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LAND NOT ARID

So Says Green of Deschutes Valley.

WILL LEAD TO A WRANGLE

Department Previously Took Another View.

CHARGES AGAINST INSPECTOR

While He Reported That Drake Tried to Bribe Him, Drake Says Green Made No Personal Examination of the Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 21.—Inspector Green reports to the Secretary of the Interior that the lands selected by the State of Oregon under the Carey act, and known as list six—that is, the lands intended to be reclaimed by the Pilot Butte Development Company—are not arid. He reports well-developed juniper trees scattered over the area; therefore, he concludes, the lands are not subject to reclamation under the Carey act.

Before the Pilot Butte Company closed its contract with the state, as the records show, it took the precaution to secure the opinion of the department as to whether or not the growth of juniper trees would be held as an indication that the lands selected by the state were or were not arid. The State Land Agent simultaneously asked the opinion of the department as to the character of these lands.

In transmitting this letter to the Secretary, Commissioner Hermann expressed the opinion that the rule of the department, which holds that "lands containing sufficient moisture to produce a natural growth of trees are not to be classed as desert land" should be liberally construed.

In reply to Commissioner Hermann's letter, Secretary Hitchcock issued instructions in which he said: "A growth of ordinary forest trees on land in the arid region may, as a general rule, be accepted as evidence of the non-desert character of the land.

As a result of this investigation, the Pilot Butte Company showing the land to be arid and not capable of producing crops without irrigation. These affidavits were filed under the Secretary's instructions above quoted, and are from Congressman-elect Williamson, the Oregon State Engineer, ex-Surveyor General Hanna, President Lytle, and Chief Engineer Hammond of the Columbia Southern Railway; Hydraulic Engineer Clark, of Portland; J. M. Moore, of Portland; and many others of known reliability who have personally gone over the ground.

Charges Against Green. Furthermore, the Pilot Butte Company lodges charges against Green. It alleges that he did not personally inspect the full tract withdrawn in list 6, and has no personal knowledge of its character, but that he merely crossed this land in traveling the road from Prineville to Bend and back.

of being a thoroughly honest man. Nevertheless, his record shows, and some of the prominent officials of the department admit, that when the points are involved, as in the present case, his judgment is not to be relied upon, and has in the past been several times overruled.

NEW FIELD GUNS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, has prepared a memorandum showing what has been done in his bureau in the matter of new work and experiments since the period covered by his last annual report.

Northwestern's New Feeder. BONESTEELE, S. D., Nov. 21.—The extension of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad to this city is now open for traffic.

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PEACE IN SIGHT

Miners and Operators May Agree.

STEP IN THAT DIRECTION

Independent of the National Commission.

COURSE ADVISED BY GRAY

He Said the Parties to the Controversy Should Get Together in the Proper Spirit--Commission May Help.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 21.—The mine-workers, through their representatives, have agreed with the mineowners to attempt to adjust the differences existing between them outside the anthracite coal strike commission.

While both sides have expressed a willingness to settle their differences among themselves, it is not to be construed that it carries with it the acceptance of the terms proposed. They are mentioned only as a basis, it is understood, from which a settlement is to be effected.

Few persons were aware that an attempt would be made of an outside settlement until it was so intimated by Judge Gray, the chairman of the commission, who read a carefully prepared announcement from the "bench."

It cannot be officially stated which party made the proposal first. The attorneys for both sides are averse to talking, but those who were inclined to say something differ in their statements. An attorney for one of the railroads said it came from the miners' side, while one lawyer for the miners said it came from the operators. Another representative of the miners said it was a "spontaneous" proposition. It is generally believed that the operators were the first to make the proposal.

evidence. Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, one of Mr. Mitchell's attorneys, brought the matter out when, near the close of today's session, he suggested that the miners be given a little more time to prepare their evidence. The miners wanted to present the due bills or wage statements of thousands of miners, running back for several years and they found that the task of getting them in proper shape was a stupendous one.

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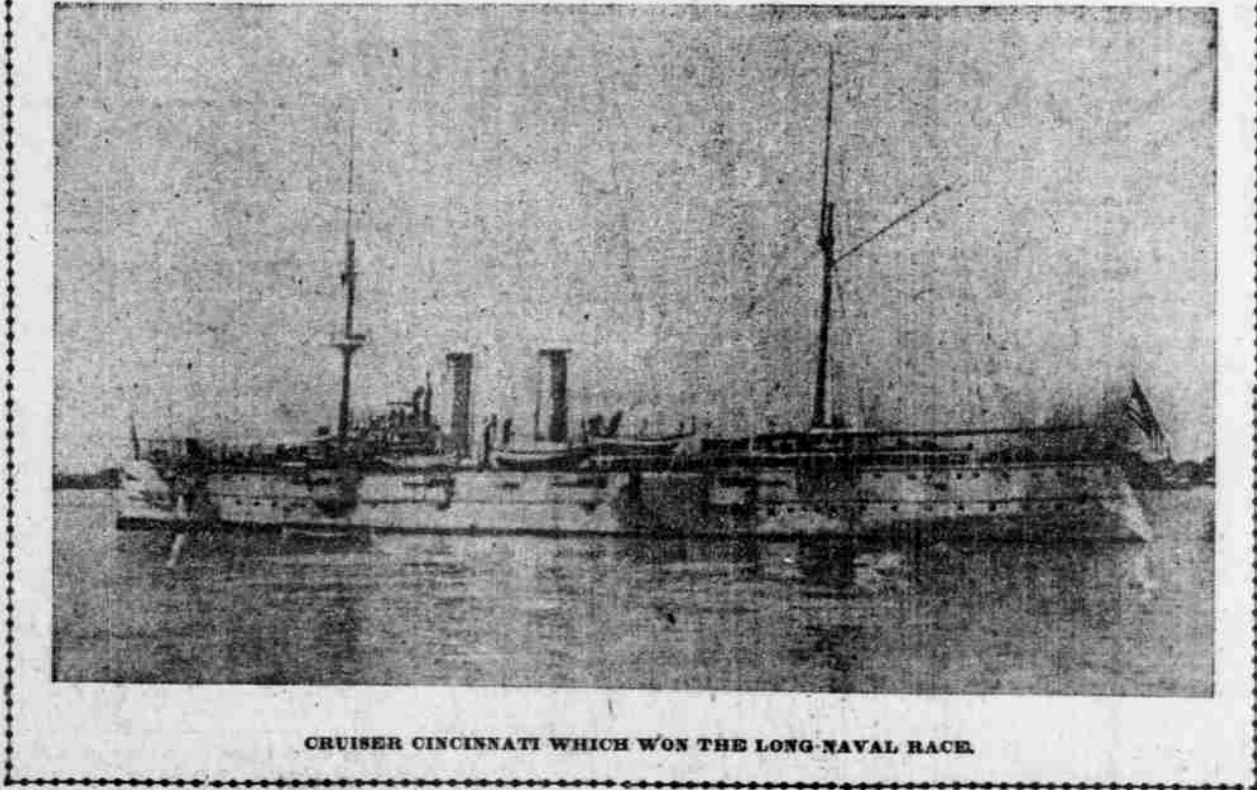
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NOT OPEN TO DOUKHOBORS

Colony Is Refused Location on United States Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Christian Community of the Universal Brotherhood, at Crowland, Assiniboia, Canada, has sought a home in this country, but has been officially notified that the community cannot settle on Government domain.

Pope's Time Not Yet Come.

ROME, Nov. 21.—At a reception of 600 Piedmontese pilgrims today, the pope jocularly referred to the unfounded rumors yesterday of his indisposition, adding: "My time has not yet come. We have many things to accomplish before death."