



A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT.

"It's perfect nonsense, Bessie, for you to talk of being laid on the shelf. Why, it all depends on yourself. Forget your worries, your aches and ailments; do as I did, take plenty of out-of-door air, cultivate happiness by not allowing your mind to dwell on the trifles and the worries of life. I sent thirty-one cents in stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for his 'Common Sense Medical Adviser,' and found it contained much useful information about the care of my health, about physiology, anatomy, and everything a woman should know. I then decided to write Dr. Pierce and tell him all about my ailments. I received such a nice, carefully considered and confidential letter, in reply, giving me advice about my diet, exercise and all. This advice is free to everyone and I wonder you don't write him at once. It didn't take me many months to regain my good looks. Ever since I was fitted I have suffered untold agonies periodically but now I am free from pain, worry and bad temper. Occasionally I took Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—this for the complexion, and to stimulate the liver. Then I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription three times a day for those womanly weaknesses I told you about. That's my secret of beauty. It's the easiest thing in the world to be happy and keep one's good looks. Look at the thousands of women who have been made well by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; look how they keep their good looks. Dr. Pierce offers \$500 reward for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb which he cannot cure. All he asks is a fair and reasonable trial of his means of cure."

LAND RESTORED TO ENTRY.

Great Tracts in Eastern and Southern Oregon Will Not Be in Reserve.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Oct. 22—By direction of the President, Secretary Hitchcock today ordered restored to entry a considerable portion of the withdrawals made with a view to creating the Rogue River, La Grande, Joseph River and Maury Mountain forest reserves in Oregon. The restorations are made in accordance with the new rule of the department, permitting the immediate settlement on the land, but not allowing entry or filing to be made until after a period of 90 days' advertising by the local land officers.

It is proposed to eliminate from the Rogue River withdrawals 65,000 acres, leaving 1,271,000 acres remaining withdrawn. From the La Grande withdrawal 26,000 acres will be eliminated, leaving in the withdrawal 265,580 acres, while 144,640 acres will be taken out of the Joseph River withdrawal, leaving but 177,920 acres remaining. The Maury Mountain withdrawal, when 10,000 acres have been restored to entry, will embody only 58,320 acres.

All the lands that are being restored to entry have been found upon examination not to be suitable for forest reserves, either because they are not timberlands, or if they are timbered, because they are located with lands in private ownership, so it is impracticable permanently to reserve them.

The elimination of these lands from withdrawal does not mean that all the remaining lands will be reserved. It merely means that these are all lands

reported by the Forestry Bureau that should not be included in forest reserves. The General Land Office is now making its own examination, which is expected to show additional areas not desired for permanent reservation. When the Land Office completes its examination, permanent reserves will be created where deemed advisable, excluding practically all land in private ownership, and restoring to entry such other lands now withdrawn as may not be reserved.

The Forestry Bureau is very anxious to force the creation of a forest reserve in the Rogue River country to include all lands not now to be restored to entry. The General Land Office is not convinced of the advisability of creating such a reserve, and will probably advise against it. There is no apparent practical means of creating the Rogue River reserve without including large tracts of railroad lands, and this Commissioner Richards will not consent to do. He does not approve of creating a base for new line selections. In the case of the La Grande, Joseph River and Maury Mountain withdrawals, it is probable permanent reserves will ultimately be created to include all the lands that remain after the restoration ordered today have been effected.

For some reason unexplained, Secretary Hitchcock has not ordered the restoration to entry of a vast tract of land in Klamath and Lake Counties withdrawn for the Warner Mountain reserve. The Forestry Bureau's examination of this area of nearly 4,000,000 acres shows the withdrawal was not justified, and only a small portion of the entire area is timber land. Yet in spite of this finding, which has been of record for fully a year, nontimbered lands are still held under withdrawal.

Increased Land Values.

Wheat raising in the Umatilla country and alfalfa culture, in the Yakima valley have become so profitable during the last five years that land adaptable to these crops is not to be had for less than \$65 an acre, and there is little of the good land that can be bought at that price. The opportunity to make a quick fortune in wheat in Umatilla county is no longer open to any one unless he is already an owner of wheat land.

Although there are thousands of acres suitable for raising wheat in the region of Pendleton, Adams, Athena, Weston, Helix or Fairview, not a farm can be rented at any price, excepting from some extraordinary cause. The owners are holding on, and with wheat at 75 cents a bushel the wheat belt of Umatilla county is being crowded northwestward over the sand peninsula between the confluence of the Columbia and Umatilla rivers.

Portions of this section are found to be already good wheat lands, and all of it when irrigated is good for \$100 an acre if sown to wheat. Settlers are reclaiming more land every year in this peninsula, and it is said that within a few years Umatilla county will be a wheat belt from Pendleton to the junction of the Columbia and the Umatilla rivers. Already the sage brush around Echo is giving place to the wheat farmer.

In the Yakima valley, with a good season, they cut four crops of alfalfa a year, which never yields less than a ton to the acre, and the price of alfalfa ranges from \$8 to \$4 per ton, in the stack. Only the young men of speculative and adventurous dispositions will sell land now in these districts. The farmer who is past middle age has decided that there is nothing better for him on this side of the river Jordan.

Every little once in a while we hear of a successful operation where the patient's heart was removed, equipped with a silver lining, or something like that, and restored to its proper place, all before the death of the said person.

Art is often a cloak that covers a multitude of miserable designs.

WANTED AN ADVANCE TIP.

Chicago Financial Concern Sought to Learn Court's Decision Before It Was Delivered.

The honorable the chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States (God save the United States and this honorable court) would be highly edified and doubtless, amused if they realized the amount of misinformation as to their expected procedure with the merger decision which exists in Wall street circles. Wall street seems to think that an advance tip of the scope of the decision can be obtained by holding up a justice in a corridor or most any old place.

The correspondent of a Chicago financial concern received this suggestion from his house:

"You must get us that decision. As soon as the judges start to read it, and before he reaches the final statement of the decision, the judges on the bench would doubtless feel relieved from secrecy. You might skip up to the bench and ask one of the judges what's doing and give us a tip.

"Or you might engage the attorney general in conversation. I would be willing to take his judgment about the outcome, although, of course, we want to be sure."

The correspondent replied as follows: "All the money in the Chicago national banks would not induce me to ask one of the justices 'What's doin'?' I send you a diagram of the court, with arrow pointing to the jail. Do you realize that the supreme court could commit a man to jail for contempt of court for life, and that there is no other power short of Divine interposition—and I am afraid the days of miracles are past—to which to appeal from their decision?"

BANK-ROBBERS FLAGGED.

A War Map of Their Operations Kept by Detectives During Their Busy Season.

A visitor to the New York headquarters of a detective agency noticed a large map of the United States profusely decorated with little flags, a few of them red, but most of them white, says the Sun.

"Looks like a war map," commented the visitor. "And most of the fighting seems to be in the middle west."

"That's our bank robbery map," explained the head of that particular department. "It's a little scheme of my own.

"The red flags mark robberies in banks belonging to the association that retains us. The white flags represent robberies in banks that are not members of this association. Each flag is inscribed with the details of the robbery it represents.

The map is corrected from day to day, and it gives us a pretty fair idea of the general situation at a glance. We keep it hanging on the wall there throughout the bank robbery season."

"The bank robbery season?"

"Yes. That begins about September 1, when the nights begin to get long. There's comparatively little safe cracking out of season, when the nights are short. A job of that kind takes time."

CHINESE FOR PHONOGRAPH.

Latest of the Foreign Tongues on the Records—Songs of All Nations.

Chinese is the latest language to be added to the long list of phonograph records to be had of songs in foreign tongues. This list now includes vocal solos in Flemish, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

Many of these records in foreign tongues are made in this country, says the New York Sun, from the voices of foreign singers. Others are taken in the native lands of the singers.

Besides operatic selections and church music, these records include songs of all sorts peculiar to their several countries and localities. They also include records of the music of great foreign bands, and so on.

The Chinese dwellers in New York are as good buyers of phonographs, in proportion to their numbers, as the people of any other nationality.

RUSSIAN ARMY ODDITIES.

One Regiment Made Up Entirely of Blonde Men, Another of Brunettes—The Czar's Tall Guards.

There are some queer bodies of troops in the czar's service. One regiment is made up exclusively of blonde men. The Chasseur guards are brunettes to the last man. Into the Parolow guards no soldier is admitted unless he wears a retousse mustache.

The biggest men to be found in the army are selected for the czar's bodyguard. This is an honored command admittance into which is almost equivalent to winning a title of nobility or at least a decoration of honor.

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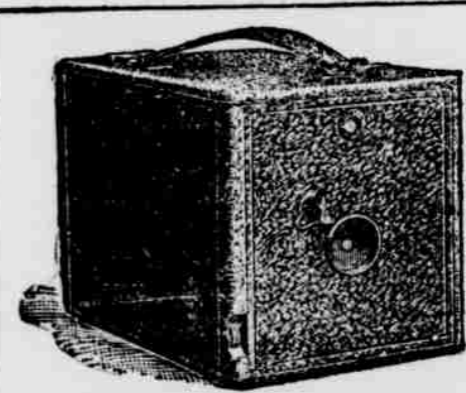
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