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An Unwarranted Request

The Klamath Falls papers inform us of a movement by citizens of that town to remove the land office from Lakeview to Klamath Falls.

The facts which bear upon this question are so directly opposed to the movement that it does not seem that any person could sincerely advocate it.

There are in Malheur, Harney, Lake and Crook counties 8,000,000 acres of government land which must be entered at the land office in this district, if the district is to remain as it is.

To move the office at which these lands must be taken to Klamath Falls will offend every settler in these counties desiring to take land in this district to travel one hundred miles further than they must now, to enter the same land, while for the benefit of the people who propose to settle upon and cultivate the lands, build homes and live in the country, we have shown clearly that, for only one fortieth part of the land in this district, by moving the office of entry to Klamath Falls, settlers upon 304,582 acres—all that Klamath has in the district—might be benefitted, though 150,000 acres of this land is nearer to Lakeview than to Klamath Falls.

If land offices are established for the benefit of intending settlers upon the land in this district, 4 per cent of such settlers will be benefitted by this removal, and 96 per cent will be put to inconvenience by it.

We would suggest to Klamath Falls that if their move to relocate the county seat was actuated by a desire to accommodate people in Minnesota or Michigan, who want to come to this country to locate timber land for speculation and go back East to live that they should see the president for a special order to allow those people to file upon and prove up on the land in their home post offices. That would suit them better than to come to Klamath Falls, and if their motive is a selfish one for the benefit of Klamath Falls, that they ask for an appropriation of money from congress for their needs, but if they wish to serve the actual homemakers of this district with a land office at the least expense and greatest convenience to homemakers, then leave the land office where it is as nearly in the center of the district as it can be located.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions are playing over the question of accepting the \$100,000 gift of John D. Rockefeller. Many of the commission object to accepting the gift because the money thus bestowed does not rightfully belong to the man who gives it; it has been flagrantly acquired, and all world knows it. A summary of Rockefeller's bequests shows that he has given to charity the enormous sum of \$28,753,000, ranging from \$10,000 to the Chicago University to \$10,000 to the Salvation Army of Cleveland. He is now expected to give \$50,000,000 more to the Chicago University.

Even though a portion of the Lakeview land district may be cut off, there yet remains over 3,000,000 acres of vacant land nearer to Lakeview than to any other town in the district.

Frank Guglielmo, the murderer of pretty Freda Guarino, the Italian girl in Portland last June, suddenly became aware of what a terrible thing it was to die, when he stood and heard the Judge pronounce the sentence "to be hanged by the neck until he be dead," on May 5th. Guglielmo wept and the tears rolled down his face at the thought of his own life being ended. Though he has been given more time to prepare for death than he gave his poor innocent victim.

The largest plowing outfit in Oregon was recently unloaded in Pendleton and will be used on a Umatilla county farm. It consists of a gang of eight 14-inch plows pulled by a 30-horse power traction engine at the rate of 2½ miles per hour, calculated to plow 20 acres of land in one day.

Residents of Oregon City and of Clackamas county are protesting bitterly against the removal of the land office from that city to Portland. They wired the president to give them a fair show.

State Land Agent Oswald West has discovered that a great deal, and maybe all, of the 57,000 acres of school land bought in the Blue Mountain reserve in 1900, was fraudulently acquired.

What influence the committee opposed at Klamath Falls to have the land office moved, would have with the President and Secretary Hitchcock. The Examiner would rather not discuss.

The Secretary of the Interior has ordered the withdrawal from entry of 620,000 acres of land in Oregon and 90,000 acres in Washington on account of the Umatilla irrigation project.

Secretary of State Bay telegraphed the State Department at Washington from Gibraltar on March 29th, stating that his health was much improved.

The members of the land commission have resigned by request of President Roosevelt. The President will appoint a new commission at once.

We understand that the people out in the eastern part of this land district are bitterly opposed to being transferred to the Burns land district.

Both Judge Benson and L. R. Webster are spoken of as candidates for governor at the next election.

Favors Better Roads.

At Farlow while here this week discussed the good road question quite freely. He thinks if people who are in a position to cause good roads to be made would go over the road to Paisley now they would be convinced that some good road, at least, was necessary. Mr. Farlow is heartily in accord with the movement in many parts of Oregon where they have been permitted by the legislature to construct experimental roads, to try some short stretches of permanent good road, so that an intelligent estimate of the cost of good roads can be made known to the people, also the effect of them.

This is the thing The Examiner has urged, and we hope that the people can have some, if only a short stretch here and there in places that become impossible at certain times of the year, and in places where every resident of the county may see them and know the real value of good roads.

A Bloody Tragedy.

A man named Megorden living near Nyssa, in Malheur county, returned home a few days ago and entered into a family quarrel with his wife. The fifteen-year-old boy of the

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