

OPPOSES RESERVE.

Congressman J. N. Williamson of Prineville says Reserve Will Be Great Detriment.

F. M. Chrisman of Silver Lake, received the following communication from Congressman J. N. Williamson, of the second congressional district of Oregon, taking a strong stand in opposition to the many forest reserves in this state. The letter reads as follows:

The Dalles, Oregon.
Sept. 14th, 1903.

F. M. Chrisman Esq.,
Silver Lake, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 7th. I note your suggestions relative to the creation of a Forest Reserve in your section of the state. I think the premises you suggest, in objecting to the creation of the reserve, are well taken. My personal knowledge of the section of country involved, leads me to believe that any argument that could be advanced for creating a forest Reserve within the present limits of the proposed reserve in Klamath, Lake and Crook counties could also be used for proving that the whole of Eastern Oregon remaining, should be withdrawn from settlement and be reserved, in order to preserve its forests of pine, juniper and sagebrush particularly the latter.

I am a firm advocate of Forest Reserves. I believe that certain of our water sources should be protected. I believe that certain of our forests should be preserved for local use for future generations. I believe that we should go to the extreme limit of what is reasonable in the preservation of our timber resources. I say, I am a firm believer in this doctrine. No member of the Forestry Bureau at Washington, or of the American Forestry Association elsewhere, is more firm in this conviction than I. We should go to all reasonable lengths to protect our remaining forests. But when it comes to arresting the growth and development of the semi-arid states by hiding behind the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by Congress to withdraw lands from settlement for the purpose of creating Forest Reserves, and withdrawing from settlement large areas which are not forest, is where in I take exception to the action of the present Secretary of the Interior.

Take the last withdrawal in your section of the state. It is common knowledge that all the timber that amounts to anything is already owned. Nothing remains but timberless mountain crags and intervening sage plains. What good can come of making a Forest Reserve of these intervening prairies. There would be just as much reason for withdrawing the sage plains of Harney, Malheur, southern Crook and northern Lake Counties, and pretending to make a Forest Reserve out of that vast, treeless country. Such a withdrawal of the public domain can only result in harm. For, if left alone, these intervening lands, or at least a part of them would be reclaimed and settled.

As it is, there is just enough of these intervening lands lying between the deeded timber lands, now withdrawn from private ownership, to hamper and check the rapid movement to erect mills, which, in turn, would have invited transportation facilities, in short, began a much needed exploitation of the sources of Central Oregon. Who is there who would have the hardihood to deny, that, had not Central Oregon received this staggering blow it would have received before any great length of time had elapsed, enough attention from outside capital to have forced railway commun-

ication between it and the outside world. Now, how is it. A wet blanket has fallen upon the whole country. It has been visited, so we are indirectly informed through the press, by the all powerful, inscrutable wisdom of a "forestry expert." Nobody counseled, no warning given, no reason assigned. Simply "withdrawn from settlement" because it is "withdrawn from settlement."

I beg to differ squarely with such a policy. I believe it would have been much better to have allowed the settlement and development of that vast country to have pursued its rapid way. I believe it would have been better not to have covered its future over with a cloud of uncertainty. I believe ownership and development of that section of Oregon should have been allowed to continue.

As it is, a dark cloud of uncertainty is hanging over it. Men of means will make no further investment in it. Deeds are held up, homesteaders are viewed with suspicion. Everything not doubly secure is taken away from them. Everything not withdrawn is pending examination, re-examination and re-examination. People are being dragged back and fourth across the continent to be re-examined. The woods, instead of being filled with people desirous of owning and improving the land, are now filled with hired detectives spies and "experts"—mostly from Missouri.

Such a policy will never exploit a country and I beg to differ with it in its every essential feature. Because I believe in the preservation of our timber resources, it does not follow that I believe in trying to make yellow sage grow into yellow pine.

Very truly yours,
J. N. WILLIAMSON.

Stock Notes.

Klamath Republican.

E. B. Edson, the big cattleman of Gazelle, Cal., has bought about 1200 head of cattle from the Dorris ranch. He sold all the yearlings and calves to Mitchell Bros. and these were taken through the city Saturday to their ranch where they were branded the next day.

C. C. Swanson arrived here from Sacramento to-day to confer with T. J. Ofield, who does his buying in this vicinity. He states that they will start in about ten days with 400 head of cattle for Montague from which place they will ship to Sacramento. Swanson has bought about 2000 tons of hay here at from \$6 to \$6.30 a ton. This is a very satisfactory price to the farmers and seems to be the prevalent price. He will feed about 1500 head in this vicinity this year commencing about October 15.

NEW ERA.

Andy Murdock shipped 10 cars of cattle from Madeline to San Francisco Monday. The cattle were purchased from T. S. Kemble, H. Porter, Joe Bohrensen and Steve Juhasz, and were all in good condition for immediate use.

Jas. Dunn, of Reno, recently purchased 15,000 head of sheep from Ward and Parman of Surprise Valley.

The government inspectors were at the corporation ranch last week, receiving the cavalry horses under the contract of Geo. H. Bayley. They accepted about 40 head this time. The horses will be shipped this week.

Columbus Johnson, of Prineville passed through the Silver Lake valley with 600 head of cattle on his way to the railroad. It is reported that Mr. Johnson offered the cattle for sale while here.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

E. H. Sparks, of Crook county, sold 2100 ewes and lambs to J. B. McNew, of Paisley this week, says the Silver Lake Oregonian. The price paid was not learned. Mr. Sparks is said to have the finest breed of sheep ever brought of Lake county.

David Crow of Cedarville, was in town Sunday.

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