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REAMES IS HARD HIT.

His Indiscretion of Writing Too Much Has Thrown Bomb into Local Democratic Camp.

A tempest in a teapot is brewing in the local Democratic camp as is evidenced from an article published in the last issue of our contemporary. The Herald, in the caption of "Suspend Judgement." It appears that Mr. Reames, candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket, has not only been busy talking to the voters of the district but has written each one a "personal" or "confidential letter." To the Republicans of Lake county he commences by saying:

"In this campaign I am disposed to believe that you feel yourself free to support me, in view of the good work that I have done for Lake county in the past. I am particularly anxious that Lake county should give me an indorsement by a good vote for what services I have rendered in the past. If they do not do so, I shall be very much disappointed to find that they are not the kind of people which I now believe they are, etc." To the democrats he writes more pointedly, and explains why this judicial district was divided, and that he was not instrumental in having it divided. The portion of a letter that has created great consternation in the Democratic camp is better understood in reference to it by the Democrats themselves by the comments published in the last issue of the Herald, as follows:

"Prudence dictates in all well regulated families, that when there is dirty linen to be washed, it should be cleansed within their own household. We believe that this rule holds good in political parties as well as in individual families. While we are aware that the rule is not always strictly adhered to in either case, we never the less, believe that it would be for the best interest of the family or political party as the case may be if it were observed.

Just now, we are sorry to say, there seems to be a public washing going on between the great majority of the democratic party in this county on the one side and A. E. Reames, Congressional candidate for that party in this District, on the other.

The Herald regrets very much that a circular letter bearing the signature of A. E. Reames is being generally sent throughout this county, informing the people that parties claiming to be Democrats, and especially naming Dr. Daly, were not supporting him for Congress. What authority Mr. Reames has for promulgating such a report we do not know, or what influence has been brought to bear to goad him into making such an unwarranted statement at this time is beyond our comprehension. So far as we know Dr. Daly and all other Democrats of Lake county have been supporting Mr. Reames all through the present campaign.

We feel that it is not only unjust, but it is a positive insult to the intelligence and loyalty of the Democrats of Lake county. We feel that a full explanation and an apology is due the Democrats of this part of the District from Mr. Reames. We believe that Mr. Reames has been imposed upon, that he has taken reports for facts without having first made a full and careful investigation

and has acted ill advisedly on the same.

We hope that Mr. Reames will be able to make a satisfactory explanation of his unwarranted criticism of the Democrats of Lake county, and in the mean time we ask our friends to suspend their judgement until the matter is more fully understood."

Race Track Notes.

C. McCowen of Alturas is here with his 4-year-old bay gelding. Sim Reeve is the jockey.

Henry Gore, of Alturas is here with Nellie W. Ted Banister is riding.

Guilliams' 2-year-old is being galloped again, having recently been laid up with a stone bruise.

Barry's McCarthy in galloping on the track Sunday, became unmanageable and threw his rider, Jim Partin, near the head of the stretch, and Jim came near being dragged to death. His foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged about 200 yards, when his shoe was torn off and his foot freed, but he still hung on to the bridle.

All of the horses in training are doing well and making a good showing for the races.

Robert Baber and his son arrived in town Friday afternoon from Grants Pass with a string of five race horses, four of which will be entered for the races here June 4th and 5th. They are all well known horses and are Lena A, Miss Shirley, Fergoknot, The Wooser and Alexander. We understand that Jas. Holmes of Merrill will also enter three horses.—Republican.

Among the horses that will score on the Klamath Falls track in the coming June races are, Ky Taylor's Dewey, Kenyon's Philly de Orr and Montana Chief, Dalry Maid, the Mebs horses, and one or two which F. T. Fradenburg, will bring over from Yreka. Ben Bolt and Seventy are there from Merrill and Black Bart, from Medford.

The Alturas Plaindealer says that some of the race horse men who have horses in training there will not come to Lakeview on the 4th of July, assigning as a reason the poor accommodations in stabling, and the exorbitant charges therefor. Also that outside horses are not given a "fair shake." We will state first that the association that gives the races have no stables, which is probably the same condition of most county race courses in the interior. As to the "fair shake," there is no ground for such a statement. The races are always free to all horses whether they came from South Africa or China, and everyone is given the same fair treatment by disinterested judges. Few counties are as liberal as Lake county. Other counties—Modoc for instance—give races principally for horses in the district only. The association here guarantees equal justice and fair treatment to all.

There seems to be some trouble between the mail contractors from Paisley to Silver Lake and the Postmaster at Paisley, in regard to the time of departure of the mail for Silver Lake. One day last week the stage driver drove around half an hour earlier than the schedule time, and not being able to secure the mail at that time, proceeded on his journey without it. The postmaster secured a team and sent the mail out on the schedule time at the expense of the contractor.

PETITION IS DENIED.

Secretary of the Interior Refuses to Review His Decision in the Warner Land Controversy.

The Register and Receiver of the Lakeview Land Office, last week received the following letter from Acting Commissioner of the General Land office, with which he encloses Secretary Hitchcock's refusal to review the Warner cases as prayed for in a motion by the settlers. This decision also follows. The part of the Commissioner's letter in Italics is the only land now remaining in question and which is now being contested before the Lakeview land office by the Warner Valley Stock Company. Seven of the Warner Valley settlers are trying to make proof on their pre-emption claims, so as to gain title to their land before the Secretary's decision goes into effect. The contest started the first of last week and at this time is still going on. The outcome cannot be predicted. L. E. Conn and C. A. Cogswell represent the Warner Valley Stock Company and ———Murphy, a new attorney, has taken the settlers' case.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
May 9, 1903.
Register and Receiver,
Lakeview, Oregon.

Sirs:
On March 16, 1903, the Secretary of the Interior rendered a decision in the case of J. L. Morrow, et al. vs. The State of Oregon and Warner Valley Stock Company, which was promulgated by this office March 21, 1903, by sending you a copy of the same. On April 14, 1903, the resident attorneys for J. L. Morrow, et al., filed a motion for review of the Secretary's decision, which motion was denied May 5, 1903, copy herewith. Said Departmental decision of March 16, 1903 therefore becomes final and the case is closed. The decision of the Department awards the lands involved to the State, under the Swamp grant, and rejects all claims adverse to the State, "excepting that of the heirs of Amos Boyd, and any other existing pre-emption claims which has been or may be perfected before the decision is carried into effect."

In view of the decisions of the Secretary, the entries described below, which cover lands involved in the controversy, are hereby cancelled on the records of this office and you will so note on the records of your office and advise the entrymen accordingly, viz:

Chas. Tonningsen, T. C. and Hd., D. T. Foskett, Hd., M. P. Barry, Hd., C. Willey, T. C., C. A. Larkin, H. D., A. C. Willey, T. C., H. P. Tietge, T. C. and Hd., A. F. Tonningsen, Hd., C. Lohrengel, Hd., W. E. Poindexter, Hd., P. E. Taylor, Hd., Wm. Ballau, T. C., J. L. Morrow, Hd., Robert Baty, Hd., Wm. M. Harvey, T. C., J. W. Morrow, T. C., J. Harrington, Hd., J. P. Barry, Hd., L. Foskett, Hd., J. R. Barry, Hd., E. F. Grant, Hd., J. A. Morrow, T. C., J. E. Dunnavin, Hd., H. J. Stein, Hd., S. Dixon, Hd., I. Vinyard, Hd., C. Dixon, Hd., G. T. Phinney, Hd., E. Platt, Hd., L. Winkleman, T. C., T. B. Wakefield, T. C. and Hd., J. M. Willey, Hd., F. B. Houston, Hd., J. H. Green, Hd., R. C. Clark, Hd., A. D.

Crawford, Hd.
There is also sent you a list of lands involved in this case, (marked No. 2.) which appear to be covered by pre-emption declaratory statements. Such list you will critically examine in connection with the records of your office and advise me fully as to the present status of any of these claims adverse to the state to any of the tracts.

In the Secretary's decision denying the motion for review, it is stated: "No error in the decision upon the material and controlling facts being alleged, no good reason is, or, in view of the Department can be assigned to suspend its enforcement, or to harass the parties by a prolongation of a controversy that has been too long pending. It is due all the parties that the controversy be ended without further delay, futile hope, anxiety, or useless expense and waste of resources to either party."

It will be seen from the language quoted above that there must be no further delay in the matter, and you are, therefore, directed to at once examine the two lists herewith sent you, in connection with the records of your office, and to promptly return the same to this office with your report.

Very Respectfully
J. H. FIMPLE,
Acting Commissioner.
May 5, 1903.
J. L. Morrow et al.
v.
The State of Oregon
and
The Warner Valley Stock Company
The Commissioner of the
General Land Office

Sir:—
J. L. Morrow and others, the settler claimants, filed a motion for review of departmental decision of March 16, 1903, in the case of J. L. Morrow and others v. The State of Oregon et al. (32 L. D., 54).
The motion does not question but that the finding of fact that the lands in question were not, March 12, 1860, the bed of a lake or permanent body of water, but were swamp and overflowed lands thereby rendered unfit for cultivation and of the character described by, and that passed by, the grant of that date to the State of Oregon (12 Stat., 3).

The motion asks:
1. That the decision be modified by directing that it be not carried into effect until that the Department is fully advised as to each pre-emption claim made prior to March 16, 1903.

2. That the decision be modified by directing, for abundant caution, that the new swamp land lists do not include any lands claimed prior to March 16, 1903, under the pre-emption acts, whether such claims, filings, or entries are now existing or have been cancelled.

3. That as to such lands the decision be not carried into effect—be suspended—for twelve months.
No error in the decision upon the material and controlling facts being alleged, no good reason is, or, in view of the Department can be assigned to suspend its enforcement, or to harass the parties by a prolongation of a controversy that has been too long pending. It is due all the parties that the controversy be ended without further delay, futile hope, anxiety, or useless expense and waste of resources to either party.
No sufficient reason being shown by the motion to vacate, recall, or modify said decision, and none appearing otherwise, the motion is denied and the decision adhered to.
The papers are herewith returned.
Very respectfully,
THOS. RYAN, Acting Secretary.

RESERVE IN LAKE COUNTY

Forty-Three Townships Withdrawn From Settlement—All The Best Timber Included

As will be seen by the dispatch below, to the Register and Receiver of the Lakeview land office, all of the available timber in Lake county south of Paisley has been withdrawn from settlement, by order of the Commissioner. Over 867,000 acres of timber land is thus reserved. For what purpose it has not yet been learned. Just as people had begun to arrive in numbers to file on this land, it is taken away from them.

The set back it will give to Lake county is hard to anticipate, but it means that wood for home consumption will soon be impossible to get at any price; Lumber mills will soon have to shut down, and the people will have to suffer accordingly. Not even a farmer or rancher will be able to take up timber land for his own use. Not one man in Lake county is in favor of this reserve, as they feel that it is not only a detriment to the stockman, but to every interest of Lake County. If this land was taken up it would mean thousands of dollars in taxes to the county every year.

As no warning or reason was given for this wholesale grab, the letter following the dispatch will be awaited with much interest. Many citizens in denouncing this action of the Commissioner, claim that some big syndicates are at the bottom of it. The land is being withdrawn so they can pick out the best timber when it will be thrown open to the public again, but they will be on hand with scrip to take it all, thus putting it in the hands of capitalists and depriving individuals from taking it. The dispatch follows:

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1903.
Register and Receiver,
United States Land Office
Lakeview, Oregon.

Withdraw from settlement or an appropriation Township 34 to 41, both inclusive, Range 16-17-18; Townships 35-36-37-38 and 41, Range 19; Townships 36-37, Range 20; Townships 36 to 41, both inclusive, Range 21 and 22, all South and East. Acknowledge receipt hereof by wire and post this with land on your records immediately. Letter follows:
W. R. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

The Vote For Goddess.

Anna Down.....	Lakeview	52
Kate Woodcock.....	"	23
Frances Jones.....	Paisley	21
Eda Banister.....	Paisley	20
Mae Snider.....	Lakeview	18
Mabel Pike.....	Paisley	15
Genie Snelling.....	"	11
Ethel McKee.....	Lakeview	7
Ida Howard.....	Drews Valley	2
Mrs. Jonas Norin.....	Lakeview	2
Ada Woodcock.....	"	2
Myrtle Smith.....	Crooked Creek	2
Alta Spray.....	Davis Creek	2
Ottie Field.....	Lakeview	1
Mabel Pryor.....	"	1
Ollie Heryford.....	"	1
Carrie Tonningsen.....	"	1
Bertha Nickerson.....	"	1
Effie Nyswaner.....	"	1
Essie Gupton.....	"	1
Pearl Moss.....	"	1
Ret Bryan.....	"	1

Acting on advice received from Silver Lake stating that no new cases of smallpox had developed at that place or in Crook county, the quarantine against Crook county was raised Tuesday.