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GENERAL NEWS.

T. R. Johnson has resigned as deputy sheriff of Union county, and Chester Newlin succeeds him.

E. W. Hoch, republican, was re-elected governor of Kansas by 1702 votes. The average majority for the remainder of the republican ticket was 48,000.

The high water mark of importations of precious stones was reached last year, when duty was paid on a total valuation of \$37,146.37 worth—mostly diamonds and pearls.

A Southern Pacific engine exploded at Sargent's Station, Cal. Three were killed: Joseph Goodfellow, superintendent of the Southern Pacific block system; Samuel Gillespie, engineer; James Bladen, fireman.

Augustus Silvestro was shot to death, being literally riddled with bullets, 15 minutes after he was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Maria Einstein. The shooting was done by six unknown Italians and without known cause.

Clifford J. Owen has resigned as business manager of the San Francisco Call and will make his home and place of business at Norfolk, Va. For several years he was editor and general manager of the Portland Telegram.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Times is the name of the new newspaper at Anacortes, Wash., owned and edited by H. G. Sasse.

Dog poisoners are making life miserable for dog owners, and impossible for the dogs, in Baker City.

In a quarrel over a poker game at Diamond, Harney county, George Van Grammer, a participant, was shot to death by James McKelick.

James T. Doak is dead at Prineville, aged 62. His parents brought him to Oregon when he was a year old, and he had lived in Crook county 25 years.

F. A. Garside, formerly cashier of the Aetna Banking & Trust Co., which recently went to the wall at Butte, was captured at Minneapolis. He is charged with grand larceny outright.

The wages of all underground men at Butte have been increased from \$2.50 to \$3.55 per day. At Anaconda and Great Falls all men employed in the smelters will receive an advance of 25 cents per day who have been receiving less than \$2.

B. Beers of Independence, is believed to be the oldest living pioneer of Oregon. He is 71 years of age and was brought to Oregon by his parents, around the Horn, in 1836, when 1 year old. He has lived continuously in the state ever since.

The cornerstone of the new Catholic cathedral at Boise was laid November 12. Bishop Glorieux officiating. Bishops O'Dea, O'Reilly, Scanlon and Carroll were present, and also Archbishop Christie. The new cathedral will be the largest church edifice in the northwest with the exception of the cathedral at Seattle.

Imitation Gems Puzzle Officials.

New York, Nov. 13.—A committee of experts is sitting here today to appraise the value of imitation gems which have of late been flooding this market. New kinds of emeralds and sapphires have made their appearance and the products, while artificial, are the same in composition and properties as the natural stones that are simulated. The bogus stones have been appraised on the 20 per cent basis, but the importers claim this should be reduced to 10 per cent.

Argonaut for November 10.

Among the features of the Argonaut for November 10 are: "The Devil's Revenge," a striking story from the French of Theophile Gautier; "The Path of an Interviewer," an article on the career of a prominent journalist; "Geronimo's Mexican Raids," containing some forgotten history; "Irving and America," an extended review of Bram Stoker's recent volume, with numerous extracts, and a page of "Old Favorites," containing some of the best poems in the language.

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FULTON TELLS OF UMATILLA LAND

COMMITTEE ASKED MANY PUZZLING QUESTIONS.

Senator Fulton Explains Character of Land Under Investigation—"Crag and Rocks and Mountain Summits"—Department of the Interior Was Against Fulton in 1905, When He Sought to Relieve Owners of Residence Clause.

Whatever may be the result of the investigation of Umatilla land now in progress in this county, intense interest will center in the proceedings and every phase of the question will be read with eagerness.

The foundation for trouble in this particular body of land was laid by Senator Fulton, who with Frank Carl rode from Meacham to Pendleton in a buggy a couple of years ago, that Fulton might say he was familiar with the land when asking for the last amendment to the act.

Later, on February 7, 1905, at the time the senate's subcommittee on Indian affairs met to consider the Indian appropriation bill, Senator Fulton appeared before it and was heard in relation to various amendments which he had submitted, chief among which was the following (No. 221), concerning the sale of lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation:

Test of the Amendment.—That all persons who have heretofore purchased any of the lands of the Umatilla Indian reservation and have made full and final payment thereof in conformity with the acts of congress of March 3, 1885, and of July 1, 1902, respecting the sale of such lands, shall be entitled to receive patent therefor upon submitting satisfactory proof to the register and receiver at La Grande, Ore., that the unimproved lands so purchased are not susceptible of cultivation or residence and are exclusively grazing lands, incapable of any profitable use other than for grazing purposes.

In the light of subsequent events, and more especially in view of the contemplated investigation by the government of some of the methods that were employed to acquire title to lands under the Fulton amendment—which afterwards became part of the law—the debate before the committee is of special interest. The debate, as shown by the record, follows:

Senator Fulton—Now, that, as you see, pertains to the Umatilla reservation, which is within the La Grande land district. When provision was made for the sale of these lands, it was stipulated that the parties should pay so much per acre in the first place; then, that they should actually reside on the lands purchased, and should cultivate not less than 25 acres of each tract—I think of each 160 acres—I am not sure about the size of the tract of which they were required to cultivate at least 25 acres. Now, a large portion of this land is absolutely unsuitable for residence and incapable of cultivation.

Senator Teller—What is the name of that little town right on the summit?

Senator Fulton—There is no town on the summit. Maybe you are thinking of La Grande?

Questioned as to Character.—Senator Teller—Yes, I should think that ought to be pretty good grazing country, at least.

Senator Fulton—Some portions of it are.

Senator Teller—I should think they could raise hay there?

Senator Fulton—You can, on those slopes in the locality which you mention, but not up on the mountains—you know in any mountainous region a large portion of the land consists of crags and rocks and mountain summits.

Senator Teller—That is all covered with timber, is it not?

Senator Fulton—No, sir; this excludes the timber portion. You will observe this provides, when they shall make proof before the register and receiver that the land is incapable of cultivation and suitable only for grazing, that they may get a patent

without proof of residence and cultivation. They have to make proof that it is that character of land; otherwise they would have to live on it. There is some of it on which they cannot live and which they cannot cultivate. I took a team and went over it and studied it myself.

Senator Teller—How much of it is there?

Senator Fulton—I don't know. I drove 30 miles through it, as a rough guess. I suppose there must be—

Senator Teller—Which way from La Grande is this?

Senator Fulton—West of La Grande on the western slope, and taking in the western spurs of the mountain range.

Asks Fulton to Explain.—Senator McCumber—Will you explain to me what this is? This provides that all persons who have not heretofore purchased any of the lands of the Umatilla Indian reservation, and have made full and final payment thereof in conformity with the acts of congress of March 3, 1885, respecting the sale of such lands, shall now be entitled to a patent. Why are they not entitled to a patent any way, if they have made full payment?

Senator Fulton—In addition to making full payment, they have to make proof of one year's residence and of cultivation to the extent of 25 acres.

Senator McCumber—How did these persons happen to purchase that land under an agreement that they were to reside upon it for at least one year, and now find that it was not of a character that they can reside upon?

Senator Fulton—Well, you know that there is a lot of that land. The land was divided into classes and they purchased a great deal of it without seeing it at all.

Senator McCumber—Intending it for a home?

Senator Fulton—It was sold at public auction. They supposed generally that they could use it for a home, and that portion which they could not use—some of it—was purchased afterwards. But there was a decision by the secretary of the interior, or the general land office—I have forgotten which—to the effect that while they could not get their patent until they made proof of residence and cultivation, yet, having paid their money they could hold the land and could obtain their patent when they made the necessary proof. Time was not of the essence; they could hold the land indefinitely. A great many of them were willing to do that for the purpose of getting a few months' pasture for their sheep, and they bought a great deal of it with the understanding that that would be the policy of the department. But now the department is insisting that they must forfeit their title to whatever they have secured if they do not make proof of cultivation and settlement.

Asked as to Purchasers.—Senator Clapp—How large are these purchases individually?

Senator Fulton—They are small. I have not heard of any one having under control over a section. I can see no possible disadvantage to any person, nor any injury to any one, as long as they make proof, satisfactory to the department, that the land is incapable of settlement.

Senator Clapp—It might possibly involve some injury on the part of these people. In the interest of good morals I believe that requirement ought to be stricken out.

Senator McCumber—Are not some of these purchasers speculators?

Senator Fulton—No, sir; they are not. I know nearly all of them. They are residents there—sheepmen and cattlemen. I took the pains to ride over this land myself, in order that I might be thoroughly familiar with the situation.

Senator Teller—What is the department's position in this matter?

Senator Fulton—The department is against us on these grounds. They say these people must have known the character of the land when they took it; that is all.

Senator Teller—I suppose if we do not put in the amendment they will simply go up there and live there nominally a year—live there a few months and assert that they have lived there a year?

Senator Fulton—It is almost compelling a man to do something in violation of his conscience if you ask him to try to make a home and scratch out an alleged cultivation on such land in order to get his title. It does not seem to me, where it can be proven that the land is unfit for residence or cultivation, that a man should be put to such straits.

Senator McCumber—As the department says, it seems they must have known what they were buying. They probably bought it intending to use it for grazing purposes, and bought it cheaply.

Senator Fulton—They bought it at the established price.

Senator Teller—How much was that?

Senator Fulton—\$1.50, I think; it is indefinite in my mind this morning whether it was \$1.50 or \$2.

Senator McCumber—How many acres are involved?

Senator Fulton—That is rather difficult to tell, but I should imagine there would be, perhaps, 4000 acres.

Senator Clapp—Not more than that?

Senator Fulton—I should not think so.

Senator Dubois—Would there be any danger of very large holdings of grazing lands close to agricultural lands?

Senator Fulton—This land is not close to any agricultural land.

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Some of the city departments, the pumping stations particularly, are short and strenuous efforts were made yesterday to get in a few tons, but without avail.

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