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## TO PASS THIS SESSION

MOODY'S BILL OFFERING RESERVATION LANDS FOR SALE.

The Measure Has Been Favorably Reported to the Senate and Seems Sure to Go Through.

Representative Moody's bill providing for the sale of the unsold portions of the Umatilla reservation, was up before the senate recently and was favorably reported upon. It will be taken up for consideration and probably passed as soon as opportunity affords. That it will become a law during the present session is now practically assured.

This will mean that within the next few months the lands remaining unsold on the reserve will be offered for public occupation and a large strip along the southern portion of the reservation will be thoroughly settled.

When the reserve lands were first offered for sale the portion now to be placed on the market was thought by the buyers to be appraised at too high a valuation, so was not bid in during the sale. Since that time, however, many families have gone in and squatted on the vacant lands until now there are perhaps 100 families on the unsold portion.

According to the provisions of the bill, those who are now residents of the land will have 90 days first choice upon the lands on which they have made improvements, after which any piece of land on the unsold portion will be open for purchase by anyone who produces the money.

There are about 25,000 acres of this land in all and it is said to contain some of the best land on the reserve, pieces suitable for agriculture being available, as well as some first-class timber land.

## SOMEWHAT AMUSING.

Funny Features of the Tracy and Merrill Chase.

Amusing developments are constantly appearing in connection with the chase of the two escaped convicts, Tracy and Merrill. It now turns out that the two heavily armed and desperate looking men who were seen to meet two other similarly armed and fierce looking characters near Pe Ell on Saturday evening and drive off toward Chehalis, Wash., were none other than Professor Van Winkle, of the United States Geological Survey, and three assistants, all carrying axes and surveying tools. So positive were some of the people

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of Lewis county that these men were the escaped Oregon convicts and two confederates, that they came near shooting them without warning.

Two hobos entered a barn near Castle Rock and when they were discovered by the woman living on the property, she gathered her flock of children around her in the privacy of her bedroom, locked the doors of the house and sat in silent meditation until her husband returned from work. Then she would not allow him to leave the house either to go to the barn or summon help until the next morning, when the Weary Willies were found to have moved on to pastures new.

Ferril, the brother of the first guard who was killed by the convicts, who came up from the wilds of Utah with blood in his eye and informed every newspaper reporter who could be approached that he would take the trail of the scoundrels who had murdered his brother and never rest until he had eaten them alive, has simmered down to offering a reward of \$100 for the capture of the escapes.

Ben Merrill, who jumped his job on the Sound and started for the scene of the chase, saying that "blood was thicker than water," and that he would die with his boots on before his brother should be taken by the sheriff and his posse, has reached Castle Rock and has concluded that he will not attempt to join his brother, as it is more than possible he might be thoroughly punctured with leaden interrogation points before he could convince the convicts of his friendly intentions.

The bloodhounds being used to trail the convicts are carefully kept in leash for fear they might accidentally find them and meet with a reception which would result in the death of the dogs.

The convicts are busily making their way to freedom, while the posse is busily keeping one hour behind and stopping every few moments to get its picture taken—and so, the chase goes merrily on.

## TO SEE BIG TREES.

Knights of Pythias Will Visit California's Forest Wonders.

The knights of the middle ages used to be frequenters of the forest and lovers of trees that the Druids once worshiped. All sorts of poems and plays have been written about the doings of noble Knights, "amid forest glades and bosky dells," and so it is likely to be largely a matter of inherited sentiment that will lure thousands of Pythian Knights to the big tree groves of California in August next. The Knights of Pythias of the United States and Canada are going to hold their annual gathering in San Francisco August 11th—20th.

There will be business aplenty to transact, but after its over there will be pleasurable all about the big state that offers more fun to tourists to the square mile than any other section of the round old earth. Trips to the big trees of Mariposa or Santa Cruz are planned and such journeys are the impressive events of a life time. Pictures will be made on memory's pages that will never be effaced. The traveler will say with the poet Wordsworth—after such a visit:

"One impulse from a vernal wood,  
May teach you more of man,  
Of moral and of good  
Than all the sages can."

The overland railroads are already quoting absurdly low rates for this "cross-continent trip, and it is estimated that fully one hundred thousand people are going on this Pythian pilgrimage.

## Michigan Republicans.

Detroit, Mich., June 25.—Today witnessed the arrival of a large number of delegates and visitors to the republican state convention, which assembles here tomorrow for the nomination for governor and the other state officers to be voted for this fall. The political lieutenants of Governor Bliss assert that his renomination is assured, but the leaders of the Stearns faction are unwilling to concede anything like defeat and appear satisfied with the outlook. Among the delegates already on the field considerable talk is heard of dark horses in case either of the leaders in the gubernatorial race fails to muster the expected strength. The convention will consist of nearly 1100 candidates and will be called to order in the Light Guard Armory at 10 o'clock by Congressman William Alden Smith.

## Antlered Herd at Oshkosh.

Oshkosh, Wis., June 25.—The city was invaded by Elks today from all parts of the state, come to attend the first convention of the state body of the order. The day was devoted principally to receiving the delegates who arrived here in large numbers from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ashland and other cities of the state. The visitors found the city elaborately decorated in their honor, public buildings and houses being covered with bunting and emblems of the order. The first business meeting takes place tonight, and tomorrow comes the big parade and other festivities arranged by the local committee.

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