

THAT PANHANDLE BILL.

Territory Embraced and Other Provisions of the Measure.

A press dispatch from Salem says that Governor Greer Friday evening filed Grace's bill annexing the eastern part of Union county, known as the "panhandle," with the secretary of state without his signature, and thus the bill became a law at midnight. There was great pressure brought by the people of Union county to influence the governor to veto the bill, but passing with the handsome majority in both houses that it did, Governor Greer could not see his way clear in affixing his veto. A large delegation are here from the town of Union and the final determination of the governor is a keen disappointment to them.

The bill for the annexation of the "Panhandle" to Baker county, in substance, is as follows:

Section 1. That all that portion of the state of Oregon embraced within the following boundary lines and heretofore a part of Union county, be, and the same is hereby made a part of Baker county, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the township line between township six and seven south, range forty east, with Powder river, thence east on said township line to the center of range forty-two east, thence north to the township line between townships five and six south, thence east on said township line between townships five and six to the Wallowa county line, thence easterly along the Wallowa county line to Snake river, thence up and along Snake river to the mouth of Powder river, thence up and along Powder river to the place of beginning.

Section 2 transfers this territory to the civil and military jurisdiction of Baker county.

Section 3 orders the clerk of Union county within thirty days after the act goes into effect to deliver to the clerk of Baker county transcripts of all taxes assessed, of cases in the Circuit and Probate courts and also to transfer the original papers in such cases.

Section 4 instructs the county court of Baker county to let to the lowest and best bidder the contract for transcribing the records pertaining to property in this territory.

Section 5 provides for the transfer of school records, funds, etc.

Section 6 requires the treasurer of Baker to pay to Union county taxes collected from the assessment of 1900.

Section 7 provides for the payment by Baker to Union county in one year the Panhandle's share of the Union county indebtedness, based on the assessed valuation of 1900.

Section 8 authorizes the judge of the Eighth judicial district to appoint a commissioner, not a resident of either county, to act with the county judge of Baker county in adjusting this indebtedness.

Section 9 prescribes the method to be pursued should either county desire to appeal for this adjustment.

Prefer Their Old Grievances to the New.

The Transvaal seems to be no nearer pacification than it was some months ago, and the prospects for resumption of work in the Witwatersand mines is still a distant one. Our London correspondent writes us that recently some German metallurgists in the employ of the South African mining companies, and who are now waiting in London for a chance to go back to the Rand, held a meeting among themselves and passed an abstract resolution asking for their old grievances back again, and condemning their folly in petitioning the British government to interfere two years ago. This action probably reflects the feeling of a good many people who are interested in South African mines. The situation is serious enough for many investors who have money placed in mining companies and who will most probably have to go another year without dividends.—Engineer and Mining Journal.



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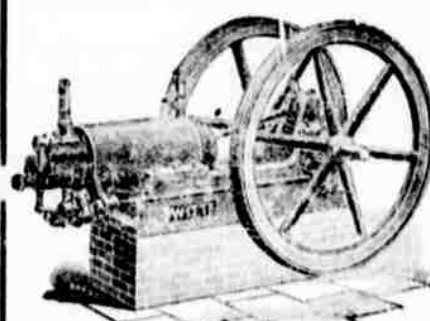
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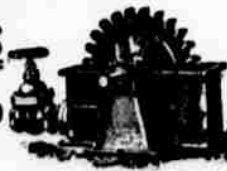


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