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Dodging the Issue.

The Board of Trade is in receipt of a letter, through Senator C. W. Fulton, from Hon. W. A. Richards, commissioner of the General Land Office, relative to the forest reserve protest sent to the government officials the forepart of August. From this letter it is apparent that the Interior Department does not desire to meet the issue presented in the protest, which is "a restoration to the public domain of the withdrawn lands." A portion of these lands are unsurveyed, and the protest recites that fact. This statement seems to afford a loophole of escape. The commissioner's letter entirely omits to mention the matter of "protest," but goes off on a sidetrack and discusses the question of a "survey." Of course it is necessary to have the land surveyed as an incident to acquisition of title; but it is a far more important matter to have the land subject to entry after a survey thereof has been made. The commissioner advises that an "application of survey be made," in order that the Department may pass on the "bona fides" of the application. This is the flimsiest kind of a subterfuge. Who is going to make application for the survey of a forest reserve? Why should a citizen care whether or not the land is surveyed, if it is not open to entry? It is certainly of no interest to an intending homesteader to know that land is surveyed if he is precluded from entering it. It would be quite convenient for the department to have "applications of survey" filed at this time, which would require from two to a dozen years for an examination of "bona fides," during which time the mind of the public being diverted from the real issue, to that of a survey, would afford the scrippers ample opportunity to examine and select all the valuable lands within the withdrawal. No, Mr. Richards and Mr. Hitchcock, we want you to revoke the order of withdrawal, or say you will not do it, and we will then know how to act. Your "bona fides" have already been examined and the people of the West have you pretty well sized up. So far the larceny is complete and you have the goods, but your position is too strained to stand the tension for very long.

All the Willamette towns drawing their water supply from that river are afflicted with diseases directly traceable to the impure water, contaminated by animal sewerage. Salem alone has over two hundred cases of typhoid or typhus fever and because the Health Board has charged directly that the water supply is the cause, the citizens have seven kinds of fits caused by kicking so lustily at the Board's report. The various towns believe in their water, on the principle that, while the microbes do not fatten, they fill up a long felt want in the denizens' anatomy.

The lawyers who represented I. Harry Stratton, of Colorado Springs, Colo., in attempting to break his father's will, have been awarded by a jury \$35,000 for their services. Harry Stratton was regarded by his father as a ne'er-do-well, and was practically disinherited of the millions which ought to have been left to him if he had behaved himself. When the father was a poor man the Editor knew him well. He was then a just man and we think he carried out principal when he disinherited the young man who secured \$350,000 on a compromise and would not pay his lawyers until forced to do so.

In Germany on Tuesday an electric car on the Marienfelde-Zossen experimental line reached a speed of 125 4-5 miles per hour today, or a kilometer more than the highest previous record. The machinery and roadbed were unimpaired. The current was between 13,000 and 14,000 volts, capable of driving the car at the rate of over 200 miles. The lives of all on board the experimental car were heavily insured.

The body of the late Ambassador Herbert was buried at Wilton, England, on Tuesday. Memorial services were held the same day in St. John's Episcopal church in Washington, which was attended by the President Roosevelt, wife and family and all the members of the Cabinet.

The Chicago city council has determined to employ special detectives to watch officials suspected of dishonesty. Chicago is setting the pace for municipal purity which other cities would do well to follow.

The King of Italy is to officially visit France in the near future.

The new British ministry is regarded in England, as a makeshift.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD IS THE VICTIM.

CAB BLOWN OFF OF ENGINE

THE BLACKMAILERS DEMAND \$50,000 FROM THE COMPANY OR GREAT DAMAGE WILL BE DONE.

For several weeks past the officials of the Northern Pacific Railroad have received threatening letters that unless \$50,000 was paid that the road would be destroyed or great damage done. Several dynamite explosions have occurred and several have been prevented by the watchfulness of the employees. The railroad company refused to pay the money and the dynamiters have gone to work in earnest as the following reports show:

MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. 6.—A report reached here early this morning that an engine pulling an east-bound freight train was blown up by dynamite at Avon, on the Northern Pacific, last night. The cab was blown off the engine, and the fireman and engineer narrowly escaped serious injury.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—Engineer Reilly, of the Northern Pacific freight engine, which was partly wrecked by dynamite, arrived in Helena with his train early today. The engines was badly wrecked. He said it seemed to him as though there was an explosion of dynamite on each side of the engine. It was his opinion that dynamite had been placed on the track a few moments before his engine was wrecked by the explosion.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—Detectives McFetridge and a party of officers and detectives returned this morning from the scene of last night's dynamite outrage, eight miles west of Helena. It began to rain heavily soon after the explosion that wrecked the freight engine last night, and by the time the officers arrived every trace of the black-mailers had been washed away. Bloodhounds were unable to gain a scent, and the party returned to Helena.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—A posse composed of Northern Pacific detectives with bloodhounds returned to Helena this morning, after an unsuccessful attempt to locate persons who placed dynamite on the track and blew up an engine last night. It had been raining during the night, and water stood everywhere. The dogs were unable to follow the scent.

The dynamiters have not given up attempts to extract money from the Northern Pacific was evidenced by last night's explosion, which occurred under a freight train near Bird's Eye, about eight miles from Helena. Dynamite was again placed on the track by a man who rode up on horseback, and it was fastened to the rail with a wire. It was placed there some time after 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as a train passed Bird's Eye at that time.

The roadbed was badly torn up by the explosion, and trains were tied up until repairs could be made. A piece of rail about three feet long was blown out and the pilot of the engine, together with the headlight, was blown off.

The news was received in Helena at 2:30 this morning, and a posse composed of Detectives McFetridge, Captain McQueen, W. Queensburg, F. H. Franklin and Dan Boyle, superintendent of the Northern Pacific, together with six bloodhounds, left for the scene in a special train.

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Notice.

At a regular meeting of the directors of school District No. 4, the clerk was authorized to open books for subscription to warrant loan of \$30,000, said books to be open Oct. 1st. Subscribers can subscribe for amounts of \$50 or multiples thereof. Warrants will draw interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum and will be payable as follows: \$2,000 each succeeding year until all are paid. For other information apply to CLARA DILLARD, Clerk.

Robbed the Aerial Mail Box.

Postmaster General Henry C. Payne has illegally opened a letter, according to a Washington telegraph dispatch, which says that he was standing at the open window of his private office late this afternoon, talking to a friend, when something darted out of the sky, brushed Mr. Payne's cheek and fell in a heap on the floor. After a moment of startled surprise he picked up a panting and very tired carrier pigeon. Around one of the bird's legs was a tiny silver band, engraved with the initials "F. J. T.," and a number, "219." The other leg carried a tiny metal cylinder. Mr. Payne gave the pigeon a drink from the engraved silver tankard reserved for visitors of prominence and unfastened the little cylinder, thinking that he might be able to return the valuable bird to its owner. The cylinder contained a tightly rolled sheet of thin paper, which the postmaster general spread on his knee, feeling, as he expressed it, as if he had "robbed the aerial mail." Mr. Payne nearly fell out of his chair when he read his own Christian name at the head of the sheet.

The note was dated "Atlanta, Ga., Friday, October 1," and was not addressed nor signed sufficiently for purposes identification. It read in part as follows:

My Darling Henry: I hope you have shipped the crate of birds as promised, for this is the last one of the dozen. I don't want to write to you by the ordinary mail. It would seem so prosaic and modern, and I care, as you know, to think that our love is not of the twentieth century, but a stolen bit from the romantic days of long ago. I love you, dear, but if I can not just whisper it to you and send it through the air on what I choose to think are the very wings of love, then I'll keep the secret to myself.

The Flume.

Work on the flume is nearing the end, and the finishing touches will soon be all that is left. The first work on this undertaking was begun the first of last March and has been going on most of the time since then. That flume is the property of the W. P. Johnson Lumber Company and will be used to float lumber from the company's mill six miles up the stream down to the town. It has been no infant piece of engineering to construct it, and the cost is estimated at over \$25,000,000. It has taken 3,900,000 feet of fir and pine lumber, and is a trifle more than five miles long. In its highest places it is fifty feet from the ground, and is built in a strong, lasting manner. It runs along South Myrtle creek, and will form a connection with the spur from S. P. railroad. It extends ten rods beyond the mill site, where extensive platforms are being built to pile lumber on to be put on cars. The water-way has three foot sides, and is four feet 3 inches across the top. Fred Fisher is superintendent of the construction work. He has had considerable experience in this kind of work before coming here. It is estimated that the cost of transporting the material by means of the flume instead of by teams will be 90 per cent cheaper. The volume of water that can be put into the flume will allow good sized timbers to be floated, and later on a flat bottom will be put in which will give a better shape to it so that all the water can be put to use. A walk-way extends the full length of the flume. Lumber will be right at our doors now, for the lumber that is sawed today will be piled on the dock in town in the evening.—Myrtle Creek Mail.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of School directors of Dist. No. 4, Roseburg Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m. Nov. 2, 1903, for the erection and completion of a High School building according to plans and specifications, prepared by Chas. Burggraf, Architect, Albany Ore. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to school District No. 4, Roseburg, Oregon, for the sum of \$250. As a guarantee that in the event the contract is awarded, the contractor shall furnish an approved bond, equal to 75 per cent of the contract within ten days after the awarding of the contract.

Proposals for the same, plans and specifications, may be seen at S. C. Flint's, Roseburg, Oregon, or at the architect's office. The building shall be completed by September 1st, 1904. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Signed S. C. FLINT, Chairman, Board of Director Dis. No. 4 CLARA DILLARD, Clerk. 75-N2

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