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FAVORS FOREST RESERVE

THAT'S WHAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE DECIDES.

Mining Can be Conducted Within the Reserve Limits--Water Sources Must Be Protected.

The Chamber of Commerce committee yesterday decided unanimously in favor of establishing the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve in Eastern Oregon, thereby disagreeing with the appeal from Harney County, which brought the subject before that body, says the Oregonian. The full committee considered the matter--Hon George H. Williams, chairman; Charles E. Ladd, Adolphe Wolfe, Lewis Russell and J. Frank Watson. Upon assembling Messrs. Williams and Ladd were distinctly in favor of the reserve and Messrs. Russell and Watson were inclined the other way. Mr Wolfe did not express any positive conviction until the vote was taken.

The discussion was brief and informal. The appeal of 20 business men of Burns was read, expressing the belief that the proposed reserve "is only an underhanded method by a few unscrupulous land warrant sharks of securing forest reserve land scrip and preventing the advancement, prosperity and happiness of a people who are striving to build homes." A letter from N. Brown & Sons, general merchandisers, was also read, bearing upon the argument that there is a special need for keeping the forest land open and unreserved, because of the isolation of that region and its lack of transportation facilities. Both have been heretofore published.

Chairman Williams took the ground that to reserve the forest would be to keep it from being gobbled by the timber seekers, who are eager for every available stick. "Would the farmers and miners be any better off after the timber speculators and investors gather it all in?" he asked. "The situation would then be much worse than it would be with the forest reserve. We may rest assured that they will not give their timbers away to the Harney county settlers. And when they should get ready they would cut their forest away, leave water sources exposed to dry up and the whole country to wither. My own mind is convinced that the best good of the country requires the proposed reserve."

Mr. Watson said no country containing minerals ought to be reserved, for mining in a forest reserve is attended by many inconveniences.

Mr. Ladd asked why mining could not be conducted with reasonable freedom in such a reserve, since there were provisions for the proper use of timber.

"Yes, I know that," responded Mr. Watson. "But what does that mean? It simply means that an inspector will be sent to the mine with his hand open behind his back and if a miner wishes to do more than take a tree for timbering his mine he must 'see' the inspector. If wood is wanted for fuel or for building it can't be obtained without dealing with the inspector, and that is a great nuisance. I know it is because I am interested in mining property within a forest reserve."

"But suppose the land were unreserved public domain," put in Mr. Ladd, "wouldn't you be prevented from taking the timber just the same? How could you take the timber then without stealing it, and then you would get into trouble with the government sure enough. I don't see why legitimate mining cannot be conducted on a forest reserve."

Chairman Williams sent for copies of the Oregonian containing a map of the proposed reservation and a synopsis of the laws and regulations touching forest reserves. They were consulted and discussed by the committee. It appeared clear that the law would not authorize withdrawal of tracts more

valuable for minerals or for general agriculture than for their forests. When the provisions of the law were heard opposition to the reserve visibly waned.

Henry Hahn, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, and heavily interested in the grazing interests of Eastern Oregon, made a brief statement to the committee that was regarded in the nature of expert testimony. He said the small farmer was the one most entitled to consideration and the small farmers of Eastern Oregon were in need of protection to the watershed from which the fertility of their land is derived. He deemed it certain that if the proposed reserve should not be made all the land would soon be taken and the private owners would make the most they could out of it, denuding the mountains and leaving the small farms to become desert. Mr. Hahn was strongly in favor of the proposed reserve.

After some further informal discussion Mr. Ladd moved that the committee report to the Chamber of Commerce in favor of establishing the Blue Mountain forest reserve. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Chairman Williams was instructed to set forth in the report the reasons upon which it is based.

PROTEST THE RESERVE.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Sept. 25.--(Special)--Many protests are being received by the general land office against the creation of the proposed forest reserve in the Blue Mountain region of Eastern Oregon, to include the lands recently temporarily withdrawn from entry. Stockmen complain that such a reserve would interfere with grazing, and mining interests assert that the development of the mineral deposits in the Blue and Starberry Mountains would be materially retarded if not entirely checked. Some complaints confine themselves to specific portions of the withdrawal, pointing out that various tracts are not sufficiently valuable for their timber to be embodied in a forest reserve. The Geological Survey now has a party examining the lands under withdrawal to determine what sections, if any, shall be eliminated from the final reserve. It is asserted that a reserve is ultimately to be taken, but final action will not be taken until all have had an opportunity to be heard. The department desires to avoid reserving lands not valuable for their timber, but maintains that neither the grazing nor the mining interests will be injured by the establishment of a reserve. The Presidential proclamation creating the reserve will probably not be issued for several months to come.

AGAINST THE RESERVE.

Judge M. D. Clifford, of the judicial district which is composed of Grant, Malheur and Harney counties, was in Portland yesterday from Canyon City says the Oregonian of the 17th inst. He is here to establish his family in winter quarters, so that his children may have the benefit of the educational facilities Portland affords.

Judge Clifford said yesterday that the people of his part of the state are quite agreed in their opposition to the creation of the proposed forest reserve in the Blue Mountain region. They are opposed to its creation upon the lines now mapped out for the reason that the boundaries include large tracts which are not forest land and which should not be included in a reserve. They feel that to withdraw land from settlement when no good is to be accomplished thereby would needlessly retard the development of the country. A number of men have been desirous of filing on claims included in the land withdrawn from settlement, but they have been prevented from making the filing.

Judge Clifford says that, aside from the question of boundaries, the people are opposed to the reserve for the reason that they have no information regarding the rules

and regulations, by which it will be governed. Because of the uncertainty, sheepmen, cattlemen and miners are equally against the move. If they were assured that they would not be deprived of grazing privileges, or that all would have a just share of such privileges, they might be willing to see the reserve created, but in the present state of uncertainty they are opposed to it.

Judge Clifford says that four counties in his section of the state ceased paying scalp bounties. They are among the leading coyote counties--Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney.

Lottie Peterson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Thorvald Peterson defendant.

To Thorvald Peterson, the above named defendant:
You are hereby summoned to appear and answer the complaint in the above entitled cause filed against you, in the above entitled Court by the 20th day of October, 1902 and are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will for want thereof apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint to-wit:

For a decree of the court dissolving the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant in said suit and also for the award of the care and custody of the minor children of said marriage with plaintiff and the costs and disbursements of the suit.
You will take notice further that the date of the order for this publication is the 2nd day of September 1902.

THORNTON WILLIAMS.

Att'y for plaintiff
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