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## A DRAWBACK TO LAKE CO.

Governor Chamberlain and State Treasurer Moore Denounce Lake Co. Forest Reserve

Below we publish the letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to Register & Receiver, in which all the facts are given in the Lake County forest reserve. A similar order setting aside 45 townships in Modoc County Cal., and adjoining Lake County, has been made. As will be seen by interviews from Governor Chamberlain and others, Lake County has been done a great injustice, and will suffer more than most people would think. Twenty thousand dollars would not cover the amount of money that would have been spent were people allowed to come and take up this land, not including the amount of taxes the county would receive. If the entire 43 townships were taken up, the county would receive about \$75,000 per year in taxes. The reserve deprives farmers and ranchers from taking up the land for their own use, which they will greatly need. Petitions will be circulated protesting against this wholesale steal.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 16, 1903.

Proposed Warner Mountain Forest Reserve, California and Oregon, Temporary Withdrawn.

Register and Receiver  
Lakeview, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

By telegram to you of even date, all the vacant, unappropriated public lands within the following described townships were temporarily withdrawn from settlement, entry, sale or other disposal under the public land laws, pending determination as to advisability of including said lands within a forest reserve, and you were directed to acknowledge, by wire, the receipt of said telegram, and to post the withdrawal upon your records immediately. (Here follows the townships withdrawn).

Said telegram is hereby confirmed. Neither this temporary withdrawal, nor the permanent reservation of the lands, which may follow, will effect any bona fide settlement or claim properly initiated upon the lands prior to the date hereof, provided that the settlers or claimants continue to comply with the law under which their settlements or claims were initiated, and place their claims duly of record within the prescribed statutory period. The withdrawal operates to defend all settlement claims or other claims initiated subsequent to this date, regardless of the date upon which you receive the telegram.

Very Respectfully,  
W. A. RICHARDS  
Commissioner.

The Salem correspondent of The Oregonian gives some very timely interviews with the state officials who protest against the injustice of the reserve.

If President Roosevelt takes the trouble to sound public opinion in this state upon the subject of forest reserve, he will find that there is a very strong opposition to the creation of the reserve proposed for Southern and Southwestern Oregon. The people of Curry and Josephine

Counties have already made a vigorous protest against the creation of a reserve, which covers about one half the area of those two counties. Men who are acquainted with conditions in Lake County where 990,000 acres were withdrawn from entry yesterday for the purpose of creating a reserve, say that a no less vigorous protest will go to Washington from that part of the state.

IN THE INTEREST OF "SCRIPPERS."

The creation of reserves is quite generally believed to be a move wholly in the interest of men who own worthless land in the tract withdrawn and who wish to exchange it for valuable timber land. Conservation of water supply is regarded as a mere subterfuge to cover up the real motive.

The Blue Mountain reserve in Eastern Oregon is the only one that has been conceded to be necessary in order to preserve the water supply and there are many who know that country who will question its utility for that purpose.

The conservation of water in Curry County strikes people who know that country as being an attempt at humor, though very serious to those whose interests are affected. There is no scarcity of water in that region and never will be.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN PROTESTS.

"There is no reason whatever for the creation of these reserves," says Governor Chamberlain. "You can quote me as saying that if the reserves in Curry, Josephine and Lake Counties are created, the effect will be to retard the development of those sections of the state and evidently for no other purpose than to enrich men who own large tracts of land in the area withdrawn from entry. I am creditably informed that the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road Company, or its assigns, own 80,000 acres of wagon-road grant land.

"They have sold off the best of it and want to relinquish the remainder and secure 'scrip' in return, which they can use to take valuable lands in any other parts of the state. By this means they can give up their worthless lands and secure good lands instead, and when a homeseeker goes to take a homestead he will find that the Government has nothing to offer that is worth taking.

"I am also informed that the Oregon & California Railroad Company has thousands of acres of land of little value in the proposed Southwestern Oregon reserve. If that reserve is created the owners of that land will be permitted to exchange their lands for valuable lands elsewhere with the result that all the best lands will be owned by large corporations. This is not right and should not be permitted by the Government.

INJURY TO THE STATE.

"The creation of these reserves will prove a direct injury to the state, for when these wagon road and railroad companies are given 'scrip' covering thousands of acres of land, which they can use themselves or sell, it is impossible for the state to realize anything on the base it may have for sale.

"The withdrawal of large areas of land from settlement not only retards development, but reduces the amount of land subject to taxation, and, in the case of Curry County, I fear it will make it almost impossible for them to maintain a county government.

OF WATER THERE IS PLENTY.

"The reason given for the creation of these reserves is that the water

## PRESIDENT IN OREGON



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt, on his triumphal tour of the West, passed through Oregon last week, making his first stop at Ashland, where he was given a great ovation. People came from everywhere to take a look at the chief executive and hear what he had to say. Five thousand people gathered in the peach city, and the day was made into a holiday.

At Portland nothing was left undone to show Oregon's welcome and hospitality to the President. A human flag composed of boys and girls greatly impressed the President as he was on his way to break ground for the Lewis & Clark Fair. In passing through the Willamette Valley, with the rain coming down in torrents, he remarked that he had found one place in his travels where it was not necessary to look after the problem of irrigation.

supply will be conserved. From all that I can learn there is no foundation in fact for the assertion that the reserves are needed for this purpose or that they will do any good whatever. I hope the reserves will not be created."

State Treasurer Charles S. Moore, who has resided for many years in Klamath County, adjoining Lake, and who is familiar with all the country from which it is proposed to create a reserve, says that there is no occasion for such a reserve, and that the project will meet with strong opposition from the people of that section of the state.

LANDS DO NOT AFFECT WATER SUPPLY.

He says that with the exception of one or two townships on the head of Chewaucan River, two or three at the head of Sprague River and as many at the head of Drew's River, there are no lands that materially affect the water supply of that region. Out of the whole 41 townships that have been withdrawn, there are not to exceed 12 or 15 that could possibly be used to conserve the water supply.

More than this, the best timbered lands have already been sold, and these are the ones which must be preserved in order to hold the snow and water. Since it has passed out of the power of the Government to prevent the cutting of timber, the alleged object in creating the reserve is now impossible of accomplishment, even though it might have been possible once."

Mr. Moore regards the creation of

the reserve as a project in which the owners of the wagon-road grant lands are the principal persons interested. Regarding the proposed reserve in Curry County, Mr. Moore says that the problem in that county is more likely to be how to get rid of the surplus water rather than how to conserve it. Conservation of water cannot be assigned as the purpose of a reserve in Curry County.

## Reames' Insult to Lake Co. Democrats

Jacksonville, Oregon, April 29, 1903.  
Confidential

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,  
Lakeview, Ore.

My Dear Sir:—

I understand that certain parties claiming to be Democrats are circulating in Lake County the report that I am responsible for the putting in office in that county of a Republican. This is absolutely false and has no truth in it whatever. The bill was submitted to me at the time of its introduction. At that time no one was mentioned in the bill for Eastern Oregon, nor was the salary mentioned. When the bill came back from the Committee, it had Mr. Conn's name in it, though I was not present at the legislature at that time. It had already been ascertained, so I have been informed by members of the legislature, that the legislature would not permit Governor Chamberlain to name the District Attorney for that district; in fact, there was much talk of not inaugurating him at all, or allowing him any appointing power. Chairman White went to the legislature to Salem, and labored with the legislators for several days in an effort to get them to inaugurate the Governor.

I certainly do not think that my own party will throw me down in Lake County, or that the good people of that County will balance all that I have done for them in the tax cases, against the flimsy, unfounded report of this kind, circulated in the first instance by one who calls himself a Democrat, and who, I believe is a little jealous that I may make a better run in that locality than he has made at some times past. I supported Dr. Daly at the time he ran against Mr. Tongue, and he knows that I was responsible for his nomination, and would not have thrown him down under those circumstances.

Kindly do what you can to hold our Democratic friends in line, and get out the full Democratic vote. If I can get the full vote of the County, I believe I can carry the County, which is very necessary for me in this campaign.

Sincerely and Truly yours,  
A. E. REAMES.

### The Vote For Goddess.

Anna Down.....	Lakeview	58
Frances Jones.....	Paisley	32
Mae Snider.....	Lakeview	28
Kate Woodcock.....	"	23
Eda Banister.....	Paisley	20
Ethel McKee.....	Lakeview	17
Genie Snelling.....	"	17
Mabel Pike.....	Paisley	15
Alta Spray.....	Davis Creek	7
Ida Howard.....	Drews Valley	2
Mrs. Jonas Norin.....	Lakeview	2
Ada Woodcock.....	"	2
Myrtle Smith.....	Crooked Creek	2
Ottie Field.....	Lakeview	1
Mabel Pryor.....	"	1
Ollie Heryford.....	"	1
Carrie Tonningson.....	"	1
Bertha Nickerson.....	"	1
Effie Nyswanger.....	"	1
Essie Gupton.....	"	1
Pearl Moss.....	"	1
Let Bryan.....	"	1
Pete Post.....	"	1

## TAR BUCKET WITH HISTORY

Found on The East Side of Abert Lake in 1889 --Falls to Reveal Mystery How it Got There

If it could talk, there is a relic of early Lake county history now on exhibition at Bernards' store, that could recite some exciting times in the early history of this county. In touring the north part of the county T. E. Bernard came across something that attracted his attention and took his fancy.

When he stopped at A. W. Bryan's place in Clover Flat he was shown something that he supposed had passed out of existence in the advent of a railroad to the Pacific coast. It was a tar bucket of early days; the kind that used to hang on the rear end of a coupling pole of the old style lynch-pin wagon, when pine tar was used for greasing the wagon instead of the more modern axle grease or oil.

Mr. Bryan found this tar bucket on the east shore of Abert Lake in 1889, and how long it had been there it would be hard to tell, only from the fact that it was known that some of the early pioneers were crossing the country with their ox teams, and probably this particular party met with a sad end. When they came to Abert Lake from the east, they found themselves confronted with a rimrock looking off into the lake with a sheer fall of 2000 feet. In trying to descend this rocky precipice their wagons were more or less broken; and then it is probable that they were surprised by the Indians, and the tale that the tar bucket could tell, would be a bloody massacre. While this is all conjecture, yet there is believed to be a great deal of truth in the supposition, as there remains today numerous pieces of wagons, and old irons of all kinds, at this place on the lake, and it is claimed that a wagon has been seen out in the water beyond the reach of man.

This particular tar bucket is made out of a solid piece of some kind of tough eastern wood, and is about 6 inches across the top and 12 inches deep. It is well preserved for having been exposed to the weather so long, but a heavy coat of red paint probably explains it. It was half full of tar when found, which showed without doubt, its intended use. A bale to hang it under the wagon, was made from braided rawhide. Tom Bernard says it was undoubtedly from a Studebaker wagon, which would account for its longevity and good state of preservation.

The Roseburg Plaindealer says: Secretary Hitchcock insisted that the Rogue River timber lands should be made into a forest reserve during the time Mr. Hermann was in the Land Office and Mr. Hermann opposed the plan. Just as soon as Mr. Hermann was out, and before he could be sent to Washington as our Congressman, Secretary Hitchcock has attempted to foist his lieu land scrip graft upon the people of Oregon. We want Binger Hermann in Congress to stop the graft and set-back to the state.

Geo. Duncan returned home last week. He expects to start soon with a lot of cat fish from the Chewaucan river, for Harney county where the fish will be planted in Sillies river.