

THE WASCO NEWS.

Published every Friday at Wasco, Ore., and entered in the postoffice at Wasco as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION, per year,..... \$1.50.
Six Months..... 75c.

Official paper of Sherman Co.

FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 1906.

The "sawciet" rot in the Sunday editions of the large dailies is with us always—even to the uttermost, the hindmost and—then some more.

"Fire Alarm" Foraker's assaults upon the president is a grand stand play for the galleries. Foraker is becoming nauseating and the reading public have a sufficiency of his charlatanism and political clap-trap.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has recommended to the war department that the Ute Indians be made to go to work. The Ute Indian won't do anything of the kind. However, he is not unalterably opposed to seeing his wife take a little exercise.

For quick work the South Dakota divorce court can go some, and then some more. They have not, however, reached the gait of severing the tie that is loosely tangled during the time that is given through passengers to demolish a sam sandwich at a lunch counter.

The war department has drawn the color line. In this case it is the horse. No white or gray animals are to be used hereafter in any branch of the military service. Foraker is no doubt responsible for this order.

The Cuban negroes are clamoring for recognition—or an office of some kind, which is the same thing. The leaders, and their name is legion, demand to sit in the shade, draw a salary, roll coffin nails and dream dreams of possum meat and sweet potatoes.

The most pitiable spectacle that can be imagined is a young man with his little "tummy" full of prohibition heart-ease and staggering around trying to talk and act as if he was real bad. A swipe on the base of his inverted intellectuality with a wet bar towel would make many of these kids feel the hilarity of a genuine jag.

There are many nearly as good, a few almost as good and a whole passel of not quite as good apples raised elsewhere in Oregon as at Hood River. But they are simply poor imitations, after all, and are not the "genowine" article. All Hood River apples will have the name blown in the bot—we mean on the apple.

The investigation of the methods of business in The Dalles land office, it is said, is to come up in the near future. Verily, this is an era of investigation, of charges and counter-charges, of plots and counter-plots—every man against his neighbor and the devil chasing the whole capoodle. The question arises, what are we coming to and how soon will we hit the inevitable jumping-off place?

The people have additional cause to be thankful for these holidays besides an abundance of the good things to eat and to wear and the good things hanging around loose. Mr. Hicks of Bakersfield, Calif., has been released from his long sojourn in the bowels of the earth, alive, ruddy of health and an unimpaired hankering for a generous chaw of plug tobacco. We shall miss the daily bulletin of Mr. Hicks, the progress made hourly by the rescuing party, the hair-raising, breath-suspending conjectures, doubts, hopes and fears of it all. The News congratulates Mr. Hicks, applauds the work of the rescuers and would gladly shake hands with the distinguished cow that supplied the milk if our arm was about two picus longer.

THE DALLES OFFICE

A Fine Kettle of Political Fish That Has Commenced to Sizzle and Stew.

Crimination and Recrimination, Chagres and Counter Charges Are Now Engrossing the Attention of the Public Concerning Certain Alleged Illegal Land Transactions.

Recent developments in The Dalles land office is attracting no little attention. As to the merits or demerits of the controversy the News is not fully advised. It appears, however, that there is a very robust nigger in the woodpile somewhere. Concerning the resignation of Michael T. Nolan, the Oregonian of Sunday in a special from Washington says in part:

Secretary Hitchcock has withdrawn his acceptance of the resignation of Michael T. Nolan as register of The Dalles land office and ordered a thorough investigation of the office, particularly with a view to ascertaining the facts regarding charges made by Nolan against Malcolm A. Moody. Nolan's statement that accompanied his resignation, and which at first was set aside without action, had been reconsidered, and presents a situation that, in the opinion of the president, cannot be ignored. Either the register or the receiver of the office has been guilty of conduct that warrants dismissal.

At all events, the office is not big enough to hold both Nolan and Miss Lang, the receiver, and it has been deemed advisable before taking any action whatever, to ascertain who is at fault.

The central feature around which the investigation will be made is the scripping of a 40-acre tract of land in The Dalles district which is the key to a valuable water power. According to best information obtainable, it is understood that Nolan charges that the original entry made of this land was cancelled, but before the cancellation was entered on the books friends of Moody, having inside information, presented scrip and filed on the tract. Nolan, it is understood, would not approve this action, and as a result friction arose which made it distasteful for him to longer remain in the office. After waiting some time he tendered his resignation.

In so doing Nolan submitted a long statement explaining his reasons for retiring. In that statement he made charges against Moody, alleging that he had secured inside information from Miss Lang. Technically it was not a charge, but it is so regarded and is so in effect and Nolan's statement forms the basis of present investigation.

Until the investigation is concluded no further action will be taken on Nolan's resignation and he will continue to serve. In event that investigation is protracted he may remain until the end of his term, March 4 next. If investigation should show Nolan to be in the wrong he may not be permitted to resign, but on the other hand, should Nolan's charges be substantiated, there may be other changes in the office.

NOLAN'S SIDE OF THE MATTER

Gives Out Interview Explaining Rejection of His Resignation.

The Oregonian of same date as the above, dated The Dalles, says:

The scandal in the land office was given an extensive airing in a local newspaper a few days ago, at which time it was stated that the government had refused to accept Register Nolan's resignation. Nolan now declines to discuss the matter, but the newspaper mentioned quotes him as having asserted that the government's action was preliminary to a thorough investigation of the reasons he gave for his resignation, notably of the scripping of a certain

piece of land on the Deschutes river, which J. H. Shearer had located to secure a valuable water power. A. L. Veazie of Portland laid scrip on the land.

Nolan is said to have charged that ex-Congressman Malcolm A. Moody and State Senator Nathan Whealdon, of this county, among others were involved in the deal. Though Mr. Moody and Mr. Whealdon decline to discuss the matter, their friends have no hesitancy in saying that the real reason that Nolan's resignation has not been accepted is that the government has determined to investigate his conduct as register before allowing him to quit the office.

They assert that in making charges Nolan has merely pulled his house down about his head, and will be the only one to suffer by an investigation.

The charges against the land office which will be investigated by the department of the interior amount to a breach of official trust on the part of some one connected with the office. The particular case which stirred up a sensation is known as the Sherar case. An indemnity school selection, including a valuable water power on the Deschutes river, had been held by Sherar for a number of years. The Deschutes Development company, in which ex-Congressman Moody and State Senator Whealdon are interested, negotiated for the purchase of the Sherar water power on the Deschutes, offer-

ing \$60,000 for it in December, a year ago. Sherar's price was \$75,000, and he refused to sell for less. Some weeks ago Santa Fe scrip was placed on the tract, including the water power, by agents of the Deschutes Development company before Sherar had any knowledge that his indemnity school selection had been canceled by the commissioner of the general land office.

Nolan declined to discuss the matter in detail.

"There will now be a complete and thorough investigation of this case by the department," he said. "It is my opinion, based on circumstantial evidence, that the scheme to deprive Mr. Sherar of his water power was concocted by Messrs. Moody and Whealdon. The scrip laid on the land was ordered by Mr. Whealdon from a dealer in The Dalles after a letter from the commissioner of the general land office cancelling the Sherar indemnity selection was received at this office, and the scrip was ready for filing before the clerk who records such letters had ever received such letter. I was informed by Mr. Moody that a certain man would be at our office at 9 a. m. on January 26 to file scrip for him, and I was requested to be sure and be there to see that he, Moody, did not get the worst of it, as there might be other filings on the land. I was there and the man filed the scrip. I did not recognize the description as the Sherar land until afterwards.

"This case will be investigated," said Mr. Nolan, "and there will be no whitewashing."

Rev. Tompkins was in town Sunday and preached a very interesting sermon at the M. E. church in the evening.

Notice

Strayed or stolen from my ranch near the free bridge, one brown horse weighing 1250 lbs. branded with gable end of house on left shoulder.

One black mare weighing 1150 lbs. no brand.

One black horse weighing 950 lbs. no brand.

The above horses have had their fore top reached about 3 months ago.

Twenty dollars reward for information or return of said stock.

D. W. Morehouse

Posted.

One two-year-old, mouse colored Jersey steer, having both ears marked and branded X on left h.p. Owner of above animal will please come forward, prove property, pay for keeping same and such other expenses or damages as have been incurred by the undersigned or it will be sold at public auction on Monday, January 28, 1907.

R. DINGLE.

Two miles south of Grant, Ore.

Mr. G. N. Crosfield is now agent for the Dutchman Gang Plows, Monitor Hoe Monitor and Double Disc Drills, Bain Wagons, Henney Buggies and Trucks, I. H. Co. Gas Engines, McCormack Mowers, Reapers, Binders and Headers Holt Bros. Combine Harvesters. Mr. Crosfield will carry a big line of extras; his terms are not cash, your notes good today, just as it was two years ago. Bring him your orders—as he has the best line of machinery made in the U. S., and will save you money and give you the right terms. He also has the Washington Double Disc Weeder.

COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY



Portland-The Dalles Routes

— STEAMERS —

"DAILY GATZERT" "DALLES CITY" "REGULATOR" "SADIE B" "METLAKO" Str. "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Portland 7:00 a. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Leaves The Dalles 7:00 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Str. "Regulator" leaves Portland 7:30 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Leaves The Dalles 7:30 a. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Steamers leaving Portland make daily connection at Lyle with C. R. & N. train for Goldendale and Klickitat Valley. C. R. & N. train leaves Goldendale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6:30 a. m., making connections with steamer "Regulator" for Portland and way points. C. R. & N. train leaves Goldendale on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8:30 a. m., connecting at Lyle with steamer "Sadie B" for The Dalles, connecting there with C. R. & N. trains East and West. Str. "Geo. W. Simons" leaves Cascade Locks daily (except Sunday) 7:00 a. m. for The Dalles and way points, arriving The Dalles 11:00 a. m. Leaves The Dalles 2:00 p. m., arriving Cascade Locks 6:30 p. m. Meals served on all steamers. Fine accommodations for teams and wagons. Steamers leave Portland from Alder St. dock. M. TALBOT, N. P. and Ge. Portland, P.

Labor Problem Solved

Buy Now and Next Year Pay Us Half You Save.

I Want Three Men to

Run a Holt Harvester!

And with my 20 horses we'll sack up a section while you're looking around for a threshing crew. Too fat to worry about labor troubles.

Holt Bros.' Side-Hill Combined Harvesters

Draws easy. The secret is the Link Belt Drive. The two big wheels are always straight up and down. Can't slip or slough on steepest hills. Link Belt and Link Belt only makes these features possible.

We've Built Harvesters 22 Years. BUY OF US. DON'T EXPERIMENT. Ask Your Neighbor. He Knows

Here's what A. Z. Case, Sr., says. You can bank on his statement:

"The HOLLEY JUNIOR SIDE HILL COMBINED HARVESTER I purchased of you this year is certainly the PRIDE of the FIELD. I inspected all other makes of machines before I bought and am well pleased with my selection. It will handle a 14 foot swath in any kind of grain. There is at least a saving of 5 to 6 bushels of grain to the acre."

"This year my grain is a little light on account of the hot winds and am confident I could handle a 16-foot as well as 14-foot. Would advise any fellow farmer who can use a Harvester to buy a HOLLEY. She is certainly a Hummer."

Yours truly, "A. Z. CASE, SR., "Hutton, Wash., 1906."

Wasco, Ore., August 24, 1905. THE HOLT MANUFACTURING CO., Walla Walla, Wash.—Gentlemen: I am highly pleased with the Harvester

purchased of you this season. It is certainly the cheapest and most satisfactory method of saving grain I have ever tried. I only regret my not owning one years ago, as I know I can save more grain per acre than by the use of the Header and Thresher.

With my Junior machine I harvested my crop of 950 acres in 27 days without a single accident or delay, saving me my customary \$1000 threshing bill.

Yours truly, J. R. KASEBERG.

Wasco, Ore., December, 7, 1905.

MESSES. HOLT BROS., Walla Walla—Gentlemen: The Harvester is a jewel. I have been in the threshing business for myself since 1880, and have some reputation as a thresherman, but I will take a Holt Combine for my own use. I worked 24 head of horses on my 16 foot cut, and they were fat after cutting over 1000 acres. It cost last year \$260 for extras and repairs.

Yours truly, JOHN M. ALLEN.

Dufur, Ore., March 16, 1905.

THE HOLT MANUFACTURING CO., Walla Walla, Wash.—Dear Sirs: As to your inquiry as to what extras or repairs I would need to start my Junior Harvester, will say that you can count me out as a customer this year, for I have only run her two seasons, cutting 600 acres each season, and she is ready to do it over. I have 600 acres to cut this season, and expect to do it without asking extras. I use oil, and I find that when there is any kick on a Holt Harvester the owner is short of oil, or he left it in the shed, and wonders why she don't run smooth. I tell them to oil her, and she is good, always. I pull here with from twenty to thirty-two horses; depends on the ground.

They can all pay six cents that wish to, but I like to put my grain in the bag for one cent.

Yours truly, C. P. BAUCH.

The Holley-Junior 16in. and 20in. wheels. 14ft. Cut Requires 4 Men and 20 Horses.

The Holt Manufacturing Co.

Walla Walla, Wash. and Spokane, Wash.

Geo. N. Crosfield, Agent,

Wasco, Ore.