from May 8 to November 8, 1902.

In the matter of wrongful assessment of E. A. Parker. Sheriff ordered credited on roll of 1901 in the sum of \$6.38.

In the matter of wrongful assessment of James Cram. Sheriff ordered credited on roll of 1901 in the sum of \$14.88.

In the matter of rebate taxes V. Shrum. Clerk ordered to draw warrant in his favor for \$1.86.

In matter of report C. W. Elkins, road master. Report read and approved.

In the matter of petition for graveling and draining a portion of the Prineville-Shaniko road on Willow creek. Ordered that the supervisor of district No. 9, under direction of road master, proceed to purchase necessary tools and improve the roads mentioned in petition and further ordered that road master expend a sum of money not exceeding \$500 in the improvement of said roads.

In the matter of rebate for taxes paid by B. F. Allen. Warrant ordered drawn in his favor for the sum of \$7.11.

The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the respective amounts:

F B Poindexter, board and lodging, George May	\$16 50
Foster & Lehman, meat for paupers	4 10
Ed Harbin, lumber	16 02
G M Delano, road work	10 00
Blake McFall Co, ballot paper	8 88
Glass & Prudhomme, precinct registers	3 75
Charles Lewis, witness fees	1 50
William Prose, " "	1 50
Ralph Poindexter, " "	1 50
William Combs, " "	1 50
J A Brown, cleaning court house	6 00
V Gesner, M D, examining W Jenks, insane	5 00
H P Belknap, M D, same	5 00
Willey & Dee, lumber for roads	3 12
W C Wills, cash advanced for wood	6 00
E T Slayton, jurors fees Oct, '01	6 60
J J Smith, postage stamps	10 00
I R Truitt, board and lodging pauper	20 00
Adanson & Winsek Co, stat'ry	14 47
" " express	6 25
E H Hyde, care insane person	3 00
P L W & Co, light and water	8 75
I W Spear, viewing road	4 00
M Templeton, viewing road	4 00
Sam Collins, " "	4 00
Fred Snodderly, chairman	2 00
Leone Draper, " "	2 00
Andrew Morrow, marker	2 00
C A Graves, surveyor	5 00
Mrs E W Gile, care Hogg children	32 00
Wm Boegli, postage stamps	5 25
Wm Boegli, printing, postage	2 25
Frank Forest, viewing road	10 00
D A McDowell, " "	10 00
John Harris, " "	10 00
Wm Bradford, chairman	10 00
Clyde Messenger, " "	10 00
Wm Prine, marker	10 00
C A Graves, team and man	17 50
C A Graves, surveying, platting	35 00
J J Smith, ex election supplies	1 00
Glass & Prudhomme, election blanks	6 00
J J Smith, ex election supplies	2 60
Adanson & Winsek Co, express election supplies	3 15
Joe Hinkle, sup stock inspector	6 00
W T Davenport, road work	17 50
Wuraweller & Thompson, pauper account	2 00
J A Moffitt, jurors fees, Oct '01	2 00
Mrs J G Sumner, care J Munson	46 00
Irwin Hodson Co, election sup	82 50
M R Biggs, rebate dist att fees	30 00
Foster & Lehman, pauper acct	7 10
A Lippman, chairs	8 50

Samuel Newsom, app'r Co road	3 80
Wm Pollard, " " "	3 80
Ward Cram, " " "	3 80
Simpson, Wilson & Co, mdee for pauper	18 20
Crook County Journal, public printing	45 00
Wm Wigle, road work	63 00
J N Poindexter, postage stamps	7 00
C W Elkins, road master salary February	37 50
C W Elkins, road master salary February	75 00
W C Congleton, sheriff fees, etc	2 00

## Additional Locals.

Miss Vic Combs came up from Portland Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Judge Wills left Tuesday morning for his ranch on Willow creek where he will rusticate for a few days.

Ora Poindexter and wife were in from Bend Friday visitind with relatives and friends and attending to business matters.

Joe Crooks is having a "portorico" built on the front of his residence which adds beauty and adornment to the front.

John Hon came down from his farm near Howard Monday and is fixing up his residence property so that he can have it irrigated this summer.

Dr. S. W. Vogel, of Portland, will be in Prineville from May 20 to 26. Dr. Vogel is a specialist for refraction and defects of the eye and will treat all cases coming before him.

More building will be done in Prineville this season than for years, if we may accept the contracts that have been let and a few that are being estimated, in evidence.

A. Lippman & Co. are erecting a commodious lumber shed on their yard and will keep their lumber out of the elements. They will have only kiln dried lumber for sale this year.

Dating May 1 the firm of Simpson, Wilson & Co., has been changed to Simpson & Wilson, Mr. Hostetler retiring. The firm has been engaged in taking stock for the past week.

John Brown was in from Haystack Tuesday and informed our reporter that crops are looking fine out that way. If the Haystackers get a good rain in June they will have one of the largest crops ever harvested out there.

O. C. Clelan, A. G. Senders, J. T. Shea and wife, J. Gulley, Mrs. D. McDowell, A. B. Cutler, D. Driscoll and Frank Devine arrived Friday from Albany and went up on the Deschutes for an outing and presumably to locate timber lands.

S. S. Brown was in from Haystack Tuesday with a load of wheat. Mr. Brown raises fine wheat and potatoes. He brought in a load of potatoes last week that were plowed in and no further work done to them until they were dug, that would have averaged two pounds apiece. This without irrigation.

Perry Mappin is visiting in Antelope-to-day. He is making arrangements for the reconstruction of his house at the mouth of Little Trout, and will begin work very soon. Perry still feels very deeply the loss of many old Indian relics which were destroyed in the fire which destroyed his home. Among them were several scalp-bags, including the scalp-bag of the famous hostile Indian, Paulina who was killed by Howard Mappin, Perry's father.—Ashwood Prospector.

#### Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bruno Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price, 25 cents.

#### Sheep for Sale.

I have for sale 200 old ewes, 400 two-year-old wethers and 600 yearling wethers. Will be ready for delivery after shearing, about May 15 or later. Sheep in good order and free from disease. RALPH POSELY.