

THEIR FATE SEALED

Bridges and Booth of Roseburg Will Be Removed.

STRONG EVIDENCE IS FOUND

Result of Searching Investigation of Land Office—Hitchcock Will Choose Successors, but Fulton Will Make Protest.

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Ever since Bridges and Booth were suspended various agents of the Interior Department have been making a sweeping investigation to find evidence which would warrant their removal, and such evidence they have secured. Indeed it is strongly hinted that Bridges and Booth are to be indicted when the Federal grand jury reassembles in Portland in April, though District Attorney Henney denies this report. At any rate, Secretary Hitchcock is satisfied that he has evidence enough to convince the President that Bridges and Booth must go, and, having that information, he is diligently searching for two more to appoint as their successors. He has not asked Senator Fulton to recommend men for this office, but is looking around on his own responsibility and when he finds two men who meet his requirements and whom he can trust, he will ask the President to displace Bridges and Booth and appoint in their stead men of his selection.

If this plan is carried out and Mr. Fulton is not consulted there will be a renewal of friction between Mr. Hitchcock and the Senator. Land officers have to be confirmed by the Senate and moreover Mr. Fulton has the President's assurance that no appointments will be made in Oregon until he has been consulted. If men of Mr. Hitchcock's selection should be appointed they will encounter difficulty when their nominations are sent to the Senate. The indications are, however, that Bridges and Booth will not be dismissed until after the Senate adjourns, and then the President will be asked to make recess appointments, which will not come up for confirmation until next winter. Secretary Hitchcock is planning to have the change made in this way so as to make sure of his men. Senator Fulton declares that any men appointed to the Roseburg Land Office solely on Mr. Hitchcock's recommendation will never be confirmed.

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His Colleagues in New Judicial District Will Soon Be Appointed.

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Changes in Postal Service.

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Washington, Belma, Yakima County, Route 1, population 29, houses 72; Burlington, Skagit County, Route 1, population 54, houses 117; Coupeville, Island County, Route 1, population 54, houses 117. Mrs. Jennie S. Wallace was appointed regular carrier of Route 2, at Aurora, Or. Philip S. Haner has been appointed postmaster at Wickersham, Whatcom County, Wash., vice H. E. Campbell, resigned.

Ankeny's Gifts of Big Salmon.

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