FOREST RESERVE IN OREGON

RECORDS IN THE STATE LAND OFFICE AT SALEM CORROBORATE SUSPICIONS OF COMMISSIONER HERMANN # LETTER NO. IV.

mann refused to add to the Blue Mountain reserve withdrawal certain lands recommended for withdrawal by J. N. Williamason for this refusal was that a very large part of the tract which Williamson wanted withdrawn was covered by private claims or was in private ownership. The this reason was well founded, so far as state lands are concerned, for it appears that just before Mr. Williamson made his the state lands in the townships affected the state lands in the townships affected by the Williamson recommendation. It further appears from the records that of practically all of the vacant school Williamson himself had some interest in the purchases that were made; and it is non talk among land operators that at the time be made his recommendation Williamson held certificates of sale of a considerable area of state land in that re-gion. tary in taking the affidavits of all these applicants for state land was a lawyer at

As is usually the case where men secure Targe tracts of state land, the records in the Land Office do not show the transfer of title. The state law provides that only \$20 acres of school land shall be sold to one person, and in order to secure more than that quantity a man must do so through other persons who purchase from the state and then make assignments to him. The state law provides that an applicant must swear that he wants the land for his own benefit and not for the purpose of speculation, and that he has made no agreement, express or implied, for the sule or disposition of the tand in case be is permitted to purchase it. Notwithstanding this strict provision of the state law, it has been found that thousands of purchases are made by persons who do not even know the location of the land they purchased, who did not have the money with which to make the purchase and who made assignments of their certificates cured them

It is in this manner that a few specuflators have secured title to school lands wherever forest reserves were about to be greated, and after the reserves were crested the lands were valuable for use as "base" for the selection of Heu land, if not more valuable for the timber they contained. The land was sold by the state at \$1.55 per acre, and as soon as a reserve is created it immediately rises to a value of \$4 to \$5 an acre, as base, even though it is in itself entirely worthless. Because a by Willfamson for withdrawal, had already passed into private control and rould be available as base, Commissioner Hermann refused to withdraw the townships from entry.

Williamson Gets Land Fever,

SALEM, Or., Aug. 1, 1902.—Hon. M. L. Chamberlain, Salem, Or.—Dear Str. I will Doe that Mr. J. A. Boggs' checks on land to the amount of one thousand (\$1000) are onored at the Prineville National Bank J. N. WILLIAMSON. The foregoing letter, on file in the office

of the State Land Board, is the first record here that shows any connection which Congressman J. N. Williamson may have had with public land transactions. The J. A. Boggs referred to was a resident of Prineville, Crook County, and the letterclerk of the State Land Board show that he was a dealer in timber lands, farm lands and land scrip. An inspection of the conversation with Mirs. Burke. In his hand was a levy on most of the furnishings of the room, including the table, shows that in the three months grior to the writing of the Williamson letter, Mr. Borshard, Edwards and silverware.

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But it was not until after April 11, 1902,
That his correspondence became frequent
That his correspondence became frequent That his correspondence became frequent.

Taken, to whom: Township 11 south, range 16 to 19 east. Township 12 south, range 16 to 19 east.

Township 13 south, range 16 to 20 cast. Township 14 south, range 18 to 20 cast. Pardon my being such a bother, but when

we hastern Oregonians get a Governor we will try to be good to you.

If I can be of service to you, out in this fand of enormous distances, call on me.

If there is any hase to be had I can use a section, at a reasonable price.

Part of the lands described are within the territory afterward withdrawn from entry for the purpose of placing them in a forest reserve. Others of them are in the townships which Mr. Williamson tried to

have withdrawn for reserve purposes. Mr. Boggs Gets Busy.

That Mr. Boggs did a large business in state lands is indicated by the fact that in the months of June, July and August, 1902, he procured from the State Land Office large quantities of blank applications for the purchase of school land and blank assignments of certificates of sale. On July 20, 1902, Mr. Boggs addressed a letter to the clerk of the Land Board making inquiry regarding school land in Tp. M S. R. 16 E. and on July M an inquiry regarding land in Tp. 13 S., R. 20 E., and on July 23 and 24 inquiries regarding lands In various townships in southern Grant County and northern Harney and Malheur Counties. Some of the lands referred to ere afterward recommended by Mr. Wil-Bumson for withdrawal for reserve purposes, and some of them were included in the Blue Mountain reserve. The letter unter date of July 24 was typewritten, but at the top of it Mr. Boggs wrote the following words with a pen:

"This is for Mr. Williamson and myself. Send bill to me."

Two days later, on July 26, 1902, Mr. Boggs addressed another letter to the clerk, which letter was evidently not intended to be a part of the public records. The late M. L. Chamberlain was not a man who considered his public business a personal matter, and he placed the letter on file, where it still remains. It is as fol-

PERSONAL

PRINEVILLE, Or., July 26, 1902 -- Mr. Chamberiain: The last three orders for corrections are for Mr. Williamson and my-self, and you will confer a great favor on us if you will hasten the forwarding of the same to me. Send bill to me. Respect-guily. JAMES A. BOGGS. In haste.

At this time Mr. Boggs was evidently doing an enormous business, for to his letter of July 21 he adds a postscript which is as follows:

P. S .- I am in somewhat of a burry and you will accommodate me if you will send the above at the earliest moment. I don't get time to sleep. JAMES A. BOGGS. JAMES A. BOGGS.

Over Forty Applications Filed. The last letter written by Mr. Boggs from Prineville was dated July 26, 1902. On July 28 Mr. Boggs was in Salem, ac-

SALEM, Oct. 10.—(Special.)-As shown by | companied by Mr. Williamson, and on he had gone as far as the dining-room the records in the General Land Office at Washington, Commissioner Binger Hermann refused to add to the Blue Mountain that day there were filed in the State Land Office 18 applications for the purchase of state land, the applicants all Land Office 18 applications for the purchase of state land, the applicants all having made their affidavits before J. W. Hopkins, of Prineville, on July 26. The only thing in the records to show that only thing in the records to show that constalled the nervous Tourrell. son, then Congressman-elect. Hermann's | these applications were filed by Mr. Boggs is that the first of the bunch was in-dorsed by the clerk with the name "Boggs," to indicate by whom they had been delivered. All the receipts for the money paid were issued in the name of the applicant. On the following the specificant.

secords in the State Land Office show that | the applicant. On the following day three more applications were filed bearing Hop-kins' name, and sworn to on July 26. On August 12, nineteen more applications were filed, also bearing Hopkins' name, and sworn to on various dates from July 86 to August 1.

These applications were for the purchase Mrs. Burke quieted her sobs long that just before Mr. Williamson made his recommendation there was a rush to buy and sworn to on various dates from July

lands in the townships which Mr. Wil-liamson afterward recommended for in-clusion in a reserve, either as an addi-stable. tion to the Blue Mountain reserve or as a separate reserve in Wallowa County.

The J. W. Hopkins who served as no-

Princyille. He was a particular friend of Williamson, and on Williamson's recom-mendation secured a clerkship in the Ore-gon Senate in the Legislature of 1901. On September 20 Mr. Boggs wrote from Portland to the clerk of the Land Board saying that he wished to cancel his for-

mer order for corrected lists of state lands in Crook County, as he wished to close up his accounts in that connection. Three days later Mr. Williamson wrote to Commissioner Binger Hermann recommending that the townships in which this land had been purchased should be placed

Williamson Sells Out. There were associated with Mr. Wil-

liamson in his state land purchases two other men whose names are not known and Williamson owned only a third interest in the purchases. In November, 1902, Mr. Hermann wrote his refusal to withdraw the townships designated, and afterwards Williamson sold out his holdings of

The lands referred to above had three The lands reterror to prospective elements of value. Whether placed in a reserve or not, they were supposed to have some value in themselves. as base for the selection of lieu land, fo which purpose they would be worth at per acre; or they could be used as homes for stockmen, for which purpose they would be worth all that the stockmen could be made to tax in accordance. made to pay, grazing in the reserves, the Governmen gives the first consideration to stockmen who reside inside the reserve; second, to men who own land inside the reserve but live outside, and third, to men who own land and reside outside the reserve. very large part of the Government and therefore, gives a sheepman or cattleman state land, in the townships recommended an advantage in securing grazing privileges, and one who owns no land in such a location is almost compelled to buy if the reserve covers most of the territory needed for Summer range. When it became evident that the lands he had bought would not be added to the reserve. Mr. Williamson evidently concluded that he had something upon which he did not want-to complete the payments, and sold

WRIT DELAYS LUNCH.

Constable Sits on Table While the sang in his choir. Vinnda Are Cooling.

Chicago Inter Ocean. There was no midday luncheon yester-day at the mansion occupied by Robert E. Burke, ex-Democratic leader. Just at heads he used in corresponding with the the hour when it should have been served a Constable sat screnely on the edge of the dining-room table engaged in earnest

conversation with Mrs. Burke. In his

of the city. The late Democratic leader has not thought highly of his membership in the that his correspondence became frequent.
On April II, 1902, he wrote Clerk M. L.
Chamberlain as follows:

and a half he has been a member, but not a contributor. They sued him for \$175, the amount of the dues in arrears. Piease inform me whether or not the The suits were brought before Justice Prindiville, former treasurer of the club, and Charles Yourrell. a Constable of

Democratic sentiments, was given the warrants to serve. Democratic sentiments, was given the Griscom, in Philadelphia, and will probably play golf with that lady's daughter, it was 12:20 o'clock when Constable Miss Frances Griscom, the ex-champion of America.

Miss Adair is at present at North Berman and Constable was a rear door of the Burke home, at 558 La.

without meeting any one.
"What do you want?" screamed Mrs.

"Don't kill me! Spare me! We have no lot machines," pleaded Mrs. Burke,

Mrs. Burke made no answer. She started to cry, and as her tears fell faster and her sobs became louder the embarrassment of Constable Yourrell increased. enough to answer it. When she returned

"Is this Mr. Burke's property?" inquired the Constable, pointing to a few of the chattels of the late oil inspector. "There's not a cent of mortgage on them," declared Mrs. Burke. "Well, I'll levy on them," retorted the

On the writ of execution which was returned to Justice Prindiville's Court were scheduled one table, ten chairs, one lot of glassware and one lot of silverware. The execution for \$75 was marked "satisfied" with the schedule of these furnishings. with the schedule of these furnishings.
"Shall we take the furniture down town and auction it off, or will you pay the \$55 and keep the furniture?" inquired Constable Yourrell, after the schedule was completed.

The klea of auctioning off the furniture of "Bobby" Burke's house to pay his debts did not appeal to Mrs. Burke as the pleasanter of the alternatives, and

"I'll telephone. Perhaps I can find my husband," she suggested.

The telephone was kept busy for nearly an hour before Mr. Burke was located. He wanted to talk to the Constable. "Have all the Democrats gone crazy?"

he asked. "They need the money," replied the Con-

Then Mrs. Burke was called again to the telephone. What Mr. Burke said was not audible at the residence end of the line. An emphatic "all right" on Mrs. Burke's part closed the conversation. She retired from the dining-room and returned

Fashionable Society Filled His Pews. New York Herald.

Sad and sudden has been the end of Dr. Ker Gray, the originator of the Society for Sunday Evening Dress Service. He was for years well known to Londoners as an unconventional cleric with ideas. He was found dead in bed Sunday morning at Edinborough, where he had been spending

a short vacation. His most noted work was in connection with St. George's Chapel, of which he was the incumbent. Troubled over the small-ness of his congregation, he appealed to fashionable Mayfair to come to the serv ice in the attire in which it had dined, the service being timed to suit the ways of Mayfair. At the evening dress evensong at 9 o'clock thereafter there were rows of diamonds and stately ranks of shining shirt fronts. The doctor's ser-mons were vigorous but tolerant in spirit. He was high in the regard of the theatrical world and numerous popular actresses

Modish Straight Scarfs. Paris Letter

In furs the straight scarfs will be mod-sh. They are making these now for the watering places, in silk muslin, edged and trimmed with fur. A charming scarf is of white mousseline de sole, with the ends laid in deep tucks, with narrow lines the lining is better cut. Whatever the difference, the scarf in heavy fur now wrinkles gracefully. A pretty scarf is of ermine with a border of zibeline and zibe-line tails, making a fringe at the ends which are cut into points. A great many of these garments are made up in mole-skin, which is to be the fashionable fur this Winter.

An Irish Golf Champion Coming.

New York Herald.

Miss Rhona Adair, open and Irish woman golf champion, will, accompanied by her sister, shortly pay a visit to the United States, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Griscom, in Philadelphia, and will probable and with the lader described.

we Eastern Oregonians get a Governor we Salle avenue. Mrs. Burke was in another wick, and a few days ago she played against "Ben" Sayers, receiving a handipart of the house.

"Hello!" shouted the Constable, after cap of one-half (that is, nine strokes for J L Schuyleman, city

the 18-hole round). A keenly-contested game was finally won by Sayers, with 3 n and I to play.

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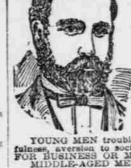
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