

LAND IN THE RESERVES

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR'S REPLY TO HOUSE RESOLUTION.

Area Belonging to Land-Grant Railroads and Other Corporations and Individuals.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—In partial reply to a House resolution calling for varied information concerning the acreage, etc., of the reserves, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Commissioner of the General Land Office, has just sent a rather extensive statement to the House. This report relates to all of the reserves, and especially to those which embrace large portions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The facts set forth in the tables are interesting, the following extracts being made:

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"Second—The number of acres now included within forest reserves belonging to individuals is as follows:

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ALLOTMENT FOR SILETZ.

Favorable Report on Bill Permitting Indians to Sell.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Representative Eddy, in reporting to the House Representative Tomngue's bill providing for the allotment of the lands of the Siletz Indians, makes the following comments on the bill:

"The Indians upon the Siletz reservation, in Oregon, are decreasing in numbers. To all of them, men, women and children, 80 acres of land have been allotted in many instances; they die, other relatives have died, and through this means several of these Indians have become owners of large tracts of land, from 40 to 50 acres. They have no means of being so much land or of cultivating it or convenience of improving it, and it is useless alike to the Indians and to the people of the State of Oregon.

adding thereto the following proviso:

"Provided, further, that whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that any of the Indians of the Siletz reservation, in the State of Oregon, are fully capable of managing their own business affairs, and that it will be to their interest to receive title in fee to the lands allotted to them, he shall cause patents to issue therefor, in fee, to the names of the allottees found to be capable of managing their business affairs as aforesaid, discharged of any trust and free of all charge, incumbrance or restriction whatsoever; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain as soon as shall be practicable whether any of said Indians of the Siletz reservation should receive patents conveying in fee lands allotted to them under the provisions of this act."

SOUVENIR-BUTTON COUPON.

Cut this out and send it in as an order for one or more souvenir buttons made of Spanish bronze cannon surrendered to the Second Oregon Volunteers at the capitulation of Manila. The entire proceeds will go to the soldiers' monument fund. Buttons are 25 cents each, in any quantity. In ordering, specify whether you want button-back or pin-back. The latter is for ladies. Buttons will be sent, postage paid, to any address in the United States or Canada.

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TWO GRAIN SHIPS FINISH.

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Distant Tonnage Is Held at Higher Rates—Shenandoah's Past Trip—Argus-Jolani Inquiry.

The Russian ship Silpid and the British bark Fortbank both finished loading yesterday, and will probably clear today or tomorrow. There will be considerable business for the next few weeks clearing up the fleet on hand and due before the opening of the new season. Aside from this, the outlook is not very promising, owing to the fact that shipowners have again put on the screws, and are asking more money for ships. There was plenty of new crop tonnage available four months ago at 35 shillings. Two months ago the rate had advanced to 25 1/2 and 30 1/2. For the last 20 days nothing has been obtainable for less than 25, and now ships for new crop business are firmly held at 43 1/2 and 45 1/2.

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If the Democratic party is determined to make both the head and the tail of its ticket out of military material, would not Colonel Bryan and "Lonestar" Aglando make a good combination? It would then be light and easy running both in the head and the heels, and would be more popular in Boston than a Manhattan cockle will be in Kansas City next Fourth of July, says the Lewiston Tribune.

THE STEAMER AND THE DESTROYER.

Blackwood's Magazine. The steamer of today is incomparably more powerful than the sailing ship of former times, and is all but independent of the wind, and is far less liable to be hampered by fog. But against this increase of power we have to set the fact that she is tied to her coal supply. No cruiser will dare to go further away from some safe coal supply than she can go back, and she must retain the means of doing at least part of her voyage home to port at full speed in case she is chased. When we try to calculate the range of a modern commerce destroyer, we have to deduct from the motive power she carries in her bunkers what she needs to enable her to reach her cruising ground and to get back to port. The surplus is all that remains to her for use on her beat, and the farther she goes from her own ports the less will it be. No French, Russian or German captain could rely, as Semmes of the Alabama did, on meeting neutral tenders to which he had given a rendezvous marked on a chart—not at any rate in a war with England.

Racing at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 15.—The local racing season will open at the Queen City Jockey Club (Newport) Monday, May 21. The meeting will continue six days, after which the season will follow with a meeting of six days, beginning with the Latonia Derby, on Monday, May 23. The two tracks will alternate dates and run 25 days in all. The Latonia Derby will be worth over \$500 to the winner. These will be at least a dozen starters in the big race.

Skeets Martin Suspended.

LONDON, May 15.—The stewards of the Jockey Club investigated the charges of foul riding made against Skeets Martin, the American jockey, May 11, and have decided to suspend him until June 3. Martin was disqualified at Kempton Park May 11, after winning the Spring 2-year-old plate on J. Musker's Dunovon colt. He was suspended for the remainder of the meeting and reported to the stewards of the Jockey Club.

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