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Land Frauds in Oregon.

The federal grand jury has found true bills against seven persons connected with the dummy homestead entries near Pendleton, Oregon. Two persons, other than the ones heretofore arrested, were indicted. The officials before whom proofs were made were also arrested, but no true bills were found against them. The indicted persons are C. B. Cunningham, Asa Rayburn, Glen Saling, Shelly Jones, Mark Shackelford, Dennis O'Hara and Kate James. The charges against them are conspiracy to defraud the Government out of lands by means of fraudulent homestead entries and proofs. The prosecution is directed from Washington, and from now on careful investigations will be made as to homesteads proven up. The department will put a number of new special agents in the field for this purpose.

A Postoffice for Bend.

It is reported that A. H. Grant has been appointed postmaster of a new postoffice to be known as Bend. This will provide two post-offices located about one-half a mile apart. On account of the Deschutes postoffice having been formerly named Bend patrons will probably have to make calls at both offices in order to obtain their mail.

Inquiries have been sent to Washington to obtain information as to the data given by Inspector Riches to the department upon distances, roads and patrons.

If the department established the new office with a full understanding of the nearness of the offices together, it marks a change in postoffice policy; if there have been any misrepresentations made to the department it may cause some one trouble.

Survey of Agricultural Land.

Two townships of unsurveyed agricultural land in Lake county will shortly be surveyed by the government and opened for homestead application. Two years ago a great deal of government surveying was done, but it proved that, in many cases, the survey was induced by fraudulent representations as to the number of settlers on the lands, and that the survey was exclusively for the benefit of lumbermen. The government upon discovering this state of affairs discontinued survey work in this locality until the present time, and now confines its efforts to non-timbered tracts. It will be some time before any more timber lands are surveyed.

Will be For Williamson.

Umatilla county republicans will hold their primaries on April 2. The county is entitled to 16 delegates to the congressional convention, the largest number of any county in the district outside of Multnomah. Furnish is in control of the county, and it is conceded that he will control the convention for Mitchell and Williamson.

The World's Fair Route.

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Railroad to Dufur.

W. S. Conroy, of The Dalles, is in the city today, and says there are now 100 men and about 15 teams at work on the Great Southern railroad, which is to be built from a point three miles above The Dalles to Dufur, a distance of 27 miles through a rich wheat district.

The new road will join the O. R. & N. tracks at the mouth of Fifteen Mile creek, three miles east of The Dalles, and while it is incorporated under the laws of Washington and is under the management of outside parties, it is thought to be a branch of the O. R. & N., and as such, the citizens of that locality hope to see it extended further south, through Wasco county.—East Oregonian.

Democratic Primaries and County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention, for Crook County, Oregon, is hereby called to meet at the Circuit Court room in Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for all the county offices to be filled at the next general election; to elect four delegates to the Democratic State, Congressional, and District Conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said convention.

The Convention will consist of 60 delegates which have been apportioned among the several voting precincts, as follows:

Ashwood	5	Howard	2
Bear Creek	2	Ireland	2

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Camp Creek	2	Mill Creek	2
Cherry Creek	1	Montgomery	2
Cross Keys	2	Newsum	2
Hardin	2	Prineville	9
Hay Creek	2	Summit	2
Haystack	4	Willow Creek	2
Total	60		

The same being one delegate at large for each precinct and one for every 150 votes and fraction of 8 or over cast in 1902 for Hon. George E. Chamberlain for Governor.

The Central Committee recommended that the Democratic primaries be held in the several precincts at the voting places therein on Saturday, March 26, 1904, at 11 a. m.

Done by order of the Democratic County Central Committee, March 5, 1904.

L. N. LIGGETT, Chairman.
M. R. BIGGS, Secretary.

News of the Week.

An official tabulation of the exports and imports of the United States for 1903, shows that our exports were greater than those of any other country. Our balance

of trade was also the greatest of any country.

Mrs. Botkin the alleged poisoner of two women in Delaware is being tried the second time at San Francisco.

Sheriff Storey, of Multnomah, discharged 19 employees of his office on account of disloyalty to him at the late primaries.

The conciliatory attitude of the Multnomah Simon faction after the primaries was not of a pattern with its attitude the day before.

Senator Burton of Kansas is being tried in a federal court for using his official influence in favor of a fraudulent get-rich-quick scheme.

In the western states 157 saw-mills have been shut down on account of low prices of lumber. Attempts are being made to have the transcontinental railroads lower their rates to a point at which lumbermen can ship to Missouri river territory.