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## HELD UP BY SENATOR TIMON

### BIBEE'S COMMISSION MADE OUT BUT NOT YET MAILED.

Roosevelt Says in Future Both Oregon Senators Will be Consulted About Fairness—Know of no Inharmonious.

A recent dispatch to the Oregonian says: Senator Simon, of Oregon, called upon the president the other day, and had a pleasant interview concerning appointments in Oregon. He particularly expressed dissatisfaction with the appointment of George W. Bibee, as receiver in the Oregon City land office. President Roosevelt said he had not been previously aware of the lack of harmony in the Oregon Senatorial delegation and in making the recent appointment of Bibee he believed there was no objection on the part of anyone thereto. He assured Senator Simon that in future no appointments would be made in Oregon without first consulting both Senators.

Upon receipt of a telegraphic protest from Senator Simon against Bibee's appointment, the President held up the commission which had already been made out. It is probably in view that the appointment will be allowed to stand, and some future compromise be arranged.

No recommendation has yet been made to fill the receivership at the Burns land district. It is possible Hayes may continue to receive for several weeks yet.

### Livestock Convention.

A dispatch from Chicago says Martin D. Madden has been selected as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the fifth annual convention of the National Livestock Association, which will meet in Chicago the first week in December. There is unusual interest in this meeting, for the reason that the convention will take up some important questions which will be referred to congress. The stockmen it is said, will ask congress to appoint a special committee to investigate conditions upon the public ranges, and report back a plan for the future government of the ranges in such a way that the conflicts between sheep and cattle grazers may be averted. Ranges are becoming so overworked that the struggle for grass is resulting in almost daily conflicts, in which bloodshed is becoming altogether too frequent. Another important question to be considered is a bill providing for government inspection, and the tagging of all woolen manufactures, to show the percentage of "shoddy" and cotton used in all alleged woolen fabrics. These and other questions fully as important are expected to draw to this meeting the largest gathering of stockmen in the history of the country. Mr. Madden will select a committee of prominent businessmen to assist him in providing entertainment for the visitors. As the International Livestock Exposition will be in session at the same time, it is expected that there will be over 100,000 stockmen here.

### The Country's Arid Lands.

Mr. George Maxwell, president of the National Irrigation Association, has had an interview with President Roosevelt on the subject of arid lands and irrigation. After an extended conversation, with the President Mr. Maxwell has expressed the opinion that he "had at last met a man who knew more about irrigation than himself." Mr. Maxwell added: "The President knows the subject. He has been west, and knows how big the west is. He knows all about the arid west, the semi-arid west and the vast importance and possibilities of irrigation." Hence Mr. Maxwell is confident that President Roosevelt's first message to congress will be the most pronounced irrigation document ever issued by any public officer; that he will urge congress in the strongest possible terms to enter upon a general and comprehensive scheme for irrigation,

and also for preserving the great forests that store up the water supply.

That these are the President's opinions, and that such will be his action, is known through other sources than the statement of Mr. Maxwell. No other President of the United States has known anything about the arid lands of the great west. The subject is one in which Mr. Roosevelt takes an especial interest, nor is it new with him; he has been forming his opinions and reaching his conclusions upon it through the observations of many years. But since it is an undertaking into which private capital is not likely to be embarked on a scale sufficiently great to show its possibilities, he sees it is necessary that the government should undertake an experimental demonstration, on a scale large enough to prove its national importance.

It cannot be doubted that the habitable and productive area of the United States may be extended, through irrigation, by millions of acres. A dozen states, containing more than 1,000,000 square miles, offers vast areas which may be turned to highest use for man through irrigation.—Oregonian.

### Four Years for Dawson.

George Hayes, of Eugene returned yesterday from Dawson after spending the summer there for the fourth time since the rush of 1897. He took in a band of beef cattle last spring from British Columbia, and has recently finished butchering them for the winter market in the Klondike. Beef, he says, will keep for the next six months, as it freezes solidly and no salt is required. He considers he did very well on the venture this year.

He thinks Dawson will last about four years more and then the country will be abandoned, as the placers will be worked out by that time and no ledges of any consequence have yet been discovered. Should good gold-bearing quartz be found in any quantity, Dawson would become a permanent camp, but of this there is very little sign at present. "Alaska, however, stands a good chance of being a permanent abode for white people, as its resources are varied and inexhaustible," he said.

### POINTERS.

Always wash your feet in water—molasses attracts flies. Don't work your ears—it may cause action of the brain cells, says an exchange. Never spit on the floor—with a little practice you can hit a rug. Cats carry diphtheria—don't contract diphtheria if you have a cat. Avoid all drafts—learn the step of the bank cashier and jump through the window. Eat fruit and vegetables in the summer they are too expensive in the winter time. Never use face powder so it will show—fool the people and you may marry rich. Don't allow your necktie to mount over your collar—it creates insanity in the people you meet. Don't work in the winter it brings on pneumonia, in summer it debilitates by increasing the perspiration. Always breathe through either your mouth or nose—deafness may result from breathing through your ear.

### The New Mirror.

Mirrors that one can see through according to the Philadelphia Post, are the latest invention which is becoming the rage. Looked at from one side they are perfect mirrors. Looked at from the other, a person can see through them the same as through a window. They are a great convenience in such institutions as a drug store, where a prescription clerk can stand behind one and put up a prescription unseen, and at the same time look through the mirror and see that the lady or gentleman who is waiting for the prescription does not steal the drugstore. They are called the "platinized glass," being backed by a compound made of 95 per cent silver and 5 per cent platinum.

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## A LARGE TRACT IRRIGATED

### ARID LAND BEING RECLAIMED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA.

The State Has Charge of the System Which Will be Operated on an Extensive Scale for Benefit of Settlers.

What seems to be a good beginning in the solution of the great arid land problem was made at Helena, Mont., Oct. 11, by the state of Montana. The State Arid Land Grant commission, which was created by the legislature with power to reclaim lands donated to the state by the general government under the Carey act, celebrated the opening of the great canal system in district No. 4. There were present besides members of the commission and other state officials, members of the press, including a representative of the Associated Press, and many representative engineers and business men. The canal intended to irrigate 33,500 acres of the Carey land, was opened and water sent on its mission of making homes for the small farmer.

District No. 4 comprises 33,000 acres of splendid land in the beautiful Dearborn Valley, in the northern portion of Lewis and Clark county of which Helena is the county seat. The state proposes to sell this land in tracts of 160 acres to actual settlers at only the cost of placing water upon the land, giving 10 years for payment in 10 equal annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Eleven thousand acres are now ready for settlement, and it is fair to say there is no more delightful spot in the Rocky mountain region. The picturesque main range of the Rockies skirts the Western edge of the valley and abounds in grand scenery, fish and all kinds of game and timber, and the land lies in small valleys surrounded by low-lying hills that supply rich grass for stock.

The state is building the canal system and will own and operate it in perpetuity for the sole benefit of the occupants of the land, and without profit to any one, making the enterprise entirely co-operative in nature. This is the first irrigating canal on the American continent to be built and operated by a state government and undoubtedly marks an epoch in the great irrigation problem.

Just now the chief excitement in Baker City is oil. In Malheur county, just to the south, has been discovered a large basin bearing unmistakable evidence of a large reservoir of oil. In fact, there is evidence of both oil and petroleum. Three companies have been formed in Baker City, one in Vale headed by Hope Bros., bankers; one in Spokane, and a couple here in Portland. A short ago, just east of Vale on the Idaho state line, parties boring a well struck oil. The well caved and they will have to do their work all over again, but will reach the same depth in a short time. Several wells will soon be started to the west of Vale, in the Malheur district, and a Baker City Company which has oil lands in Crook county, supposed to be on the same vein as the Malheur lands, will also begin boring very shortly. If oil it found in any quantity it will mean a railroad in that country at once.—Telegram.

W. H. Shirk, local agent for the California & Oregon Land Company, appears to be a rustler in that capacity. Last week he sold to Joseph Howard of Drews Valley two sections or 2280 acres of land adjoining his Drews Valley property. Part of this is agricultural and the remainder grazing land. He also sold two sections to Columbus and John Loftus at Crane Lake, and a section and a half, part meadow and the remainder grazing to Jas. Boyd and Mrs. Clara E. Anderson at Sly.—Lakview Examiner.

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