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THE RANGE QUESTION

The agitation coming from Baker county in favor of a law limiting the grazing of sheep on the public domain, to within two miles of the settlement, brings to mind the splendid sentiment expressed by O. D. Teel at the recent irrigation convention at Pendleton.

"Stock raising, mining, agriculture, lumbering and mercantile pursuits stand side by side in eastern Oregon, each sustaining and strengthening the other. No industry should suffer that another may thrive."

This should be the sentiment of every man in the great inland empire, where the diversity of occupation is so great.

Each interest should be a prop to the other, as each adds to the wealth of the state and country. There should be a determination on the part of every citizen to stop the clash, wherever found. Harmony is the twin brother of progress. If eastern Oregon gets the recognition she deserves and hopes for she must come before the country united in purpose, united in sentiment and free from bitterness.

It is a wide country. It has produced fortunes untold for the pioneers and will yet unfold richer and greater prospects and stores for prosperity. At times, in certain occupations, and certain industries, there arises a complication of interests which seem to be beyond settlement; but there is a broad, plain, open highway by which all thinking citizens can arrive at a just and equitable conclusion.

Ranges and forests are two of the greatest resources of the west. No betterness of feeling nor unjust legislation should be brought forth, hastily in dealing with the issues that arise from their final adjustment.—East Oregonian.

An agreement, among the web-foot aspirants for the senatorial toga, for the election of an Eastern Oregon man to the senate, would be an easy way out of what now appears will be a protracted contest.

Town Talk, the newsy semi-weekly of Ashland has been sold by Geo. C. Stanley to S. L. Burton, recently of the Evansville, Minn. Enterprise. We wish Bro. Burton success.

JUST IN TIME.

A motorman in Chicago ran his car into the approach of an open bridge but stopped it with the fender actually overhanging the gulf below. He wouldn't want to repeat the experiment because the chances are that he'd never again have the same good fortune.

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HERMANN TO GO.

Handed In Resignation to Take Effect February 1.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Dec. 29.—Binger Hermann has finally been forced out of the general land office. At a recent conference with Secretary Hitchcock, it was strongly intimated to the commissioner that his resignation would be acceptable and Hermann has decided to comply with the wish of his superior and resign, to take effect February 1, when he will probably be succeeded by his assistant, William A. Richards, of Wyoming. The resignation has not yet been tendered, but will be forthcoming in a short time.

This is the culmination of a long and persistent fight made on Hermann by the Secretary for the past two years. There has always been a tension between the two officials, which, on several occasions, threatened to force Hermann out of office, but up to now without result.

Late in 1900 it was believed that Hermann was to be forced out of office by Hitchcock, because of his disagreement with the Secretary. The latter intimated to the President that a change could be made and Commissioner Hermann, dissatisfied with his post under the conditions, told the President he would like to transfer to another office. President McKinley offered to appoint him civil service commissioner, but that office was not to his liking and was declined. While McKinley was looking for some other place for Hermann, the relations between commissioner and Secretary became severely strained and Hermann finally told McKinley that, if some satisfactory office could not be found for him before the ensuing Oregon election, he would voluntarily retire in June, 1902, all of which has been related heretofore. Then followed the tragedy at Buffalo. As soon as the new Administration was well under way, Secretary Hitchcock again brought pressure to bear to force Hermann's retirement. But with the Oregon elections approaching President Roosevelt concluded that it would be unwise to permit the change, and nothing was done.

From last June up to the present time the friction between Hermann and Hitchcock has been growing more and more intense. The Secretary adheres to the belief that the commissioner is to some extent responsible for the widespread land frauds in Western States, and particularly in Oregon. While Hermann is not accused of complicity, it is held that his administration of the land office has been lax and that his interpretation of the laws has been so loose as to permit the spread of the fraudulent practices which are but recently unearthed. The secretary held that the commissioner has not exercised due diligence nor required such diligence on the part of his subordinates. By overruling many rigid decisions of local land officers, which were in accordance with the letter of the law, it is said he has encouraged carelessness on the part of local officers. Furthermore, the local officers have passed up to the land office and the land office to the Secretary records in cases where fraud was apparent on their face, but where no discovery of the fraud was made until the papers reached the Secretary's office. In fact, several decisions of the Secretary have flatly stated as much.

This was true of the apparent frauds in Oregon timber lands and state lion land selections, where records indicating fraud were not closely examined or held up until they reached the Secretary. The recent discovery of these frauds, and particularly those in Oregon, was largely instrumental in inducing the Secretary to call for Hermann's resignation at this time.

To the Oregonian correspondent Secretary Hitchcock, tonight said: "To my knowledge, Mr. Hermann has not resigned. I have not received his resignation. That is all I care to say about the matter." Commissioner Hermann, when seen, said: "For the past year, it has been my intention to withdraw from the

land office. When I so stated to President McKinley, he required me to remain. When acquainted with the situation here, he desired to find another place for me, but until that was found, he wanted no change to take place. I have now concluded, as the year is drawing to a close, that I would formally submit my resignation to the President, so as to give him an opportunity for the appointment and confirmation of a successor before the expiration of this Congress. I made known this intention to the Secretary some time ago, and he has understood that I would resign about the first of February. While I know nothing about it, I would not be surprised if my assistant, Governor Richards, was appointed to succeed. He would make a worthy and capable official.

"I will go back to Oregon before long and resume my law practice. So far, I have kept aloof from the Senatorial fight and do not care to discuss future movements at this time."

Commissioner Hermann has held office for nearly six years, having been appointed March 27, 1897. His term is longer than that of all predecessors, save two. Under both administrations he has been highly regarded at the White House, particularly by President McKinley. His relations with President Roosevelt have been most cordial. The President only recently complimented him on the manner in which he has carried on his campaign against stockmen who have unlawfully fenced in large areas of the public domain.

It so happens that tomorrow Secretary Hitchcock will have the replies of two clerks in Commissioner Hermann's office, who have been charged with irregularities, and while Hermann is not held responsible for their deeds, it is thought by the Secretary he should have had knowledge of the workings of their division. The accused men are Harry King, of the District of Columbia, chief of the drafting division, and Frederick P. Metzgar, of Kansas, a clerk in that division. They are charged with making copies of official maps and plats upon request of attorneys and contestants before the land office, doing the work in office hours and selling the maps, pocketing the money, which should have gone into the office. In other instances they are charged with requiring other clerks in the office to make such maps or tracings, either in office hours or at home, allowing them to remove official papers from the department over night, in which case they divided the money with other clerks. King denies the charge in toto.

Metzgar was private secretary to Hermann when the latter first became Commissioner. He was shortly appointed chief clerk of the land office by Hermann, but held that office for a short time only, when he was reduced to a clerkship in the drafting division by order of the Secretary. While chief clerk, Metzgar made himself ridiculous by giving out an interview on public topics which showed him to have no practical or intelligent understanding of the affairs of his office and these interviews led to the investigation which resulted in his reduction. He has always been a close friend of the Commissioner.

A high Government official is authority for the statement that a man recently discharged from the geological survey for stealing and selling Government books was, on the day following his discharge, appointed to the land office by Hermann, when the latter was fully acquainted with the man's record. The case was at once brought to the attention of the Secretary by Director Walcott, an investigation followed and the charge sustained. This discovery is said to have greatly aroused the Secretary and to have been instrumental in bringing the incident to a close.

The city council of Milton proposes to tax all dances held in that place.

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Gen. Miles says that the most reckless display of individual bravery he ever saw was during the Civil War, when a regiment was marching into battle, led by its young colonel. Shells began to fall and four or five men would drop at a time. They were comparatively raw troops, and as the fire became more and more deadly they showed just a symptom of hesitation. Suddenly their youthful leader rode out in front, waved his sword in the air and yelled: "Move up, move up! Do you want to live forever?" Gen. Miles characterizes this as a "specimen of utterly abandoned courage."

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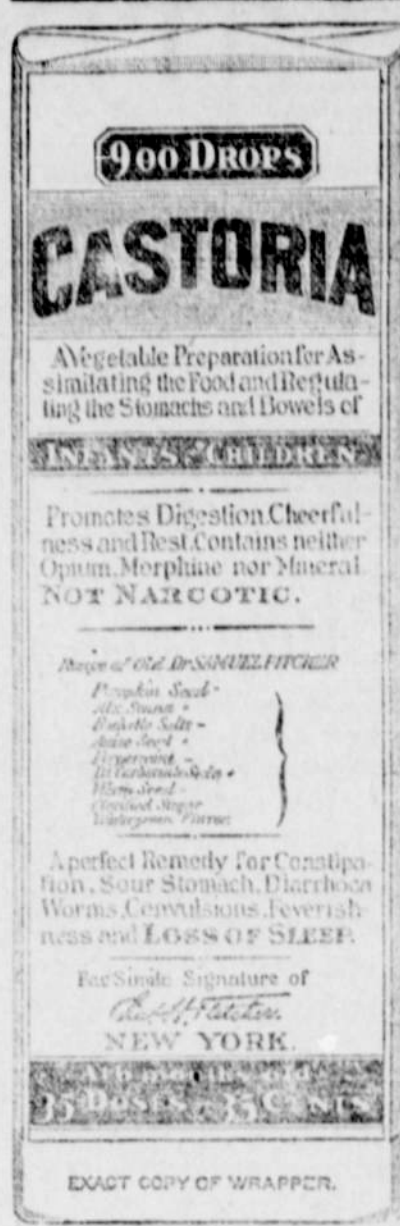
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