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STATE GETS TITLE TO 7,000 ACRES

RESULT OF EFFORT OF WEST AND CHAMBERLAIN.

Puts Congressman Lafferty in a Doubtful Light Before the People of Oregon.

After six years of effort and waiting, the reward for one of the many fights he and his predecessor in office have made in behalf of the common school fund of the state came to Governor West, Wednesday in the form of a patent from the United States giving the



Congressman Lafferty.

estate a clear title to about 7000 acres of indemnity school lands in the Lakeview district.

The receipt of this patent is of more importance than attaches merely to the recovery for the benefit of the school fund of this amount of land. It puts the stamp of falsehood upon the efforts made by the Portland Telegram to besmirch Senator George E. Chamberlain when he was a candidate for governor, and throws a peculiar light upon the activity of Congressman Lafferty when he was a land attorney prior to his election. Of the 7000 acres for which patent had been received, 4000 acres were involved in fraudulent selections. The title to the lands were in dispute. Under the direction of Governor Chamberlain, Oswald West, then state land agent about six years ago, began to dig into the records of these selections. He found them tainted. His activity made many who were back of the dummy selectors afraid to continue with their deal and keep up the payments.

About the same time A. Walter Lafferty as a special agent of the government made an investigation of the lands involved. He then resigned and began practice as a land attorney. He took the cases of some of the men who were trying to secure these lands from the state. He attacked Chamberlain and West through the columns of the Telegram. During the campaign, efforts were made to make it appear that Chamberlain was connected in some way with land frauds. The paper abused Chamberlain over the matter.

The action of the government in issuing patent to the state demonstrates the fraudulent character of the adverse claims and explains the desperate effort to defeat Chamberlain who stood in the way of the claimants.

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EXPECTS GOOD DIAMOND YEAR

Walla Walla Lining Up Players for Spring Training.

With the exception of two infielders, says a Walla Walla dispatch, the Bears' team of the Tri-State league for 1913 is complete with such changes, of course, as may come up later. In the trials of training camp this spring, there probably will be some promising youngsters show up, and it may hustle the old timers to hold their jobs.

At present the outlook is as follows: Outfield, Martin, Harmon and Jimmy Menor, all of whom are signed; pitchers, Erik, Mearb, Leper, Shador and Snoddy. Kelly has not been signed yet but probably will be in a day or two. Berger may report. Eddie Johnson will be back at first and Manager Bado has promised him a steady position there. His contract has been sent him.

"Big Bruis" Brown, last year's manager, wants more money this year and the directors think he won't get it and so the matter stands at the present time.

For the shortstop position, A. G. Starr, Indian, cousin of "Chiet" Cardreau who pitched for Spokane last year, is a candidate. He is in the east, but is willing to come here and pay his own expenses for a trial.

Mansb, of Endicott, will try for the pitching staff and with Outfielders here for the third week things look exceedingly bright. Spring training will begin in six weeks.

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A Salem special says: The Oregon legislature will adjourn Feb. 26, five days after the end of the regular session, and will again assemble in extra session to act on special measures.

This agreement has been made by 22 senators and 44 representatives. The senate and house have both failed away so much time that they didn't get vitally important bills acted upon, and in the rush in the last hours the session see it will be impossible to clear up the work by the regular adjourning time on Feb. 21, without making an awful botch of the session, so they have determined to take more time, on extra pay in all probability, and will do what they should have done weeks ago, while the people pay the freight.

Barrett's Bill Passed.

The Barrett road bill, fathered by the senators from Umatilla county, which had already passed the senate, Tuesday passed the house, and good roads folks are celebrating. It is amended so that those who want roads must specify the roads to be built for which the bonds are to be issued and for which the money is to be expended.

Gold Brick for Labor.

Labor was handed a gold brick by the interest serving senate majority. When the bill for an eight hour factory day was brought up for passage, it was decided that the men could not be allowed overtime if they insisted on working longer hours.

Dimick flayed the enemies of short hours and fair pay, but stated he would take the drub offered in extra pay for overtime.

West for Schools.

Governor West Tuesday forenoon

sent a message to the house of representatives that caused the erstwhile powerful steam roller to show signs of dissolution.

By the irony of fate, the issue which seems to have marked the beginning of the end of the steam roller's operations in the very one which first proved its strength in the beginning—the Thompson swamp land drainage bill.

After the Thompson swamp land bill was passed over the governor's veto, Representative Gill introduced H. B. 578 for the purpose of repealing the obnoxious bill. Tuesday Schmebel's bill came up for consideration. The governor sent a message to the house, which arrived just at the right time. It said:

"As you were previously advised, the passage of the Thompson bill will prevent the state from securing title to several hundred thousand acres of land which would be sold for the benefit of the common school fund.

"Inasmuch as your honorable body has just passed bills appropriating about \$750,000 for the support of our state institutions of higher education, I feel that I may take the liberty of speaking a word in behalf of the little country school with the hope that when you return to your constituents it cannot be said that while you gave to the institutions of higher education everything they asked in the way of appropriation, you refused even to extend a protesting hand to the common school fund and the little red school house when about to be raided by a grasping corporation."

Mrs. Luke Read Entertains

Mr. and Mrs. Luke entertained their friends Thursday evening, February 13, with a valentine party. The rooms were decorated, the parlor in pink and green and the dining room and hall in red and yellow. Games were played until a late hour, and a dainty two course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mrs. Fred Cross and Miss Eva Wright. In a sewing contest in which the gentlemen each picked a quilt block, prizes were won by Mr. Geo. Haussel, first; Victor Lawson, second and David Stone, third.

King Sends Thanks.

L. L. Johnson, resident of the Milton-Freewater section of the Walla Walla valley sent a box of choice wineapples to the King of Denmark a few weeks before Christmas and last week Mr. Johnson received a personal letter from the king, who expressed himself pleased with the apples and also that a former subject should remember the fatherland.—Walla Walla Union.

MEMORIAL FOR A NEW STATE

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE MAY KILL THE RESOLUTION.

Propose to Carve "Lincoln" Out of Washington, Oregon and Idaho Panhandle.

The Washington legislature is to vote upon a memorial urging congress to carve the state of Lincoln out of eastern Washington, northern Idaho and northeastern Oregon. Senator "Dink" Hutchinson is preparing the memorial and will father it early next week.

Included in the new state would be all of Washington east of the Cascade, the Panhandle of Idaho and the counties of Umatilla, Union and Wallawa, Oregon. The resolution will likely receive its death blow shortly after its introduction, but the senator will not let the resolution be killed without a hard fight. Senator Hutchinson does not hope to pass the memorial but expects to start again the agitation for the state of Lincoln, which he hopes to see established within a few years.

Senator Hutchinson has received numerous letters from prominent residents of eastern Washington and northern Idaho, urging him to take this action. Congress will be asked to allow the people in the territory mentioned, to vote upon the proposition of forming the proposed state.

Hutchinson's main argument for the formation of the new state is the community of interests that exists between these sections. Washington, he points out, is essentially two states, though legally it is one. Laws that fit eastern Washington do not suit western Washington. One of the reasons for changing the Agricultural college at Pullman to a state college, is said to have been to foster the movement for the state of Lincoln. At least statements to this effect, have been made at Olympia for the past several sessions of the legislature.

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