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A FOREST RESERVE GRATUITY.

A writer in the Denver Post in a recent issue discusses the forest reserve policy from a legal and constitutional standpoint, showing how that policy is doing a grave injustice to the western states where the policy has run mad. He calls attention to decisions of the supreme court of the United States, which hold that in line with the constitution the states carved out of public territory in the west have the right to exercise all the powers of government over public lands that the original colonies had, with the single exception that congress may regulate them temporarily for the purpose of sale and to prevent the states from taxing them until sold by the government. The court has held that the policy of congress has always been to induce individual holders to take these lands without regard to any pecuniary advantage to the government as a "high public duty" and in the interest of the whole country for the purpose of developing the material resources of the country. The same policy has been pursued with regard to coal lands, bearing the precious metals, gold and silver, iron lands, and others. Some countries have regarded all mineral lands as belonging to the "crown." This government has never pursued any such policy, believing that the best way in which to develop the country is to encourage individual effort and individual ownership. The same policy has been pursued with regard to the coal and iron deposits, the agricultural and grazing lands and the forests, but lately all this has changed and the government is seeking to become a landlord, farming out its holdings and grudgingly watching them develop, in the case of the timber lands, absolutely withdrawing them from development.

The Denver writer holds that under the decisions of the federal supreme court congress cannot do this, but must continue the policy of selling its holdings of public lands and passing them into private ownership, that is, that the United States holds these lands as trustee and not as landlord—that government over them, except for this purpose, is absolutely within the control of the states after those states are created.

His position is that as stated by the constitution, government over these lands having been placed within control of the states except for certain specific purposes, congress cannot go beyond those specific purposes because the constitution especially reserves to the states all power except that in so many words conferred upon congress and that grant of power applies to public lands within the boundaries of any state.

All are familiar with the difference in the treatment of public lands, such as those here under discussion, and property belonging strictly to the government. Offenses, for instance, committed upon strictly government property, such as military or Indian reservations, are punishable in federal courts, while offenses committed upon public lands are punishable in the state courts. This is because those lands are considered a part of the state except for the two purposes of their disposal and the prevention of taxation by the state.

The western states have the

right to demand equal opportunities and equal rights with other and older states, which they are not receiving now.

The people of this state are taxed to maintain the supremacy of the law within those reserves. If a murder is committed, the people of the state must bear the burden of expense of seeking out and punishing the murderer, but in return it receives absolutely nothing, for which its citizens do not have to pay directly to the agent of the landlord at Washington. It is true that the landlord's agent has kindly consented to let the schools and the public highways enjoy a certain percentage of the receipts wrung from the pockets of her own people, but this comes as a gratuity and not as a right. And the shame of it is, American patriotism has sunk to such a level that it accepts the gratuity!

Odd Fellows Install Officers

Last Saturday evening was a busy time with members of the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, when the two lodges joined in installation ceremonies in their lodge room in the A. O. U. W. building.

District Deputy Grand Master T. M. Jones acted as installing officer for the Odd Fellows and Mrs. J. W. Merritt acted in a similar capacity for the Rebekah Degree lodge. The occasion was a public one for all members of the lodges and their families, and a large crowd was present to witness the work. Following are the newly installed officers of the subordinate lodge: George Ford, N. G.; Ernest Hathaway, V. G.; J. E. Grieve, secretary; Will Scott, financial secretary; G. S. Moore, treasurer; J. P. Hoagland, warden; F. E. Miller, conductor; E. L. Farra, R. S. N. G.; E. E. Emerson, L. S. N. G.; Geo. Fox, R. S. V. G.; E. E. Scott, L. S. V. G.; G. F. Wright, R. S. S.; P. J. Hicken, L. S. S.; J. F. Hay, I. G.; S. C. Minnick, O. G.; W. E. Alexander, Chaplain.

Officers of the Rebekah lodge are: Minnie Moore, N. G.; Cordie Hathaway, V. G.; Ida Emerson, secretary; Bessie Fulgham, financial secretary; Stella Fox, treasurer; Elizabeth Beal, Chaplain; Lillian Wright, warden; Mae Jacobs, conductress; Bessie Randall, I. G.; Maud Baker, O. G.; Jennie Merritt, R. S. N. G.; Clara Farra, L. S. N. G. After the installation ceremonies were concluded the members of the subordinate lodge entertained the Rebekahs and all guests at an elegant supper at the Central Point Hotel, at which more than 150 plates were laid. The supper was one of the very finest ever served here on a similar occasion.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klotz of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by Mary A. Mee.

Biblical Lore by a Baseball Fan.

Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. St. Peter, he umpired the game; Rebecca went to the well with the pitcher. Ruth, in the field, won fame. Goliath was struck off by David. A fowl hit off of Abel by Cain. The Prodigal Son made a home run. And brother Noah gave out checks for rain.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Mary A. Mee.

Tax Levy 6 4-10 Mills.

The county court, in session last week at Jacksonville, fixed the tax levy for the coming year at 6 4-10 mills, a decrease of 6-10 mills from the last levy. The county court had a lengthy session last week, the matter of changing road districts and the appointment of road supervisors being a part of the routine.

CROFOOT HAS RIVAL.

Promoter of Industrial Enterprises Finds He's an Amateur.

TOLD OF SOME GOOD THINGS

What a Caller Had to Offer People With Money Seeking an Investment. Four Hundred Per Cent in Dividends on \$5,000,000 Capital.

[Copyright, 1908, by T. C. McClure.] Major Crofoot, grand promoter of thirty-two of the grandest enterprises on the face of the earth, sat in his office dead broke. He had two keys in his pocket, but not a stiver in cash. His landlady had given him the cold hand that morning, and his office rent was due, and he was expecting the landlord every minute. He was wondering if the last sucker in America



THE MAJOR Laid His Head on the Desk and Wept.

was dead when there was a step in the corridor, and his half open door was pushed open and a stranger entered and queried:

"Is this Major Crofoot, please?"

"It is."

"The man who always has a good thing for investors?"

"Sure."

"My name is Dawson, and I have come in to talk business to you."

Things changed with the major in an instant. The usual smile came back to his face, the usual bluntness to his voice, and as he bade the stranger welcome he toyed with the six old check books stacked up on the desk to show that he was doing business with six different banks.

"What is the best thing you can offer an investor today?" continued the caller as he seated himself.

"You mean something extra good?"

"The very best there is in the box. Don't talk to me of anything paying less than 30 per cent dividends."

Would Pay 60 Per Cent.

"No? Well, I've got just what you want. Yesterday I just finished incorporating the Great American Novelty Refrigerator company. It's going to be the greatest thing on earth. It's sure to sweep the land like a tornado. I'm the inventor, patentee and president of the company, capital \$5,000,000, and I feel sure I can guarantee you 60 per cent dividends. You put hot water into the refrigerator and it freezes it to ice. Attached to and working with it are a music box, an alarm clock, a French dictionary, a typewriter, a washing machine and a phonograph. Can be worked singly or altogether. Keeps tabs on the hired girl. Records the exact moment the husband comes in at night. Can be fitted with a torpedo to blow up tramps calling for something to eat. Possibilities unlimited, and the demand will be unprecedented. The czar of Russia writes—

"Never mind the czar of Russia," interrupted Mr. Dawson. "Is that your very best?"

"But think of it, man, 60 per cent dividends, and I make you general manager at a salary of \$20,000 a year."

"Poor, very poor. Not half good enough. I thought you had something gilt edged. It wouldn't pay to fool away my time on that."

"But, man—"

"Come in with me and learn how to promote. You don't know the A B C of it yet. One of the very poorest companies I have is the Arabian Celery and Horseradish syndicate. We propose to buy 5,000,000 acres of desert land and supply the world with celery and horseradish. The dividends are positively guaranteed at 75, and yet we don't think much of it. We shan't try very hard to push the stock. I could give you the vice presidency at a salary of \$50,000 a year, but I don't want to see you starve to death."

The major turned pale, opened his eyes very wide and began to breathe hard.

"A promoter who can't see an even 100 per cent dividends in an enterprise should drop it," continued the caller. "It's one horse. It's wasting his time. I organized the Universal Gas Saving company and figured out it would pay 90 per cent dividends. Looked to me like a big thing in my then callow days, but I laugh at it now. It cut gas bills down from \$6 a month to 15 cents and is still doing it, but the stockholders are kicking for greater dividends. Ninety per cent looks like skimmilk to them. The secretary resigned last week, and I could give you his place at \$30,000 a year, but I know you'd refuse

it. You would consider it small potatoes."

"Great Scott!" whispered the major as he leaned forward in his chair.

"After the Gas Saving company was out I saw I was wasting my time. I then originated and promoted the Great Sahara Fruit and Vegetable company. Twenty million acres of land to grow strawberries in summer and sweet potatoes in the fall. The enterprise is referred to in the press as colossal. Kings and emperors have written to us commending it. We let the Rothschilds in on the ground floor, and they were tickled to death, and yet when we came to figure up the dividends they didn't go but 105. I was so disgusted with the thing that I came near dropping out of the promoting business. I did think of turning the presidency over to you at a salary of \$100,000 a year, but I know you'd refuse it. It isn't up to a man of your caliber. You don't want to fiddle faddle with trifles."

Started New Company.

The major opened his mouth and tried to speak, but words would not come.

"Then I originated the worldwide lemon squeezer. Up to that date any one who wanted to squeeze a lemon had to call in the hired man or place it under a board and stand on it. Hitting a lemon with a sledge hammer wasted part of the juice, and sometimes it dodged the blow, and the cat or one of the children was killed. I saw what was needed and invented the squeezer. Our first order was for a million. The sultan of Turkey ordered half a million right off the reel. Couldn't keep up with our orders and can't now, but what do you suppose the dividends are? Just a measly 120 per cent. Rockefeller and Morgan sold their stock in disgust after the first year. I believe that a few widows and ministers still call it a fairly good thing, but think of financiers like us being satisfied with such dividends. I could offer you—"

"Yes, yes, you could offer me—"

"I could offer you the vice presidency and a salary of \$150,000 a year for life, but I don't want to insult you. I must look for some cheap skate."

"I might take it!" groaned the major.

"Nonsense! You take a cheap thing like that and humiliate yourself to the earth! I won't be a party to it. I have now finally got a thing worth looking at—worth investing in. Have you heard of the Universal Instructive Bedstead company?"

"N-no."

Behind the Times.

"You haven't? Why, you are away behind the times. Thought you kept better track of things financial. My dear sir, you must have heard that there is an electric current sweeping through the earth from north to south?"

"Yes."

"And that all human beings should lie with their heads to the north in order that they may first receive this current on the back of the neck?"

"Yes."

"Well, there you are. You go to a hotel and the bedsteads may stand east and west. The landlord doesn't care a copper for your health. My instinctive bedstead instinctively turns itself north and south, no matter where placed. Keeps the current flowing from head to heel. Hotels have got to have 'em or go out of business. We start on a capital of \$5,000,000, and the lowest we can figure the dividends is 400 per cent. Some of us think they will reach 500. The principle can be applied to bunks on Pullmans and aboard steamers. Baby's crib and family lounge have got to head to the north. Will save a million human lives a year and put 10,000 drug stores out of business. I could let you in on the ground floor and pay you a salary of a quarter of a million dollars a year as secretary, but I won't insult you. You have probably got something much better on hand. Ta, ta, major. I must be going."

And when the man had departed the major laid his head on the desk and wept. He was a failure, and he realized it.

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Literary Note.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
December 17, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that James Davies, of Trail, Oregon, who, on January 12, 1908, made Homestead Entry, No. 3328, for South East 1/4, Section 8, Township 33 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 28th day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: John J. Wingham, John W. Miller, John Byron Dunkin and Alfred Morine, all of Trail, Oregon.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
October 31, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Anna M. Smith, of Medford, Oregon, who, on October 30, 1908, made Timber Entry, No. 6972, for SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 and Lot 2, Section 2, Township 34 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 28th day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas C. Norris, Joseph T. Gagnon, Francis A. Smith and W. Gray, all of Medford, Oregon.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, ss.
Zoe Bryant, Plaintiff, vs. Charles A. Bryant, Defendant.
To Charles A. Bryant, Defendant.
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in the above entitled court on or before the 27th day of February, 1909, which is the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons for answering hereon, and you will take notice if you fail so to appear and answer, that for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint filed herein, a succinct statement of which is as follows:
"For a decree of the court forever dissolving the contract of marriage now existing between plaintiff and defendant."
This summons is published for six weeks in the Central Point Herald by the order of the Hon. H. K. Hanna, judge of the above entitled court, made on the 28th day of December, 1908, and the first date of publication thereof is the 7th day of January, 1909, and the last date of publication of the same is the 15th day of February, 1909.
WILLIAM L. VAWTER,
MAILSON PURDIN,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
December 8, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Blanch L. Smith, of Medford, Oregon, who, on October 22, 1908, made Timber Application, No. 6190, for SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 26, Township 33 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 8th day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: Carl B. Webster, Thomas C. Norris, Joseph T. Gagnon and Francis A. Smith, all of Medford, Oregon.
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