
The Testimony of Harry Jones, a speaker from Grand Ronde at the Pacific Northwest Congress
in 1934:

Harry Jones:

Ever since having come to this meeting and having heard some of the remarks, of the various delegations, the Grand Ronde people feel this way about the bill: We are not going to divulge whether we accept or reject, but they have asked me to comment on this bill. The Commissioner can confer with our delegation and we guarantee our answer today. Since we have been asked to enter into a controversy this afternoon, I feel this way about it. I believe that if we had an older man and one who would speak, having to have an interpreter, he would speak in the terms that I speak now. Therefore, I shall just summarize the contents briefly, in a few statements. What assurance have we, as the people, that these gentlemen here assembled will declare to us a more firmer and surer bill, or contract, or agreement or treaty, whatever it may be, than Paul Palmer, the name that succeeded them and the man who stood before Congress and the Indians. That is the question. I think everyone of the older men who may speak having to have an interpreter, want to be governed by the treaty rights. What assurance have we that they will better the cause? Paul Palmer may have had such a determined heart, such a willing heart and such a desire to pursue as these men may have when he made that treaty. What assurance have we that this is a more genuine agreement than of Paul Palmer? There are several things in this proposed agreement that could be utilized and used on our reservation, or some say that we are not a reservation, if we are not a reservation we want some way by which we can draw the good of this proposed bill. I believe there are those here that will benefit by this measure or bill. There are those of us who are still doubtful, still wondering if we are going to benefit by this bill or whether we will stand in the future as perhaps we have with the past treaties. How much better off will we be then if we accept it now? There are many questions that have been asked and there are many questions that can be asked now, but because of time and because of other things and other members that must speak, I shall put them on paper if you so elect. We have formulated an answer to this question because we believe that when we accept or reject that we can still be considered a people that have attempted all along to cooperate with the government in its proposed plan. At one time there were twenty-three tribes on the Grand Ronde reservation. Now the reservation is comprised of an acre of eight by twelve miles. Now it is immaterial to you other delegations what we have done---what we accept or reject. We will propose amendments that will fit our own environments and we know everyone will do the same.

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