

Two Departments Back Beetle War

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agriculture and the secretary of the interior to combat an insect infestation of the timber upon the national forests, Indian reservations, lands reserved in the United States under the act of June 9, 1916...

From reports of local officers of this department it is found that a serious epidemic of bark beetles has killed a billion feet of valuable pine timber on both sides of the line between the States of Oregon and California...

Some of the private owners of the region have attempted to protect their remaining timber by destroying the insects on their own lands. These efforts have not been successful because of the renewed attacks by beetles from adjacent lands...

The legislature of the state of Oregon recognizing this menace and having before it the experience of other epidemics of tree killing insects, has passed a bill which provides that insect infestations of this character may be declared to be a public nuisance...

The epidemic covers about 250,000 acres in the Klamath Indian reservation, 100,000 acres of the re-vested Oregon and California grant lands in Oregon as well as 35,000 acres of unappropriated public land...

In April, the private owners of timber in the region called a meeting at Klamath Falls in which the situation was discussed. Besides the owners of private land the meeting was attended by representatives of the Indian office of the department of the interior...

Twenty-Five Years Ago in Linkville



THE COUNTY FEES IS IN FULL PAYMENT. A NICKEL COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO BE PAID IN GRAND PRIZES COVERED.

removing the menace that now threatens the timber of the entire region. The lands are so intermingled that it is almost useless for any private owner or all of them combined to act unless the Federal government does its share.

Estimated Cost of Control. It is estimated by the department that the work of cleaning the Government lands would cost approximately \$150,000 and that it will require a similar amount to remove the infestation from the privately owned lands...

Only One Signer of Indian Treaty Lives

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of the old councils is clear, and he is expected to give testimony valuable to the claimants.

The other chiefs who affixed their marks to the treaty have, in the intervening years, been gathered to their fathers. They were: Lalake, Chiloquenas, Kellogue, Moshenkaskit, Blow, Palmer, Jack, Quenas, Posaksuit, Chemult, Noaksum, Mookkattallick, Toontuctel, Beseikyou, Skittie, Shollallos, Tattetas, Mukhas, Hermankusman, Schonschin, Jackson, Stakitt, Keintpus, Chuckeslou, Killetoak and Syetocket.

The government representatives were J. W. Perit Huntington, superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon, and William Logan, state Indian agent. The witnesses were Captain William Kelly, First Cavalry, Oregon Volunteers; James Haloran, second lieutenant, First Infantry, Washington Territorial Volunteers; Dr. William C. McKay and Robert Biddle, teamster.

After many years of endeavor to gain the ear of the government, the Indians at last have secured permission of congress, through the efforts of Congressman Slatton, to institute suit in the United States court of claims.

Their choice of attorneys, Onell and Irwin of this city, and Daniel B. Henderson of Washington, has been approved by Charles Burke, new commissioner of Indian affairs, and by the interior department. Now remains but the formal signing and ratification of the contract with the lawyers, says Mr. Onell, and the suit, which involves claims aggregating from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, depending upon the estimates per acre and of the timber value, will be launched.

The Indians claim that when the treaty was signed in 1865, after much council between the federal commissioners and chiefs, and careful inspection of the land, the area allotted to the Indians was marked by natural monuments, such as mountains, streams, trees and prominent rocks. When the surveyors came, five years later, they did not pay strict attention to these markings, hence much of the fertile Wood River valley and much of the Ely country, as well as other territory, was left out.

The Indians claim that they were to have received 12,400 sections, of 2,438,000 acres under the treaty.

The survey established boundaries that included only 1,536,000 acres. The record so far is a voluminous mass of documents, and the evidence when the trial starts will probably run into volumes and require months in the taking.

TOMORROW NIGHT at the Strand Theatre, a distinct novelty in the way of a "Country Store" program will be put on by the theatre management, in connection with the regular program. The novelty will consist of distribution of ten packages of food, such as sides of bacon, chicken, canned goods: sugar, spuds, eggs, flour, vegetables and in fact all kinds of commodities which can be used in the household.

A sea picture, "Nobody's Girl," featuring Billy Rhodes, a grim sea picture showing the wickedness practiced by a villain to live without working will be shown, as will other features.

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