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SOME INSIDE HISTORY

If there should be no other wholesome result from the trial of John H. Hall in the federal court at Portland, the people of Oregon will at least have been treated to an entertaining and instructive recital of a chapter of the inside political history of the state, which will afford them much food for thought. That chapter was never intended for the public eye, but the "inquisitiveness" of the prosecution in the land fraud cases has brought it to light, and it has been spread upon the record, a tale of the political game as it was played in Oregon. How intimately it was connected with that other shameful chapter of Oregon history, the chapter relating to its land frauds, may be judged by those who read.

The correspondence of Mitchell and Fulton with Brownell, and the testimony of Steiwer, Brownell, Mays and others, throws an interesting sidelight on the manner in which the highest office in the gift of the people of the state was bartered like a bag of old rags for the promise of immunity from prosecution for alleged land frauds. According to these letters, carefully marked "Strictly confidential," and explained by the testimony of Brownell, Steiwer and Mays, protection was needed by Brownell, Steiwer, Mays and others from prosecution for alleged connection with the land frauds of the state. Hall, as United States Attorney, knew of their urgent need, and must be taken care of. Fulton and Mitchell as United States Senators would have the naming of Hall's successor. With that kind of a spread it was easy enough to arrange matters. Steiwer and Brownell should further the senatorial ambitions of Fulton; Fulton and Mitchell were to see that Hall was appointed to the federal district attorneyship; and Hall was to protect Steiwer, Brownell, Mays, et al. That was the arrangement which has been brought to light in the trial of the Hall case at Portland.

And that is why the people of Oregon have a much greater interest in this case than appeared from the title "United States vs. John Hall." They are learning the political history of their state from those who have helped write it, and the people are beginning to sit up and take notice.

DRY FARMING NEGLECTED

Through advanced methods of dry farming, known as scientific soil culture, it will be possible to "reclaim" a hundred times the area of land in the West that can be brought under irrigation. In all the broad wastes throughout the semi-arid regions of the West these methods are being adopted, and hundreds of thousands of acres are being brought under profitable cultivation through dry farming, in districts where irrigation is impossible or impracticable. The importance of it is beginning to be understood, and dry farming congresses, where discussion of methods

and results of dry farming are engaged in for the mutual benefit of all, have come to be of yearly occurrence. And yet, the great daily papers which devote column after column to irrigation matters, and which feature the proceedings of irrigation congresses, printing in full all the addresses and discussions that are held at these irrigation congresses, give scant notice to the meetings of the Dry Farming Congress, with a bare mention of the opening and closing of these sessions so important to the arid West.

The reason is easily understood. Irrigation is usually conducted under a large scale, by big corporations under the Carey Act, or by great projects by the Government, involving tens of thousands of acres. These enterprises are spectacular, if that term may be used, with much to attract the reader in the story of the prosecution of the great work. On the other hand, dry farming and the great work it is doing in reclaiming from absolute waste the tremendous semi-arid regions of the West, is the work of individuals. All through the West there are thousands of men, working faithfully on their eighty acres or quarter of half a section, "making two blades of grass to grow where one grew before," and attracting no attention to their great work. The country does not appreciate what is being done by the dry farmers. The area which they are reclaiming is many times as large as that which will or can be put under irrigation, and they are converting into valuable farming land sections that would otherwise have been worthless. Theirs is a great work, greater in the combined capital that is being used, and greater in its ultimate results, than all the capital and all the work that is being expended in irrigation.

A speaker at the Dry Farming Congress at Salt Lake City last week, made the statement that "hauling water for stock adds 20 per cent to the cost of dry farming." The estimate is not too high, as will be testified to by the farmers of this section, practically all of whom have up until the last year been compelled to haul water for their stock and for household purposes. If that estimate is correct, the cost of a well, even if it is necessary to go to the depth of 500 feet to secure water, will soon be paid out of the saving in the cost of farming in this district. And, many of the ranchers of this section are finding it to be true, and are having deep wells drilled. Two wells have been put down on Agency Plains, several are being sunk in the Methodist Hill and Opal Prairie districts, and a number of others are going to be drilled in the coming Spring and Summer.

A flurry of snow this morning has put an end to the hope that hauling wheat to the railroad might be resumed. Had fine weather continued a few days longer, a number of farmers of this section had signified their intention of starting to Shaniko with wheat. The roads have been drying out in good shape, and are said to be in fair condition, and as there is a large amount of wheat to be hauled, many desire to begin hauling as soon as the roads will permit. The great danger is that at this season a sudden return of Winter may catch them on the road. However, if the weather had continued good it might have tempted a number of farmers to try it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For District Attorney

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District at the coming primaries. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully as the law provides. FRED W. WILSON, The Dalles, Or.

To the Republican voters of the 7th Judicial District:
I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support. W. P. MYERS, Laidlaw, Oregon.

Hood River is said to have made good progress with its initiative petitions by which it expects to bring the question of the creation of Cascade County before the people at the state election in June. It was necessary to secure 7500 names to the petitions, and that number must be secured by tomorrow, and it is likely that the names will be secured. It is reported that there has been no opposition to the movement at The Dalles.

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For further information see F. J. Brooks, local deputy, at Madras, Oregon. n214

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