

THE ITEMS

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WILL SPECIFY CHARGES.

After an interview with Secretary Hitchcock last Saturday, regarding the land situation in Oregon, Representative Tongue, said to an Oregonian correspondent:

"The Secretary told me that there are no more attempted evasions of the land laws in Oregon than in other states where timber is becoming valuable; that the violations of the timber and stone act in that state are not being made by citizens of Oregon, but principally by persons who are coming in from other states.

"I was unable to find that a single officer of any Land Office in the First Congressional District, or any official whose appointment I have recommended, is under a suspicion of misconduct. If there are any, the department declines to give me information upon the subject.

"I asked the Secretary that at the earliest possible moment he localize and specify his charges, pointing out both the offenses and offenders, so that innocent men can be freed from suspicion. The Secretary said he recognized the justice of that, and will comply with my request at the earliest possible moment.

"I could learn of nothing that would place any member of the State Land Board under suspicion. Secretary Hitchcock says there is nothing on record or in any way known to his department that in the slightest degree involves any members of the delegation in conniving at or having any knowledge of any misconduct or any intended evasion of the land laws, or being in any way negligent in the discharge of duties in reference to them.

The cost of the last census was \$11,854,817.91. Rather a high priced affair considering the inaccuracy of the statistics published. In the matter of land actually under cultivation they have furnished figures showing that more than 200 counties in the United States have more acreage under cultivation than the counties contain. Some of the farms must be "double deckers."

Because the members of the Arbitration Board are serving the country without pay, it is no sign that arbitration does not pay.

Report from Russia point to the abdication of the Czar. He is said to be a sufferer from melancholy.

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ALARM IN PORTLAND.

Oregonian: Let the business community and the property-owners of Portland take notice that surveyors are in the field locating a line of railroad from Nyssa, on the Oregon Short Line, to Vale, in Malheur Valley. Let them consult the maps and note the facts of geography and topography; and then let them consider the significance of this movement. Nyssa is the point in Oregon first touched by the Oregon Short Line; Vale lies in the valley of Malheur, on the line of the most direct route connecting the Short Line with the Malheur, Harney, Goose Lake and Klamath regions. From Vale it is an easy stage to Burns and Harney County; from Burns it is another easy stage to Paisley or Lakeview, in Lake County; and one more stage reaches the heart of Klamath. The route is an easy and natural one; and it passes everywhere through productive or potential country; and a railroad operating through it would command absolutely the whole traffic and resource of that fourth of Oregon which lies to the southeast. And it would command it, not for Oregon and for Portland, but for Salt Lake City and the East. Thus hooked up to the Union Pacific Railway system, and with no direct connection with home markets at Portland, our southeastern district would, for all commercial purposes, be lost to us—and lost for keeps. Its cattle, its wool, its wealth of timber, would in the nature of things go East—and its commercial patronage as well—for with its outlet opening to the East it would be as effectively shut off from Portland as if it lay on the other side of the Rocky Mountains.

The near approach of the time for the calling together of the state lawmaking body should remind the people of this section the urgent need of legislation on a number of questions. Among these is one of the greatest importance to the sheep growers of this county, the question of taxing migratory bands of sheep entering this county for range. A bill should be introduced granting the county court of the various counties permission to tax these migratory herds. The sheep men and all stockmen of this district should unite and demand of their representative that he push this matter. Another question (purely local) is that mentioned in our last issue regarding a bill granting the city of Burns authority to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for building improvements. This does not mean that we will do it, but when, if ever, the ultimatum is laid down to us we will be in a position to meet the demand without unnecessary delay. This is not an idle matter, but one deserving the attention of every one interested in the future of our city.

Congressional leaders are slow to outline the plan of legislation proposed for this winter. In fact they are uncertain as to the policy which will be adopted. If a majority can be rallied to oppose the President's plans, it will be useless to look for any new legislation. It would seem that after the experience of the recent campaign a safe majority will be found who will follow the lead of President Roosevelt.

Eastern Oregon should have a representative in the upper house of Congress. A short time remains until the meeting of the State legislature. Let the people and the press bestir themselves and demand of their representative to the state body that he support and work for the election of an Eastern Oregon man for United States Senator. This is not a partisan matter, but strictly a business proposition.

The proposal to sell a marriage license with a divorce codicil is in the direction of thrift, drift and the spirit of the age. It is always advisable to buy a return-trip ticket.

NO FRAUD AT ALL.

Continued from First page. secure tracts of this class of lands whenever they can find a suitable tract to purchase.

"Answering the statement of The Oregonian so far as it applies to me personally, and first as to the Federal appointees at the two offices named, Burns and The Dalles, I had no responsibility for their appointment. They are not in the district which I represent, and their selection devolved wholly upon the other other members of the delegation.

"So far as the appointment of the other land officers is concerned, the appointees at the time of the appointment were honorable men, of good reputation, and if their integrity was questioned I had never heard of it. If, however, The Oregonian or Land Department will prove, not by mere rumor, but by some tangible, substantial evidence that these men or any of them have been guilty of aiding, abetting or conniving, or negligently permitting frauds against the Government or its land laws, I shall be glad to join with my colleagues in recommending the appointment of their successors. But I am not prepared to convict these men without proof of their guilt. Neither until there is proof of their guilt shall I call upon them to prove their innocence or else confess themselves culpable in silence.

Representative Moody, commenting on the editorial said: "I am not surprised that the Secretary of the Interior would suspect that there might be something wrong in the disposition of the public lands of Oregon when the returns from The Dalles district alone, with which I am best acquainted, show that applications to purchase lands under the timber and stone act have grown from about 250 to about 1500 entries in the past 12 months.

"In other words, there had been filed in that office, prior to January 1, 1902, in 27 years since the establishment of the office, only about 250 sworn timber statements, covering 40,000 acres, while in the past 12 months there have been filed about 1250 entries, covering 200,000 acres. It is not strange with this remarkable showing from one land district in the state, which with the possible exception of Burns contains timber in less quantity and value than any of the other five districts, that the honorable Secretary of the Interior's suspicions should be aroused, when you consider that each applicant to purchase under the timber and stone act must first take the following oath:

"That I have made no other application under said act; that I do not apply to purchase the land above described on speculation, but in good faith to appropriate it to my own exclusive use and benefit, and that I have not directly or indirectly made any agreement or contract, or in any way or manner with any person or persons whatsoever, by which title I may acquire from the Government of the United States may inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself.

"The addresses of the applicants range from Maine to Montana.

"If the leading paper in the state, in seeking to investigate this matter, chooses to throw, by its general assertions, a dragnet about the officers of the land department of the Government and state, as well as the Congressional delegation, in order to catch the guilty, if any there are, I have no objections, providing they prosecute their investigation until the innocent are freed from the stigma of their sweeping insinuations."

The Monroe doctrine is interpreted by the State Department along the lines laid down by President Roosevelt, that the United States does not construe it to mean that it shelters any of the American Republics against the results of their own wrong doing or violations of international amenity. The only condition is that any punishment inflicted upon our weaker neighbors must not include the seizure of American soil.

The War Department is having trouble in fitting uniforms to our Filipino scouts. The first 5,000 were cut for the slim physiques characteristic of the little brown men. Col. Humphry now says that they have fattened so rapidly on the substance stores furnished that it is almost impossible for them to get into their uniforms.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout Mercer and Summer counties, W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Ered Haines, Harney.

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Through the pernicious activity of some members of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association in matters affecting the future of certain eastern Oregon counties, they have unintentionally, of course, killed their pet measure, the scalp bounty scheme. That measure, which was entirely in the interest of the sheepmen and which to some extent served its purpose, has not a ghost of a show to be reenacted at the coming session of the legislature.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

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TIMBER CULTURE, FINAL PROOP—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1902.
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She names as witnesses: James Gard, Peter Gard, J. W. Koles and Noah Gard, all of Laven, Oregon.
W. R. FAHRE, Register.

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