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SHOCK VERY SEVERE

But Land Withdrawal Will Not Stunt Growth.

A dispatch from Bend, Crook County, says: The withdrawal of public land that has just been made in Central and Southern Oregon covers a blanket area of more than 2,800,000 acres. Only about half of this, however, remains vacant. And if only the area of valuable timber were considered, less than a quarter, perhaps not more than 10 per cent, is vacant. Entire townships of desert, so undesirable that none of the land has yet been taken, are included in the area withdrawn, as well as other townships that have been entirely taken. The fact that so little valuable timber remains, and that so much treeless desert is included in the area withdrawn, makes the purpose of the Government something of a mystery.

There is a tendency to overestimate the effect of this withdrawal on the development of Central Oregon. The business of the land locator in that region is, of course, gone, but his industry was fast waning, anyway. The rush of timber seekers ended months ago, though there has continued a more or less steady movement in this direction. Now all entries are cut off in an area beginning within two miles of Bend and reaching through to California. It surrounds the Klamath Indian Reservation, and connects with a withdrawal made some weeks ago on the banks of Goose Lake, in Oregon and California. This might have the effect of bottling up the country and holding it in an undeveloped condition indefinitely, but for the fact that nearly all the desirable land has passed under private control and the Government has withdrawn from entry only the land that is of comparatively little value, the land that nobody cares much for.

This land that is in private control does not lie in isolated tracts, necessitating the crossing of Government land to reach it. It lies in large bodies, and a railroad may traverse the productive country with as much freedom as if no lands had been withdrawn from entry. Even if the contemplated reserve be actually created (if the matter ever reaches that stage), there can be no material interference on the part of the Government, for the Government lands will be of a character and lie in a position that will offer comparatively small inducements to private agencies of development, and there will be no necessity for coming in contact with them.

Two townships escaped the eagle eye of the Commissioner, but they will probably not remain long open to entry. Evidently some clerk followed an old map in making out the list of townships to be withdrawn, a map that showed townships 22 and 23, range 9, to be in the Cascade range forest reserve. The fact was overlooked that those townships had been set out of that reserve early this year, presumably because they were not sufficiently forested to warrant holding them. But they do contain good timber, most of which has been filed on, and it is safe to predict that every acre will be taken if they are not withdrawn before the applications can get to the land office.

Of course there are many valuable tracts in the withdrawn territory, but they comprise a pitifully small fraction of the whole area. The valuable timber is gone. Considerable meadow land, desirable for homesteading, is still vacant,

but it is not understood to be the purpose of the Government to reserve that class of lands. The homesteading era was just opening when the withdrawal order came.

One effect of the withdrawal will probably be to stimulate the entrymen to make proofs. Hardly more than 10 per cent of the timber and stone claims have been going to proof on first advertisement. A large number apply for readvertisement on the ground that they have not the money to pay up. Many claims have lapsed. But hereafter there is sure to be greater vigilance, and parties whose interest is in that direction may be trusted to see to it that entrymen do not fail to make proof because of lack of funds. Lapse hereafter will mean no further opportunity to get hold of the land so long as the present order is in force. There is likely, too, to be a reduction in the number of contests filed against entries in the area withdrawn. The tendency of the decisions is to deny preference right to successful contestants under these conditions. This leaves no motive for contesting claims that may be irregular or fraudulent, and many tracts that are rightly subject to contest may be driven through to patent because the Government has not sufficient information to warrant cancellation without private help through contest proceedings. Denial of the preference right swallows the cancellations, and the withdrawn area is swelled just so much.

A year ago such a withdrawal as has just been made would have served an important purpose in stopping a raid on timber lands that has been attended with numerous irregularities and brought reproach upon the state. At this time it is locking the barn after the horse is gone.

It does not appear that the irrigation enterprises of the Upper Deschutes Valley will be affected adversely by the new land order.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. T. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

McMullen the photographer opposite the bank.

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OREGON NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Parts of the State.

The salmon pack along the Columbia promises to be light.

John Walker, a pioneer of Oregon, California and Idaho, is dead at Baker City.

Twenty cents has been offered at Salem for contracts for hops of the crop of 1903.

Two attempts were made last week to burn the town of Albany by an incendiary.

It is estimated that Oregon has 400,000 head of cattle, 300,000 of which are in Eastern Oregon.

The town of Halsey, Linn County, the business portion of which was recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt.

Three masked men entered the Miners' Cabin saloon at Baker City last Thursday evening, secured \$380 in cash and made their escape.

Frank Curtis, of Multnomah County, has been appointed warden at the Oregon State Penitentiary to succeed E. A. McPherson, who resigned the position.

City Marshal R. E. Armstrong, of Condon, was shot in the knee last week by Frank Palmer, a saloonkeeper. The trouble arose over the use of water to irrigate lawns.

The appeal to the supreme court of the Pleasant Armstrong case has been completed and the case is now ready for trial. He was convicted of the murder of Minnie Ensminger at Baker City last December.

Wm. Bennett, a farmer living 22 miles from La Grande, was shot twice Monday last, by Wm. Topp, as a result of a feud over fences and cattle. Topp used a 22-rifle. Bennett is said to be recovering from his wounds.

A dispatch to the Oregonian under date of Aug. 14 says a serious forest fire is raging near Sparta, Baker County. Several million feet of lumber has been destroyed and several large mills and ranch houses are threatened.

Captain Roswell Hawkes Lamson, a distinguished retired officer of the United States Navy, died last Friday at his home in Portland. He was the first naval cadet appointed from Oregon and won distinction during the Civil War.

Great excitement, not without cause, prevails in the southern part of Clackamas County because of recent discoveries made there by local mining prospectors. Gold in immensely paying quantities has been repeatedly worked and prospected for the last ten years, but the hidden wealth was never disclosed before.

Bruce Hawkins, a young rancher living about five miles from Baker City, was seriously and probably fatally injured last Saturday evening. He was going out to his ranch from town with a piano in the wagon. His wife was driving and Mr. Hawkins was holding the piano. In crossing a culvert the wagon jolted and the piano toppled over, falling on the ground, catching Mr. Hawkins' head beneath the keyboard. The skull was crushed over the left eye and at the base of the brain. The injury is so serious that the outcome is doubtful. Hawkins was married July 22nd to Miss Peggy Correll of Baker City and they were preparing to go to housekeeping on their farm when the accident occurred.

The Quarterly for the Oregon Historical Society for June, 1903, has been received. As usual every article it contains is of vital interest to every student of Oregon History, as the following table of contents indicates: "Oregon and its Share in the Civil War," by Robert T. Platt; "The Great West and the Two Easts," by Henry E. Reed; "Social and Economic History of Astoria," by Alfred A. Cleveland; "A Pioneer Captain of Industry in Oregon," by Prof. James R. Robertson. In addition a number of documents relating to Dr. Marcus Whitman, the emigration of 1842-3 and the earlier conditions of the Oregon Country. Copies of the quarterly may be secured by applying at the Society Rooms, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

A Missouri editor is said to have gotten off the following: "We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes, low valleys and low wages; big crooked rivers and crooked statements; big lakes, big strikes, big drunks, big pumpkins and big men with pumpkin heads; silver streams that gambol in the mountains, and pious politicians that gamble in the night; roaring catapults and roaring orators; fast young men and girls faster, faster; sharp lawyers and sharp financiers; noisy children and fertile plains that lie like sheets of water, and thousands of newspapers that lie like thunder."

Look out for bogus \$5 pieces. A secret service man ran across 98 of them near Seattle, and believes a gang of counterfeiters are operating in that city, circulating the bad money between Puget Sound and the Columbia River. A bogus \$5 national bank note is also in circulation. It bears the imprint of the Fourth National Bank of Boston, check letter A, series of 1882, Tilman, register; Morgan, treasurer.

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The church is said to be divided into three classes—workers, jerkers shirkers.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and causes one to feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

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If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. None of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Lodge Directory.
BURNS LODGE NO. 70, K of P. Meets every Thursday night. F. M. Jordan, C. C. S. Mothershead, K of R. S.
BURNS CHAPTER, NO. 49, O. E. S. Meets second and fourth Monday of each month in Masonic hall, Voegtly building. Mrs. Maggie Levens, W. M. Mrs. Kanice Thompson, Sec.
BURNS LODGE, NO. 97, A. F. & A. M. Meets Saturday on or before full moon. Qualified brothers fraternally invited. C. E. Kenyon, W. M. F. S. Rieder, Secy.
BURNS LODGE, NO. 93, A. O. U. W. Meets at Brown hall every Friday evening. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Thos. Sagers, W. M. Chas. N. Cochran, Recorder.
HARNEY LODGE, NO. 77, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday evening, Brown's hall. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Frank O. Jackson, N. G. C. G. Smith, Secretary.
TULE CIRCLE, NO. 165, WOMEN OF Woodcraft. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Brown's hall. Mrs. Tillie Jordan, Mrs. Ione Whiting, Guardian. Clerk.

Church Announcements.
Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.
At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.
Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.
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