

Both Ontario and Vale claim a victory in the compromise county seat bill agreed on last week. From appearances and what has heretofore been demonstrated it looks very good for Ontario.

The two mile limit bill has again been introduced in the legislature and referred to a special committee of Eastern Oregon men. Private advice from Salem says that it will again be reported unfavorably.

It was reported just before the legislature met that an effort would be made to change this judicial district. We learn that Judge Clifford, as well as other prominent men, opposes any change in this matter and none will be attempted.

The bill drafted by Hon Thornton Williams of this city and introduced by Representative Test to change the jury system by allowing a majority verdict in all civil and misdemeanor cases, is causing considerable comment at Salem. We learn through letters that it will more than likely become a law, as almost every attorney in the state favors it.

Malheur and Harney counties able representative, Hon. E. H. Test, is one of the busiest and most energetic members of the lower house of the Oregon legislature. Mr. Test has introduced the following seven bills: A bill asking for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the Ontario hatchery; a bill granting the people of Malheur county the privilege of voting on the re-location of the county seat; a bill authorizing the establishment of a high school at Burns; a bill to amend the charter of Ontario; a bill to incorporate the town of Nyssa and two bills to amend the code. The fish hatchery and Ontario bills have both passed the house.—Ontario Democrat.

The idea of Mr. Millis in regard to a remedy for the overcrowded range is to the point and the sooner our stockmen realize the benefit of such a move and take it up, the better for all concerned. While Mr. Millis is particular only with sheep the same may be applied to all other stock and especially horses. We have thousands of cayuses that eat out the range that are practically worthless. They are in fact the worse drawback to the ranges of Eastern Oregon. These worthless animals should be gotten out of the way at once to give room to such as would bring a good profit to the owner. It costs no more to raise a good animal than a poor one. Its up to the stockmen themselves to solve the range question.

The following was taken from the Telegram a small paper published on the little stream known as the Willamette a few miles above Astoria. The Telegram is of course to be excused as it is new in its life and hasn't lived long enough in Oregon to know much about the state geographically, besides being too remote from Burns to amount to much. The great moralist who penned the little paragraph is "hiding his light under a bushel" and should hold a more prominent position. He knows moreover, the exact effect a rabbit drive has on the mind of a child as he is no doubt perfectly familiar with the situation in the vicinity:

"People of Burns and vicinity, Malheur County, had a big rabbit drive last Saturday and Sunday, and the school children were taken along in big wagons, drawn by four-horse teams to see the sport. Now while it is quite justifiable to corral and kill thousands

of rabbits, because of the mischief they do, it is of at least doubtful propriety to take children out to witness the slaughter. Children are naturally quite crue enough to beasts over whom they have power, and such spectacles would seem not to be a proper part of their education."

It is asserted in letters we have received from the seat of war at Salem that Mr. Fulton's following cannot be held much longer unless he is able to increase his strength. Some are already weakening and a change is looked for the coming week in which Fulton will be "put out of it." Who the "dark horse" will be is very much a mystery. It is not thought H. W. Scott's name will be used at all. That gentleman is devoting much effort to defeat Senator Pierce's bill to compel the Associated Press to furnish news to all papers applying for it. The Oregonian and Telegram have heretofore had a monopoly on this news in Portland and Mr. Scott wants to keep out all competitors. W. D. Fenton, the S. P. R. R. attorney seems to have quite a following for senator, but the fact of his being associated with that big corporation seriously handicaps him and he is not considered very seriously by a majority of the legislators. No telling who will be "it."

NEW IRRIGATION LAW.

Senator Williamson's bill for the amendment of the arid land law proposes a number of radical changes in the law under which irrigation companies may secure contracts for the reclamation of arid land. The present law provides that persons wishing to purchase land held under an irrigation contract must secure a certificate from the lien holder to the effect that the lien has been satisfied, when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed from the state. The Williamson bill provides that payment shall be made to the state, the purpose being to prevent the irrigation companies from securing title to the land through the mediation of "dummies."

The bill also omits that clause of the present law which gives the companies exclusive control and possession of the land covered by their contracts, from and after the signing of their contracts. It requires three years' residence and the reclamation of not less than 20 acres of land, as an evidence of actual settlement, before the purchaser can secure a deed to the land. The purpose of this is also to prevent the land from passing into the hands of others than actual settlers. The bill provides that when the lien of the irrigation company has been paid, the irrigation works shall belong to the settlers who have purchased the land.

Killed Checker-Board Bill.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Feb. 2.—To representative Jones, of Washington, is due the credit for today killing the "checker-board" land bill, authorizing land-grant railroads or persons who have acquired their lands to relinquish a part of their holdings in the arid region, in exchange for contiguous government lands with a view to consolidation. The bill was called up under suspension of the rules, and would have taken a two-thirds vote to pass it.

Twenty minutes' debate was allowed each side, Representatives Bates and Lacy defending the bill, and Jones, Shafer and Kieberg opposing. Most of the time of the opposition was occupied by Jones, who made a very strong and ringing speech against the bill, following closely the line of its report, heretofore printed in these dispatches. When he had concluded, the friends of the bill, which had the approval of the interior department, concluded to not even ask an eye and no vote, but gave up the fight without a roll-call.

The house was apparently overwhelmingly opposed to allowing any more legislation along the lines of lieu-land law, and would have voted down the bill by a strong majority, had a roll-call been had.

FOREST RESERVE INSPECTOR HERE.

H. D. Langille, Forest Inspector of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., spent several days in our city this week looking over the maps and plat of the local land office. Mr. Langille was sent out by the department to inspect the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve and has been looking over the northern part of it. He left for Beulah this morning and will work back along the southern portion of the tract withdrawn to the west. The gentlemen met quite a number of our people and was ever ready to talk about the reserve and explain its workings.

The Times-Herald man had a short talk with the gentleman and from his conversation we are convinced that the reserve will not be such a detriment to this section as has been inferred.

Those who were making the most objections to the reserve were the stockmen who feared it would be a drawback to the range. In this respect Mr. Langille assured the stockmen that no onerous restrictions would be placed upon the matter and that all range questions would be equitably adjusted and prorated in a manner that would be satisfactory. It is not the intention of the government to lease the range privileges within the reserve and those who have an equitable right will be given every consideration.

When asked if it was likely that all the land now withdrawn would be included in the permanent reserve, he said that while the character of the land would justify its being included in the reserve, on account of conflicting interests it was possible that some would be thrown out.

Mr. Langille referred to many advantages of a forest reserve one of the most important of which—to this section, at least—was the protection of water sheds and the factor of irrigation.

The gentleman showed in conversation that he was quite familiar with most of the reserve already as he spoke in particular of certain townships referred to, it appears he is making a most thorough investigation and his report will be given to the Department on actual observation. This is what the people have desired.

The government is committed to a forest reserve policy and it is being carried out scientifically. The creation of the Blue Mountain reserve is not the whim of Secretary Hitchcock nor any dozen of government officials, but a general scientific movement backed up by the American Forestry Association and the actual necessity of preserving and protecting the forests. Mr. Langille spoke of one government forest reserve that had no forest at all, but which was reserved for the purpose of planting hardwood timber.

He spoke in highest terms of our Silvers valley reservoir site and is of the opinion that the government will take up the matter at once. He had never seen a better or more feasible proposition in the west.

While Mr. Langille has not completed his inspection of the proposed reserve, he will not likely visit Burns again before returning to Washington.

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A paper by Overton W. Price, chief of the government's bureau of forestry, in the Popular Science Monthly, is interesting reading just now since forest reserves are a matter of public discussion. Writing under the title, "The Economic Importance of Forestry," Mr. Price says:

"The success of this great undertaking (national irrigation) may be assured only through the preservation of forests which feed the streams available for purposes of irrigation. The careful protection of these forests can be accomplished only by the federal government, through their management as national forests reserves. Their extension to include all large bodies of mountainous forest within or tributary to the arid region is essential to the fullest development of the west."

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Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Harney county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Burns, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 11, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, February 14, at 4 o'clock.

Wednesday.—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday.—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday.—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday.—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 11, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Friday, February 13, at 4 o'clock.

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Thursday.—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law.

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