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## DENIES TIMBER SLANDER.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian today is an article headed "Oregon Timber Lands Slandered," in which you publish a telegram from Roseburg, mentioning extracts of so-called affidavits by sundry persons, strangers in this section of the country, charging me with slandering the fair reputation of the timber wealth of your state.

I have made it my business to keep out of all newspaper controversies, but when as reliable a paper as The Oregonian publishes statements as apparently true which are not true, I deem it my duty to state.

No one in your grand state can value your magnificent forest more than I do and no truthful person can state that I made any derogatory statements relative to your magnificent timber and other resources.

Please give this space in your paper and oblige.

CHARLES A. M. SCHLIERHOLZ.

The above appeared in Saturday's Oregonian. The inspector knows that the reports were sworn to by persons who were before him. He knows that if the affidavits were false that the persons committed perjury. The PLAINDEALER dares and defies him to have one of them arrested to prove that he did not do and say the same as they swore he did.

It is due himself as a man and a government official to clear up the matter by a judicial investigation. If the men and women swore falsely and published the same they are guilty of criminal libel and perjury. Each one gave their address and they are responsible citizens. If the special agent wants the matter carried further a score more can be published, but we feel that the PLAINDEALER has given that Dutchman a few lessons in teaching him how to conduct himself before the sovereign citizens of Oregon.

## A Wise Political Act.

"It is said that a number of republicans who worked for election of Chamberlain as governor expected appointments but they have been turned down. We commend Chamberlain for his loyalty to party. He was under no obligations to any republican in the state so far as appointments were concerned."—Eugene Register.

Governor Chamberlain has done exactly right in turning down Republican tailmasters. To the victors belong the spoils, not to the camp followers who are too cowardly to fight in the ranks but prefer to trail behind and rot the bodies of the dead. Governor Chamberlain is also setting a good example to a few Republican office holders who throw all the patronage they can to democrats for fear the democrats will make a fight on them and for whom we desire to paraphrase the Nazarians words. Fear not them who can feed taffy in exchange for patronage, but fear them who have power to pitch you out bodily from the pleasures of heaven to the misery of—Oh be joyful!

## A Medical War.

The Albany Herald says: "The Salem physicians have begun a war on the osteopaths headed by Dr. Pierce of the same medical board. Is that all the Salem doctors have to do? Let the poor osteopaths alone. They can't do much harm, if they do fail to do any good. The physicians should find something better to occupy their time."

It is a foolish thing to commence a war on any kind of medical cult. The war the "big pill" men made on the "little pill" men only made the latter cult popular and if these two cults

combine and make war on the "slip bone" cult they will tear down their own profession and build up what they intend to tear down.

## TURN THE RASCALS OUT

Used to be the great republican rally cry but we are afraid the land grafters at Washington are determined to keep men in office who are standing in with land office affairs.

A few months ago a special inspector was sent to Roseburg to ferret out a lot of frauds practiced on the government in Lane and other counties. He got to the bottom of a lot of rottenness and made a report. Every effort was made to remove him by a lot of grafters and the wires were kept red hot to Senators Mitchell and Fulton and the man who had possession of all the facts in the case was promptly discharged by Secretary Hitchcock and his report suppressed. Why is it that Secretary Hitchcock, if he wants to protect public lands, has a director and stockholder of the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company for the Receiver of the Land Office at Roseburg? It seems that Mr. Hitchcock has opened the bung-hole and closed the spigot in his administration of land affairs.

## TO THE COAST.

They are Still Talking of a Salt Lake Railroad.

From far off Lake county comes the news that railroad surveyors are at work in the Paisley country searching out a route to cross Oregon from the east. From Salt Lake to the Pacific is the cry and the conclusion is that the most practicable route for such a road would be across the desert from Stein's mountain, striking Lake county at a point where Oregon and California corner on the Nevada line, thence bearing northwest and passing through Crooked creek valley and up the Chewaucan valley to Paisley, and in a northwesterly direction to the low pass over the Cascade mountains on the headwaters of the north middle fork of the Willamette. Nearly all of the timber in this part of Oregon would be accessible to such a road.

If such a railroad enterprise is undertaken there is little doubt but connections will be made with the Cottage Grove railroad in the Bohemia mining district and that the road will be extended from that city to Drain, thence to Gardiner, Coos Bay and on down the coast to connect with the California coast road at Eureka.—Salem Sentinel.

There is only one practical crossing on the Cascade range and that is the North Umpqua river route and a party of surveyors are now at work running a line to Roseburg.

## Cardinal Gibbons and Pope.

On Friday at Rome, Cardinal Gibbons was received by the Pope in private audience. In a lengthy conference Pius X renewed his expression of interest in America, already made manifest by his reception Wednesday to the pilgrims from the United States. The Pope said he should like to have had the Cardinal remain in Rome for some time in order that he might become thoroughly acquainted with all questions connected with the United States, but His Holiness did not insist, being aware he said, of the Cardinal's delicate state of health and his suffering from hot weather. In closing the audience the Pontiff charged Cardinal Gibbons to give the apostolic benediction to all the faithful in America.

## Career of Miles.

Nelson Appleton Miles was born in Westminister, Mass., August 8, 1839. In 1861 he entered the army as a volunteer, and rose grade by grade to the rank of Major-General of Volunteers, commanding an Army Corps at the age of 25. After the Civil War he entered the Regular army, gaining the rank of Major-General, and succeeding to the command of the army October 5, 1895. General Miles was distinguished as the most brilliant Indian fighter of his time.

He commanded the United States troops in Chicago during the railroad strike of 1884. He represented the army at the war between Turkey and Greece, and at Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. During the War with Spain Miles commanded the army, being promoted to rank of Lieutenant-General in 1900. General Miles is the author of several books on professional topics, among them "Military Europe." He was retired Saturday on reaching the age of 64.

## School Districts can Borrow Money.

Attorney General Crawford has prepared directions to be followed by school districts that are desirous of securing loans on district bonds from the state school land, says the Oregon Observer. The board had printed a neat little pamphlet containing the directions, forms and requirements, and these pamphlets are to be had for the asking by any school officers. This was done for the purpose of avoiding errors on the part of the districts officers in the issuance of the bonds so that vexatious delays may be avoided in the transaction of business of this kind. State Superintendent Ackerman has mailed a copy of these instructions to each county superintendent of schools, with instructions to notify any school board in his county desirous of making a loan, that a similar booklet could be procured from the state land office for their guidance. Under a new law school boards desiring to borrow money for the district are compelled to offer their bonds to the state land office before placing them elsewhere, and only after the state land office decides to take up their bonds can they be placed in other hands.

## Where Racing will be Good.

Visitors to the Oregon state fair this fall will witness the greatest racing ever seen in the state. Salem business men have raised a purse of \$2000 for 2:17 pacers to be raced for on Salem Day, which has 30 horses entered. These horses are from the best stables in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Montana, and it is expected at least twenty of them will start, furnishing the largest field of high-class horses ever seen on a track on the Pacific coast. Portland, too, has contributed a purse of \$2000 for 2:30 trotters to be raced for on Portland Day. These races have 27 horses entered, of which most of them will start, making two of the greatest racing events ever held this side the Rocky mountains. If you are fond of high-class racing, don't miss seeing these two events.

## Cleveland a Bunko Steerer.

In a speech made last week at Arbana, O., Col. W. J. Bryan, in his address to the large audience, including those attending the Chautauqua assembly, denied he was a disturber as charged by some who disturbed the party for years. He says the trouble with the Democratic party began in 1862, when a "bunko steerer" led the party into the net of Wall street just as confidence men work individuals. He insisted that the same "bunko steering" could not be repeated and that those who had not been loyal could not resume leadership until after they became at least repentant. The money question is not paramount today, but plutocracy is seeking to control the party for all its purposes.

Mayor Johnson entered as Bryan was speaking and the speaker stopped to shake hands with him while the audience cheered. Colonel Bryan resumed then the discussion of issues of the day and spoke for an hour.

## Good Common Sense.

At Albany, New Jersey, last week, Judge Gregory in the county court in rejecting an application for naturalization, established a precedent by making the following declaration:

"I will not naturalize any one who comes before me and is unable to speak the English language sufficiently to make himself understood."

The Judge might have gone a little further and included reading and writing for no man who cannot read, write and understand the language of this country has a right to vote on any measure he cannot understand.

## Recording a Kick.

The Telegram correspondent says: Word has been received in this city by Captain F. B. Hamlin, of Company D, First Separate Battalion, O. N. G., that Major Yoran has recommended that the Separate Battalion camp independently of the Regiment. He has also recommended Roseburg as

the place to hold the encampment. This order is not approved by the members of the local company, who claim that in a camp of one battalion they do not get the proper instructions. It is further rumored by militiamen who are well acquainted with Major Yoran that this is simply a wildcat scheme of his, so that he may be in full command at the camp, for it is held by the boys that he likes to show his authority of command.

The Roseburg citizens are not taking hold of the idea with very much vim, as they do not see what could be gained by a small camp of four companies when the battalion is in need of such instructions as can only be received at a large camp. It is generally expressed that the Oregon National Guard is small enough when all assembled, and that they indeed cut a poor figure when split into bunches. The question is: Should not the citizen soldiers of Southern Oregon receive as much benefit from the encampment as those of the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon?

When interviewed in regard to the above article Capt. Hamlin said that he considers it very misleading and entirely uncalled for. While it is probably true that a number of the boys would have preferred to camp with the Regiment since it had already been determined to have a se-

have to cut the Interior gentleman short in several other instances.—Eugene Register.

Secretary Hitchcock to the knowledge of the Register is keeping in the Land Office men who are the nominees of Land grafting concerns. One of the Receivers upheld by Hitchcock and supported for the position according to the Oregonian by both Senators from this state is a director and stockholder in a vast land and lumber company, in the district of which he is the government receiver. Talk of straight-forward honorable methods controlling the Interior Department such rank political methods would make a buzzard sick.

## Purchasing Wives.

Last Friday at Chicago, seven gypsy beauties, sold at auction to the highest bidders in the camp at Twenty-ninth street and Archer Avenue went to St. Louis as happy brides. The weddings which always occur on the eve of moving in gypsy land, took place immediately after the lucky suitors had satisfied the commercial demands of the beauties' fathers.

Mydell, an 18-year-old girl of unusual comeliness, brought \$1200 into the parental coffers when she was advanced to a member of the tribe of the name of Jake. The cheapest bride in the lot went for \$80. Marriage prices for the others ranged between the sums named.

It is the custom of tribesmen to marry all the eligible couples before undertaking a long journey, in order that the girls may have some one to care for them during the trip. The Archer avenue

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Near Depot.

arate encampment for the Battalion, there is nothing to be gained by such an article.

I should hate very much, said he, to have the companies from Eugene and Ashland, or the citizens of those cities think that the sentiments expressed in that article obtained to any great extent either in the Roseburg Company or with our citizens. If the companies of Eugene and Ashland are willing to come to our town for an encampment, Roseburg surely ought not to object. As to Col. Yoran, he is certainly competent to conduct a Battalion Encampment, and to give all necessary instructions to all those who attend.

While the order has been issued naming Roseburg as the place for the Battalion Encampment, the camp ground has not yet been definitely selected. It will probably be in West Roseburg on the property of Mr. A. J. Bellows, or at the Fair Grounds east of the city.

## A Political Story.

And now the story comes with pretty good authority too, that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hitchcock are not agreed on several proposed land office appointments, notably that of Knowles for Register of the land office at The Dalles. Roosevelt had to turn Hitchcock down on the appointment of Dresser at Oregon City and no doubt will

camp had not moved for two years, and in that time several of the girls had grown to womanhood and acquired the fortune-telling and money-making knowledge necessary to make them good wives in the eyes of the young gypsy men.

Courtship in gypsyland is carried on between the young man and his future father-in-law. Sentiment gives way to prudence in the suitors, and they dicker long over the prices they will pay for their brides.

In every instance they demand more than beauty or fascination and it is those maidens who are most proficient in extracting money from the public that are the most sought for brides.

The gypsy leader, "King" Stanley, was the auctioneer. The gypsy camp was given over to festivity all night long in celebration of the weddings, and at sunrise the wagon train started on its long journey to the Missouri metropolis.

If ever a town needed a thorough cleaning up, Roseburg is the town. The condition of many of the streets in the city is certainly disgraceful, littered as they are with papers, rags and rubbish of all kinds and overgrown at the curb with weeds and grass. There is nothing more perfectly mirrors the amount of business enterprise which characterizes a town than the relative cleanliness of its streets.

Miss Minnie Bell returned Friday afternoon from a visit to her mother in Elkton.