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NEW FOREST RESERVE

To Include Strawberry Mountains, the Source of Silvies and Malheur Rivers.

From an article in the Blue Mountain Eagle, of Canyon City, it is evident that a petition has been filed with the Interior Department to create a Forest Reserve of the watershed known as Strawberry mountains in Grant county, the source of Silvies, the middle fork of the Malheur and the south fork of the John Day Rivers. This will be news to the people of Harney county, to whom it is said the benefit will ensue. The Eagle also states that the move to create a reserve is in the interest of the "large irrigation companies of Harney county." We have no large irrigation companies, and if the settlers of this valley, and the interests of the country, are guarded as they should be, we will have no land grabbers of this kind.

The creation of a reserve of the watershed mentioned will undoubtedly be of great benefit towards holding up the waters of the rivers having their source there. If the mountains were nude of their forests, the snow without its protection would go off in a rush with the first warm days of early spring, and the green fields now dependent upon this water, would become parched wastes later on for the want of it. Harney Valley would not be the only place the benefactor of a forest reserve in the Strawberry mountains. All the country including three or four counties watered by these streams would receive its blessings. The injuries to a few, compared the great benefit to thousands, is insignificant.

A petition is being circulated in Grant county remonstrating against the proposed reserve, which we copy from the Eagle with its comment.

To the President of the United States:

"Whereas, There has been a petition filed in the department of the interior praying that you declare the establishment of a forest reserve to take in, cover and include all the land embraced in the following named contiguous localities (being parts of Grant, Malheur and Harney counties) to wit: The entire watershed known as Strawberry mountains; the headwaters of the north and middle forks of the Malheur river and their tributaries; Silvies river and its tributaries; Silver creek and tributaries; and the south fork of the John Day river and its tributaries; all of the said lands contained therein to constitute and comprise one compact and complete reservation."

"That the localities mentioned and described as, the watershed known as the Strawberry mountains; the headwaters of the middle fork of the Malheur, Silvies river and the south fork of the John Day river are all situated in Grant county, Oregon, and contain large tracts of valuable mineral and agricultural land subject to entry as such under the laws of the United States."

"That owing to the lack of transportation facilities there is no danger of the timber in said localities being disturbed for years to come."

"That the creation of such a reserve will seriously retard the growth and prosperity of said localities and of Grant county in general and will be of little or no benefit to any other locality."

"Wherefore, we, the undersigned, citizens and property-owners in Grant county, Oregon, residing in and adjacent to said localities most respectfully remonstrate against the establishment of a forest reserve

in any of the localities mentioned in said petition which are situated in Grant county, Oregon."

These petitions have been placed in the several localities in the south and west part of Grant county and are being circulated and largely signed for reason that the interior department has the matter of recommending the creation of the proposed reserve under consideration. This matter has been brought about by the large irrigation companies of Harney county who have undertaken the matter of reclaiming large tracts of desert land in the Harney valley under the Carey act, and are desirous of having all of the territory mentioned in the petition created into a forest reserve, in hopes that by stopping the settlement of that part of the country, the water supply of the streams leading to Harney and Malheur lakes would be increased thereby. This is the sole and only object that any person or corporation could have in view in asking the president to create this reserve, using the preservation of the timber only as a guise. There is not a person interested in the creation of this proposed reserve but what would buy every acre of timber included in the tract proposed if there were any transportation facilities for handling it at present.

Are the people of southern Grant county going to remain silent and allow their very gateway to be closed with a forest reserve for the purpose of satisfying the greed of some corporation? The Blue Mountain Eagle trusts that they will not do so, but will at once get their names on a petition protesting against the creation of this proposed reserve. If there is no petition being circulated in your community copy the one published in this article, secure the signatures of all your neighbors and send the same to the Blue Mountain Eagle and it will at once be filed with the department of the interior. This matter must not be passed by unnoticed or it may result seriously detrimental to every resident of southern Grant county.

SETTLERS FILE A PROTEST
Object to Reclamation of Harney County Arid Lands.

Salem, Or., June 24.—Harney County settlers, and the French-Glenn Livestock Company, of Harney Valley, have protested against the granting by the State Land Board of a contract to the Harney Valley Improvement Company for the reclamation of about 60,000 acres of arid land located in Harney County. The contract against which the protest has been filed is pending before the board, and was about to be executed. The signers of the protest allege that there is not sufficient water supply in Silvies River, from which it is proposed to divert water, for the purposes of irrigation to serve the company and the livestock interests of that section. The protest was argued before the board this afternoon by Judge Webster, of Portland, for the company applying for the land, and E. P. McCornack, of this city, who represented the settlers and livestock men of Harney County. The board has reserved its decision, and will take the matter under advisement.

(This is the irrigation company of which W. D. Hanley is president. The lands they wish to grab, (re) claim, to use the language of the gentlemen, begins at Silvies River and runs southeast past Harney. If the river was changed into the banks of the ditch they propose to build it would not irrigate the land they wish to secure. It is estimated that they will spend \$100,000 in the construction of a canal, or in other words an expenditure of about \$1.50 per acre.)

BAKER BILL WINS

House Committee Takes Up Assay-Office Measure.

Washington, June 26.—By a vote of five to four, the House committee on coinage, weights and measures today decided to report Representative Moody's bill establishing an assay office at Baker City. Some of those who voted for the Baker City bill did so because both that town and Portland are in Moody's district, and they believe he, rather than his colleague, should have the right to determine in which city the office should be located, and that he should shoulder the responsibility for the selection. The four adverse votes were from members who do not believe in establishing any more assay offices. The bill reported appropriates \$15,000 for the construction of a suitable building.

Both Representatives Tongue and Moody were present at the meeting, the former arguing in support of his bill for an assay office at Portland, and the latter for the favored measure. Moody pointed out that nearly three-fourths of the annual output of gold in the state is produced in Eastern Oregon. He contended that as the chief advantage of an assay office is to enable miners to exchange their dust and bullion for coin, an assay office at Portland would be of little utility to the miner, since the expressage on the gold from the mineral district of Eastern Oregon to Portland would be about equal to the exchange now charged them by the banks in the mining section.

The fact that the establishment of a smelter at Sumpter is practically assured, he said, makes a further argument in favor of an office at Baker City. Since there are no mining districts near Portland an assay office would be of no utility there until a smelter is established. Moody does not expect that the House will give consideration to this bill at this session, but he hopes to have it up next session.

Representative Tongue, when asked what action he proposed to take, said: "If by any possibility I can help Mr. Moody in passing the bill in its present form through the House, I shall gladly do so. Of course, there is no question but that in the Senate Portland will be substituted for Baker City, and the appropriation for the building will be stricken out."

He said that to his mind, if the bill ever reached conference, the Portland proposition would be accepted, rather than the Baker City, as both Senators are in favor of Portland. He says, moreover, in determining the location of an assay office in Oregon, Congress will consider that Portland is so located as to draw from Eastern, Western and Southern Oregon. Eastern Washington and Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia, and would get a large portion of the product of the Rossland mines, while Baker City would only benefit mines in that one gold field.

The old rivalry between Portland and Puget Sound was fanned into life again today when Representative Jones filed with the Commissioner-General a complaint of the Merchants' Association of Seattle alleging that all supplies for the Army in Alaska had been purchased in Portland, and that Puget Sound merchants were being discriminated against. The charge, with others of a similar character, will be investigated.

ALL OREGON REPUBLICAN

Every County Carried by Bean, Dunbar and Moore.

Salem, Or., June 26.—The election returns made public yesterday contained several surprises, the most important of which was the large average Republican plurality, reaching, as it does, over 15,000 votes. Though the registration fell 10,000 short of that of two years ago, the total vote for state officers was 4000 to 5000 greater than two years ago or four years ago. The general apathy that was said to exist proved not to be manifest on election day.

Another surprising feature is that the only candidate in whom the labor unions had a direct interest, J. E. Godfrey, for State Printer, did not run ahead of his ticket. His opponent for the State Printership ran behind 4000 votes or more, but Whitney's loss was not Godfrey's gain. Godfrey ran ahead in Multnomah County, where the unions are strongest, and Marion, where he resides, but he lost in some other counties. His friends expected that the labor vote would make him a close contestant for the office.

If the vote on Supreme Judge or Secretary of State be taken as the standard, there is not now a Democratic county in the state. Bean carried every county, as also did Dunbar. The only counties carried by the Democratic candidates for Congress were Baker, Linn and Union. Baker is the home of the Democratic candidate from the Second District, and Linn the home of the same party's candidate from the First District, so it may be said that their majorities in these counties were due to local influences. Judging by the Congressional vote, Union is the only Democratic county left.

State Treasurer Moore carried every county except Harney, and there he tied with his opponent. Ackerman, Republican candidate of Superintendent of Public Instruction, swept every county except Polk, where the Democratic candidate has resided all his life.

Crawford, Republican nominee for Attorney General, carried the entire state, with the exception of Douglas, where a personal fight was made on him, and Umatilla, the home county of his opponent. Baker and Union were the only counties carried by the Democratic candidate for State Printer, for whom a heroic fight was made.

Ontario Democrat.
Mrs. H. B. Snye and son Willie, returned to Beane on Monday, also Mr. Dickenson, father of the lady.

Fish Warden Van Dusen has secured permission from the government to place fish racks in Snake river, near Ontario, to catch fish for propagation purposes in the state hatchery near there.

A rumor was current on the street Wednesday that Pat Moore, who killed George Simpson at the Devine ranch in Harney county and then fled the country, had been captured in Arizona.

John D. Daly and wife, Hattie Bartlett, Pauline Locher, Mrs. J. Robertson and Gussie Kingsbury, all of Drewsey, were in the city Saturday and registered at the Hotel Ontario. They attended the funeral of Abner Robbins at Union and were on their way home.

We noticed the following sheepmen from Malheur and Harney counties on our streets last Monday: John Wood, M. W. Hart, R. E. Baker, Stacy Goodwin, Jas. Paul, J. E. Jenkins, J. H. Seaward, Lou Burgess, G. W. Harkness, G. W. Page, E. H. Crosby, John Hoffman and John Cannon.