

DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

Industry Should be Supervised By Government, Not By States.

Speaking of the necessity of creating a national department of mines, the Mining and Scientific Press, very aptly says:

Much has been said in this journal in the last ten years in favor of the creation of a cabinet department of mines and mining, and the arguments advanced in supporting such a measure continue to gain in force by the natural sequence of events. The objection, is, noted that, as the supervision of the mining industry, can well be left to the several states, it is unnecessary to burden the general government with such a matter.

But that is only begging the question. The point asserted as conceded is one of the things denied by the supporters of the project. The supervision and fostering care required by the nation's greatest basic industry is justly a national question and can be best served by national aid. There are many things that the several sovereignties which may make up this great republic can do, but there are many things that none but the national government can compass with justice to all, and this is one of them. The federal power is dominant over all, and when it lays the great negis of its supreme authority over any subject, that takes on a majesty and is lifted to a lofty height of industrial importance denied to any thing controlled solely by state laws. If the mining industry of the United States were confined to a few insignificant sections of our common country; if the interests it represents were of little commercial importance, or if its destinies had little influence on our national life; if it mattered little whether the mining industry lived or languished, and if the issues involved affected only a small part of the people, the objection might have some weight. But as all the other industries of the continent rest upon the mining industry; as its operations are coextensive with the extent of American territory itself; as it is only the federal power that can wield the necessary national influence to administer on such a necessary national industry, it is only business that requisite attention be bestowed upon such industry by the creation of a national bureau that can alone give the needed attention which through the years has been withheld.

The question cannot be downed nor put aside; it may some day become a political question, just as have other matters of less import in our national life. Originally when we were weak and small the Federal Cabinet had but four members. As we advanced, the President's advisers grew in number with the growth of the country. Many things needed fostering care and protection, and they rightly got it. The mining industry never asked for any help. It asks none now. In peace or war it has ever held up the arms of the nation and with sturdy independence has made possible the splendid progress that has marked the years and made this a world-wide power. The fact that the nation occupies the fore-front rank is due to the mining industry as much as to any other one factor in so splendid and satisfactory a result. Nor does there come any

Macedonian cry for help or succor from any miner anywhere. As a private proposition the mining industry of the nation and the several states will advance in proportion to the wealth they develop and the skill, vim and science of those who make up the mining world, with due regard to the limitations imposed by the nation's neglect. It is not a plea for assistance nor a bid for office that prompts the suggestion that a cabinet department of mines and mining is needed. It comes from a clear conception of national requirements; from a knowledge that such a department is needed as a public measure; the evidence that however efficient state supervision may be, it lacks the iron-clad potency of federal jurisdiction; it comes from the consciousness in the minds of many that the great industry that has furnished so great a part of our national wealth should have the attention that will enable it to be even still greater good to the nation of the twentieth century. What mining has done for the nation is but an index of what it can do. As a business proposition it would be the best paying investment the nation ever made to create a national department of mines and mining and have a representative of the nation's greatest industry in the President's cabinet. The matter is not a narrow one of place or petty politics; it is one of wide import and should be treated in a broad gauge way. It should be the province and the purpose of our public men to conserve the interests of their country, and where duty and policy so plainly dictate the way it should not be difficult to follow it.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,
August 29, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on October 19, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 11822, Charles P. Murphy, of McEwen, Oregon, for the n. e. 1/4 Sec. 17, Tp. 11 S., Range 12 E. W. M., and Lot 1 and n. e. 1/4 sec. 17, Township 11 S., Range 12 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter J. Soarás and William Kelly, of Sumpter, Ore.; Ed. L. Tohen, Joseph Tohen and C. Carn, of McEwen, Oregon.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Van Rensselaer Mead, Erwin D. Gatewood and James Raver, of Sumpter, Oregon, and Charles Tibbs, of McEwen, Oregon.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 5, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,
GEORGE Z. SMITH,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2841, for the purchase of the s. e. 1/4 s. w. 1/4, w. 1/2 s. e. 1/4 and n. e. 1/4 s. e. 1/4 of section No. 18, in township No. 11 S., range No. 12 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Ralph Mead, George W. White and James H. Connors, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of Nov., 1903.
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JAMES R. SMURTHWAITE,
of Baker City, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2842 for the purchase of the s. e. 1/4 s. w. 1/4 of section No. 10 south, range No. 16 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before A. B. Combs, Jr., County Clerk, at Baker City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Joseph A. West, Grant Geddes and John H. Eccles, Jr., of Baker City, Oregon; Ray B. West, of Logan, Utah.
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JOHN H. ECCLES, JR.,
of Baker City, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2843, for the purchase of the s. e. 1/4, of section No. 11 in township No. 10 south, range No. 16 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before A. B. Combs, Jr., County Clerk, at Baker City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Joseph A. West, Grant Geddes and James R. Smurthwaite, of Baker City, Oregon; Ray B. West, of Logan, Utah.
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GEORGE W. WHITE,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2844, for the purchase of Lots 4 and 4, section 10, and Lots 1 and 2 of section No. 12, Tp. No. 11 south, range No. 12 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday the 24th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Ralph Mead, James H. Connors and George F. Smith, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of Nov., 1903.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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JAMES H. CONNORS,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2845 for the purchase of the s. e. 1/4 n. e. 1/4 s. e. 1/4, Lot 1 and n. e. 1/4 s. e. 1/4 of section No. 30 in township No. 11 south, range No. 12 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.

He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Ralph Mead, George W. White and George F. Smith, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of November, 1903.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, September 5, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,
EUGENE A. CASE,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2846 for the purchase of the n. e. 1/4 n. w. 1/4 & n. w. 1/4 n. e. 1/4 sec. 27 & s. 1/2 s. w. 1/4 of section No. 22 in township No. 10 south, range No. 12 E. W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 17th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Ralph Mead, John B. Fryer, and John Wilson, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of Nov., 1903.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, Aug. 22, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,
MELVIN CLARK,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2846, for the purchase of the n. e. 1/4 n. e. 1/4 of sec. 8 and s. 1/2 s. e. 1/4 and s. e. 1/4 n. e. 1/4 of section No. 21, in township No. 11 south, range No. 12 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: William A. Green, David S. Clark, Augusta J. Denny and Andrew J. Denny, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 5th day of Nov., 1903.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, Aug. 27, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,
JOHN B. FRYER,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2850, for the purchase of the e. 1/2 n. e. 1/4 and n. e. 1/4 n. w. 1/4 of section No. 28, in township No. 10 south, range No. 12 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Friday, the 13th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Michael Lynch, Ralph Mead and Isaac Williamson, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of Nov., 1903.
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RAY B. WEST,
of Logan, county of Cache, state of Utah, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2851, for the purchase of the e. 1/2 s. w. 1/4 & Lot 3 & 4 of section No. 31 in township No. 10 south, range No. 16 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before A. B. Combs, Jr., County Clerk, at Baker City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Joseph A. West, Grant Geddes, James R. Smurthwaite and John H. Eccles, Jr., all of Baker City, Oregon.
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EUDORA MEAD,
of Spokane, county of Spokane, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2852, for the purchase of the e. 1/2 n. e. 1/4 sec. 7 and s. e. 1/4 n. e. 1/4 of section No. 8 in township No. 10 south, range No. 16 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1903.

She names as witnesses: William H. Mead, of Spokane, Washington; Burton Miller, Leonard J. Sims and Samuel Rosnel, of Whitney, Oregon.
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E. W. BARTLETT, Register.