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RESSER GETS THE PLUM

RESIDENT YIELDS TO PLEAS OF THE OREGON DELEGATION.

Reusser's Broken Pledge to Corbett Held Up His Appointment--Secretary Hitchcock Objects.

President Roosevelt has decided to appoint A. S. Dresser as Register of the Oregon City Land Office, he being recommended by the entire Oregon delegation. The recommendation was made early in March, but has been unacted upon because of charges that were brought against Dresser, reviewing is course in the Oregon Legislature two years ago, when he declined to adhere to his pledge to support Corbett for Senator.

Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, was not favorably impressed with a man who not only refused to stand by his pledge, but who would make such a pledge in the first place, and secretary Hitchcock, even to the last minute, declined to indorse Dresser's recommendation, although the Senators assured him that Corbett money had been freely need before that legislature, and under the circumstances, a man of high character was justified in ignoring his pledge.

Senator Mitchell recently filed with the President a number of telegrams from county and judicial officers, citizens and the clergy of Jackson county, testifying to Dresser's character and ability, and under this pressure, the President has assumed responsibility and consented to make the appointment.

The promise to Senator Simon, made a year or so ago, is regarded as no longer binding, inasmuch as Simon, during the last year of his term, made no effort to have Steel any one else appointed to the registership. Because of his negligence, the President has concluded that Simon cannot now, since he has retired from the Senate, expect to dictate matters of Federal patronage in Oregon. Dresser's appointment will probably be announced on Monday.

Bees at Freight Depot.

Honey will be all right, but the employees of the freight depot are diverse to having bees consigned with it, says the Pendleton Tribune. A casual observer yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock would have appeared as if a large spire had been established at the freight depot and doing a rushing business. The bees were looking for honey and the men around the building were looking for some one to corral the bees. Shipping bees by the train is all right, but shipping them individually is not what it might be.

Among the freight transfers at the R. & N. yesterday were 42 cases of bees assigned to a man at Milton. These bees had been shipped while the weather was very chilly and the necessary precautions to provide against the sunny climate of Pendleton had not been observed in all cases. Two of the hives were not securely closed. The warm weather of yesterday awakened the busy little insects and about the time the employees of the freight depot got their readiness to move the 42 cases the bees were also in readiness to do business, and in the two hives discovered the opening and went out on a search for honey, intimating that they would brook no interference whatsoever. It began to look for a moment or so as if the bees were going to swarm and make very uncomfortable, but by careful manipulation the hives were transferred to the Milton cars and the bees allowed to make a promenade around the sunny side of the car. Here they warmed in and out all afternoon, following the car up and down. The track as it was being switched and making the broken men walk around a block to avoid passing over the car. When the train pulled out last night everything was quiet in

OREGON IRRIGATION WORKS

GOVERNMENT LOCATES FIRST SITE ON BUTTER CREEK.

Many Homesteads Being Filled Under The Proposed Ditch--Locators Charging for Finding Claims.

White woman obtains divorce from Chinese husband.

The first feasible reservoir site for the proposed Butter creek government irrigation ditch has been located on McKay creek, but it is only of moderate size. If it were utilized a dam would be built on McKay creek and the water let down this creek during the dry season into the Umatilla River, and run down the bed of the Umatilla to Echo.

The failure of the Government agents to find any feasible natural reservoir sites in the Echo country has caused consternation among the people of the district affected, and among the scores of people who have filed on claims under the proposed ditch or intended to file is now expressed. Last the entire project may be abandoned.

The Government experts are incensed at the action of locators in finding claims for homesteaders at \$25 and \$50 each, making as it is alleged, representations that water would be on the land shortly, whereas no water is in sight for several years yet, even if the project is carried out.

At the La Grande land office 50 entries have been made, while three times that many locations have been hunted out in the portion in the La Grande district alone. Others are filing at The Dalles.

Search was made for natural reservoirs in the country back of Echo by J. G. Camp. Another Government surveyor named Whistler is now in this country from Portland. He is said to be on the forks of McKay today looking for a second site.

The Butter creek proposition is by no means yet assured. The government has never said it would put it through; the withdrawal was for the purpose of investigating its feasibility.

Sumpter Valley Preparing to Extend.

A special from Baker City to the Oregonian says: The Sumpter Valley railroad people are quietly preparing to make a move of some kind in the way of extending the road this spring. Chief Engineer West has been looking over the country up above Whitney for the past week, and President Eccles has been consulting with his lieutenants here for several days. While all the officials are absolutely non-committal, everything indicates that the road is to be extended this season into Harney County, possibly as far as Burns.

POLICY ON FORESTRY.

President Declares It is in Interest of Home-Makers.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, were among the members of the Society of American Foresters who attended the weekly meeting of that association at the home of Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the department of agriculture, at Washington one day last week. The President remained about half an hour. He made an interesting talk to the assembly on the general subject of the preservation of the forests, and of forestry as a profession.

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Public Land Sale. An increase of 50 per cent in the public land sale in this state during the past year is shown by the remittance of Oregon's share of the fund derived from that source. State Treasurer Moore received from the General Government \$23,000,000, which is fifty per cent of the proceeds of public lands in this state. This money is to be distributed among the counties in proportion to their area, and must be used for the construction of roads and bridges. Last year the fund amounted to but \$15,113,555. The Secretary of State will appropriate the fund among the counties in a few days. The large Eastern Oregon counties will receive the greater part of the fund.

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SUMMONS.

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

John W. Biggs and Dalton Biggs, Composing the Co-partnership of Biggs and Biggs, Plaintiffs, vs. C. W. Rann, Defendant.

To C. W. Rann, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the above complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so answer or appear, or want thereof, plaintiffs will take judgment against you for the sum of \$471.76 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 21st day of February, 1903, together with attorneys fees and costs and disbursements of this action, being the amount of the judgment, demanded in plaintiffs complaint herein.

This summons is published by order of Hon. H. C. Leveus, Judge of the County Court of Harney County, Oregon, dated the 27th day of February, 1903, which order requires this summons to be published in The Times Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Burns, Oregon, once a week, for a period of six weeks. The date of the first publication hereof is February 28, 1903.

C. A. SWEET, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Religious Services. Services at Christian Science Hall every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Subject for Sunday, April 5, "Are Sin, Disease and Death real?"

Rev. A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every sabbath at 2 p. m.

Sunday school at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock a. m. On the second, third and fourth Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock p. m. Preaching service every second Sunday at 8 p. m.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Devine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

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WAITING FOR LAW TO TAKE EFFECT.

State Land Board Will not Anticipate Its Action.

The last legislature passed an act providing for doubling the minimum price at which state school lands might be sold in future, but there was no emergency clause to the bill, hence it will not take effect until May 21, and it is probable that there will be no change made until that time.

There has been some criticism of the State Land Board because the new law has not been anticipated and its provisions put into effect at once by a rule of the board raising the price to that prescribed in the act just passed. In discussing this matter with the members of the board, it was learned that there were two considerations controlling the board in this matter. First, they thought that if it was the desire of the legislature to set the machinery in motion at once, a few words inserted in the bill would have been sufficient, and so long as that was not done the inference is it was not so desired. Second, the board does not believe that there is any school land now left in Oregon which is worth any more than \$1.25 an acre, all the desirable land having been long since taken up, so that as a matter of fact, the law will make very little difference to the state in any event.

An Extravagant Legislature. Of all reputations the late Oregon legislature did not make one for economy. Here are the figures for the last three sessions by way of comparison:

For 1899-1900 \$1,389,044.25
" 1901-1902 1,795,900.91
" 1903-1904 2,513,717.52

It does not seem possible that the needs of the state should have nearly doubled in four years and become a half more or thereabout in two years. It must be sized up as an extravagant legislature.

Boys should be taught not only that it is unlawful to kill any except game birds, but that for various good reasons it should not be done even if there were no law against it. The birds not only entertain with song, talk, plumage and motion, but they are very useful friends and helpers of the farmers and the gardeners. Not only ought they to be safe from violent death or injury, but should be made welcome and at home everywhere.—E. X.

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