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Indian Lands Not Taxable.

Congressman Hermann recently addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Interior making inquiry relative to the condition of the Indians in his district who have had lands allotted to them in severalty, and particularly in regard to extending the county school systems over the reservations. The acting commissioner of the general land office has answered saying:

"There is no law known to this office which would prevent the state extending its school districts over allotted Indian lands and giving the Indians the privilege of attending the public schools. Neither do I know of any law prohibiting Indian children from attending such schools.

"There is one point, however, that might stop the United States from insisting upon the extension of such privilege to the Indians, and that is the fact that the United States declares that none of the allotted lands shall be taxed by the state in which they are located. In view of this fact, the state might successfully resist a demand for the extension of its school districts over the reservations and for a share of its common-school fund for the children. We must, therefore, in my opinion, with respect to reservations generally, ask for and accept such school benefits for the states as a gratuity.

"With respect to the Siletz reservation, however, a rather unusual provision of law is found. The agreement concluded with the Indians of that reservation provides that as soon as the lands which have been allotted shall become liable to taxation by the state of Oregon, then the secretary of the interior may reserve a part of the interest money coming to the Indians, not exceeding one-third thereof each year, and pay it to the state and local authorities of the state of Oregon, in lieu of taxation upon the lands allotted to the Indians.

"The time when the lands shall become subject and liable to taxation by the state of Oregon is

The Burley Family Heard From.

An Oregon City dispatch of the 20th inst. to the Oregonian says: "Albert Burley was arrested at his home near Wilhoit this morning by Deputy Sheriff Hyatt, on the charge of murdering James Brown, of that neighborhood, about the 1st of last January. The information leading to his arrest was furnished by Frank Haun, who was arrested last Saturday on the same charge, and who is still in the city jail, so as to prevent any possible conference between the two. Significant discrepancies in the stories told by the prisoners have been detected, and the officers feel sure they are on the right track to discover the perpetrators of that foul crime. Burley is about 25 years of age, and is married to a wife who is quarter Indian. He is the son of Cyrus Burley, the rapist, who was liberated from the penitentiary last year by Governor Pennoyer. Burley was sent to the penitentiary from Lincoln county, but after his pardon he returned to his former home with his son in this county, and is now supported from the pauper fund. Daisy Burley, a sister of the present prisoner, was thrust from Oregon City nearly four years ago because of conduct too shockingly disgusting for even the courts to deal with. The young man has a few acres of land, and a rather primitive abode, that he calls his ranch, located about a mile from Haun's place, and perhaps three miles from Brown's cabin.

The Albany Populist editor gets after his subscribers as follows: "Why is it we can send 75 or 100 statements and not get enough out of them to pay postage? Just for the simple reason that the majority of the persons receiving those statements don't care enough for their credit or are too dishonest to pay what they owe. Words fall utterly to express the contempt we feel for the man who will take a paper as some of you fellows who read this paper do and carry the dollar you owe on it in your pocket or deposit it over the bar of some saloon, then make a sneak up some alley for fear the man you owe will see you and ask you for it."

Some trouble has been experienced by the board of regents of the state university at Eugene concerning some of the positions in the faculty. It is likely that some change will be made. At a meeting of the regents Friday the following business of general importance was transacted: A resolution was passed that no professor should hereafter receive over \$2,000 per annum, and tutors not more \$1,000. A committee consisting of Hons. L. J. McArthur, Henry Failing and W. L. Sturgis, was appointed to reorganize the literary, business and musical faculties. Mrs. Watkins the present matron of the dormitory, has been continued for the ensuing year. Next year the dormitory will be for the accommodations of male students only. It was agreed that a gasoline plant be purchased to furnish light for the university building and the dormitory. After considerable discussion the board resolved to place a gallery in Villard Hall. Adjourned to meet in Portland July 23, to hear the committee appointed to organize the faculties and transact other business.

The British bark Gulf Stream, arrived in Portland last week with a cargo of jute bags and bagging material. She had over 2,000,000 jute bags on board, all of which will be purchased by the farmers of Oregon and Washington, principally of Oregon. Two years ago an appropriation was made to erect a jute mill at the Salem penitentiary, and the taxes levied and money raised for the same. But there arose a howl against the proposed enterprise and Governor Pennoyer, Secretary of State McBride and State Treasurer Melschan were so controlled by interested parties that they failed and refused to perform their plain duty and have the plant constructed and put into operation. The money laid idle for the state treasurer to speculate on for two years and was then turned back into the general fund, to be re-appropriated for such foolishness as the railway commission, the tin soldiers of the O. N. G., and a dozen other commissions and steals. The trouble was that that \$200,000 was being spent by the farmers

Two Old Soldiers Meet.

The most affecting scene of the Oregon City encampment, says the Oregonian, was the meeting between General Lawler and David McArthur, of New Era. As the general stepped from the boat to his carriage, upon his arrival there, Mr. McArthur approached with extended hand, which the commander grasped and gave a hearty shake. "Do you know me?" asked McArthur, with a poor effort to appear composed.

"Of course I do," came the response, probably as a matter of courteous habit; and he seemed ready to turn away to avoid longer blocking the way in the crowded street. But McArthur persisted.

"Who am I then? What is my name?"

The general stood for a moment, and could not recollect the name. McArthur saw his perplexity, but could wait no longer.

"Tommy, don't you know me?" he exclaimed.

"Why, Dave, is it you; you that I bunked with so many hard months? Of course I know you. I didn't know you were anywhere on the coast."

The two old comrades embraced, and the large number of people who witnessed the meeting cleared their throats and looked at the distant mountains as if they had suddenly been clothed with new interest. It was "Dave" and "Tommy" through the scene, and no one saw it doubted the genuineness of a soldier's comradeship.

The men were three perilous years together in the field in Dixie-land, parting company a little north of Kenesaw mountain 31 years ago last Friday. Their service was in the Nineteenth Illinois infantry, the very first to offer its service to the government to put down the rebellion. The regiment was better known as the Chicago Highland guards, or Chicago Zouaves, and it has an illustrious history.

The dispatches from Salem states that owing to the immense mass of testimony filed with the supreme court in the O. P. appeal case, that it is extremely doubtful if a decision will be reached in less time than a month. All we need in the matter is due exercise of patience.

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