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The sixtieth congress convened last Monday and the President's message was read on Tuesday. It is a most lengthy document and we haven't had time to read it through yet consequently refrain from comment.

It seems rather strange that men may be subjected to fines without resorting to courts or evening a chance for a hearing. Yet this seems to be the manner in which forest reserve guards do things. Does this money ever reach proper channels or is it a part of perquisites?

The statements of the condition of each of the National banks of Burns appear in this issue and they are most flattering, considering the supposed money stringency. Home people have never felt in the least uneasy concerning the stability of these two institutions and with the statements just issued before them they will feel even more confident.

Frank L. Smith Meat Co. of Portland has an announcement in this issue offering hard cash of the realm for fat stock. The stockmen here have what Mr. Smith is looking for and they would appreciate some of that same cash, but through an oversight, apparently, our friend Edward H. failed to provide the necessary transportation, therefore our fat stock must await better roads before reaching the market.

The Portland Oregonian has announced that it will act independent in politics in future after a half a century of hide-bound partisanship. If Mr. Scott is really sincere and conscientious in this determination it can and will do much for the benefit of Oregon. Its announcement will not meet with the approval of the professional politician, but that is to be expected. To the man who really thinks for himself and sees the necessity of independence in political affairs, it is welcome news.

A letter received by this great religious weekly the other day from a man who is anxious to locate in the Great Harney Country states that he has been deferred from visiting this section on account of the money stringency and fears that all our land will be taken up before he can get here. Such a thing is possible but hardly probable, unless he should wait until our friend Edward H. gets his railroad across this big valley. With over 4,000,000 acres of vacant land now people would have to come in pretty rapidly to take it all within a very short time. Of course the most desirable tracts are being taken up at an astonishing rate and those who would get the best should not delay, especially as there is no financial stringency here and such inconvenience could be avoided were they now residents of the Harney country.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Nick Young had the misfortune to have both his legs broken below the knees last Monday morning in a bad run-away. He had hitched four horses to a disc plow at the Frank Jackson farm 7 miles east of this city and as he started from the granary one horse started to run. Mr. Young attempted to throw the disc into the ground with the hope of steadying the team but owing to the ground being hard it would not catch and before he could remove his hand from the lever to use in controlling the horses they were going at a terrific speed.

When he removed the hand from the lever he lost his balance and thinks in falling he must have been caught in the wheel and was turned over and over several times before he became loosed from the plow. Josh Black was working for him near and the team ran down to where he was. He immediately came to the assistance of the injured man, but on account of the terrible pain he could not move him.

Geo. Whiting came in after Dr. Marsden who went out immediately and made Mr. Young as comfortable as possible and

finally moved him to Mrs. Shelley's residence in this city where he is getting along as well as could be expected.

The Doctor found a compound fracture of the left leg and the flesh and muscles badly lacerated. The right leg is badly fractured. Owing to the wounds on one leg and the swollen condition of the other it has been impossible to place them in permanent casts up to this time. The injured man does not suffer very much from the limbs but seems to have been quite severely strained and is very sore.

Mr. Young is a very industrious young man who has made friends since casting his lot in this vicinity. He has three sisters and two brothers living in Jackson county, but no relatives in this section.

TEACHERS' ANNUAL INSTITUTE

School Supt. Hamilton has arranged the program for the coming institute to be held at the high school building in this city beginning Wednesday evening, Dec. 18. The instructors will be Supt. J. A. Churchill of Baker City, Supt. C. J. McIntosh of John Day, Prof. I. C. Raymond of the public schools of Burns, Prof. D. W. Yoder and Miss Mary Godfrey of the Harney county high school.

There will be two evening sessions, the first on Wednesday evening which will be preliminary to the institute proper. The program will consist of music, welcome address and response, etc. The program for the second evening session will consist of a lecture by Supt. McIntosh and also a lecture by Supt. Churchill. Music will also be a feature in this program.

APPEAL IN CAREY ACT CASE.

The Harney Valley Improvement Co. has filed an appeal from the decision of the Register and Receiver of the local land office in the case involving the 60,000 acre Carey Act segregation in this valley. The protest of the P. L. S. Co. which was heard here a year ago resulted in the local office recommending the cancellation of the contract. It is from this decision that the Harney Valley Improvement Co. appealed. This appeal is accompanied by a certificate of the secretary of state that the Harney Valley Improvement Co. has been reinstated as a corporation and an affidavit that should the contract be awarded the capital will be subscribed to complete the project.

AGAINST LAND LEASING.

It is no great thing that these stockmen are asking for—only the privilege of doing as they have been doing for the past decade or more. They do not want to be forced to accept a law that will compel them to pay a rental for the land they have grazed their stock over for years without payment. They do not want foisted upon them a statute that will force them to call Uncle Sam their landlord; that will make renters of them, and, at that, renters whose tenure, if the plan works out according to administration calculations even though it may nominally be for five or ten years, would really be limited to whatever length of time homesteaders might leave their ranges alone.

Left alone, the stockmen of the range states will solve the problem. They will see to the settling up of the country, because their interests, under the present conditions, demand that settlement be encouraged. After these conditions and watch for the result. There will be but one.

All over what was a few years ago the cow country, towns are springing up, farms are being put under irrigation, and crops are being produced. Land that even government officials declared, ten years ago, could never be used for anything but range, now produces annual crops of hay and grain that make the yield of middle west farms look paltry in comparison. All that the range state stockmen want is that present conditions, under which these things have come to pass shall be continued. It is usually safe to leave to the people of a given section the settlement of questions vitally concerning such sections, and it will be safe to do so in this case.—Live Stock Bulletin.

WANT HOLIDAYS DECLARED OFF.

A Portland paper says: After taking action in regard to an appropriate tribute to the late Judge Fraser, last night, an effort was made by a number of the members of the Multnomah Bar Association to bring about an adjournment of the meeting without the transaction of further business, out of respect of the dead jurist. For the reason, however, that the business on hand was a discussion of the bank holidays, and that the meeting was called and suspensions issued to each member to compel his attendance, before the death of Judge Fraser, it was thought best by the majority present to proceed with the framing of a resolution upon the subject for the benefit of the Governor.

A resolution was finally adopted expressing the opinion of the association that it would be wise to discontinue the holidays next Monday, with the provision that they be declared again if panicky conditions should threaten business interests. Action in the form of a suggestion to the Governor came after Judge M. C. George had expressed his opinion that such action would be proper. The resolution of the association suggested by John H. Hall, and finally adopted by a large majority, was as follows: Resolved, That it is the sense of the Multnomah Bar Association that the Governor of this state be requested to discontinue the holidays upon Monday, the 9th day of December, 1907, such discontinuance to be temporary and dependent upon conditions as they may develop.

DIED—At her home in this city, Thursday morning, Dec. 5, Mrs. Ida Shelton, aged 41 years. Mrs. Shelton had been suffering from pneumonia for about ten days and her physician and those attending upon her did everything possible but without avail. The funeral was conducted at the residence yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. W. Holloman of the Baptist church. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Murphy, former residents of this county, but who now live in Benton county. She came here with her parents in an early day and was married about 22 years ago. A few years later they moved to Idaho where her husband was killed; she then returned here with her son, where she had since resided. She is survived by her parents, three sisters and a son, the latter is now with his grandparents. Mrs. Shelton was a good woman and most highly respected by all who knew her.

NO EXTRA SESSION.

A Salem dispatch says: "I shall not call an extra session of the legislature," said Governor Chamberlain. "Question whether it would do any good and the views expressed by the representatives of the commercial interests of the state, at the meeting in Portland, coincides with my own views. The idea of calling an extra session has seemed to me from the first to be of questionable propriety. "It seems to be the general consensus of opinion all over the state that the holidays should be continued, probably until the first of the year. It is quite likely that I shall follow this course, although I do not think serious consequences would ensue if the holidays were terminated at an earlier date. But all I can say

positively at this time is that for the present the holidays will probably be continued. "The demand for a continuation of the holidays comes even more strongly from the business interests than from the banks."

Report of the condition of the HARNEY COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF BURNS, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 2d, 1907.

NO. 6295.

Report of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BURNS, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 2d, 1907.

Geo. Porter is home from a visit to Sherman county and other points.

NO TRESPASSING. Hunting is forbidden upon my premises. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Burns, Oregon, October 25, 1907.

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