

A Scheme on Foot to Deprive us of Our Land Office.

RELIABLE information has been received by parties in our town, from Washington City, that a movement is on foot to consolidate the land office here and that of La Grande. We are not informed as to the particulars of the consolidation whether or not it will involve the necessity of re-districting this land district throwing a part with La-Grande and a part with the Lakeview district.

The reason given for the necessity of such a change is, the office here is not bringing sufficient dividends to pay the officers. The financial condition of the office here, at this time from what we can learn, is only medium, but probably an average, still we must consider the business of land offices, like all other trades or occupations, fluctuates, this year it may not be lively next year just the reverse. One thing we do know there is a great deal of government land here, and good agricultural land which in the near future is bound to be taken up by homeseekers. In case we get a rail-road and there is little doubt as to that, and very likely next summer, the government land in this district will be taken very rapidly. The distance from the rail-road has been one of the greatest drawback to the settlement of this land district. We are certainly of the belief that if this matter is correctly stated to the officials at the department in Washington City that no such action will be taken. This scheme of consolidating the two offices can only benefit the land corporations whose aim is and has been for years to defraud the government and the settler, by having the land office remote from the land in question which the land corporations desire to get possession of by intrigue, knowing the settler has but little money to carry on his fight for possession of land rightfully his own and the extra expense resulting from a trip of several hundred miles makes it almost impossible for the majority of settlers to contest and contend for their rights. Our readers have all lived long enough to know, from experience, that most men who have money resort to any means to accomplish their own aggrandizement, and we are persuaded to believe that this scheme for uniting the two offices is a trick to work a hardship on the actual settler.

We hope the business men of our town, and the settlers of this county will remonstrate and use every honorable means to prevent such a disastrous proceeding, to the interest and development of our county, being consummated.

This matter should be attended too at once for delay may be destructive to our best interest. All are aware of the fact that the consummation of such a move will retard the development of our county to a very great extent, besides compelling the citizens of our county to greatly inconvenience themselves in attending to land office business, also necessitating a much greater expense, which our settlers are not able to stand.

The Voorhees bill repealing the Sherman act, was passed by the Senate the 31st ult: we give in full the text of the Voorhees bill substituted for the Wilson bill. That so much of the act approved July 1st, 1890 entitled "An act directing the purchase of silver bullion and issue of Treasury notes thereon and for other purposes" as directs the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase from time to time silver bullion to the aggregate of 4,500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as may be offered in each month at the market price thereof, not exceeding \$1 for 371.25 grains of pure silver, and to issue in payment for such purchases Treasury notes of the United States, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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