

CHIEF FORESTER ARRIVES TO PICK AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND THROW TRACTS OPEN TO THE HOMESTEADER

Government's New Policy Will Aid in Development of Oregon.

Carrying out the government's new policy of seeking out what agricultural lands may be within the confines of forest reserves and designating it properly so that it may be thrown open for actual settlement, Chief Forester Henry S. Graves arrived in Portland yesterday from Washington.



Henry S. Graves, chief forester of United States.

During his visit here he expects to settle definitely on recommendations that shall be done with tracts which have been the subject of field agents' investigations, both in the Sitkum region of southwestern Oregon, the pumice lands of central Oregon, the Deschutes region and in the Cowlitz river lands in the Rainier forests of Washington.

Heretofore the government has made little effort toward discovering what tracts are suitable for agriculture. The prospective settler was required to seek out the lands himself, decide whether he could use them for agriculture and then make his application for settlement.

By the new plan, experts of the forest service will pick out fertile tracts now grown up in trees, report them suitable for agriculture, and eventually have them listed separately from the general forest reserves, throwing them open for homesteaders from time to time.

Portland is Mr. Graves' principal stopping place on his western trip, which is the first since last fall. He expects to remain in the district about a week, leaving early this week for the Sitkum country, where he will decide points reported to him by the field agents.

Later, he expects to go to California, and thence to Arizona and New Mexico, where other and different problems of forest conservation and forestry are clamoring for attention.

"We are adjusting classifications of forest lands as rapidly as possible," said Mr. Graves last night. "If we find many bodies of agricultural land in the forests we will segregate them. We have an appropriation sufficient to allow us to keep up this classification. I hope to be able to make some special recommendations before I leave the district. One is the pumice land of central Oregon in the Deschutes and Paulina forests, and I have some reports that have been prepared here on the character of the land and will have them in consideration for recommendation to the secretary of agriculture whether these lands shall be eliminated.

Many in Small Tracts. "Most of the other lands are in small tracts, in the forests, some along creek bottoms, some in secluded valleys, some on the gentle slopes of the mountains. We are making timber sales as fast as we can, to get the land clear so that settlers may find homes without delay. We have just sold a lot of stumps in the Kaniksu forests of Idaho. The timber will be sold in small lots, which is suitable for agriculture, will be thrown open to homesteaders. This process guarantees the getting of land under cultivation instead of letting it fall into the hands of timber speculators. This is done where there is heavy timber that is really suitable for lumber. In other tracts where the growth is light and where the land is still good land it is not so easy to dispose of the growth and settlement is not rapid.

Experts to Render Opinion. "Another question is in the Cowlitz valley of the Rainier forest, and I have reports here on the character of the lands. I hope very much to be able to settle that question so that we can open up lands for entry there. I think probably I can make a recommendation without a field trip.

"A similar question is in the Sitkum forest, where I am going next week. The classification of this land and its designation as agricultural or purely forest lands is the point there. As soon as the classification is complete, the opening to entry within the forest or elimination from the forest will be taken up. Agricultural department experts will finally determine what lands are best adapted to farming and which are better fitted for other purposes.

"The agricultural area in the forest in Oregon is not very large, but there are individual tracts here and there which would prove ideal homesteads where the land is standing timber and properly cultivated. The little tracts can be taken up at any time, but from now on we are not going to wait for the ambitious pioneer to spy out his own homestead, hit or miss.



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BARTON IS GIVEN 1-10 YEAR TERM

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(Special to The Journal.) Coquille, Or., July 12.—Judge Coke passed sentence on J. S. Barton, who was recently convicted of an attack upon Miss Madge Yoakam, to an indeterminate term of from one to ten years in the penitentiary. The case has been appealed and bond furnished.

CLERGY BARRED OUT OF OFFICE

Papal Decree Declares No French Ecclesiastic Can Become Candidate.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, July 12.—By papal decree no French ecclesiastic from now on can become a candidate for office without special permission of the bishop of his diocese, while those already holding office fall under the same ruling. The Abbe Lemire, one of the most picturesque figures in the church, and a deputy, will thus have to obtain permission to retain his seat, resign from the chamber or quit the church. His case is attracting considerable attention here.

HEAVY WINDS DELAY FLIGHT OF AVIATORS

(Special to The Journal.) Pontwater, Mich., July 12.—Unable to continue their flight today because of heavy winds, aviators Roy M. Francis and Beckwith Havens planned to fly from this port early Monday and speed direct to Mackinac Island, without stopping at Charlevoix as originally planned.

WOMAN AUTO DRIVER KILLS WOMAN IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 12.—Weeping hysterically at the central police station, Mrs. E. C. Webster tonight told how she happened to run down and kill Mrs. Martha Beggs, wife of James E. Beggs, purchasing agent of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, while driving her touring car this afternoon.

SAY ONE GOOD POLICEMAN CAN KEEP INDIANS GOOD

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, July 12.—Senator Chamberlain will take up with secretary of the interior a petition from the residents and citizens of the Grand Ronde Indian reservation, asking that they be replaced present police system with one competent man to do police duty and look after old and infirm Indians. The petitioners assert that one competent policeman can break up the "present reign of liquor selling and other vices." They allege present officials are not in a position to cope with these matters. Rev. Felix Bucher and 25 others signed the petition.

COW JUMPS OVER MOON GOES TO 32 CTS. POUND

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Ill., July 12.—Forty cents a pound for choice cuts of beef may become a reality before winter. The second advance in retail prices was announced by Chicago dealers today. They pushed the choice cuts to 51 cents a pound, butchers' and pluckers' to 49 cents, and made calves' liver a delicacy at 26 cents a pound. The usual exchange of courtesies followed. The retailers blamed it on the packers, who coyly dodged, "passing the buck" right back to the retailers.

Storm Delays Morrison's Trip.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Erie, Pa., July 12.—Owing to the heavy storm which swept the eastern portion of Lake Erie tonight, Captain Morrison, of the United States reserve ship Wolverine, decided not to attempt to take the Niagara, Commodore Perry's reclaimed flagship, out of the harbor. One hundred years ago, when the Niagara left here to meet the British, it was delayed by just such a storm. Morrison was expected to tow the boat out tomorrow morning, reaching Fairport in the afternoon.

TRAINMEN ARE NOT EAGER TO FORCE A STRIKE, IS BELIEF

Committee Will Go to Washington Monday to See Wilson; Arbitration to Be Tried if It Is Possible.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, July 12.—Provisional rather than unqualified indorsement of the strike vote of 15,000 railway conductors and trainmen was predicted tonight, following the all-day session of the committee of one thousand representing the conductors' and trainmen's organizations in this city today. The union officials will go to Washington to meet President Wilson and Secretary of Labor Wilson Monday.

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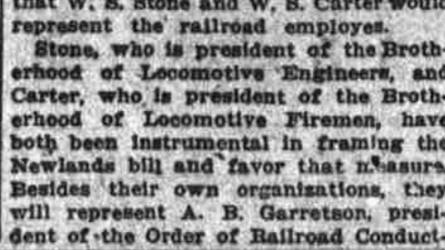
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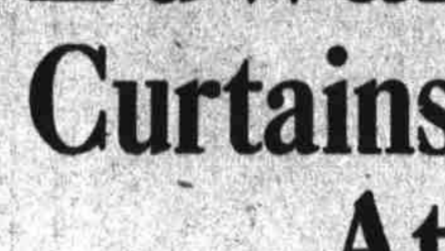
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