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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1902.

In order to settle a contest for the purchase of a certain tract of 2240 acres of state land, the State Land Board has advertised the tract for sale to the highest bidder. According to law the school land is sold at the uniform price of \$1.25 per acre, regardless of the actual value. In the present instance the land is said to be worth \$5 to \$6 per acre. There has long been a need of some more business-like method of disposing of state lands and it may be that this first sale to the highest bidder may suggest to the Legislature improvements that might be made in the law. The uniform price has this advantage, that it places the land within the reach of all upon exactly the same terms, and the land is purchased as rapidly as the development of the country advances its value to the legal price. At the same time, thousands of acres have been sold at much less than actual value, and in some cases, in years gone by, it has seemed that certain classes of persons have had an advantage in making purchases. The law should not permit any person to secure possession of the plat of a new survey and gain an advantage by filing his application for purchase at the same time he files the survey. This is rank favoritism. The law should provide a reasonable time after the filing of a survey plat, within which all intending purchasers may file their applications, and then if there be more than one applicant, the sale should be made to the highest bidder. The constitution and the statutes give the State Land Board almost absolute control of sales of school land, and it would seem that this evil should have been remedied long ago. The State Land Board has pursued a wise course in this instance, and it is to be hoped that the experiment will prove advantageous.—Oregonian.

The tragedy at the penitentiary is undoubtedly the result of a scarcity of night guards. One man is not sufficient to patrol the entire prison yard at night, and it is an easy matter for an outside confederate to smuggle in weapons to a prisoner, as was undoubtedly done in the case of Tracey and Merrill. A guard becomes careless after he serves for a time, and a little neglect on the part of the lone night guard is liable to exact a fearful penalty. \$1200 per year would provide two additional night guards and that trival sum should cut no figure. There are desperate men among the convicts and ample help should be employed.

The assertion has been made by many persons that the recent contest for Governorship was the closest ever witnessed in Oregon. This is an error. Mr. Chamberlain has about 250 plurality. In 1878 Thayer was elected over Beckman by a plurality of 69. The vote for Thayer was 16,201; for Beckman, 16,132. In 1896 the contest between Woods and Kelly was nearly as close as the recent one, between Chamberlain and Furnish. The vote for Woods was 10,253; for Kelly, 9956. Plurality for Woods, 227.

To Protect Their Rights.

The following resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the Stockmen's Union held at Shaniko, June 13th 1902.

WHEREAS, every American citizen has the right to range stock upon the Government lands freely and unrestrictedly, and

Whereas certain parties have arrogated unto themselves the power to say where certain citizens shall and shall not range their stock, contrary to law, right and justice, and

Whereas it is impossible for the sheep owned north of the western extension of the Blue Mountains to find summer range on the north slope of said mountains, therefore

RESOLVED, while recognizing the rights of others, to insist that we shall not be deprived of our just rights or our proper share of the free Government range.

That we will resist any encroachments on these rights.

That we will prosecute to the extent of the law any attempt by violence or intimidation to abridge those rights, whether by individuals or associations.

C. P. U'REN, President.

H. C. ROOPER, Secretary.

Death of Andrew Wiley.

Andrew Wiley, a pioneer of 1853, who died at his home near Foster Linn Co., Oregon, was born in Ray Co., Virginia, Nov. 17, 1819, where he lived until after his marriage Nov. 17, 1843, to Miss Lucy Higgins. From there they came to Missouri, where they lived until 1853, when they made the long and toilsome journey by ox team across the plains arriving at Oregon City in October of the same year. He settled on an old donation land claim near where the town of Foster now stands, and where he lived continuously until after his death, May 28th 1902. He was the first man to make a settlement on the east side of Wiley Creek, which was named in his honor. There being no bridges he was compelled to take his wagon apart and carry it across a drift. He was also among the first to cross the Cascade Mountains, acting as guide for to the party, blazing out the trail, which is still known as the old Wiley trail. Among the party was Abe Hackleman, John Gray, John Brandenburg and others, also pioneers of this country. His wife died Aug. 2, 1863, by whom he has four children, namely, Mrs. Amanda Rexford, of Wichita, Texas, Mary E. Davis, of Albany, George and Robert Wiley, of Post, Oregon. He was again married on March 12, 1864, to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who with seven children still survive him. Their names are Mrs. Lillie M. Davin, of Medford, Mrs. H. E. Keeney, of Salem, Miss Dollie Wiley, of Prineville, W. A. Wiley, of Heppner, Clarence S. Willey, of Post, K. and John B. Willey, of Foster.

We miss Thee from our home Father,

We miss Thee from Thy place;

A shadow over our life is cast.

We miss the sunshine of Thy face,

We miss Thy kind and loving hand;

Thy food and loving care,

Our home is dark without Thee,

We miss Thee every where.

Hon. J. N. Williamson came in from The Dalles last Sunday to look after his extensive business interests in this section. He will remain about a week.

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A Dead Duck.

Joe Simon has had his revenge for being turned down in Multnomah county, but he is a dead duck. Governor Geer has had his revenge by turning one of the strongest republican states over to the democrats, and F. T. Geer will never go to the United States senate. No honest republican can or will vote for him. He has shown himself to be a political baby—he got mad and went off into the corner and sulked like a little school boy. He even refused to preside at the republican meeting at Salem, or rather promised to preside, but when the time came he did not have the manhood or courage to be present. He went to Roseburg on some important business that did not exist. He showed himself to be a political coward, a political poltroon, and he is the dearest republican in the state today.—Astoria Herald.

Dosch Home Again.

Henry E. Dosch has returned from Charleston, where he had charge of the Oregon exhibit at the exposition. Mr. Dosch says that nearly \$4000 of the state appropriation for the two fairs remain unexpended. Mr. Dosch was absent 14 months, part of which time was spent at the Buffalo fair. He says he is glad to get home.

Besides the commercial advantages of Oregon's representation at the two fairs, Mr. Dosch says that he was able to send many immigrants here.

"We have three cases of our best exhibits of grain, grasses, fruits, forestry and mines on the way here," he said, "and when they arrive they will be placed in the Permanent Exhibit, on Washington street."

Mr. Dosch says he took good care to give the 1905 exposition plenty of "boosting," both in Buffalo and Charleston; and he thinks his talk on the subject, together with a large amount of literature which he distributed, having been the means of stirring up not a little interest in the coming exposition.

In regard to the expenses of the commission he said: "There was appropriated for Buffalo \$20,000, and for Charleston \$5000. My expenses for Buffalo were \$17,000, which included \$6000 for freight, \$6000 for salary of the attendants, \$3500 for gatherings forestry and mining exhibits, and the balance for incidental expenses. At Charleston we expended about \$4200 for salaries, freight and installation, so there will be quite a balance in the treasury after all bills are paid."

Charles to the altar led the lovely Jane, and to her father's house returned again, where, to convey them on their wedding tour, all ready stood a brilliant coach and four; when lol the gathering showers at once descend, clouds and warring winds contend; this moves him not, but in he hands his bride, and seats himself enraptured by her side, when thus to cheer the fair one he begun: "I hope we soon shall have a little sun." But she to whom the weather gave no pain, who most about her future state did think, replied with a roguish smile, "I'd rather have a daughter."

H. A. Foster was over from Sisters the first of the week looking after business matters.



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