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## RICHARDS AND FOREST RESERVES

### Commissioner Thinks More Consideration on The Subject of Making Reserves Should Be Taken in the Future

#### NINE NEW RESERVES LAST YEAR

In his annual report for this year, Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, recommends the exercise of more deliberate consideration of propositions looking to the establishment of forest reserves than has been exercised in the past. The report adds:

Though the importance of the object to be accomplished by the reserves, and the many local interests to be considered necessitates great care in proceeding further in this direction, the Government can well afford at this juncture to delay action in establishing additional reserves until the force of forest experts now engaged upon the work can by practical field examinations, and the necessary scientific research, determine beyond any reasonable doubt, what localities and to what extent further area should be set apart for this purpose."

During the last fiscal year, nine reserves were created, bringing the total number up to 59 and increased the aggregate area covered by forest reservations to 62,763,494 acres.

The report shows a falling off of \$1,741,401 in the total receipts of the office as compared with the previous year, and a decrease in the area of public land disposed of amounting to 184,177 acres. With the exception of 1903, the cash receipts were greater than any previous year.

Speaking of the frauds committed

under the timber and stone act, Mr. Richards says:

"During the last year it was decided to use the corps of examiners of surveys to investigate in the field all applications for surveys which alleged settlement, and the result has proved the wisdom of this course.

In the timbered regions no real settlement of any extent was found, but in most cases a mere camping but without furniture and destitute of the means of housekeeping, was all that the examiner could discover on the ground. It was learned that these alleged settlers resided in distant towns and cities, and that they were induced to lend their names by promises of rewards after the survey was accomplished, evidently having no intention to make their homes on the land. This investigation has thus far resulted in materially checking the rapid absorption, by unscrupulous persons, of the valuable timber now standing on the lands in the mountain district."

According to the report, the total amount converted into the treasury for the benefit of the reclamation fund amounted to \$23,013,836 on June 30 last.

United States Commissioner Richards who was Hermann's assistant while he was commissioner of the general land office, has been called to Portland to testify in the land fraud cases.

## OREGON WOOL IS NOT SOLD.

Reports have reached Boston from Oregon that the Eastern Oregon and Idaho wool clip for 1905 is being contracted at as high as twenty cents per pound.

Alarmed at these reports, the Boston commission houses that have been buying eastern Oregon wool every year for the last quarter of a century, have written to Jas. H. Gwinn, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, to ascertain if there is any truth in the reports.

Mr. Gwinn has replied that the reports are exaggerated; that very little, if any, Oregon wool is yet contracted, and what has been sold has been sold on the quiet, and no one except the buyer and individual seller know the prices. He also advised the commission houses to use their influence in sustaining the markets of eastern Oregon, and prevent an early stampede of contracting, to demoralize the spring markets.

Mr. Gwinn has received no report of any wool having been contracted in eastern Oregon and believes that the woolgrowers will observe the wool pool and sales days as usual. Idaho wool has been sold and Utah wool is also contracted, but Oregon, he hopes, will not break over and demoralize the Woolgrowers' association and the sales days that have proved to be of such vital importance in stimulating prices of Oregon wool for the past two years.—Blue Mt., Eagle.

### Make It Unanimous.

Governor George E. Chamberlain, who was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis and who voted in that convention for Judge Parker, believes it would be best for all the Democratic members of the electoral college to vote for Roosevelt for President and make his election unanimous.

The Governor concurs in what Mr. Brown was quoted as saying, and believes that the election of Roosevelt by a unanimous vote would do more than any one thing to create a friendly feeling between North and South and destroy the old lines of division. Governor Chamberlain believes that Roosevelt has been misrepresented regarding his feeling toward the South and that entirely wrong conclusions were drawn from the Booker T. Washington incident. The leader of the Oregon delegation in the Democratic delegation hopes to see the Democratic vote go to Roosevelt.

In commenting upon this subject the Governor showed quite plainly that he feels that the men who bolted the Democratic ticket in 1900 got just retribution in 1904, when they were in control of the party. Nevertheless the Governor was a supporter of Parker in 1904 as he was of Bryan in 1900.

### Asks Leave to Work.

Ellen Jones Taber has applied to the Superior Court for leave to go to business as a "sole trader." In her application she explains that she is moved to make it because her husband, William J. Taber, declines to contribute to the support of her fifteen-year-old daughter by her former marriage, or to aid her crippled brother, David A. Lambert.

She proposes to go into the business of buying and selling lodging houses, having for a capital a fund of \$20,000, which she received from the estate of her former husband, David Jones, formerly of Oregon.—S. F. Examiner.

## WILL CHRISTMAS BE OBSERVED?

What about Christmas? Will Lakeview have a Christmas tree? It is high time that some move be made in that direction if we expect to have anything doing on Christmas. Lakeview is noted for its social events and no such occasion as Christmas should be allowed to pass unnoticed. There are doodles of presents at the stores and scores of children that could be made happy by a liberal distribution of the many toys and nice things, besides some older people whose hearts would be made glad by an observance of that memorable holiday.

The thing to do is to start the ball rolling and there is no danger but it will gather energy as it rolls. Call a meeting, appoint committees and put them to work. There are plenty of people here who are experts in arranging entertainments and they are not hard to find, and there are as many liberal citizens in Lakeview who are willing to donate the necessary funds to carry out the plans.

The Examiner will be glad to advertise a public Christmas tree and help in any way to make it a success. There is nothing that will do more to liven up a town like Lakeview than a good Christmas tree. It brings people from all parts of the country, and they all see things they would buy for presents to friends.

What say you all; call a meeting and arrange for a general good time on Christmas.

### Proud of the State.

We are in receipt of the following letter from Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican state Committee of Oregon:

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 22, 1904. Every county in Oregon deserves the others' commendation for its endorsement of President Roosevelt; and your plurality of 279 entitles The Examiner and other zealous Republicans in Lake to the National and State Committees' gratitude.

After the June campaign in correspondence with the East we emphasized our belief that the Press did more to carry Oregon by 24,217 than all other factors combined; and we hope soon to personally espouse the argument that the Webfoot State's plurality of 43,058 is not only a record-breaker but is the best showing of any of the 45 States in the Union. Think of it! More than 47.5 per cent of the total poll of the State! Does any other Roosevelt State equal this percentage? Pennsylvania's 490,000-odd looks and sounds mighty big! still that figure means but 42 percent of the total poll. And Oregon's endorsement of our President by a majority over all the other candidates of 30,763! Should not this showing cause Oregon to appear well before certain people in the East?

Gratefully and cordially yours,  
F. C. BAKER.

District Attorney Moore and W. H. Shirk returned last Friday from Klamath county, where Mr. Shirk went on land business and Mr. Moore went to attend circuit court at Klamath Falls. Mr. Moore informed us that many cases were tried, and two cattle thieves were sent to the pen, one for ten years, the limit, and one for eight years. Mr. Moore expects to return to Klamath Falls in a couple of weeks.

## LAND FRAUD CASE NOW ON TRIAL.

The Land Fraud trial in the U. S. District court at Portland, is one of the warmest ever tried in the state. Congressman Hermann was called as a witness on the third day of the trial, and U. S. District Attorney John H. Bull stated that he would have Senator Mitchell on the stand before the trial closed.

The attorneys for the defense and for the prosecution are arrayed in legal battle most of the time and occasionally hot words pass between the opposing counsel. The defense seem to rely more upon technicalities than upon the innocence of their clients.

The jury drawn to try the case is as follows: E. A. Griffin, a stockman, of Dufer; John B. Bridges, a contractor, of Portland; J. L. Howard, a stockman, of Heppner; J. L. Barnhouse, a stockman, of Wheeler county; G. H. Newell, of Lakeview; A. E. Austin, a merchant, of Woodburn; A. Blevins, of Albany; J. C. Weatherly, a farmer, of Willowa county; C. H. Duncan, a farmer, of Baker county; W. H. Dilley, a contractor, of Benton county; I. M. Foster, a farmer, of Clatsop county, and Richard Waugh, a stockman, of Umatilla county.

The attorneys for the prosecution are John H. Hall, United States District Attorney; Francis J. Heney, San Francisco, special assistant.

The attorneys for the several defendants are: For Horace G. McKinley—Thos. O'Day; for Marie Ware—C. A. Hardy and A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene; for S. A. D. Puter—L. G. Puter, of Eureka, Cal.

### Briggs--Benson.

Miss Gail E. Benson, the popular daughter of Judge H. L. Benson, was united in marriage to Mr. N. C. Briggs, Jr., at the residence of her parents at 5:30 a. m., Monday, the Judge performed the simple ceremony. Only members of the family and one or two friends were present.

The happy couple left by private conveyance for the railroad immediately after partaking of a sumptuous wedding breakfast and will spend the winter in Hollister, Cal., the home town of Mr. Briggs.

The bride is the handsome and accomplished daughter of Hon. and Mrs. H. L. Benson of Klamath Falls.

Mr. Briggs is a son of N. C. Briggs, of Hollister, Cal., a prominent capitalist and lawyer of that city. The son is prominently identified with the Klamath Canal Company, has made investments in Klamath county lands and has proven himself to be a courteous gentleman.—Klamath Falls Express.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman has fixed the dates for eight-grade final examinations to be conducted in the public schools of Oregon in 1905. The dates are as follows: January 18, 19, 20; April 12, 13, 14; May 17, 18, 19; June 7, 8, 9. The dates fall on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and are placed at the time of the year which will accommodate the largest number of schools. The Programme will be the same at each examination, the subjects being taken up on the several days as follows: Wednesday—arithmetic, spelling, physiology; Thursday—mental arithmetic, reading, writing, civil government; Friday—language, history, geography.

### Good Year for Beets.

The beet sugar factory near La Grande, this state, has made an enormous business out of the sugar beet industry. The factory made a 90-day run this season, working day and night, and employed 125 persons at good wages. The company paid out \$110,000 to beetgrowers and factory hands. There has been 12,000 tons of beets delivered to the factory this season, which will make 10,000 100lb bags of sugar. Five hundred persons were engaged in producing beets for that factory this season, and estimates of one or two growers show the industry to be a remunerative one. M. S. Carroll on a 10-acre tract raised 236,401 pounds of beets, for which he received \$4.50 per ton, and other growers did equally well, where the same attention was given the crop.

There is no doubt but that the beet sugar industry would add thousands of dollars to the wealth of Lake county, if a factory was started here and farmers would plant a portion of their now dormant acres to sugar beets. It has been demonstrated that beets grow to enormous size in the valleys of this county, even on the dry lands considered of no value on account of the presence of alkali. The soil here is similar to that in Grande Ronde valley, where they are making a success of the beet sugar industry.

### Dealt with Lightly.

A self-confessed criminal, but with only a few months of life left for him, O. R. Holliday was shown a leniency rarely accorded in such cases.

Holliday was arrested under the charge of robbing the mails while acting as carrier between Prineville and Burns, Or. After the discovery of the crime Holliday fled to Missouri only to be captured there and brought back to Portland.

Upon his appearance in the United States Court it was shown that although only 21 years of age, the ravages of a fatal disease had made his life but a matter of a few months. Under these circumstances Judge Billings thought that the prisoner, although confessedly guilty of the crime, should be allowed his closing days in freedom, and therefore gave him his liberty, and especially since the youth was led into the crime.—Oregonian.

Ivan Landes and Steve Hoyt who were with the government surveying party last summer that examined the land to the north of this place with a view of establishing government irrigation works, arrived here Monday from Burns. Mr. Hoyt was on his way home and took the stage Tuesday morning for Portland. Mr. Landes will remain in this vicinity all winter, measuring the water flow of the streams that may be used by the government for irrigation projects.—Post.