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Senator Chamberlain has been made a member of the committee on public lands, agriculture, irrigation and printing, the former three being committees on which he can be of great use to Oregon. These committee holdings together with the ones held by Bourne will give Oregon a good leverage for many needed things.

Well, guess we have lost the Dry Farm Experimental Station—that is if underneath the breath mutterings are so, and we think at the present writing they are. After Harney County had "fathered" the bill, pushed with all our influence, both local and official, put our masterful force and energy back of it, through and into it with the promise from both state and nation that our vast semi-arid domain would at least receive a consideration and just investigation, it now transpires that the commission never even gave us a thought and never had any intention of it. Will they keep us down? Never!

The editor of this religious weekly has known William Hanley for about twenty-five years, during which time he has never known him to do anything that a gentleman would be ashamed of, and knows that he has done more to induce settlement of this county and to bring capital in to develop the country and has done more in the way of development of the country himself than any other one man; and instead of fencing up the public land has been building canals, ditches and telephones and causing many thousands dollars to be paid out annually for labor and stock; and thereby making many happy homes. Whatever is thought of Mr. Hanley away from home he can console himself with the knowledge of being loved and respected at home where he is best known.

SIX INDICTED FOR FENCING.

Six indictments charging fraudulent fencing of public lands in Oregon were returned by the federal grand jury, says the Portland Journal. The principal defendant is William Hanley, alleged to have "fenced for his own use" some 80,000 acres of government land in Harney county. The indictment further says that Hanley refused to give other persons access to the land for the purpose of settlement, and "that he even excluded them from crossing the tract to lands lying beyond."

Similar indictments charging possession of smaller tracts were found against O. C. Jennings, Joe Vey, Antone Vey, John Boyd, and Fredric Phillips.

WOOD ASKS SPEEDY TRIAL.

William Hanley, the Harney county cattleman, indicted recently by the United States grand jury for alleged unlawful inclosure of the public domain, appeared in the Federal Court this morning and through C. E. S. Wood, his attorney, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge, and asked for an immediate trial. In the course of his remarks upon the subject Mr. Wood said:

"There is a paper published here which is one of the Scripps-McRae syndicate of papers, and it has been fit to publish Mr. Hanley as a land thief, a land grabber, an intimidator of settlers and cattle thief. I may say incidentally it has associated me in the same series of offenses. And, in order to show their power, they have published these facts in every paper controlled by this Scripps-McRae syndicate; at Berkeley, Cal., Sacramento, Spokane, Seattle, Cincinnati, O., and are sending out marked copies.

"Now they have been indicted by the state grand jury for libel of Mr. Hanley, and your Honor can see the handicap that he would be under as prosecuting witness in that case, with this undisposed of and hanging over his head as a doubtful matter; whereas it will not be claimed by the Government that Mr. Hanley ever fenced a foot of Government land in his life. It will not be claimed that he has a dollar's interest in this ranch, or that he ever saw or was along

this line of fence. He is a mere hired manager for the property, taking care of the interests of the owners.

"They only acquired the property two years ago as a land speculation, and are indifferent about the fences, and knew nothing about them.

"Mr. Hanley told the Government's representative out there in the presence of witnesses: 'I have just assumed charge of this property, and it is the common understanding that there is Government land inside the fence lines; but the fences have been down for years, as I understand, and if they are not satisfactory to you, if you will let me know I will make it satisfactory.' The Government agent, Mr. Stoner, said: 'Mr. Hanley, if everybody acted like you there would never be any trouble.' The next thing he knew, information was filed against him by Mr. Stoner.

As a reply United States Attorney McCourt said he did not care to enter into these statements by Mr. Wood at this time, except to say that the Government agent referred to denied absolutely any conversation with Mr. Hanley as that mentioned.

"This court as I understand it, said Mr. McCourt, 'now has cases set down for trial under its admiralty jurisdiction until the middle of next month or thereabouts. I have a grand jury in session, and but one assistant. It has been my expectation, at least as soon as the grand jury was dismissed, and I could get to it, to ask the court to summon a trial jury and dispose of all cases that could be reached, especially those where defendants are in custody. Mr. Hanley is not in this position, but I will say the District Attorney's office will be ready by April 20 to try any and all cases that may be gotten ready at that time. Mr. Hanley's case among them.'

Judge Wolverton announced that cases are set on the Admiralty docket until May 10, and if there is not an other judge appointed his court would probably proceed with that docket until it is cleared up, after which the way would be clear for a jury. He recognized the importance of the proceeding to all concerned, and declared that his court would get a jury as quickly as it could, and allow Mr. Hanley an early trial.—Telegram.

WORLD LOOKS NOW TO DRY FARMING.

"Dry farming, quickly defined is the art of raising grain, fruit and vegetables on lands hitherto considered arid, and of no value except for sheep grazing," said John F. Burns, secretary-treasurer of the Dry Farming Congress, who is spending a few days in Portland. "Not only the United States, but a large portion of the whole world is interested in dry farming, and at our convention at Cheyenne a few weeks ago, representatives from Canada, Mexico, Siberia, Australia and the Transvaal were interested participants. The growing population of the world demands that these hitherto neglected acres be made to produce and the area of arid lands devoted to farming will grow rapidly from year to year.

"In dry farming, a region in which less than eight inches of moisture falls is of little use, but where the rainfall or snow-fall amounts to more than eight inches good crops of grain and fruit are being successfully grown at this time.

"For wheat, I would recommend plowing in the fall to a depth of at least 22 inches; then following up with the harrow in the same direction as the plow.

In a few weeks another harrowing would be in order, and through the year I would harrow frequently in order to have the soil retain all the moisture in the atmosphere that could be obtained. In the fall I would plant red winter wheat, and when this was up a few inches I would run a harrow over it to tear out a certain portion of the plants.

Later on I would repeat the harrowing process, I have known 60 bushels of wheat to be raised in arid regions by such a process, which of course allows of only one crop every two years."

THEY HAVE IT IN HARNEY, TOO.

M. Valerius of Sapulpa, Okla., was here Saturday on his way from Harney county to Payette. Mr. Valerius is an oil man, and came out to Payette some time ago to investigate the situation there. He spent a few days here also, and went out to Burns and Lawton to see the gas wells re-

cently drilled there. He says that one of the wells in Harney county is the real thing. It has come in with a large flow of gas, and will mean a great deal for that country. This is the well mentioned some weeks ago in the Optimist, which was drilled on the Leake ranch some 8 miles west of Lawton. It is 358 feet deep.

Two companies have been formed in Harney county, and heavy machinery for drilling will be imported at once. The people there are very enthusiastic over the prospect, and Mr. Valerius gives it as his opinion that they will have a great gas field there. He believes the trend of the field is very probably in a northeasterly direction, and that this section lies in the direct line. He reports that the Payette company will soon resume drilling in their field.

Mr. Valerius is an experienced oil man, a representative of the Wells & Ackerman company, one of the largest operating in the Oklahoma field. He has followed the drill in nearly every important field of the United States—Ontario Optimist.

WILL BUILD AT ONCE.

Another automatic railroad rumor is afloat to the effect that the Sumpter Valley, will be running into the John Day Valley, by way of Huckleberry Flat, before next snow flies. It is said Mr. Eccles, president of the road, with five other railroad magnates of Utah, of which four are millionaires, arrived at Baker City Monday. There they met those six men, mentioned elsewhere on this page, who just this week have been looking over the valley, of which W. H. Wilson, a bishop and head of the Mormon Church, was the leader, who made a favorable report to the Utah millionaires, and it was decided to push the road through this summer and fall. Being out of debt, the only thing the people in this valley are wishing for is the railroad, and we therefore earnestly hope the rumor is true, and our only fairy dreams may be realized.

The Baker City Democrat, of March 23rd says that Grant Geddes, general manager of the Sumpter Valley Railroad, had

made a statement at an Eagle Valley banquet that their road be extended this year into the rich John Day valley, thus confirming his former statement.—Prairie City Miner.

AN APRIL LUNCHEON.

The "J. B's," a club composed of the young ladies of the Baptist church, will give an April luncheon at the Baptist parsonage, Thursday evening April 1, 1909, 9 o'clock, at which the following program will be rendered: Solo, Junita Geer; Quartette, Agnes Crawford; Selection, Mandolin Club; Solo, Florence Thompson; Quartette, Lou Davey; Solo, Tolley Johnson; Selection, Mandolin Club. Everyone cordially invited. The luncheon will be served in four courses. A small charge being made for each course.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Workmen are busy fencing the Catholic church.

Pete Haley and Sam Graves are business visitors to this city from Narrows today.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schenk arrived here one day this week from Germany.

There will be work in the first degree in the Masonic lodge next meeting, Saturday, April 3.

Miss Helene Swain has closed a very successful six month's term of school out on Sage Hen.

A large number of our young people attended the basketball game and dance at Harney last night.

Dr. Griffith was called to Silver Creek to see child of Alfred Johnson's yesterday. He reports it very ill with pneumonia.

Dean Horton and A. E. Brown of Diamond have gone to Portland having been summoned to appear as witnesses before the federal grand jury.

Among those up from Lawton to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. T. Miller, were: Messdames Ted Hayes, Wm. Gray, Robt. Reed, K. Calkins, C. T. Carey, Miss Ethel Leake and Miss Vera Hendricks; Messrs. C. T. Carey and Frank Catterson.

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