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## JUSTICE AT LAST

### Indian War Veterans Rewarded.

#### Pension Bill Passed.

After Many Years of Waiting They Receive Just Due.

On Monday last the House of Representatives passed the long pending Indian war veteran bill, by which the surviving participants in the Cayuse war of 1847, 1848-49 and the Oregon and Washington wars from 1851 to '56, and numerous other wars, will be rewarded. Widows of such participants, provided they have not remarried, are included in the provisions of the bill, says the Portland East Side Herald.

This is the bill passed by the Senate in February last, and now by the House with only a verbal amendment which will have no effect upon the Senate when it is there again considered, which we are now assured will be very soon. As President Roosevelt has been instrumental in getting consideration of the bill in the House at this time and as in fact, it probably could not have reached a vote at all this session without his intervention with Speaker Henderson, his of course will approve of it.

Thus at last, after those many years our government has included to recognize the just claims of these early pioneers; these founders of an empire, whose adventurous spirits led them out into the then far off western wilderness long before the birth of many a congressman who voted Monday for their meager reward; these men and women who brought with them through the trials and dangers of a six months' journey involving difficulties which to our present generation would seem insurmountable, the American flag, to plant and defend it with their lives in a country unexplored and uninhabited save by numerous tribes of savage, hostile aborigines, but now a land of high degree of civilization, of plenty, of great commercial importance, of happy homes, of prosperity, of wealth. A land, the people of which enjoy as bountiful proportions of God's blessings as those of any of His creation every one of whom owes enduring gratitude to the courageous few who, in isolation, privation and great sacrifice, laid the solid foundation upon which have been erected the grand superstructures of the several integral parts of the American Union lying west of the Rocky mountains.

And while it is a regrettable fact that Congress persistently refused to give heed to the righteous claim of these aged veterans, not only of war but also of the new western civilization, it is nevertheless a most fortunate circumstance that our President is a man of common sense, whose knowledge of the west, and loyalty to its worthy pioneers, has induced him to stand against the conservatism of the East, and for and with the public spirit, enterprise, justice and liberality of the west, and raise his voice in the advocacy of a measure

the justice of which appealed to him as an American citizen, as the chief executive of the American Union.

All honor to our young gallant, fearless President! All honor and congratulation to Representative Tongue who has had charge of the bill and has assiduously labored for its achievement ever since he entered Congress! All praise and thanks and congratulation to Senator Mitchell who, in the Senate and as a private citizen, has always labored for this measure and was the moving spirit in the Senate for the consummation of the long deferred justice and deserved reward. All honor to every member whose vote and influence were in favor of simple justice, and shame on the men who have been the instruments of obstruction in this legislation which should have been accomplished long ago. Congratulations to the hoary headed veterans who are now at last assured of some small reward for their invaluable service to their country.

May it prove a benediction coming not too late to be of great utility in providing every necessity and comfort during the remainder of the journey adown the western slope; may it steady their feeble, faltering footsteps as they wend their way down the steep decline; may it tend to soften the twilight of their earthly day and when night shall come

"May they glide Like summer's evening on the golden tide."

#### New Species of Fish.

Editor Watson of the Prairie City Miner, writes a letter to master Fish Warden Van Dusen, asking the appointment of J. B. McIntire as special deputy for Strawberry lake, at the headwaters of the John Day river in Eastern Oregon. This is asked for the purpose of protecting a new species of fish called trout by Editor Watson and the people of that region.

The deputy is to be paid by voluntary contributions of the neighbors. They want to prevent the fishermen from putting dams and traps in the streams above the lake in the spawning season of July, which trapping is destroying this valuable fish. He sends a pencil sketch of this new sort of trout.

It looks much like an Eastern red belly perch, except that its head is like that of a trout. Watson is writing an illustrated article about his perch trout for the Sunday Oregonian. The fish is 15 inches long, 7 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches thick, and weighs on an average about 7 1/2 pounds. It is fat and lacy and cannot be caught with a hook except in the latter part of the summer. Watson asks Van Dusen to name the fish.

The people of the great John Day valley use Strawberry lake as a summer resort and this fish is an object of great interest to them. The dam and trap man catch them by the ton in July and are fast destroying the species. Strawberry lake is 7000 feet above sea level and its water is ice cold. The fish was discovered about ten years ago and no one seems to know its origin. The Eastern perch does not weigh more than two pounds. This may be an evolution from a cross of that fish and the salmon trout, possibly. Watson will send a sample of the fish to Van Dusen.

## 4TH AT HAYSTACK

### Prineville Base Ball Team Wins.

#### A Big Crowd Was Out.

The Performances of the Day Were Very Successfully Rendered.

The 4th of July was celebrated at Haystack in grand style. Ye reporter rode down in the wagon with the base ball players and a jolly crowd they were. It was cold and disagreeable going, but by the time we reached the celebration grounds it was some warmer and everyone was feeling in better spirits. No expense had been spared to make the grounds look attractive. Ever thing was in first class shape. The forenoon was taken up with speaking and singing, which was first class. Mr. Springer was the orator of the day and did the piece justice. In the afternoon the sports came off. The main thing of which was the base ball game. At 2:30 ever one was on the grounds to see Prineville lower the colors of the Haystack Ballplayers. The game started off with Prineville at the bat. The fun commenced in the third inning when the Haystackers opened up on the Prineville pitcher for nape runs. It looked as though it was all off with Prineville at this stage of the game and her rooters did not have much to say. A new man was put in to pitch for Prineville and from that time on Haystack failed to hit the ball, they would come to the bat with a confident air and when the balls came through they failed to connect and look worried. Up to the 8th inning it was any ones game, but from that time on Prineville took a lead which could never be regained. The star player of the day was the center fielder for Haystack, he made four sensational catches and was cheered to the echo. The star players for Prineville were Heisler who pitched. His pitching was great and won the game. Jordan at short played good ball. Sharp who played behind the bat settled down in 4th inning and done some fine ball playing. The boys all done well and with a little more practice would be hard to beat. The score was 28 to 17 in favor of Prineville.

#### Deep Borings in the United States.

The deep well borings of the United States, made for water, oil, and gas, are the subject of a statistic report by N. H. Darton, in the series of Water-Supply and Irrigation Papers of the United States Geological Survey. The list of deep wells is arranged by States, in alphabetical order, and appears in two pamphlets known as Water-Supply Papers Nos. 57 and 61. All wells 400 feet or over in depth are carefully listed. Depth, diameter, yield per minute, and other characteristic data are given,

and many instructive details are noted indicating for what purpose the borings were originally made, the character of the product obtained, and whether the wells are in use or abandoned. For the benefit of persons desiring more detailed information concerning wells in any particular region, references are given to the literature or other sources from which the data were obtained. The large product of natural gas in the East and the West, the enormous output from the oil fields in California, Texas, and the East, and the considerable and indispensable water supply furnished by the deep wells on the plains and in the arid and humid States, make concise and accessible information of this nature valuable for economic and scientific purposes.

#### The Law of the Range.

The "lex non scripta" of the public ranges has more binding force than the written statutes of the whole people as recorded by the acts of the legislators. The reason is that the representatives of the people assembled at Salem or Washington do not understand the conditions that obtain in the country where the range lies. The average law-maker has no conception of the difficulties that surround the man who owns cattle and sheep, and the harmonizing of their differences. He sees only the abstract principles involved in the right of any man to use the public grazing lands in any manner he may see fit. The trouble with the application of the principles is that it is based upon another principle that never should be admitted as correct—namely, that the stockman has the right to use range lands without compensation.

In the case of the farmer, he must secure title to what land he uses. The lumberman must buy the timber lands from where he cuts the trees. The fruit man must own the lands upon which he plants his orchards. Everyone, in fact, excepting the stockman, must render to the people something of value before he is permitted to use land that belong to one man as much as to another.

From the earliest days of the West's development, the livestock man has been the pet of the Government. He has been given special privileges. He has received without giving in return. He has been spoiled. He has been coddled, pampered, until he has come to regard as his right what never was his right, and which he has only because he took it.

He was free to graze off the lands until they were barren as a pile of volcanic ash. He might allow his sheep to feed the very roots of the grasses. He might at will leave such desolation as made the land worthless to anyone. He owed nothing to the Government for what he took, nor for what he destroyed.

It being a free-for-all scramble, both sheep and cattle owners engaged in it with fervor, and troubles resulted. They are now imminent, but no more likely to break out than they have been for years past. Anyone familiar with the conditions of Eastern Oregon knows that recent predications of impending troubles are not news.

Such troubles have been incidents of every year for two decades past. They will recur so long as the public lands are given freely to him who can take them. It comes to a question of the stronger ruling the weaker, regardless of justice or right.

Therefore the law of the range is greater than the law of the statute or than the common law. It is the rule of might over right.—Portland Journal.

#### Srs Didn't Wear Mask.

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#### Additional Locals.

W. H. Foster, the Paulina cattleman, was transacting business in the metropolis Tuesday.

F. D. Scott, the timber man, returned Wednesday morning from a brief business trip to Portland.

C. L. Branton, of Walferville, came over the mountains Tuesday to look over the country on this side.

J. L. Allen was up from his ranch near Hay creek Tuesday, and reports having one of the finest fields of barley in the county.

Ovid Riley came in from his ranch on the Deschutes Tuesday and reports everything moving along smoothly over that way.

Rev. B. F. Harper will leave here about the first of September for Pendleton, where he goes to take charge of church work. We are sorry to lose him and his family.

A cutting scrape took place at the Thompson ranch on Upper Deschutes Saturday there on July Fourth in which John Getz received a serious cut in the left side. The knife is said to have entered the lung.

Lee Wigle was down from his ranch on Crooked river Tuesday in search of hands to help put up the hay crop. He informed our reporter that men were very scarce this season.

"Bak" Herington has been appointed municipal assessor. He has already visited the residents of the city to promote the tax and will enforce the city ordinances as they appear on the records. A goodly number of the city ordinances, we are informed, have heretofore been a good waste of space on the records. So force them and if they are wrong then repeal them, but don't make a liberality city lawyer more than a city law.

Next Sunday afternoon at the race track, at 2 o'clock, there will be a good game of base ball between the regular nine and a pick-up nine composed of some of the old reliables such as Heisler, J. M. Baldwin and Luckey. This will be one of the best games seen in Prineville for a long time. Two weeks from Sunday the same teams will play for a purse. The losing team Sunday will pay for a supper to the winning team. No admission will be charged for the game Sunday, so come every one and get a dose of how the two teams will play and see who he will pick the winning team for the big game two weeks from Sunday.