

Hermann and the Reserve.

People in Sumpter, Burns and other places are protesting against the withdrawal of the land for a proposed forest reserve in the Blue mountains.

These people are being frightened unnecessarily and using a whole lot of energy uselessly. They are being misled. There has not been an Oregon reserve that interfered with the legitimate use of timber for mining, nor one that caused a loss to the individual that did not a hundredfold benefit the people of the state and make more certain the future of the state.

Some papers have gone so far as to intimate that Binger Hermann has used his influence to have this land withdrawn for the benefit of speculators.

For years Mr. Hermann has been opposed to reserves that allowed this speculation in scrip and has repeatedly recommended to congress that some action should be taken to prevent it. This is a matter of record.

With the passage in the last session of congress of the irrigation bill it was necessary that some prompt action be taken so the government would have an opportunity to work without paying speculators for reservoir sites useless to anyone else except to speculate on, and to prevent the land to be benefited falling into the hands of syndicates. Mr. Hermann, who had more knowledge of the land situation than any other man in the state, undoubtedly was consulted as to the proposed lines. The withdrawal is only temporary, and repeated assurance has been given that it will only be made permanent when the fact has been established that it is for the benefit of the homemaker and, therefore, of the whole state.

If these protests were sifted down we would probably find them instigated by men who have become wealthy by destroying the public grazing lands with their herds or devastating the forests unlawfully. —Dufur Dispatch.

Indian War Veterans.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., August 16, 1902.—At an adjourned meeting of the Indian War Veterans of 1855 and 1866, held at Independence, August 16, 1902, the following proceedings were had:

On motion of Major Jas. Bruce, of Benton county, Ben Hayden was chosen chairman.

On motion of James Hays, of Corvallis, J. R. Cooper, of Independence, was chosen secretary.

On motion of Major Bruce, the secretary was instructed to communicate with all county clerks within the state and ascertain the number of Indian War Veterans and their dependent widows in their respective counties and report the same to the adjutant general at Salem.

On motion of D. L. Hedges, the secretary was instructed to transmit a copy of these proceedings to all the newspapers within the state with request to publish the same.

The motion the meeting adjourned to meet at Salem, Wednesday, October 1, 1902, and all Indian War Veterans are cordially invited to attend.

BEN HAYDEN, Chairman.
J. R. COOPER, Secretary.

Vancouver, B. C., is having a sugar war, the beet sugar people of Germany have put sugar on the market in competition with the local refinery, and cut the price nearly half a cent.

A depth of about 1200 feet has been reached at the Umpqua Valley Oil Company's well near Myrtle Creek, and the indications for striking oil soon are very favorable.

Antelope Articles.

From the Herald:

Ralph Brown and wife of Heister, were in town last Monday en route home from Shaniko.

Fred Durlan and Morris Van Houten, of Hay Creek, left Wednesday morning for the Blue Mountains, where they will spend several weeks fishing and hunting.

Scott McIntosh returned Tuesday from Prineville, where he has been contracting cattle for delivery next month. He went on beyond Prineville, up on Ochoco, and secured in all about 75 head.

Ike Hixson, with his threshing machine and big crew of men, has been busy during the past week threshing out the grain for farmers of this neighborhood. The yield of grain has been very light and not up to expectations.

Bud Cram and family were in town last Saturday, en route to Portland, where they went to see the great Ringling Bros. shows. Before returning they will visit friends in the Willamette Valley.

J. N. Burgess and family left this morning for The Dalles, where they will visit for several days. Incidentally it may be mentioned that there will be a show in town, which is one of the temptations Newt cannot withstand.

Lyn Nichols, of Hay Creek, was in town Tuesday on his way to Shaniko, from which place he will go to Wyoming with three car loads of fine bucks, which are being shipped by the B. S. & L. Co. He is accompanied by Arthur Van Houten, youngest son of Mr. J. P. Van Houten.

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Dishonest Spangler.

Frank Spangler, a camp-tender for L. Adams, the Modoc sheepman, last week proved himself a most dishonest fellow. He came in from Buck Creek with two horses belonging to Adams, and disposed of one to J. P. Duckworth and the other to John Barrington, pocketing the money and striking out for California. Before going to work for Adams, the fellow purloined a watch at Bidwell. Look out for Spangler. Adams will try to apprehend him. —Lakeview Examiner.

Baring, the English capitalist, whom it was thought would take up the building of a railroad from Sumpter to Bourne, has turned the matter down, as being too small for him.

Alfred Walker has a force of men at work on the Owens farm near Eugene and feels confident he has struck a coal deposit of value. Two veins of 30 inches each have been cut.

Timber Land, Act June 2, 1902. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. The United States Land Office, Oregon, May 22, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 2, 1902, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Ferry J. Davis, of Moscow, county of Latah, State of Idaho, has, on May 12, 1902, filed in this office his sworn statement No. 34, for the purchase of the sec. 26, T. 24 N., R. 24 E., and sec. 27, T. 24 N., R. 24 E., Township 24 North, Range 24 East, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at The Dalles, Oregon, on Thursday, the 4th day of September, 1902. His names as witnesses: W. T. Borden, N. R. Borden, and D. H. Hollister, of Moscow, Idaho, and L. A. Hollister, of Warm Springs, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of September, 1902. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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