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THE LAND IS WITHDRAWN

SIX THOUSAND SQUARE MILES EM- BRACED IN RESERVE.

Lead Office Will Carefully Examine The
Tracts Before the President Issues
a Proclamation.

Oregonian News Bureau Wash-
ington, July 25.—Acting Secretary
Ryan today ordered the temporary
withdrawal from settlement or en-
try of all public lands in the tract
of about 6000 square miles in the
Strawberry and Blue Mountain re-
gions of Eastern Oregon, heretofore
described, with a view to its ulti-
mate creation into a forest reserve.
The withdrawal will remain in
force until the President's procla-
mation is issued.

While withdrawn, these lands
will be finally examined by officials
of the land office to determine ex-
actly what tracts shall be includ-
ed in the reserve, and what shall be
restored to the public domain. Al-
ready most of the valley lands that
are susceptible of agricultural de-
velopment or valuable for pasturing
have been excluded from the with-
drawal, including most land on
which settlers are located. Those
lands lying south of the Strawberry
range which were recommended
for withdrawal by Commissioner
Herman and Superintendent Orms-
by are also to be examined by the
Geological Survey, before they are
included in a reserve.

By the reports upon which this
vast withdrawal was made, it is
certain that this land is heavily
covered with timber, principally
pine and fir, much of which is
commercially valuable. There are
some smaller valleys affording
good pasture land, which may or
may not be opened for grazing after
the reserve is created. Grazing, it
is said, is the only industry, if any,
that will be interfered with by re-
serving these lands.

Contemplating the proposed es-
tablishment of this reserve, a num-
ber of settlers in Eastern Oregon
have filed vigorous protests with
the department, while others have
strongly indorsed the proposed
step. The sheepmen generally are
fearful that they will be handicapped
if a reserve is created, while the
farmers, and those looking forward
to irrigation development, are
heartily in favor of a more ad-
vantageous water storage and conserva-
tion. Before the final lines of the reserve
are drawn all protests will be care-
fully examined.

"Self-Raising Live Stock."

The O. R. & N. Co. recently is-
sued a new prospectus of Oregon,
Washington and Idaho. It was
edited by the late Colonel Pat
Donal. It contains several neat
illustrations, among them two wheat
shipping scenes near Pendleton, one
"Between the Walls of 100,000
sacks of wheat" and the other
"141,000 sacks of wheat waiting
shipment."

Following are extracts taken
from an article entitled "Self-Raising
Livestock."

"With a climate of perpetual
mildness, no cyclones, no blizzards,
over 50 varieties of indigenous
grasses, and streams and fountains
of pure mountain water everywhere
distilled from glaciers and eternal
snows, the Columbia River Empire
is a stockraisers' paradise. No
housing, no sheltering, no feeding,
care or attention of any kind. No
thing to do out round up the self-
raised cattle and horses to brand
the calves and colts, and pen the
sheep to shear them. They them-
selves do the rest, and revel in the
very fatness of plenty.

"Butchers in the Umatilla, Walla
Walla and Lewiston regions com-
plain that the sheep, raised on the
wild bunch-grass, grow too large
for their uses. A 275-pound sheep
was one of the prize winners in the
Oregon state fair in October, 1900.
A mutton-chop from a 250-pound
sheep looks like a rib steak from a
small Texas steer. Oregon has 1,
638,720 sheep, assessed at \$2,638,
720 sheep, that last year yielded

18,128,276 pounds of wool, worth
\$3,163,393 or within a trifle of their
own valuation.

"The cattle keep fat on the
ranges all the year round, two-
year-old steers ordinarily pulling
down the scales at from 1200 to
1400 pounds. Hoppner, Or., takes
premiums with a 2200 pound
thoroughbred Shorthorn cow—half
the weight of a fair-sized elephant.
Oregon has 334,499 cattle, assessed
as worth \$4,754,522.

Examining For Artesian Water.

Prof. I. C. Russell, U. S. Geolog-
ical Surveyor under the new irriga-
tion law, spent three or four days
in this section last week to deter-
mine the feasibility of the artesian
water system. He was well pleased
with his examinations, and stated
that he was of the opinion that
plenty of artesian water could be
obtained here with but little diffi-
culty. "Willow creek," said he,
"is especially favorable for the in-
auguration of this enterprise." He
also stated that artesian water
could be obtained almost anywhere
throughout the Malheur valley by
sinking wells well away from the
foothills. Mr. Russell, accompa-
nied by Robert Dawson, Scott Turner
and Joe Patterson, left here Sun-
day morning for Malheur and Har-
ney lakes, where the water supply
tributary to the Malheur valley
will be looked after. It is the in-
tention of the government to use
artesian wells in connection with
the storage reservoir system. Of
course the work being done now is
merely preliminary, and it will be
some time before we can look for
results. This is a gigantic problem
and far-reaching, and when once
well in hand the arid states will
blossom like the rose.—Vale Gaz-
ette.

A Little of Everything.

Wolf bounty claims have been
filed in the auditor's office in Lin-
coln, Neb., to the amount of \$20,000
and more claims are coming in
every day.

The Boston aldermen have de-
creed so far as they have authority,
that henceforth no portion, above
ground of the old state house shall
be given up to business.

It is probable that the tempera-
ture of the moon's surface at its
midday is 750 degrees Fahrenheit.
The drop at night is probably 1000
degrees to 250 below.

The Pasteur Institute for the
treatment of persons bitten by rabid
animals in Calcutta, is rapidly
gaining in popularity among the
natives. In the eight months end-
ing May 31st last, 352 persons were
treated, and the mortality was only
8 per cent.

The largest automobile in the
world is being constructed for a Pa-
cific doctor. In it, accompanied
by two medical students, he intends
to make a tour of the world. It
will have two sleeping apartments,
a large workshop and four big
tanks for storing oil.

A New York firm recently sent a
man to Manila to build a furniture
factory to employ about 400 hands.
The agent became disgusted with
Filipino workmen and has gone to
Hong Kong to establish a factory,
where a more satisfactory class of
labor can be had among the Chinese.

An Eskimo arrow of Walrus ivory
found imbedded in the breast of a
healthy Canadian gray goose shot
near Spokane, is on view in a store
in that city. No arrow of that sort
was ever seen in Spokane before.
The bird had evidently carried it
thousands upon thousands of miles
from the far north, where it was
shot by some Eskimo.

Probably the most expensive
book known is that which the Am-
eer of Afghanistan has presented to
the Shah of Persia. It is a manu-
script copy of the Koran, the bind-
ing of which is worth \$150,000.
This binding is of solid gold; the
carvings, which are the work of an
Afghan goldsmith, are encrusted
with precious stones—167 pearls,
132 rubies and 109 diamonds of the
purest water.

ARE AFTER THE RABBITS

MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS URGED TO DO SOMETHING.

The Vale Gazette Says Crops Have Been
Badly Damaged by Black-Tails
--Are Rapidly Increasing.

The people of this country may
be tired of reading of the numerous
jack rabbits now doing so much
damage in this country, but being
tired does not accomplish anything,
therefore the Gazette will keep on
discussing Mr. Rabbit, hoping that
the people will finally awake to the
fact that something must be done
to protect themselves against the
ever increasing black-tails. Early
last spring we advocated that nu-
merous drives be made in different
parts of the county, and estimated
that \$50, wisely expended, would
purchase materials for corals and
wings. For some reason the peo-
ple did not take kindly to the drive
idea, and the rabbits were allowed
to increase, and destroy crops and
gardens.

Every farmer in the valley has
been more or less injured by reason
of rabbits eating crops, and some
are injured to the extent of hun-
dreds of dollars. County Commis-
sioner Blanton, who resides four
miles this side of Ontario, informs
us that the rabbits have taken all
his 7 1/2 acres of wheat, besides doing
much damage to the alfalfa. Mr.
Taggart of Vale, who has quite a
field of wheat near town, estimates
that the rabbits have taken 15 acres
of his grain.

The rabbits are no respectors of
persons, and are treating other
farmers the same way.

If the loss this year would be the
last to be expected, it could be
borne without complaint, but if
something isn't done there will be
ten times as many rabbits next
year as there is this year, and an-
other such increase for the next
year, and the next and so on.

What are you going to do about
it?—Vale Gazette.

BRITONS BLAME THE AMERICANS.

The latest of the numerous sins
charged to Americans by London-
ers is responsibility for the high
prices of food. The increases in
the cost of meats and other neces-
saries of subsistence reached figures
this week never paralleled in Lon-
don. The representatives of the
Chicago meat packers deny that the
abnormal prices of meats are char-
geable to the American ship-
pers. Both they and the retailers
are complaining that there is no
money in the business. All con-
cerned say they would be glad
enough to suspend business until
more normal conditions are restor-
ed.

The representative of one of the
big Chicago concerns, when ques-
tioned by a representative of the
Associated Press and asked as to
why prices of meat were two pence
higher this week than they were at
this time a year ago, said:

"It is due to various causes, but
not in the least degree to combina-
tions or other schemes of Ameri-
cans. Australia's freezing plants
have been shut down on account of
the drought; her cattle have suffered
and Australian shipments have fallen
off three-quarters. The embargo
placed by the government on Ar-
gentine cattle on account of disease
has increased the scarcity of
meat. The primary cause of the
high prices of American meat was
the shortness of the 1901 corn sup-
ply, which prevented sufficient
feeding to furnish fattening cattle,
when the American farmer was sel-
ling corn at high prices instead of
feeding it to cattle, thereby decreas-
ing the supply of corn fed animals.

"As for Americans controlling
prices at Smithfield Market, nobody
controls them. We have to sell in
daily competition, not knowing the
qualities our competitors are offer-
ing, and we are obliged to take
largely what the buyers give. Eight
hundred and fifty thousand head of
American cattle were shipped to
England in 1901, while England

herself supplied 2,500,000 head, so
it is impossible for America to be
in a position to control prices."

Working Among the Farmers.

Several farmers in the vicinity
of Huntington are complaining that
they have been flim-flammed lately
by a smooth individual. This
man claims to be representing a
co-operative association, and upon
persons becoming members of it
they will be privileged to purchase
their supplies at wholesale prices.
The agent explains that it is nec-
essary for new members to sign the
rules and regulations governing the
co-operative organization, and to
put a few dollars admission fee.
The farmer signs a document and
a few weeks afterward he gets a
notice from a bank or collection
agency that they have a note
against him for a certain amount,
and for him to call and settle. The
farmer then wakes up to the fact
that while he thought he was sign-
ing the rules and regulations, he
had in reality signed a negotiable
note. Several have been caught
by this old scheme, and it would be
well for our readers to be on the
lookout.—Huntington Herald.

Will Talk on Irrigation.

The irrigation matter is soon to
have an able exponent in this part
of the Northwest, says the Portland
Journal. The Board of Trade has
just received a letter from George
H. Maxwell, chairman of the National
Irrigation Association, of
Chicago, indicating his willingness
to visit Portland and address the
business men and others interested
in this important matter. Mr. Max-
well is now in other parts of the
Northwest on a similar mission,
and asks to be advised at once
whether or not the matter is favor-
ably looked upon here. He desires
to visit the Sound cities and Port-
land during the months of Septem-
ber and October. The Board of
Trade will take the matter up at
its next meeting, and an invitation
will be extended to Mr. Maxwell to
come forward with this matter.

Oregon Briefs.

Clyde and Roy Ramsby, of Sil-
vertown, and Barrett F. Purdy, of
Kingston, have been arrested on a
charge of stealing \$3800 in gold
from Mrs. E. D. Ewing, of Hubbard.
Jefferson Gibson, who shot John
Schonbacher on April 13, last,
was recently sentenced by Judge
Hanna, of Grants Pass, to be hanged
on September 19. An appeal
will be taken.

The report that three armed men,
supposed to be Tracy and his com-
panions, had passed through Wood-
burn, has proven a false alarm.

The Eugene street fair will prob-
ably be held the third week in
September. Preparations are being
rapidly pushed.

Artie Anderson, of near Pendle-
ton has disappeared, leaving a wife
and child. He had been clerk of
the Juniper school district, but
through liquor, was in difficulties.

Cigarette-smoking boys caused
the burning of a barn and windmill
belonging to J. G. Crawford of
Albany.

Three hundred Chicago excu-
sioners will visit Grants Pass next
month and will spend two weeks
in the vicinity inspecting the mi-
neral resources of Southern Oregon.
The Golden Drift Mining Company
are the originators of the project.

The Baker City Chamber of
Commerce has decided to send a
lecturer east to decant on the mi-
neral wealth of Eastern Oregon.

Why can't some enterprising
medical man immortalize his
name by devising some kind of
scheme for inoculating a few jack-
rabbits with a poisonous germ
that will create a contagion among
the rabbits and exterminate them?
—Vale Gazette.

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