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GOVERNOR ASKS FOR PLEDGE

MAJORITY OF LEGISLATORS MUST OPPOSE OTHER ENACTMENTS.

Chamberlain no Anxious to Have Assembly Meet, Free to Pass on any Matters That Seem Fit to Members.

Governor Chamberlain has decided that he will not call a special session of the legislature unless he is requested to do so by a majority of the members of the two houses who will promise to oppose any other legislation than that correcting the defect in the tax law. In order to ascertain the views of the members of the legislature, the Governor has addressed to each of them a letter, of which the following is a copy:

"Salem, Nov. 6.—Dear Sir: Because of the recent decision of the Supreme Court, holding that the so-called Phelps law, passed by the last Legislature, does not provide for the levy of a tax on the assessment of 1903, it is insisted that unless the legislature is convened by me in special session, the state and many counties, cities and school districts will be seriously crippled in the conduct of public business. So far as the state is concerned, I have satisfied myself by investigation that the administration of the state institutions would not be seriously handicapped, even if no tax is levied for this year, and if counties, cities and school districts would suffer materially by a failure to call the legislature together for the purpose of enacting a law which will meet the objections made by the Supreme Court to the Phelps act, then the Senators and representatives of the several counties are in a better position to know that fact than I.

"If an emergency exists at all, it is only because of the failure of the Phelps law to provide for a levy of tax on the assessment of 1903. In my interviews quite a number of Senators and Representatives have pressed the opinion that an emergency does exist, and that there could be a special session of the legislature, and that no legislation could be enacted other than what necessary to cure the defect in the law referred to. I do not know whether a majority of them entertain this opinion or not, but if I am assured that they do, and that their localities would suffer if no special session is called for 1903, I will, at the proper time, convene the legislature. Before taking any action in the premises, however, I must be satisfied upon both these points. If, therefore, the Senators and Representatives, or at least a majority of them, will address me communicating requesting that a special session of the legislature be convened in order to cure the defect in the Phelps law, or to provide for a levy of tax on the assessment of 1903, assuring me that they will oppose the enactment of any other whatsoever at such session, that they will promptly advise upon the enactment of said law, then I will, in due course, call for a special session of the legislature. Otherwise, I shall be at that no emergency exists in several counties, cities and school districts in this state, and decline to issue said call. I am induced to take this course because of the fact that it has never been claimed, until the recent decision of the Supreme Court, that an emergency existed for convening the legislature in special session yet now that the subject or discussion, it has been brought to my attention that numerous are in course of preparation which will be urged for passage entirely new in their some for the repeal of laws passed, and others amendments to existing statutes. All legislation could be postponed to the regular session, and, in addition, to attempt it now but tend to make confusion confounded, and add to litigation which has already grown out of legislation.

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Supreme Court to the act in question would be the work of a day or two at most, and very little expense would be incurred thereby. I am led to believe that the members of the legislature, with all of whom I am personally acquainted and for whom I entertain the highest regard, share the same opinion as I do in reference to what should be done at a special session, but unless I am assured that they do and that they will oppose all other legislation, I do not feel that I would be justified in exercising the extraordinary power vested in me by the constitution.

"This communication will be given to the press, and if published each member of the legislature will know that in due course the original thereof will be forwarded to him, and he may expedite matters by replying at once. I have the honor to remain, yours very respectfully,

"GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN."

Coal Near Dayville.

Word has reached this place that the crew of miners prospecting for coal on the river near the home of James Small have drilled through a solid bed of coal to a depth of 140 feet. Nor is the bottom of this wonderful stratum yet reached. Should these reports be confirmed, and they are made on good authority, they are made on good authority, this will prove to be one of the largest deposits of coal ever discovered.

The operations are being conducted by P. A. Downs, a Boise coal expert, and the question of quality has most likely been settled, as these investigations have been going on quietly for some time. Had not the quality proven satisfactory it is not probable that he would have placed heavy machinery on the ground and employed a number of workmen to investigate the extent of the deposit.

It is rumored that Mr. Downs represents the O. R. & N. company, but whether this be true or not matters little, for as soon as such vast deposits of coal of a commercial quality are proven to exist in this valley, transportation will be provided. A number of different railway companies would bustle to be the first to get their lines into the field.—Grant County News.

A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Burns druggists.

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To all that it may concern: Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Ione Whiting, was on the 10th day of Oct. 1903 duly appointed Administratrix of the estate of Frank W. McClintock deceased, and all persons, having claims against said Estate, are hereby required to present them, verified as by law required, to me within six months from said 10th day of Oct. 1903, at Burns, Oregon.

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TRIP EAST NOT ENTIRELY WITHOUT GOOD RESULTS.

Secretary and Oregon Chief Executive Exchange Information on Land Matters—Understands Department.

Governor Chamberlain gave the Salem correspondent to the Oregonian the following upon his arrival home Washington:

"If I call a special session of the legislature to remedy the defective tax law, the date for the session will probably be about a week before Christmas," said Governor Chamberlain, who returned tonight from his trip to Washington.

"I have not yet determined whether I shall call a special session and will not do so until I have investigated the condition of the finances of the state, the several counties, cities and school districts.

"I shall ascertain the condition of the state funds and watch the newspaper reports from the different parts of the state, and in this way I can learn what the public welfare demands.

"If it is necessary in order to protect public employes and others from warrant lookers and to prevent crippling of the public service, I shall call a special session, but otherwise I shall not. I will probably decide what to do in a week or ten days."

Governor Chamberlain is not entirely satisfied with the results of his trip to Washington, and yet feels that his trip has been productive of some good. Both he and the Commissioner of the general Land Office have a better understanding of public land affairs in Oregon, though he and the department could not agree upon the point which was of greatest moment to Oregon's executives.

"The principal purpose of my visit," said the governor tonight, "was to induce the Secretary of the Interior to give a preference of state land where the state's titles have failed, so that the purchasers could have time to protect themselves by making their titles good with scrip or otherwise. The Secretary received my very cordially and heard all that I had to offer in behalf of those who are about to lose title to land in this state.

"He said that, however much he might desire to do so, he was powerless to give the preference I desired. I did not agree with him, and do not yet, for I have observed that the Land Department is practically supreme in the management of land business, and it seems to me that he could have granted this preference if he would.

"The Secretary's opinion prevailed, however, and it seems that the only way for the purchasers of these lands to save themselves is to settle upon the lands, take a relinquishment from the state and file as homesteaders. Many of them cannot do this.

"While I was in Washington, or shortly after I left there, the department made announcement of a forest reserve policy which is radically different from that which has prevailed in the past. The new plan has already been published in the Oregonian's Washington dispatches. If that policy shall be pursued in the future, I have nothing further to say against forest reserves, but if the old policy is ever resumed, I shall rise and protest as vigorously as ever.

"I do not know whether the policy is of very recent adoption or whether it has been in mind for some time, and has just been announced. I do know, however, that when the extensive withdrawals of public lands were made in the Blue Mountains, in southwestern Oregon, in Southern Oregon, east of the Cascade and in Northwestern Oregon, the people of the state had no reason to believe that any other policy would be pursued than that which has prevailed in the past.

"Every forest reserve that has been created in the past has made scrip by the wholesale for the large corporations, and by means

of that scrip the corporations were enabled to take our best timber lands. When new reserves were proposed we had every reason to expect a renewal of the scripping abuse. No wonder that a protest went up in the state.

"It is announced now, however, that the temporary withdrawals will not be made permanent until the laws governing the exchange of lands in the reserve for lands outside the reserves have been amended so that worthless lands cannot be exchanged for valuable lands. If this policy is to be pursued, then I say the department cannot tie up too much timber land in temporary withdrawals.

"If Congress fails to pass the remedial laws as recommended, none of the reserves should be made permanent. Temporary withdrawals keep the timber lands out of the hands of the scrippers. The creation of permanent reserves under present laws would only make more scrip and extend the scripping abuse.

"I believe that Congressional action is influenced by these corporate interests, and I doubt whether laws will be amended. Whatever approval I give to the forest reserve system is conditional upon the carrying out of the policy recently announced by the department, that of not making permanent reserves until the laws are properly amended.

"The scripping abuse has been the evil of the forest reserve system, and when that evil has been removed I have no objections to the creation of forest reserves where there is valuable timber to be preserved.

"I have good evidence that there are now in this state land operators with scrip for 100,000 acres of land, and that they are waiting for some of the reserves to be thrown open so that they can use the scrip to seize the best of the lands. I should be sorry to see any reserves thrown open.

"I took back to Washington with me a complete list of all the state lands that have been sold within the boundary of proposed forest reserves in Oregon, evidently in anticipation of the creation of a reserve. This list contained the name of the purchasers.

"The department now has a copy of the list and the secretary of the Interior told me that when the reserve is created he will try to see that the lands purchased in this manner are left out. I understand that 'base' is depreciating in value."

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AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY MADE.

The Legend of Lewis and Clark, 1804-5 Cut into Bark of a Tree.

Did Lewis and Clark, the great explorers, spend the winter of 1804-5 in this vicinity is a question now up for decision and no doubt will be settled one way or the other before many months, says the Grant County News.

Dr. H. E. Curry, a well known physician of Baker City, who has returned from the phantom fields at Mt. Rastus, brings back some interesting facts which will be of great historical interest when thoroughly investigated.

Dr. Curry and Archie J. Murray are partners owning mining claims in the newly discovered Mount Rastus district, their holdings being on the south side of Ironside mountain. In their employ are three men, Bob Nelson, Dick Yoakum and Jack Gould.

A few days before the doctor's return to his home in Baker City, these men had occasion to go down in the valley at the foot of the mountain where they were working for the purpose of securing water from a spring.

They happened to notice an aspen tree about one foot in diameter on which was some carving.

Closer inspection showed the following legend had been cut deep into the bark of the tree.

"Lewis and Clark, 1804-5." It is the opinion of those who have examined this inscription that the carving was done in the winter time, and upwards of a century ago, as the sap of the tree, in endeavoring to heal the scars on its trunk made by cutting the characters, has filled up the openings until each letter and figure stands out prominently and can be read.

The attention of several of the oldest timers in that part of the country was called to this find and none of them have ever seen or heard of it before.

This fact, however, awakened recollections in the minds of old timers who had noticed similar inscriptions in that section which will now be investigated.

It should be added that the words Lewis and Clark are carved vertically down this tree, while the figures 1804-5 are cut around the tree, but immediately below the letters.

On the side of the mountain, about three-fourths of a mile above where this tree stands, a stone fort has been found. This structure is about large enough to hold a half dozen men and is provided with loopholes. The rocks of which it is built show evidences of having been struck with bullets at some time in the past.

Another historical relic in this newly found mineral zone is the remains of a log cabin on the top of Ironside mountain far above where any timber grows. Consequently the logs with which it was built had to be hauled a long distance up the mountain. The site of this cabin is where a view of the entire country can be seen for many miles. Those who have examined the ruins of this log cabin state that it must be at least 100 years since it was built.

The above is about all that is known at present about these evidences of past occupation of that section. The carved tree, stone fort and log cabin are near an old Indian trail which has been used for the aboriginals for probably hundreds of years and it is said over this trail Lewis and Clark and their expedition traveled while on their way across the continent.

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