

HITCHCOCK PROMISES CONTINUANCE OF LAND FRAUD PROSECUTIONS

Policy of Administration Will Not Be Changed by Retirement of Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITY

Four Hundred and Ninety Persons Indicted for Violations of Public Land Laws and Eighty-Nine Convicted—Irrigation Projects.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The secretary of the interior today made his annual report. It is a voluminous document consisting of 355 pages of printed matter. Concerning land fraud prosecution, Secretary Hitchcock says:

"The unusual activity in the public land service referred to in my last annual report has not abated. The prosecution of all persons conspiring to defraud the government of its public lands is being continued with vigor, as is shown by the fact that 490 persons have been indicted in the various land states and territories for the violation of the public land laws, 89 have been convicted, and indictments are still pending against 61.

"The zeal with which the officers of this department and the department of justice are looking into these matters is constantly uncovering new cases that are startling in character, but it is the policy of the administration to continue these investigations and prosecutions until a proper respect for the property rights of the government is established for the law are established throughout those sections of the country in which such laws apply.

Courts Censured.

"It is to be regretted, however, that the efforts made to release the public domain from the grip of its despoilers have been met by every embarrassment that human ingenuity could devise; powerful influences have been concerned, and have not hesitated to aggressively exert every agency that could be commanded to weaken the hand of the law; even local land office officials have been subservient to such influences, and the punishment imposed by the courts has, in many cases, been so conspicuously inadequate as to encourage rather than deter violations of the law. Whether this official stagnation is due in any degree to local political influences, or to the fact that the courts are more or less indebted for their commissions and the retention of their positions, is not important to discuss at this time, it being sufficient to state that it is a deplorable fact that such action, or rather inaction, is bringing reproach upon the public service, besides enhancing the difficulties which beset the administration in any efforts that it may make to rescue the public domain from its present peril.

All Treated the Same.

"In the discharge of my duty under the law I have proceeded without the slightest prejudice for or against any person or persons interested. In such efforts as have been made to protect the public domain under my supervision from the ravages of inordinate greed, I have not considered either the station or the power of the guilty. Apparently they are all on the same footing. In my judgment, however, the higher the offender the greater the crime against society and law, because of the force and influence of the higher example.

"It is not possible for persons and corporations of great influence and power to maintain inclosures of the public land in open disregard of a criminal statute, without thereby encouraging others to do likewise, and here it should be properly noted that reports on file in the department indicate that approximately 600,000 acres and more of the public domain in certain states and territories are by unlawful means appropriated to the exclusive use of private interests for private gain.

The secretary renews recommendations for the repeal of the timber and stone act and the desert land act as the cause of the frauds.

Frauds in Oregon.

"The gigantic land frauds in the state of Oregon, mentioned in my last several annual reports, are being pursued with relentless vigor. New cases, as well as ramifications of the old ones, are carefully and thoroughly investigated and indictments are being organized to convictions as rapidly as possible.

Then follows a list of the indictments returned and the history of each case tried. He concludes:

Irrigation Projects.

"The annual reports of the special agents of the general land office show action in 68 cases of unlawful fencing in the state of Oregon, affecting 31,169 acres.

"My official influence in this matter will soon terminate, but I shall have the comfort in retiring from public service of a well-founded conviction that the action of the president relative to this class of lawlessness will be so rigorous as to enable my successor to successfully administer the law."

Reclamation Projects in Oregon.

"The Umatilla project will provide a water supply for about 75,000 acres of land immediately south of the Umatilla river and east of Umatilla river. The engineering work in connection with this project consists of a feed canal from Umatilla river to the Cold Springs reservoir and a distributing system, and is capable of being constructed in a short time. General and detailed topographic surveys have been made of the reservoir site and of the irrigable lands adjacent to the canal lines, and test pits have been put down over the larger part of the embankment line and at the proposed spillway site. A water users' association has been organized within the proposed reservoir, and negotiations are being taken up to acquire right of way for the feed canal. A contract has been let for the storage canal, the work to be completed by May 1, 1907.

"The Klamath project is situated in southern Oregon and northern California and derives its water supply from



Secretary E. A. Hitchcock.

Clear Lake reservoir, on Lost river, California, and from Upper Klamath lake. Contracts have been awarded for the excavation of the canal and the construction of all auxiliary structures. The construction of the East Branch canal, 19 miles, and 27 miles of laterals is being carried on directly by the government and is progressing satisfactorily.

Forest Reserves.

On forest reserves, Mr. Hitchcock reports: "There are now 104 forest reserves, created by presidential proclamations under section 24 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. L. 1095), embracing 106,399,423 acres. This is an increase over last year of 21,380,951 acres. There are million sixty-seven thousand eight hundred and ninety acres were released from temporary withdrawal during the year and, after 90 days' published notice, restored to entry.

During the fiscal year 22 additional forest reserves have been established.

The areas of 3 have been reduced, 17 have been enlarged and 2 have been consolidated. The Baker City forest reserve has been consolidated with the Blue Mountains forest reserve, and the Logan forest reserve with the Bear River forest reserve.

Legislation Recommended.

"The commissioner of the general land office renews the recommendations contained in his last annual report in connection with bills now pending before congress. I concur therein and in the desire that such matters as have not been finally considered by congress should receive attention during the approaching session.

Attention is called to the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat. 223), which authorizes the entry of lands in forest reserves.

It is recommended that this act be amended by adding thereto a section authorizing the subdivision of quarter sections of allotted tracts into tracts containing 2 1/2 acres, or any multiple thereof. Experience in the administration of said act shows that many of the lands listed are listed by the secretary of agriculture in tracts of 2 1/2 acres or multiples thereof which form regular rectangular subdivisions of quarter section sections. Under existing law the commissioner of the general land office is without authority to issue patent for any tract less than a quarter section or smaller legal lotted subdivision, and unless the legislation suggested is enacted it will be necessary for entrymen who have been permitted to make entry for tracts of less than 40 acres to incur the expense of having the land entered when they regularly surveyed and entered.

To Abolish Receivers.

"In my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, I recommended, for reasons then given, that the office of receiver of public moneys be abolished and approximately a quarter of a million dollars thereby annually saved to the government. I renew the recommendation then made. The compensation paid receivers during the past fiscal year was \$281,500.

The secretary has requested, through the secretary of the treasury, an appropriation of \$7,315 for the care of Crater Lake National park during the coming fiscal year.

Inspector Armstrong of Marion Proclaims Rigid Enforcement of Law.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, has issued a letter in which he states he will enforce the horticultural law to its full extent, and the communication has been hailed with delight by the horticulturists who desire to see all pests eradicated from the orchards of Marion county. Among the leading orchard men there has been unusual good care of trees this year and the results have been wonderful. Salem apples have sold at a great advance in former prices. Mr. Armstrong says:

"I mean to visit every orchard in the county and rigidly enforce the law. If I find that it is not being observed I will chop down every infested tree I find. The law has been tested in the courts and declared constitutional and there is no reason why it should not be enforced. First-class fruit cannot be grown without spraying.

Further he says: "I want to insist on taking out the old trees that are infested with San Jose scale, especially in the larger towns. Many of the shade trees are so near to buildings that they must be sprayed by the trees, but to use the right material and do the work thoroughly. The lime-sulphur spray is the only one that should be used."

Cove Elects Reform Mayor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Cove, Or., Dec. 11.—At Cove a reform mayor, M. J. Duffy, has been elected by a large majority. Thomas Delbord was elected marshal, O. T. M. Severs recorder and J. G. Stevens treasurer. The council remains the same.

SEPARATE CHURCH FROM STATE

Law of Associations, Culmination of Bitter Struggle in France, in Effect.

DISORDERS PROBABLY WILL NOW INCREASE

If Congregations Default in the Formation of Associations, Religious Services Will Be Treated as Public Meetings.

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Dec. 11.—The French cabinet today voted to proceed to the immediate liquidation of church property. It also voted a call for 5,500 students for the priesthood to the colors. They have been exempt from military service. The church property in France is worth \$200,000,000.

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Dec. 11.—The law of associations, providing for the separation of church and state in France, formally went into effect today. The climax of the long and bitter warfare between the republic and the Catholic church has thus been reached. Indications are not lacking that the public disorders will increase.

Government's Attitude.

The attitude of the government is evidenced by the instruction issued by M. Briand, minister of education and public worship, to the prefects as to their conduct in enforcing the law. Assurance is given that the government will not go to extreme lengths by closing the churches to public worship. If congregations default in the formation of associations religious services will come under the law of 1881 and public meetings. But as services differ in many points from meetings the prefects have been instructed to adapt the law, where it is necessary, in order to facilitate in every way the carrying on of services, and notably the clause of the law by which previous notice of an intended meeting is exacted. It has been decided that one notice stating the hours of services shall suffice for any period.

Bureaus Established.

The congregations must establish a bureau, or body of men, who will be responsible for the purpose and good order of meetings. Representatives of the government must be present at all meetings, but can only dissolve them if the bureau fails in its duties and disturbances ensue. Priests may receive and dispose of moneys taken in actual collections at such meetings, but all other contributions and incomes will belong to the state. Cures will be merely occupants without legal title in the premises. The churches and other properties will be handed over to associations if they are formed within a year. If taken then by the state they will still retain their previous character until a contrary decision is announced.

No State Religion.

The going into effect of the law of associations marks an epoch in the history of the French republic. It means, in effect, that no religion is now recognized by the state. Up to January 1 of this year the Roman Catholic church, the Reformed church, the Augsburg confession and the Jewish Religious community were recognized. The relations between the state and the Roman Catholic church were determined by the concordat of 1801 and the organic articles of 1802. The relations between the state and the Protestants and Jews were determined by different laws and decrees of the same period. The ministers of these creeds were paid by the state salaries and were in many respects dependent on the government. These relations are now completely severed.

According to the law promulgated just one year ago the churches are separated from the state and adherents of all creeds may form associations for public worship and the state, the departments and the communes are relieved from payment of salaries.

As transitory measures, ecclesiastics over 60 years of age and over 20 years of service remunerated by the state are entitled to a pension equal to three-fourths of their salary. Proportionate allowances are made for all other ecclesiastics. If the associations comply with the provisions of the law they are to be allowed the use of the churches, dwellings, seminaries and other property. No religious establishment is to be allowed to exist unless authorized by the state, and no monastic association can be authorized without a special law in each particular case.

The grants paid by the state in the last year of the old regime amounted to \$7,528,061 francs, and those paid by departments and communes to 7,555,042. The pensions and allowances to be paid according to the new law are estimated thus: First year, \$4,547,873 francs; second year, \$5,943,823 francs; third year, \$1,529,061 francs; fourth year, \$0,018,326 francs, etc.

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MAKING GOOD ROAD WITH DRAG MADE OF LOGS

Marion County Farmers Experiment, With Results That Are Amazing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—With the heavy rains of the past week the farmers who believe in good roads have returned to the use of the road drag. County Judge J. H. Scott has instructed the road supervisors to make use of the drag as much as possible. The drag is a simple, inexpensive and effective device. One piece of road on which the drag experiment has been used is that leading from this city to Silverton. It joins the piece of macadam road built last summer by the government experts and some have gone so far as to favor the dragged highway in preference to the macadamized road. For three miles the farmers have made a most successful test of the log drag. After its use the surface of the road is smooth, with all the chuckholes and wagon tracks filled up. On the surface the road has a slight coat of soft mud, due to the fact that the road was not dragged last year. When the experiment is made for several consecutive years the road surface becomes smooth and hard.

Mix Odd Fellows Officers.

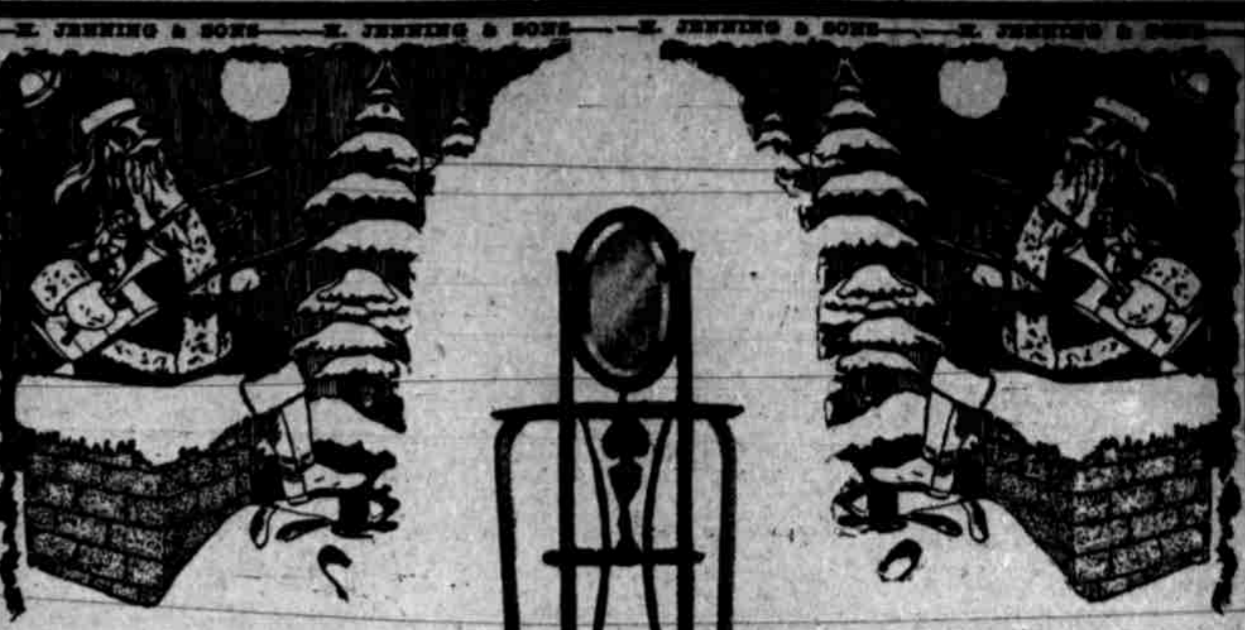
Helix, Or., Dec. 11.—The following officers have been elected to serve for Helix Lodge, O. O. F., for the ensuing year: John S. Norvell, noble grand; Henry Erickson, vice grand; C. B. Duto, secretary; William Dale, treasurer.

New Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. See at Red Cross Pharmacy drug store.

Will the president show up the Gridiron club next?

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On the day of the wreck a number of miners boarded a freight train for Oakland City. Trouble developed between them and railroad detectives on the train, in which the miners were wounded. At 3 o'clock the following morning a freight train was wrecked by spiking a switch, and the wreck resulted in the killing of three of the train crew and the destruction of 13 cars.

The trainmen's associations employed detectives and a month after the wreck Aubrey and Erwin were arrested and charged with the crime. The authorities claim to have a strong case of circumstantial evidence against the men.

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