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CHANGE IN FOREST POLICY.

Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartrum, who was in conference with the stockmen in this city only a short time ago, has sent the following letter from the Secretary of Agriculture to The Journal with a request that it be given as much publicity as possible. The letter is directed to the "Forester Forestry Service" and has to do with the recent act signed by the President providing for the transfer of forest reserves from the department of the Interior to the department of Agriculture. As the letter will directly interest those who are using the forest reserve for grazing purposes, the bulk of its contents is given below:

The act mentioned above is first quoted and Secretary Wilson adds: "By this Act the administration of the Federal forest reserves is transferred to this department (Agriculture). Its provisions will be carried out through the Forest Service, under your immediate supervision. You have already tentatively negotiated the transfer with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, whose powers and duties thus transferred I assign to you. Until otherwise instructed, you will submit to me for approval all questions of organization, sales, permits and privileges, except such as are entrusted by the present regulations to field officers on the ground. All officers of the forest reserve service transferred will be subject to your instructions and will report directly to you. You will at once issue to them the necessary notice to this effect.

"In order to facilitate the prompt transaction of business upon the forest reserves and to give effect to the general policy outlined below, you are instructed to recommend at the earliest practicable date whatever changes may be necessary in the rules and regulations governing the reserves, so that I may, in accordance with the provisions of the above Act, delegate to you and to forest reserve officers in the field, so much of my authority as may be essential to the prompt transaction of business, and to the administration of the reserves in accordance with local needs. Until such revision is made, the present rules and regulations will remain in force, except those relating to the receipt and transmittal of moneys, in which case Special Fiscal Agents of this Department will perform the duties heretofore rendered by the Receivers of Local Land Offices in accordance with existing laws and regulations. The Chief of Records, Forest Service, is hereby designated a Special Fiscal Agent, and you will direct him at once to execute and submit for my approval a bond for Twenty Thousand Dollars.

"In the administration of the forest reserves it must be clearly borne in mind that all land is to be devoted to its most productive use for the permanent good of the whole people and not for the temporary benefit of individuals or companies. All the resources of forest reserves are for use, and this must be brought about in a thoroughly prompt and business-like manner, under such restriction only as will insure the permanence of these resources. The vital importance of forest reserves to the great industries of the Western States will be largely increased in the near future by the continued steady advance in settlement and development. The permanence of the resources of the reserves is therefore indispensable to continued prosperity, and the policy of this Department for their protection and use will invariably be guided by this fact, always bearing in mind that the conservative use of these resources in no way conflicts with their permanent value. You will see to it that the water, wood, and forage of the reserves are conserved and wisely

used for the benefit of the home-builder first of all; upon whom depends the best permanent use of lands and resources alike. The continued prosperity of the agricultural, lumbering, mining and live-stock interests is directly dependent upon a permanent and accessible supply of water, wood and forage, as well as upon the present and future use of these resources under businesslike regulations, enforced with promptness, effectiveness and common sense. In the management of each reserve local questions will be decided upon local grounds; the dominant industry will be considered first, but with a little restriction to minor industries as may be possible; sudden changes in industrial conditions will be avoided by gradual adjustment after due notice; and where conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in long run.

These general principles will govern in the protection and use of watersupply, in the disposal of timber and wood, in the use of the range, and in all other matters connected with the management of the reserves. They can be successfully applied only when the administration of each reserve is left very largely in the hands of the local officers, under the eye of thoroughly trained and competent inspectors.

Very respectfully,
JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

The restoration of entry of thousands of acres withdrawn nearly two years ago for forest reserve purposes along the Deschutes valley and extending to the southern boundary of the state, is indicative of another rush for homesteads and timber claims in the district in question. Applications to file will not be accepted, however, until after the twenty-third of next May, but it is safe to assume that by that time claimants will be in a position to make their wants known, and The Dalles land office in consequence will see some of the busiest days in its history. The rule of first come first served will in all probability be in vogue when the ninety days' notice by publication has expired and there will be the same scenes enacted at The Dalles office as have been witnessed at some of the eastern land offices when a body of reserve land was thrown open. Already squatters are making themselves known in the region of the Deschutes, choice pieces of homestead land are being claimed, and with scores of these applicants and dozens of timber claimants ready to jump the moment that land office doors are thrown open, no question can arise regarding the length of the filing columns which will array themselves at both The Dalles and Lakeview offices.

The homestead law is now before congress, the question being whether the number of acres in the act shall be changed to 640 instead of 160. It is a well known fact that the law under present conditions must be violated when applied to mountain lands or remain practically useless. No man can maintain himself on 160 acres of the average land now unreclaimed in the mountainous regions of the West. The small tract will furnish pasture to but a few cattle or sheep and it is not yet known to be capable of producing vegetables, hay or grain. However, it is in the possibilities of agriculture on land that now appears incapable of such use that congress finds argument for not changing the law. The members of congress are chiefly from agricultural states and their experience with bunch grass, peaks and precipitous inclines is very limited. They know but very little about the small limit of grazing on an acre of the average granite soil of the Rocky mountains or

the vain attempt wheat or barley must make to make the earth green.

There was no occasion to rake up and spread before the public incidents in the career of Senator Mitchell that had been buried by more than a third of a century of time. He is to be tried on certain specific accusations of wrongdoing with reference to aiding land grabbers, and the testimony must be confined to this issue. If that work was to be done, it might at least more gracefully be left to the political enemies of the senator to do it. During his recent successes the Oregonian changed its former attitude and has been exceedingly friendly with him and his political associates, but as soon as he gets into trouble it not only deserts and prejudices him, convicts him before trial and tries to kick him out of the senate, but like a ghoul into his past life and resurrects long buried skeletons that form no part of the present case. It is a congenial occupation and one in which the Oregonian has always found delight. Luckily there are none, not even among the so-called yellow journals, to dispute its premiership in that particular field.—Portland Journal.

The Ontario Argus says: Bill Nye's old advertisement for the sale of his cow is again going the rounds, and might be referred to the diary commissioner for official opinion as to whether it is old enough to be retired. Here are Bill Nye's words: "Owing to my ill-health, I will sell at my residence, township 19, range 18, according to the government survey one plush raspberry cow, aged 8 years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any one who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth shorthorn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shotgun that goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and then returns with a red calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a non-resident."

NEW SAW MILL TO START AT WARM SPRINGS

U. S. Cowles was in the city yesterday making the final arrangements to start a new saw mill plant at the Warm Springs reservation. The mill to be used is the one which has been at Ashwood for several years and it will be removed to its new location at the Warm Springs ferry opposite the Agency. Charles Derham, who has been in charge of the Ashwood mill and who owns the plant, will be associated with Mr. Cowles in the establishment of the mill on the Deschutes river.

It is expected that the plant will be moved and set up ready for operation by the first of May when it will be run to its fullest capacity of 12,000 feet per day. While here yesterday Mr. Cowles closed a contract with L. E. Allingham for 2,000,000 feet of logs to be delivered at the mill site. Mr. Allingham will begin logging about the 25th of this month and will have finished his contract by the time the mill has started operations.

The moving of the mill from its old location at Ashwood has been brought about by the fact that the supply of timber in that vicinity owned by the proprietors of the mill has been exhausted and a new field became necessary. The present supply of timber for the mill will be found along the Matoles where both Mr. Cowles and Mr. Derham own private holdings.

The establishment of the mill at the point mentioned on the Deschutes river will be of great advantage to the community surrounding. The demand to be supplied will come chiefly from the Madras country and the Agency plains, both of which districts up to the present time have been compelled to haul building material for a considerable distance. With these districts building up rapidly and a growing demand for lumber the new mill will in all probability be behind in filling its orders for some time to come.

Additional Locals

Stewart & Hodson's pure leaf lard at Michel & Co's.

Ammunition of all kinds at Michel & Co's. We can make you the right price in quantities.

Omer Cyrus, of Culver, was in the city this week on a business trip.

C. C. Hon and wife were in town the first of this week from Howard.

Mrs. W. H. Peck was in the city from Culver the first of the week for a few days' visit.

Claude Wright and wife of Howard were in the city a few days the first of the week visiting.

John Ryan left Sunday for his ranch at the Tules after spending a week in the city looking after land matters.

Renver Jenkins came up from Culver Tuesday to make final proof on his homestead near Culver. Frank Osborn testified as a witness.

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With the county officials again at their posts of duty and conditions again assuming their normal tone after the excitement of county division, land cases, etc., it is probable that some speedy action will now be taken toward getting up Crook county's exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair.

A meeting was held at the Athletic club last night by the members of the association and the preliminary arrangements made for giving a minstrel play sometime next month. A definite date has not as yet been set but will be as soon as further details are made. A dozen or more black faces will appear in the cast and the list of jokes and funny incidents will be without limit.

Beginning on February 1st and continuing until March 1st, J. F. Morris will sell a large assortment of Men's Suits and Trousers and a fine line of assorted Negligee Shirts. These goods must be sold to make room for the spring stock and to do this a big reduction of prices will be made. Call and look over the stock getting the prices will convince you that the goods are offered at bargain figures. j19

Albert Kitching returned Monday from an eastern trip covering several months. He was in attendance at the Livestock convention at Denver in January and went from there on a tour through the southern states stopping for a time in Arizona and coming here by the way of California points. He had the misfortune while at Biggs on his way here to slip on the station platform and break his right wrist. The injured hand has given him considerable trouble but is now gaining strength under the protection of a plaster paris cast.

Centennial Notes.

The manufacture of gold pens will form one of the many interesting working displays at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

It has been decided that the machinery, as well as the amusements on the "Trall," at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be stopped on Sunday. The exhibit palaces will be open to the public and all other features of the Exposition will be running as on week days.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition Buildings will be protected from danger of fire by a regular automatic system of fire alarms. The system works like ordinary improved city systems, automatically harnessing the horses to the fire engines and wagons, as well as sounding the alarm.

An excursion that will doubtless attract great interest is one planned by F. R. Drew of New York City. Mr. Drew will conduct a train of prairie schooners from Portland, (Me.) to Portland, Oregon, the latter part of the journey being along the trail followed by Lewis and Clark a century ago. The travelers expect to reach Portland in October, in time to attend the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

No Trouble to Get Bondsmen.

Three men under indictment on various charges put up bonds of \$4000 each with the clerk of the United States Circuit court this morning. These men were Former State Senator W. W. Steiwer, who is charged with conspiracy to prevent and obstruct the free passage across Government lands in Wheeler county; Dr. Van Gesner, who is charged with Congressman Williamson and Marion R. Biggs, with conspiracy to secure possession of land in Crook county through the medium of about 100 homestead entrymen, and Marion R. Biggs, himself.

Steiwer's bondsmen are J. C. Ainsworth and Henry Hahn, both well known and influential Portland men. Dr. Gesner's bondsmen are B. F. Allen and L. S. Logan, both wealthy Crook County ranchers. They, also, went on the bond of Biggs.

In speaking of the indictment returned against him Dr. Gesner this morning stated that he had nothing to say about the matter and then added that he did not fear the result. "I am confident that I will be able

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to show my entire innocence of the charge when the proper time comes," he declared. "I am not worrying over the result at all." Nothing else would he say.—Telegram.

Teachers and Parents to Meet Again.

The second of the teachers' and parents' meetings will be held at the public school building a week from next Saturday February 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. An interesting program has been prepared as follows: Music Solo.....REV. JISNETT Recitation.....MISS KIDDER Objects of Parents' and Teachers' Meeting.....J. A. STONE How to Keep Boys in School.....MRS. MAY WIGLE Home Work and Home Entertainment.....MRS. H. P. BELKNAP Corporal Punishment..... General Discussion

The Social Calendar.

Fireman's Ball, P. A. A. C. hall, February 21.
Masquerade Ball, P. A. A. C. hall, March 3.

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Hick's Almanac.

A number of copies of Hick's Almanac, that all around bureau of information for weather critics, stockmen, etc., have been received at The Journal office and are now on sale. Twenty-five (25) cents per copy while the supply lasts.

STRAYED

A red two-year-old heifer. White face, brand uncertain, crop off right ear. Owner calling for and paying charges can have the same.
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