

NEW COUNTY BILL TALKED

Proposed Divisions Come Up Before Oregon State Legislature.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—There was introduced the general county division bill that has been in preparation for several days by Senators Frank J. Miller of Lane and Linn and C. J. Smith of Umatilla. It will have a tendency to discourage the formation of new counties, and will make county division a local question, without making it possible to carry such questions before a legislature or before the people by initiative.

County division fights are reputed to be among the most acrimonious subjects that take up the time of legislators. The clash in the effort to create Nesmith county from Lane and Douglas has already generated much heat. It is being hinted that some ambitious job hunters are behind the movement. Lane and Douglas representatives alike declare that it would be the height of injustice to slice up their counties for the sake of a new one, while admitting that at some time in the future it may be advisable to cut up their counties. When the coast section of the two counties becomes populous enough, it has been suggested, no serious objection will be made to a new government there, but the appropriation of a part of the Willamette valley section is resented.

Provisions of New Bill.

The constitution provides that new counties must have at least 1,200 population and not less than 400 square miles of territory. In addition to this, the new bill provides that at least 75 per cent of the new county shall be outside of forest reserves, and that it shall have taxable property of \$2,500,000.

It provides that 50 per cent of the people of any proposed new county shall petition the county court of the existing county or counties from which the territory is to be taken. When it is determined that 50 per cent have signed, the county court of each county affected must call an election. At the election 75 per cent of the people of the proposed new county and 25 per cent of the people remaining in the old county or counties must vote in favor of division. If they do so vote, that ends the matter, except as to the adjustment of financial obligations and other questions incident to separation, the basis for settling all these things being provided in the bill.

People Affected Decide Question.

"We have tried to be fair in drawing the bill," said Senator Miller. "We thought it was unjust to allow a county to be formed arbitrarily from the richest portion, it may be, of another county, without the old county having any voice in the matter. It does not seem unreasonable to me that 25 per cent of the people of the old county should be in favor of the division. And it is not right to let new counties be formed by the initiative, when people vote all over the state and cannot understand local conditions. I think there ought to be some general law under which new counties can be formed, and that the limitations in the bill are for the good of the state."

W. R. C. IS ORGANIZED.

Auxiliary to Coquille G. A. R. Post Is Formed.

COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 30. — Coquille City W. R. C. auxiliary to G. A. R. was organized in M. W. A. Hall, with a charter list of 34 members.

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December 22, 1908.

L. J. Simpson et al, to W. S. Forrest, deed. Lots 7 and 8, blk 2, Lakeside. Consideration, \$5.00.

K. I. Perky, to Mathew A. Wilcox, deed. Lots 24, 25 and 26, blk 4, Boise addition to Marshfield. Consideration, \$150.

K. I. Perky, to Capital Lumber Co., deed. Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, blk 4, Boise addition to Marshfield. Consideration, \$210.

January 8, 1909.

R. B. Herron, to Sarah Wilson et al, deed. Lot 35, blk 24, Railroad addition to Marshfield. Consideration, none.

January 9, 1909.

U. S. of A. to John M. Quick, patent. E½ of NE¼, sec 17, twp 23, R 12.

Thos. Vigers et ux, to Millie Brown deed. Lots 21 and 22, blk 3, plat A Bangor. Consideration, \$10.

January 16, 1909.

East Marshfield Land Co., to J. E. Cowan, deed. N½ of lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, blk 36, East Marshfield. Consideration, \$10.

January 20, 1909.

Simpson Lumber Co., to G. W. Webber, deed. Lots 12 and 13, blk 44, North Bend. Consideration, \$5.

Edward Donnelly to Margaret Anderson, deed. Parcel of land beginning at SE corner of W½ of blk 40, Railroad addition to Marshfield. Consideration, \$260.

Forbes Engraving Co., to Geo. J. Schaefer, deed. Lots 13 and 14, blk 15, Schaefer's addition to Central Place. Consideration, \$300.

Bennett Trust Co., to F. H. Stafford, deed. Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, blk 21, South Harbor. Consideration, \$1.00.

January 21, 1909.

Chas. Cavanagh et ux, to A. E. Cavanagh, deed. SE¼ of SW¼, sec 18, twp 26, R 12. Consideration, \$10.

A. E. Cavanagh, to Home Trust Co., deed. Lots 10, 11 and 12, sec 17 and SE¼ of NE¼, E½ of SE¼, SW¼ of SE¼ and SE¼ of SW¼, sec 18, twp 26, R 12; also tide land fronting same. Consideration, \$1,500.

L. J. Simpson et al, to Bank of Oregon, deed. NE¼ of NE¼, sec 17, twp 23, R 12. Consideration, \$1.00.

R. L. Edmonston et ux, to Geo. W. Harter, deed. Blk 3, Edmonston First addition to Marshfield. Consideration, \$10.

January 23, 1909.

Marshfield Land Co., to Geo. Snyder, deed. Lots 6 and 7, blk 16, Bay Park. Consideration, \$10.

January 25, 1909.

Simpson Lumber Co., to Bernhard Sundbaum, deed. Lot 18 and S 27 ft. of lot 17, blk 34, North Bend. Consideration, \$5.00.

L. J. Simpson et ux, to F. N. Ferrell, deed. Lot 1, blk 22, North Bend. Consideration, \$10.00.

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