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 CUI BONO?

It is rather difficult at this time to state definitely to what extremes the Interior department will carry on its farcical endeavor to unearth the alleged timber land frauds of which Oregon has been accused. The frequent visits of special officers was the first intimation had that one of Roosevelt's cabinet officers was suspicious; this was followed by extra cross-examinations at the time of final proof, then came several forest reserves which nearly took the state off its feet, and these in turn have been followed by the consummating mandate now being practiced in Oregon City, and the land offices in California.

The special officer in the former place demands of the applicant whether he expects to sell his claim or in any way dispose of it for more than it costs him, and in case of an affirmative reply the claim is cancelled. This latest move in the alleged-timber-land-fraud-farce was practiced in California last week and 400 applicants, upon stating they would probably sell at a reasonable figure, lost their claims, WHICH WERE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS SCRIPPED. The government in this instance was out \$169,000, the scrip men worked their graft, Uncle Sam's free-born citizens were denied the right to possession of land which the government has for sale, and justice was apparently satisfied. Individuals lost and corporations won.

It is too much. The government and everyone else knows that every person cannot take a timber claim and log and saw it himself. To expect such, and from the women, too, who are entitled to a 160 acres of timber, is asking something altogether outside the bounds of reason, justice, and sense. Compelling a man to knowingly perjure himself in order to secure that which he is legally entitled to, reminds one of the auction sale at a woman's sewing bee when a cash prize was offered for the most zealous liar who could tell her quibble with the straightest face. Beyond a doubt there has been some fraud practiced in the state in the manipulation of timber claims, but the drastic measures being pursued of late by the government's agents are not likely to bring about desired results. The best that can be said is that the latest orders issued by the secretary of Interior to his special officers do not lack originality if they do effectiveness.

A FEW MISTAKEN IDEAS.
 In our last issue space was given a communication written from Haystack in which, among other things, criticisms were made of the present and previous county court, alleging that certain appropriations made were not within the confines of the law. While the communication was doubtless written honestly, still there is always chance for mistake, and sometimes the latter assumes unwarranted proportions. This has been the case with "Newcomer's" article, and we believe the two essential clauses should be set right in the minds of The Journal's readers.

The appropriation criticised first was made by Judge Biggs' court and provided for the setting aside of \$150 to be used towards encouraging a stock exhibit at a county fair this fall. In case the fair is not held the \$150 is to revert to the county treasury, and it was allowed with that understanding.

Thus it will be seen that the "Jockey Club" did not enter into the court's mind for a moment when the appropriation was allowed, and with the above stated proviso would derive absolutely no benefit, directly or indirectly, from such an appropriation.

The second appropriation complained of was that of Judge Bohn's court for \$100 to be used in defraying the expenses of two of the irrigation convention delegates sent to Portland nearly a year ago.

The Journal is not in a position to quote legal authority bearing on the two appropriations, but it would seem that an expressed wish of the majority of the people is sufficient in either case to empower the court to act.

PAST AND PRESENT.

Down in Cuba the "patriots" are using short range rifles to shoot at one another at long range distances, and the trouble borders on insurrection. The news dispatches announcing this fact disclosed but little detail of the actual existing conditions, but it seems that the prophecy of J. Fitzhugh Lee regarding the future of the island will soon be realized. He and others said more than two years ago that the moment that Uncle Sam's restraining hand was withdrawn from Cuban affairs internal conditions would commence to assume the distorted shape of Spanish rule times.

This seems a fact, unfortunately but true, and the Philippines and Cuba, succored by a generous race have proved themselves the proverbial serpents, and when revived have turned upon their savior. The latter people only in sentiment, while the former have resorted to actual warfare of the most uncivilized form.

It is now generally conceded that the people of these two islands can never be assimilated with American methods and ideas, but will always resent any advances along such an endeavor. Uncle Sam chose not wisely for the people are a mongrel type, fast decaying, and absolutely indifferent to every thing.

As things progress we wonder if

there are not those who would rather have used a part of the vast sum expended in improving the island's internal affairs in advancing our own internal condition, notably the irrigation projects of the arid west. While the former continues to get its apportionment, when, oh when will the latter get even its pittance?

RESPONSIBILITY.

The Journal has at different times in the past been held responsible either in full or in part for signed communications which have been given space in these columns. Again we repeat, we are not responsible in any sense of the word for a sentiment thus voiced, but we are bound, from a spirit of fair-mindedness, to give all properly signed communications space, so long as the article in question keeps within the limits of legitimacy.

A question concerning the public welfare, properly written and signed, will always be given space even though the views expressed be counter to those of the Journal. A newspaper is a public organ and as such its columns should be open to the opinions and ideas of the people. It is not probable that all of the views expressed in this way will be sanctioned by all of the readers, but those who take exception to the sentiments printed should bring issue with the writer of them and not the publisher of the paper who merely gives them publicity.

The Deschutes valley has had another slap. Hitchcock's national play grounds took off a slice the entire length of the district, and now a lumber syndicate representative, upon the opening up of almost the last remaining township, steps up, and with the politeness of a Chesterfield, lays 10,000 acres of scrip upon all the available timber. But even with the numerous bribes which the Valley has received during the past few months the day is not far distant when it will thrust its head above the surface and indulge in the best proverbial giggle.

Brattain and Bailey have been notified that their pay will soon stop, and that Steider and Watson will succeed them as receiver and register of the Lakeview land office.

President Roosevelt has about completed his summer's sojourn at Oyster Bay. Pretty near all the social loafers in the country have been there keeping him company.

The coat of whitewash which Mayor Williams began last year to spread over certain districts in Portland seems to have got a little black paint mixed in with it.

Roosevelt is reported to have gained 35 pounds in weight since becoming president. Evidently the much talked of strenuous life agrees with Teddy.

EXTRA.

The O. R. & N. Chicago Special, express No. 6, which left Portland at 8:15 Wednesday night, was held up by a gang of masked robbers near Bridal Veil station at 11:30 p. m.

A telephone message received in Prineville at noon today (Thursday) states that one of the train crew was shot and killed. The express had a large number of valuable packages on board, but it is not known how much booty was secured.

Additional Locals.

Mrs. A. H. Grant was in Prineville Thursday.

Dr. C. S. Edwards was a business visitor from Bend the last of the week.

David Wilhelm was a business visitor from Rosland the last of the week.

George Schlecht and Harry Broker were in the city the last of the week attending to business matters.

Miss Maude Vanlever was in town Wednesday from Lava on her way to Ashwood where she will visit friends this fall.

A. J. Strum was in from his ranch near Antelope the last of the week with a load of home grown water melons. The latter are fine specimens, and speak pretty well for the soil in that portion of Crook county.

Hon. M. A. Moody returned yesterday from attending the National Irrigation Congress at Ogden. He thinks the work of the congress was effectual and will result in much good to the arid regions of the west. Mr. Moody says Oregon got everything it asked for, hence he is well satisfied with the proceedings of the meeting.—Times-Mountaineer.

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