

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ADD TO RESERVES.

Government Will Soon to Take Action on Oregon Forests.

Washington—The present year is likely to see several million acres added to the forest reserve of Oregon. Up to this time 6,072,550 acres have been brought within permanent forest reserves, and 6,908,336 acres additional have been temporarily withdrawn. Just what part of this latter area is to become permanent forest reserve and what part is to be turned back to the public domain has not been determined.

Out of the withdrawals, however, 2,130,400 acres set apart for the Blue mountain reserve will be placed under the forest administration.

There has been an intimation that a proclamation will soon issue creating a Rogue river forest reserve in Southwestern Oregon, for which 1,192,320 acres have been withdrawn. This proposed reserve takes in fully half of Curry and Josephine counties and small portions of Coos and Douglas. When originally mapped out, the Rogue river reserve was deemed impracticable, because the railroad land grant traverses the area. Now that the lieu land law is repealed and there is no danger of lieu land frauds, this objection from the government standpoint seems to have been removed.

Various withdrawals of small areas in Marion, Linn, Lane and Douglas counties, aggregating 250,040 acres, have been made with a view to enlarging the Cascade reserve along its west boundary. It is quite probable that these tracts will be permanent reserves. The same is true of the withdrawal of 12,000 acres in Clackamas county adjoining the Cascade reserve.

In Morrow and Grant counties a withdrawal has been made embracing 417,000 acres, which will eventually be made into the Heppner forest reserve unless present plans are abandoned.

It has not yet been determined what disposition shall be made of the Warner mountain withdrawal, which embraces 2,839,816 acres in Klamath, Lake and Crook counties. Much of this land, upon examination, has been found unfit for forest reserve purposes, and will probably be turned back to the public domain, but those portions which are valuable for timber or as protection to watersheds are likely to be permanently reserved at some future time. In addition to the foregoing, 1,280 acres in Jackson county have been withdrawn with a view to enlarging the Ashland reserve and 4,480 acres in Crook county withdrawn to enlarge Maury mountain reserve.

Initiative Petitions Filed.

Salem—The secretary of state has notified the governor that he has received and placed on file in his office two initiative bills, one to abolish toll roads and for the purchase of the Barlow road over the Cascade mountains, and the other for amending the local option law. Both bills are accompanied by petitions having the required number of signatures to insure their submission to a vote of the people. The governor must issue a proclamation for each bill, to be published in at least one paper in each judicial district. The publication of these proclamations costs the state \$275 each.

Look for Busy Season.

Baker City—In spite of the heavy snow, the past week has been lively in mining circles, especially have the placer men been active in preparation for the coming season with the prospect of a plentiful supply of water. George W. and Edward Borman have just put 15 men at work cleaning out their big ditch near the old Virtue mine, seven miles east of Baker City. In that vicinity there has been more snow this winter than at any one season in the 31 years the Bormans have been here.

Feed Cattle On Beet Pulp.

La Grande—Grandy & Russell, the butcher firm, are feeding 1,000 head of cattle this winter, mostly for their own use. A great deal of sugar beet pulp is used, also a large quantity of hay. Ten men are employed steadily in feeding and caring for the stock. Five teams are engaged in hauling beet pulp and three wagons are used in hauling hay.

To Prospect for Oil.

Eugene—J. W. Zimmerman and C. F. Mitchell, of this city, who are working on a coal prospect ten miles southwest of Eugene, are preparing articles of incorporation and will organize a joint stock company immediately to work the property. They have struck a vein of coal which they say promises well. They also announce that they will bore 1,000 feet or more in hope of striking oil.

Minors Smoke Cigarettes.

Eugene—The members of the Local Temperance league, recently organized here, have taken up the matter of enforcing the law against giving and selling tobacco to minors. They announce that the first one caught violating the law will be arrested and fined.

PROGRESS ON UMATILLA.

Water Users Sign Contract—Is Best Among Irrigation Plans.

Washington—Officials of the reclamation service are pleased with the progress being made by the landowners on the Umatilla irrigation project. Late advices from the local engineer indicate strong interest on the part of the water users, who have already pledged 13,000 out of the 18,000 acres included in the project. As most of the legal difficulties have been adjusted by the secretary of the interior, it is believed that no great delay will occur in signing up all the land embraced in this project.

Although Umatilla is one of the minor national works in point of cost and acreage, its favorable climate, of altitude, fertile soil and adaptability to a wide variety of products makes this one of the most attractive projects undertaken. The land is suited for orchards and small fruits, and, when so used, from 10 to 20 acres are ample for the support of a family. The fruit and vegetables are the finest on the market. Transportation facilities are excellent, the markets being Portland and Spokane.

The engineering works are simple, and, while the cost of the water is \$60 per acre, it is relatively low, compared with the values produced. Soil experts who have thoroughly examined the whole area are enthusiastic concerning the future of this section when watered and predict a populous and prosperous community here at no distant day.

Snow Is Heavy.

Burns—With 24 inches of snow in the Harney valley, and at places three feet of it, with the mountain roads almost impassable on account of the still heavier snowfall there, stockmen are anxious concerning the prospects of getting their stock through the winter. There is an abundance of hay in the county, but stock, and especially sheep, lose flesh after feeding any length of time on the wild product of the valley. In addition to this fact, there is the apprehension that a cold snap would probably have an injurious effect.

Land Money Divided.

Salem—Secretary of State Dunbar has apportioned the 5 per cent land sales fund among the several counties of the state. This fund was received from the United States government and constitutes 5 per cent of the proceeds of sales of government land in Oregon for 1905. The apportionment is made upon the basis of the acreage of the several counties. The amount is \$28,212.37.

Macadamize Milton Street.

Milton—Arrangements are being made to macadamize Main street as far as the depot and on to connect with the road that will be macadamized from Walla Walla to Freewater and Milton. This will be done in the early spring.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c; bluestem, 72c; red, 68c; valley, 73c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$28; gray, \$27 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$23@23.50 per ton; brewing, \$23.50@24; rolled, \$24@25.

Buckwheat—\$2.25 per cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14 per ton; valley timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$7@8; grain hay, \$7@8.

Fruits—Apples, common, 75c@81 per box; choice, \$1.25@1.50; fancy, \$2@2.50; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13@13.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 2@2½c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.85 crate; celery, \$3.50 per crate; peas, 12½@15c per pound; bell peppers, 35c per pound; pumpkins, ¼@1c per pound; sprouts, 6½@7c per pound; squash, 1½@1½c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—Oregon, No. 1, \$1.10@1.25 per sack; No. 2, 70c@1.

Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65c per hundred; ordinary, 50c; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@32½ per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 23½@24c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11@12c per pound; springs, 11@12½c; mixed chickens, 10@10½c; broilers, 15@17c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 9@10c; geese, dressed, 12@14c; ducks, 16@18c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c per pound; prime, 8½@9c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Peef—Dressed bulls, 2@2½c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c; country steers, 4@5c.

Veal—Dressed, 3½@8½c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@8½c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7½c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7½c per pound.

MINERS WILL STRIKE.

Every Mine in Country To Be Tied Up Till Better Pay Is Secured.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2.—The rejection of the counter proposition offered by the coal operators of the central competitive district by an almost unanimous vote of the National convention of the United Mineworkers, and the adoption of a resolution offered by Secretary Ryan, of Illinois, placing the miners on record as a unit in refusing to sign an agreement for any district until an agreement was signed for all districts under the jurisdiction of the United Mineworkers, has created a situation which, in the opinion of the officials of the miners' organization, will result in the disruption of the joint agreement and probably one of the greatest strikes of organized labor the country has ever known.

Immediately after the rejection of the operators' proposition the convention set about to provide means for accumulating a strike fund of \$6,000,000 in addition to a like amount now on deposit in the international, district and sub-district treasuries of the miners' organizations. To provide for an emergency Secretary Wilson moved that a per capita tax of \$1 a week be voted and that all districts take care of the dependent miners within their jurisdiction for at least six weeks. He said that after that time he believed the international organization would be in a position to take care of the miners. After the motion had been amended to substitute ten weeks for six as the time during which the districts should care for their dependents, the matter was referred to the international executive board with power to act.

RIOTS AT CHURCHES.

Catholics Resist Entrance by Officers of French Republic.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Everywhere in France the actual putting into operation of the clause of church and state separation bill which provides for the making of inventories of the property of the churches has aroused a storm of protest. In several provincial parishes Catholics have gathered in the churches and made such strong resistance that the government commissioners were unable to enter the edifices.

In Paris today violent scenes took place in several churches, notably that of St. Clothilde. An inventory of the property of the church of St. Roche has not yet been made, owing to the opposition of the congregation, but the defenders of the church of St. Clothilde encumbered before the assault of an armed force which acted on the avowed intention of the government to use every means at its disposal to compel obedience to the enactment.

In the chamber of deputies this afternoon Premier Rouvier replied to an interpellation on the subject by a Socialist deputy. The government, however, secured a vote of confidence by 384 against 166, after the premier had assured the chamber that the government was desirous of using tact and moderation in carrying out the law, but that it was fully determined to perform its duty, no matter what the cost.

A dispatch from Dijon says fresh disturbances broke out today in front of the church of St. Michael. The square was closed only after the free use of fire hose and the efforts of mounted gendarmes. Many arrests were made.

TURN LIGHT ON HARRIMAN.

Democrats Propose an Inquiry Into Southern Pacific Combination.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Post will say tomorrow:

The minority members of the house committee on Pacific railroads got together and agreed upon a plan of action through which they hope to throw the searchlight upon an alleged combine of the Southern Pacific and its tributaries, which they assert is on all fours with the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, and Southern in the East.

A resolution will be introduced in the house requiring the president to transmit to congress all information that may be in the possession of the Interstate Commerce commission or any other division of any department of the government bearing upon the alleged fact that the Southern Pacific Railway company is the holding company of the Union Pacific, the O. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon Short Line.

Gale Breaks Up King David.

Victoria, Feb. 2.—The steamer Queen City, which reached Clayoquot today, reported that the British ship King David, which was wrecked on Bajo reef December 13, and abandoned by her crew while standing high and dry at low water on the reef, broke up during the gale on Monday, January 23, when the steamer Valencia was wrecked. Captain Davidson and crew, excepting the chief officer and eight men, who were lost when going to Cape Beale, to seek assistance were saved by the Queen City.

Let People Elect Them.

Columbus, O., Feb. 2.—The house today adopted the senate joint resolution urging congress to submit a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

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