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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, APR. 25, 1901.

**MR. HERMANN WILL REMAIN.**

Oregon people generally and those of Southern Oregon in particular have been hoping that the repeated rumors of Finger Hermann being displaced as Commissioner of the General Land Office would be disproved, says the Ashland Tidings. According to the latest advices it seems that the reports of the uncertainty of his official tenure were exaggerated. It is learned on the highest authority that it is the desire of the President that Mr. Hermann continue in his present position until a suitable exchange can be arranged. In view of the known cordial relations existing between the President and Hermann, no exchange would be proffered him inferior to the position he now occupies. The President has stated to a number of public men when the General Land Office was under discussion that he was well satisfied with its management, and always felt content when his mind reverted to it. He said there were no scandals there. It was above suspicion. It may be added that Commissioner Hermann has filled this office longer than any other man, save one, since 1876. Mr. Hermann himself makes no comment on the situation, and seems to be satisfied, whatever may result. The settlers of Warner Valley in particular will be glad to know that Mr. Hermann will not be displaced and that his relations with resident McKinley are amicable.

A Shasta couple have just been married after living together a quarter of a century and raising a family now grown to man and womanhood. They believed themselves married before God, as they followed out the plan usual in the good old days, when John said unto Mary, "Will you be my wife?" And Mary answered, "I will, John." Recently a wave of religious feeling swept over the district in which the couple resided and they became interested. They made application to join the church, a churchman arose and made objection on the ground that the couple had never been married, and that the church could not receive them. The result was that Geo. W. Bryner, aged 51 and Mary E. Lyons, aged 41, tied themselves to Redding, procured a license to wed and had the knot tied at a neighboring parsonage. They returned home and joined the church.

The editor of the Lakeview, Oregon, Examiner, is an enthusiastic railroad builder on paper. He is going to have the N. C. O. extended to Lakeview "before snow flies this fall." If the N. C. O. reaches Lakeview under fifteen or twenty months the "Gazette" will be very much mistaken. We do not want to throw cold water but there are things that even railroad companies can't do! Echo Gazette.

Gov. George W. Colvig of Grants Pass (not Bill Colvig) has been appointed by President McKinley United States consul to Barranquilla, Colombia, South America. The new appointee is a well known lawyer and politician of Southern Oregon, and was the man who failed to make a canvass when Johnny Jeffrey defeated him for district attorney for this district.

The scheme of the cattle kings of this country in saying that the object of leasing the public range is for the purpose of keeping out migratory stock that are not taxed in the state will hardly work. We now have a law to tax such animals and all that is needed is its enforcement.—Burns News.

The Examiner is glad to see its contemporary on the right side of the creamery proposition—a matter that this paper has been agitating and booming for two years past. Now, if our people will get in the band wagon a creamery will be in operation in Lakeview before next fall.

Harney county is the largest county in the state, with 9,986 square miles. Lake county stand second with 7,834 square miles and Crook third with 7,756. Lake county in 1883 had 13,688. In that year Klamath was taken from Lake.

"Mind your own business, follow out your destiny, live in accord with the age, and leave the rest with God," is a good bit of advice to follow.

W. F. Fogle has purchased the Crook County Journal, and will assume editorial and business management.

**SHOULD BE SUPPRESSED.**

D. H. Stearns of Portland may be a good grafter, but his circular about Oregon's resources, now being distributed throughout the Eastern States by the thousands, will do the state much harm. It is well enough to overlook slightly exaggerated statements made by real estate agents in their efforts to get new people to come and locate in Oregon, but such barefaced falsehoods as the Stearns circular contains should be frowned down by every newspaper in the state. The advantages of Oregon and the opportunities here for settlers cannot be surpassed on the Pacific Coast, but such statements as these made by Stearns will injure the state immeasurably. Here is one of his wide-of-the-mark "sucker catchers":

"In the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada there are thousands of beautiful valleys comprising each from 20,000 to 100,000 acres of the most fertile land on earth wholly untouched and unclaimed by man except that it forms a part of the great National Domain."

Everybody in Oregon knows the above is a statement of pure deception. The Stearns extravaganza continues to say:

"A valley may be selected that is surrounded on three sides with snow-capped mountains bearing a wide belt of good timber below the snow and coming down to long treeless slopes to end in wide, level bottoms. Numerous streams and rivers leap from these mountains and run down to join the main stream in the middle of the valley. Taken at the opening of the summer one of the valleys is the most beautiful landscape the eye of man ever beheld."

The Stearns fairy story continues after characterizing these valleys as deserts in the latter part of each summer, that "the industry of man has amply proven that this desert condition is wholly artificial and that the valley may be changed in one season to a paradise of the most luxuriant crops of growing grains and grasses."

This man Stearns and his circular should both be suppressed.

Governor Wells, of Utah, has placed another barrier against wholesale profligacy and licentiousness in Utah, and relieved the decent people of that state of flagrant disgrace, by vetoing the polygamy bill passed by the legislature. His veto also spares the country from a threatened disgrace and from the consideration of a decidedly unsavory issue. The bill in question provides that no person may bring a charge of polygamy except the alleged plural wife of the accused or one of his blood relations. It was represented, on behalf of the bill, that it would put a stop to malicious prosecution growing out of political or sectarian controversies. As a matter of fact, the whole effect of the bill would be to give the polygamist exemption from the Nation's laws and usages respecting marriage.

The Secretary of the Interior has granted permits of grazing 200,000 sheep in the Cascade reserve from April 15 to October 15; also for the same number in the Mount Rainier reserve, and 250,000 in the Washington reserve, from July 1 to September 25. All sheep under these permits are to be grazed east of the mountains. Sheep are hereafter to be excluded from the Lewis and Clark reserve, Idaho, as grazing has been found injurious to those forests.

Oregon, as usual, has a splendid crop of lambs and wool this year. Wool is "down" in price just now, and sheep are not worth quite as much as they were a year or two ago; yet the stockmen and sheep and woolraisers are doing very well, thank you. They are taking care of themselves, and helping our merchants and all other legitimate business men, to take care of themselves, also.—Portland Telegram.

"A Pennsylvania crank sues his wife for divorce because she has cold feet. Perhaps if she had exercised them in the proper manner there would have been no grounds for the suit," says the Exchange. Notwithstanding the above opinion from an eminent source, we believe the man is justified in bringing the action. There is no plausible excuse for a woman having cold feet.

Dr. Emily McBride Yeargain, a sister of ex-United States Senator Geo. W. McBride, died of pneumonia in San Francisco, Sunday, aged 60 years. She belonged to the sturdy pioneer stock which carved out the state of Oregon, and possessed noble qualities of mind and heart.

There are some phenomena that can't be explained by any system of complementary colors. Thus a man who has been painting the town red over night is almost sure to feel blue the next morning.

Mrs. Carrie Nation ran up against the real thing when she faced Police Judge McCauley in Kansas City, Mo. She was fined \$500 and ordered to leave the city.

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