

THANKS HITCHCOCK

BARCASTIC EXPRESSION OF
A SALEM CITIZEN.

Thinks Oregon Owe the Secretary of the Interior Much Gratitude for Timber Land Investigations—Outlines a Policy.

Salem, Oregon, January 1.—Allow the people of Oregon to express sentiments of admiration and of gratitude for the energetic attitude Secretary Hitchcock towards the suppression of the numerous and scandalous timber frauds.

The public men of Oregon, with the sole exception of a band of so-called legal and standard highway robbers are sharing these sentiments towards you.

Many smooth-shod politicians, on account of your official firmness, wanted and worked for your resignation, but it is generally hoped that President Roosevelt will always be himself during such political whirlwinds.

The public of Oregon owes much to you, and should any of our Oregon men be found in your way as against the welfare of the public and the duties of your office, we would expect to give them our attention in Oregon.

The Blue mountain forest reserve in Oregon, in its present plan and purpose, is the latest and greatest local scheme to hurt the country.

A great railroad combination is favoring, promoting and engineering it, to keep out of its territory competitors, who also fraudulently wish to secure the timber lands therein.

The reserve can be reopened at any time when the syndicate is ready to get "the whole thing," by the way of lieu lands, or by any other way. The present conditions are bad enough, but the intended reserve is more hurtful. The cry for water and all other flimsy reasons are but farcial.

The people there cannot and do not want, and cannot get or save their water supply through a reserve, and they never asked for it, and never will.

Did you ever hear of a trust apparently sitting still and allowing any outsider to tie up the best resources in their territory?

Did you ever hear of such a trust willing to reserve millions of dollars' worth of timber for the next generation, or willing to give something to the farmers who did not ask for it? Yet such are the claims.

Are you willing to assist them in their endeavor to steal at some future date, in another and more effective form than they can now, and to help them keep Eastern Oregon at their mercy for all time to come?

If it seems desirable to have a Blue mountain forest reserve, let it be useful to and helping the people and the country at large, in reality, and not in imagination, and, what is worse, to hurt the country.

If the following suggestions were followed, the result would be beneficial:

1. Let the lines be drawn of the proposed Blue mountain forest reserve.

2. Let all the lands within the reserve be open for actual settlers.

3. Reserve that no timber, lumber, wood in any kind or form shall go outside the lines of the reserved territory.

4. That no sheep or cattle in herds of more than 10 head be allowed to graze on land not embraced and taken up within the reserve.

5. That no land within be sold, but what can be taken up by actual settlers.

6. That any company, firm or individual living or doing business within the reserve can buy timber at \$1 per 1000 feet, and cord wood at \$1 per cord, to be used within the reserve.

7. The same applies to companies who open up within the reserve such parts capable of supporting settlements, or who wish to run through the reserve railroad lines, to reach other points in Oregon.

You might send Special Inspector Greene, or some one else, and he could see for himself what is going on here. What is stated above is true concerning the Blue mountain forest reserve and the mining district.

A reserve with such or similar conditions would preserve the timber, and even the water supply.

It would forever keep out speculators, large and small, and allow honest settlers to take up homes wherever possible. It would not give a syndicate exclusive rights, as at the present time, or in the future.

With such or similar conditions many places now averse to the reserve will ask to be included within the reserve, with the exception of the syndicate that is now engineering the whole reserve.

JOS. SCHELL.

Sculpture of the St. Louis Fair. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—John F. Byrnes, the official photographer of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, began work today on the exposition grounds. Karl Bitter, the new chief of sculp-

ture, gave out a statement today in which he says: "I do not propose any radical changes from the general scheme devised by my predecessor in office. On the contrary, I fully concur with the advisory committee's opinion that said scheme is admirable. But in regard to the principal feature of the exposition, the Cascades, I differ with my predecessor. My intention is to give this feature a great deal more value and weight in subject and therefore give by means of allegorical figures expression to the result of this purchase."

More Pay for Railroad Men.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—This is to be a happy New Year for the engineers and firemen employed on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. The new wage scale which becomes effective tomorrow provides for increases of approximately 8 per cent in the pay

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