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THE OREGONIAN UPHELDS RICH LAND THEVES.

The Oregonian of last Saturday in the leading editorial says: "No better man ever lived than Bartlett Richards, whose indictment by the Federal Grand Jury at Omaha was announced in yesterday's dispatches. He is a man of culture and refinement, of unblemished integrity, of generous nature, of fine family, of pure private life. One of his brothers is a Congregational minister; another was the late Governor of Wyoming. He is of the best New England stock, born and educated amid its highest traditions, to which he still adheres. Yet because this man has found it necessary to throw his fence around Government land where his cattle range, he is indicted like a common malefactor and is put in peril of his liberty and his good name."

The Oregonian then goes on in a long winded article to besmirch the administration by a direct reflection upon the government and in defense of high-toned, rich, land thieves and grafters. According to the Oregonian's theory, coloring and tenor of its articles, the poor thief should be placed in the penitentiary, and the refined, rich thief should be canonized as a saint.

The Richards case differs but little from a score of cases similar to it in which settlers were scared out by deeds committed by men of the Tom Horns tribe, who were employed by the rich, noble, refined and gallant cattle barons to lead the ranges of settlers who dared to go inside the barbed wire fences, enclosing in many cases hundreds of thousands and in some cases millions of acres of government land. A small stockman or settler who went on the land to make a home took his life in his own hands; and his cattle if not watched and corralled every night were driven off the range. The Oregonian may not know this fact: Land Commissioner Richards while he was Governor of Wyoming was backed by the cattle barons who had called the first national livestock convention to meet at Denver, and he was the chief speaker and logroller to have the land laws changed whereby all the rich agricultural and grazing land west of the Missouri River and East of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada Mountains could be leased perpetually to cattle syndicates and "blasted" British land speculators. The PLAINDEALER knows where the Oregonian got its inspiration from to defend Richards, and while Richards may be in some people's estimation above the law because of his learning, refinement and wealth—yet his case represents in Wyoming a brand of infamous tyranny, persecution and wanton disregard for law and the rights of American citizens, that has been and is a curse to the settlement of millions of acres of rich agricultural lands. And here we take occasion to bring the Oregonian's attention to this fact: for several months past it has been treading on very dangerous ground in defending high handed scoundrels because they were rich and influential, and in this way it is a criminal making and criminal defending machine.

BOOTH AND BRIDGES.

Yesterday at the head of the first news column the Oregonian says editorially: "J. Henry Booth, Register at Roseburg, is a brother of State Senator J. A. Booth. Previous to his appointment he was connected with a lumbering concern at Grants Pass. It is understood he urges in his defense that his connection with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is simply that of a stockholder, his brother being the manager of the business.

The late Congressman Tongue was largely instrumental in having Mr. Booth appointed."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Oregon Senators are likely to be called upon to recommend a new man for Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office in place of J. H. Booth, whose reappointment, as well as that of Register Bridges, they requested some time ago. A careful and thorough investigation has been made into the records of both men. No objection is raised to Bridges, but Booth is shown to be a prominent officer in the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, and his relations with that company, which has been extensively operating in timber lands in Southern Oregon and Northern California, leads Secretary Hitchcock to believe that Booth should not hold Government and private office simultaneously. Booth has already served a year and a half beyond his appointed term.

The Oregon delegation can be depended upon to raise another howl

when called upon to name a successor to Booth, for the delegation is afraid of what the Booth-Kelly Lumber company might do. It should join in a petition to oust Booth because the appointment is distasteful to every disinterested Republican in Oregon who knows the true status of the case. To continue such a man in office for purely political reasons is to give the democrats a club to beat the rapidly decreasing republican majority of this district into a minority. Now the PLAINDEALER has no objection to J. H. Booth, personally, but his connection with the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and continuation in office is a disgrace to the republican party at large and gives democracy a chance to besmirch the administration if the Oregon delegation would elect like statesmen working for the success of the republican party as a whole and not to reward swashbucklers or to give bribes for party fealty, there would be less to explain away and fewer of their men would be held up by the administration as either knaves or fools.

Take the case of Thompson, outside of the bribery charge: he was such a chump as to allow one man to pay for forty timber claim entries for forty individuals in one check for the entire forty persons. If he did not know that there was fraud in such a transaction he is a fit subject for the state lunatic asylum and if he did know there was fraud he is a partner in attempting to allow the government to be defrauded. Under these circumstances and with such a showing of the Oregon delegation, even when told by the Interior department, that there are other charges against the man to be investigated by the next Federal grand jury, insist on his reinstatement. We honestly believe that it is about time for the delegation to show that it is not standing in with crime, or criminal methods and if it does not do so the quicker the delegation is lambasted into decency the better it will be for Oregon at large.

During the coming extra session an effort will be made to amend the tax law so that the name of every taxpayer will be published with the amount rendered for taxation. One line of type is sufficient to do the work. While there will be some expense attached to the method it has been found to work well in Illinois where hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved to the people. For every dollar of outlay twenty times as much will be saved to the honest taxpayers. The tax list taken from the assessment books should be published every year in two leading papers having the largest circulation and of different political status in each county. The papers to be selected by the commissioners' court upon the sworn circulation and verification by the circulation books if necessary. The honest taxpayer pays the taxes as the case now stands and the dishonest taxpayer reaps the reward.

REVISE THE TAX LAW.

W. F. Arant, the superintendent of Crater Lake National Park called on the PLAINDEALER Saturday. We found him to be very enthusiastic in his work. He suggests that a road from Roseburg to Crater Lake via the South fork of the North Umpqua river as the most feasible route to get to the lake and especially as there is a good trail over the summit of the Cascades via Diamond Lake. A very small sum of money, we are informed would pay for making a good wagon road and with such a road several thousand persons would come to Roseburg each year to make the journey and spend much money in this city.

MAKE THE ROAD.

The Portland Journal is responsible for the following: "Just a little clothes brush which Circuit Justice George needed for the dusting of his wearing apparel, and which he did not get, came within an ace of costing Squire George Underwood, one of the oldest janitors in the county courthouse his office yesterday.

Pauper or Grafter, Which?

About a month ago Judge George discovered that his clothes brush was unfit for use, and through Underwood, who is the janitor of his department of the court, he filed a requisition for a new brush with the county commissioners. County Judge Webster was out of the county and other members of the county board voted Judge George's requisition and Underwood so reported. Another requisition brought a similar response. Judge George made a personal visit to County Judge Webster yesterday, which happened at the conference is known only to the two judges, but everybody about the courthouse is familiar with the subsequent occurrence.

"I want men who know their business," declared the indignant judge. Underwood replied: "I know my business as well as you do yours, and if you do not want me you can get another janitor."

With that the cology ended. It is understood that the commissioners will stand by their order in refusing to buy a new clothes brush for the judge.

Is it any wonder that Oregon politicians and methods are a stench in the nostrils of the administration at Washington? The delegation is now

kick because a man who was convicted of a criminal offense at San Francisco is employed as a clerk to get up the papers and questions in a legal manner in the forthcoming, so-called, land office frauds. The delegation had better be attending to more important business than making such an unholy show for the amusement of the United States.

The pleas made at Washington that one of the clerks or understrapper lawyers had been in prison and served time for an offense, is no excuse why a man should not assist the government to prosecute a set of conspirators with all the vim he could bring to bear on the case.

It will be a sad day for Justice, if the old lady is not already dead, when a lot of conspirators backed up by United States lawmakers shall decide who shall prosecute felons before the law.

Assistant Editors.

The PLAINDEALER needs an Assistant Editor or Correspondent at its every post office or settlement in Douglas county for the year 1904. A certificate of appointment will be issued to every assistant to represent the PLAINDEALER in their respective communities and all applications must bear the endorsement of two good citizens.

Preparing for War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—General J. Franklin Bell, commander at Fort Leavenworth, was ordered to report here today, and at once started East. The coming of General Bell to Washington, while it has more or less to do with matters connected with the general staff college, is admitted by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting with the officials regarding a probable campaign against Colombia should that country continue the movement of troops toward the isthmus. It is intimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the department is in possession of information the nature of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of the United States troops toward Panama.

Colombia Lands More Troops.

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Advice received here from Cartagena say that the Colombian cruisers General Pizarro and Cartagena have landed 4000 men under General Bustamante and Ortiz at Cape Timor, at the mouth of the Atrato river, with the object of cutting paths across the mountains to enable the Colombian troops to invade Panama. According to these advices there is in Cartagena a standing army of 1000 men.

Glendale News Notes.

An old man, whose name we are unable to learn, was killed Wednesday near West Park by a cave-in, while at work for the S. P. Ry. Co. The burial took place here yesterday.

We were shown some very rich quartz this week, taken from J. R. Montgomery's claims near the Gold King and Benton mines, where he has made some very rich strikes recently.

It has been decided to have a Christmas tree and entertainment in the church here on Christmas Eve. An appropriate and interesting musical and literary program will be rendered before the presents will be distributed.

A. B. Consin, general manager of the Galice Mines Co., and Myron Chaplain, of Portland, were in town Monday and left for the mine at Galice Wednesday. The company is in a flourishing condition and they are doing a great amount of improvement work on their 600 acres of property. At present they are operating in three plants. Mr. Consin is hoping to secure a better road to Galice soon.

Mr. Chas. Johnson, a wealthy and prominent lumberman of Chicago, and an old friend of O. G. Sether of this place, is here, sizing up the situation with a view to establishing in Glendale one of the largest lumbering plants on the Pacific coast. Mr. Johnson realizes that Glendale has a great future, and that no better location for such an enterprise could be found in America.

E. E. Redfield's fine new dwelling house in Glendale is rapidly nearing completion, and no doubt will be ready for occupancy by the first of the new year. When completed this will be one of the largest and finest dwelling houses in Douglas county.

G. W. Skinner, a prominent mining man from Nome, Alaska, where he has made a fortune within the last few years, is here this week looking over some investments. He has great faith in this district. Mr. Skinner makes his headquarters at the Hotel Clarz.

Child Labor Rot.

"An edict has been issued by the State Labor Commissioner that no child under 16 years of age will be permitted to appear on any theatre stage in this state of Oregon, said edict having gone into effect at 6 o'clock last Wednesday evening. Two theatres in Portland were required to take children from the stage last week, and it is stated that the theatrical managers of that city will contest the new ruling. Every theatrical manager in Oregon has been notified of the provisions of the law, and that it will be rigidly enforced. While there has been some doubt as to whether this would apply to traveling troops, the commissioner is of the opinion that the law reaches them also.—Eugene Guard.

Chicago Gets National Republican Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The National Republican convention will be held in Chicago beginning at noon, on June 21 next. The Republican National Committee reached this conclusion today, and adjourned subject to call.

Pittsburg and St. Louis were rivals of Chicago for the convention. Each city was well represented in oratory before the committee, and each also had cash offers to make. Pittsburg offered \$100,000, Chicago \$75,000 and a hall, and St. Louis, \$40,000 and a hall. The vote stood 4 for Chicago, 7 for Pittsburg and 1 for St. Louis.

The work of the committee was harmonious throughout. Its open session today was attended by many Republicans. Several minor questions were referred to special committees. Included in this list was the representation asked for by Porto Rico, Hawaii and Luzon, the Socialist problem, and the political rights of the negro.

A committee headed by Senator Scott, of West Virginia, was named to make all arrangements for the convention. Senator Hanna dined with the committee at the Arlington Hotel this evening.

A resolution was adopted prescribing that the convention should be held in the exact language of the call 1900, giving the states four delegates at large, and two delegates for each Congressional district, and to the territories six delegates each. Delegates must be selected prior to May 21. At 1:30 o'clock Chairman Hanna announced the adjournment of the committee to meet in Chicago at the call of the chairman.

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Made Minister to Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The President has named W. L. Buchanan, of New York, to be the first United States Minister to Panama.

Mr. Buchanan's selection was brought about by a desire on the part of the President to secure temporarily, at least, during the crystallization of the relations between the United States and Panama, the services of a trained diplomat, having special references to his knowledge of the Latin-American races. By reason of long service as United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, Mr. Buchanan fills that description in the estimation of the State Department. It is understood his assumption of duties is not to be permanent, for he sacrificed large interests to undertake the work.

Panama Calls Election.

The State Department has been informed that final steps have been taken for the formation of a permanent republican form of government in Panama. The news came in a dispatch direct from Consul-General Gaudier, dated Panama Saturday as follows:

"Election for constitutional convention called for January 20." The convention will meet January 20.

This action is taken, it is believed, to meet his suggestion from Panamanians in consequence of the criticism of the new republic and in the belief that the status of the new treaty would be improved if the final ratifications could be exchanged by the United States with a permanent and regular form of government on the isthmus.

Yoncalla Items.

Miss Sue Burt has returned from Cottage Grove where she has been for some time.

D. Barber made a professional visit to Elkton Saturday last. He reports the roads as being something less than "macadamized."

Jas. Ambrose has a force of carpenters at work remodeling and fitting up his old house here preparatory to occupancy by Mrs. A. E. McCurdy as a boarding house.

A little son of John Kruse is quite sick and is under the care of Dr. Barber; we hope he will soon be able to get out again.

Miss Emma Applegate of Scotts Valley recently closed a very successful term of school in the "Victor" district and will enter the ninth grade class in the Yoncalla school after the holidays so we are informed.

The Ladies of the Marcebaes have inaugurated a window sale this week and have some very beautiful and useful articles for sale, most all of which is the handwork of these good ladies; we hope the sale will prove a complete success financially, as this great order certainly is deserving.

The Free Methodists are holding a revival meeting here now; we hope much good will be done.

The football team from here were handily defeated by the Drain team last Saturday, but as true gentlemen took it all in good part and acknowledged an honest defeat but like the true knights of old say "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" and will be ready for a return game at Christmas.

R. E. PORTER.

Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

Head About to Burst From Severe Bilious Attack.

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Jullis, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

Riddle Correspondence.

We noticed some important changes. On Sunday we visited the church and was surprised to see so nice a Sunday school in a town the size of Riddle, but we were not in the school long until we were able to solve the problem; when we saw with what earnestness and zeal the superintendent, officers and teachers seemed to be possessed, and the students in which the scholars attended the lessons, their promptness in responding to the collections, and the way they

answered in the review, then we could see the reason why Riddle has the best Sunday school in the south part of our South Douglas County.

As we walked up toward the depot we saw "Pat". Just then, we were reminded of the add. I always see in the PLAINDEALER, "If you want to build a house see Pat," and when I saw that new brick house, I was convinced that Will Q. Brown had seen Pat, and Pat had seen Will Q. Brown, and the result of their meeting is a fine brick house on the corner beside E. Underwood's General store.

While there, we visited the Public school. Say, they have a splendid three room building, a large commodious school house, well furnished and equipped, have nice large basement, and, in practically new. They have a good library and a fine collection of books, instructive and free from trash. The patrons seem to be well pleased with the teachers, Prof. Lamb, the principal, is a pleasant, congenial, and the best disciplinarian the school has had for several terms. Miss Hall, who has charge of the intermediate grades, and Miss Riddle, who has the primary department, are both well liked, having held their positions the second or third term.

While we sat in the office at the Hotel Riddle, shaping our pencil preparatory to anything worthy of note, I looked and beheld, Fred Blundell, a son of Uncle James Blundell, who has been absent for three or four years, stepped in on us which was a great surprise to us all, even his own folks knew nothing of his coming. Mr. Blundell gave fair evidence of good health and plenty to eat in Eastern Oregon. He looks hale and robust, seems to be in perfect health. Mr. Blundell reports cattle as being cheaper this winter in Eastern Oregon, than for years, on account of the scarcity of grass and the deep snow, the stockmen are compelled to dispose of their stock to get through the winter.

Miss Bessie Mayes is recovering nicely from a severe attack of rheumatic fever. Mr. Wade is holding her place in her father's store during her illness.

Mrs. Millie Kiddle-Stuffer, of Grants Pass, was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Riddle, at Riddle, last week. Mrs. J. B. Riddle has been ill for several days, but is well now.

Prune shipping is still the chief industry at Riddle, but prune growers think they will get them about all shipped out next week.

G. W. Riddle, of Dos Creek, stopped in Riddle long enough to play chess with W. S. Britt, on his way to Portland, Thursday.

Riddle Sunday School is preparing for Christmas tree. All are anticipating a grand time. Visiting.

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Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended, and all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

THOMAS WADE, of Park River, Wash. state, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 529, for the purchase of the lot 1 and 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 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