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## LAND IS WITHDRAWN

Move Toward a Big Reserve in Eastern Oregon.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, July 25.—Acting Secretary Ryan today ordered the temporary withdrawal from settlement or entry of all public lands in the tract of about 6000 square miles in the Strawberry and Blue Mountain regions of Eastern Oregon, heretofore described, with a view to its ultimate creation into a forest reserve. The withdrawal will remain in force until the President's proclamation is issued.

While withdrawn, these lands will be finally examined by officials of the land office to determine exactly what tracts shall be included in the reserve, and what shall be restored to the public domain. Already most of the valley lands that are susceptible of agricultural development or valuable for pasturing have been excluded from the withdrawal, including most lands on which settlers are located. Those lands lying south of the Strawberry range which were recommended for withdrawal by Commissioner Hermann and Superintendent Ormsby are also to be examined by the Geological Survey, before they are included in a reserve.

By the reports upon which this vast withdrawal was made, it is certain that this land is heavily covered with timber, principally pine and fir, much of which is commercially valuable. There are some smaller valleys affording good pasture land, which may or may not be opened for grazing after the reserve is created. Grazing, it is said, is the only industry, if any, that will be interfered with by reserving these lands.

Contemplating the proposed establishment of this reserve, a number of settlers in Eastern Oregon have filed vigorous protests with the department, while others have strongly indorsed the proposed step. The sheepmen generally are fearful that they will be handicapped if a reserve is created, while the farmers, and those looking forward to irrigation development, are heartily in favor of a more adequate water storage and conservation. Before the final lines of the reserve are drawn all protests will be carefully examined.

### BURNS LAND OFFICE.

The land office of this district again has a register who is efficient and competent in every respect, which is the first since the expiration of the term held by Thos. Jones. During the terms held by Mr. Hayes and Mr. Huntington covering a period of eight years, the office of register was no doubt the worst neglected of any in Oregon. In fact, the land office of Burns during those two terms practically had but one officer—the receiver, and it was difficult for the receiver alone to perform the duties of both offices. We speak from actual knowledge as we have had quite a practice before this office since 1892 and notice a very decided improvement since Mr. Farre succeeded Mr. Hayes. Some contents which we had been unable to hear from for more than a year received prompt attention, as soon as Mr. Farre took charge, and we can now write the register on business, knowing we will receive prompt returns. If Teddy uses as good judgement in the selection of all his officials as he has in this instance, even we democrats will have no "kick coming" so far as the efficiency of government appointments are concerned.—Ontario Democrat.

#### Vale Gazette.

Mr. D. W. Jones of Pueblo valley, Harney county, Oregon, who arrived in Vale a few weeks ago with his family, and made his headquarters here pending the location of a homestead or the buying of a home, informs us that he bought a piece of state land last week on Sucker creek, in T. 3, R. 5, paying \$10 per acre. Mr. Jones states that he has found just what he wants, and believes it to be the most productive land in Idaho. He will move to his new home in a few days.

Henry Long, whom we reported last week as having shot a Chinese restaurant keeper at Ontario and disappearing, was arrested at Silver City last Friday and Sheriff Lawrence notified to come for his man. Deputy Toney at once left for Silver City and on Monday returned to Vale with Long. Tuesday morning Sheriff Lawrence and Deputy Toney took Long to Ontario, where his preliminary examination was held Wednesday, resulting in the defendant being held to appear at the next term of court. His bonds were fixed at \$2500, which at this writing has not been furnished. Long is now in the county jail.

Prof I. C. Russell, U. S. Geological Surveyor under the new irrigation law, spent three or four days in this section last week to determine the feasibility of the artesian water system. He was well pleased with his examinations, and stated that he was of the opinion that plenty of artesian water could be obtained here with but little difficulty. "Willow creek," said he, "is especially favorable for the inauguration of this enterprise." He also stated that artesian water could be obtained almost anywhere throughout the Malheur valley by sinking wells well away from the foothills. Mr. Russell, accompanied by Robert Dawson, Scott Turner and Joe Patterson, left here Sunday morning for Malheur and Harney lakes, where the water supply tributary to the Malheur valley will be looked after. It is the intention of the government to use artesian wells in connection with the storage reservoir system. Of course the work being done now is merely preliminary, and it will be some time before we can look for results. This is a gigantic problem and far-reaching, and when once well in hand the arid states will blossom like the rose.

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## BARREN VALLEY AND OWYHEE DESERT

A Wonderful Section East of Steins Mountains in southeastern Oregon—Superb Livestock Range.

Field Correspondence to the Baker City Democrat: Dotted here and there with little forests of the dwarfed evergreen juniper trees, clad in a weird, ghostly fashion with the pale, ripened bunchgrass, studded with monster dusky cliffs and crowned with eternal snow, the mighty Steins mountains in Malheur and Harney counties, southeastern Oregon, are the landmarks of one of the most superb livestock ranges in all the wide world. Although the traveler in this section will more nearly experience than he has ever done before the inconveniences and hardships like unto Mark Twain's "Roughing It," there will be accorded him unique, grand sights and true blue, wide west hospitality at the big livestock ranches. The Steins mountains are said to rise to almost 11,000 feet above the sea level and to the east is Barren valley and the vast, waterless Owyhee desert.

At dusk of the bright July day, after a mountain horseback ride of forty miles, the Democrat man gazed down at the few great hay and grain fields, the big ranch buildings and the mirage of Barren valley. The weary journalist pressed on with vigor, reluctantly urging his hardy horse over the cliff surrounded "deer trail" with the energy like when chasing an exciting news scoop, since darkness in a strange land was coming on apace and hunger and thirst could not be appeased amid the rugged mountain wilds. Riding down the steep heights along a winding trail enclosed on both sides by dark masses of cliffs, the newspaper man reached the hospitable ranch of J. H. Seward and man equine were soon appreciating food and rest.

The Seward ranch buildings—residence, barn, blacksmith shops, corrals and so on—cost probably six or eight thousand dollars. With fencing and other improvements, the total outlay on the place is likely \$10,000. This is aside from the value of the land and the miles of outside range. Mr. Seward owns 10,000 sheep and goodly herds of cattle and horses. He has three freight wagons, for doing his own hauling of supplies from the Union Pacific Railroad at Ontario; several sheep wagons, or houses on wheels, for moving camp from point to point; and all the necessary equipments for the successful livestock raising by which he has earned a fortune for himself and family. Water for irrigation, without which all land in this section is useless, is obtained from a half-million gallon reservoir, fed by an ever-flowing spring. Spring water is also piped to all parts of the Seward \$2000 residence. The 300 orchard trees and three-acre garden help to make life happy on this 1800-acre ranch, with its 40 square miles of outside stock range.

Barren valley lies eastward of the northern part of Steins mountains. The mountains cover a length of about 80 miles by a maximum width of 50 miles. Barren valley extends about 25 miles and varies in width from three to ten miles. At present there are only five ranches in this valley and they lie next to the mountains, having appropriated springs to make the desert literally blossom like the rose. The general elevation of this valley is in the neighborhood of 5000 feet and the highest peaks of

the grand Steins mountains rise about 6000 feet above the valley. There is much land in the valley which is extremely fertile, but will never be available for homes except in the event of an ample water supply being obtained from huge artesian wells, or, possibly, by other means.

The settlers obtain mail from the postoffice at Cord. The school district is mapped to cover 30x35 miles. The largest attendance in the school, now in charge of Miss Lizzie Hale, a bright Kansas teacher, was a round dozen. There are only 30 pupils in the district, but who knows whether or not a future Oregon governor or a governor's wife is being educated in this modest frontier school?

The ranches in this valley are those of the T. M. Seward estate, J. H. Seward, C. L. Cook, Thomas Turnbull and S. Sutton.

The fine residence on the T. M. Seward estate is the location of the Cord postoffice, with a twice-a-week mail service, Uncle Sam's mail being carried by a horseman. The ranch contains 200 acres, has a large two-story house and big barn and commands a valuable stock range.

The ranch of Thomas Turnbull, one of the directors of the First National Bank of Ontario, 2000 acres of hay land. It is well watered from a battery of mountain crystal springs and holds an extensive outside stock range. Garden produce and berries are raised abundantly, also some fruit. This ranch was recently bought by Mr. Turnbull from J. D. Billingsley. The latter has in 12 years' industry become wealthy in raising sheep, cattle and horses, and, after disposing of his ranch to Mr. Turnbull, has removed with his wife and three children to Ontario. Mr. Turnbull will no doubt succeed in a few years in adding many thousands of dollars to his present large bank account by raising livestock in this favored region. The ranch house is in charge of Mr. Turnbull's sister, Mrs. Scott, and her three cultured daughters.

In years long gone by the Steins mountains embraced a genuine hunter's paradise. Elk, deer and antelope roamed the heights by droves of thousands; mountain lions, lynx and wild cat played hide and seek in the dark canyons and among the rim rocks; sportive mountain trout would charge by water droves to gobble the fisherman's hook. Wild game is still found in lesser numbers, but the mountains now are chiefly valuable for the summer range for tens of thousands of tame animals, cattle, horses and sheep.

Excepting the monster fissure, sunken sheer off in rimrock by the Owyhee river, the vast Owyhee desert east of Steins mountains, is waterless over an area of some 30 by 150 miles. This great, arid plateau is covered over its huge expanse with lava rock and a carpet of white sagebrush. The sagebrush of this variety is eagerly eaten by livestock, especially sheep and cattle. This condition, with the water supplied by the light snowfall makes the Owyhee desert one of the best winter ranges, particularly for sheep, in the United States. Camp wagons, comfortable sleeping and cooking houses mounted on strong wagons, are in winter used as dwellings for the herders and are moved with the herds from place to place.

In June, 1878, nearly a quarter of a century ago, a bitter battle took place near the northern part of Barren valley, the opposing forces being a thousand Bannock and Piute Indians, men, women and children, and twenty-five well-armed American cowboys. The latter

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