

### WILL FIGHT BEAL'S BILL.

Timbermen Throughout the Entire State Will Strongly Oppose the Passage of the Bill.

It seems that the timber men of Klamath County are not the only ones who are protesting against the passage of the Beal's bill. The Portland papers state that practically every resident owner of Oregon timber lands in Portland met at the Commercial Club to form a protest against the bill and representatives will go to Salem to fight it when it comes up in the Senate.

The Portland Telegram says: The measure, which is now before the state senate, provides in effect that each owner of timber lands in the state be compelled to file with the auditor of the county in which the land is located the reports of cruisers as to the true quantity and quality of timber, together with a sworn statement attesting to the accuracy of such reports. To provide means for the assessment of the properties in their true value is the purpose of the bill.

Owners of timber lands object to the bill mainly because of the publicity such filing would give to the true value of their properties, maintaining that such publicity would mean the loss of thousands, and perhaps millions, of dollars to them.

"Oftentimes it is necessary for us to keep the real value of timber properties out of the limelight," said Lewis Montgomery of the firm of Mann & Montgomery, who is one of the fathers of the movement antagonistic to the bill. "We do not intend making public information which has cost us large sums of money to secure; we do not intend giving it to our business rivals free of charge.

"We will fight the bill at every turn, and if it is passed we will take the matter into the supreme court." These were generally the sentiments of all those who attended the meeting.

"If the different counties want to find out the value of our timber lands so they can assess them with regard to their true value, let them send cruisers out and get their own reports," said one.

The timber men assert that their antagonism toward the bill is not caused by reason of the fact that their assessments under the Beal's law, based on the cruisers' reports, might be somewhat higher than now.

### WILL CUT APPROPRIATION.

Ways and Means Committee of Which Merryman is a Member, Determined to Save State Being Mulcted.

The Ways and Means Committee of the state Senate is expected to use the knife freely on all bills carrying appropriations which are referred to it. Senator Merryman is a member of this committee, and it was because it was known that he had no axe to grind that he was selected by President Bowerman. It is said that Bowerman selected his Ways and Means Committee with a special view of cutting down appropriations this session.

Nottingham wants nothing, as he comes from Multnomah, and the same is true of Coffey. Wood represents a district of farmers who do not want to see the state's money wasted. Hedges is from Clackamas, and needs nothing; neither does Scholfield or Merryman. With a committee made

up of men who have no axes to grind, it is possible to hold down the final appropriation bill to reasonable limits.

When Senator Kay appears before the committee to ask for appropriations for the state institutions, he will be reminded of his complaints against the engaging of clerks. Smith of Marion has been offering Portland a normal school, the bill carrying an appropriation of \$160,000, but his offer has been declined with thanks by the Multnomah people, who have informed the Senator from Marion that Multnomah is not asking for anything in the way of state grabs. To this Smith has replied that he is not asking for anything this session, either. Smith, however, is expected by his constituents to work with Kay in securing generous help for the state institutions, and this is about the only common ground on which the Marion County Senators are able to meet.

Senator Scholfield says he doesn't intend having an unnecessary appropriation bill go through if he can prevent it, and Senator Merryman echoes this sentiment. Scholfield believes in legitimate and substantial appropriations where they are necessary, but says that if every bill carrying an appropriation were passed, the state would have to go into the hands of a receiver. Therefore, he is determined to sit on the safety valve and hold things down. Nottingham has been scanning the list of appropriations already requested, and says he sees where it is possible to knock out at least \$1,500,000, and maybe \$2,000,000. So far as the Ways and Means Committees are concerned, the state will not be mulcted, and the only danger is when the House and Senate, acting on the several items which are stricken out, try to have them reinstated in the bill.

### Walter E. Connor Goes Into the Hotel Business in San Francisco.

Walter E. Connor, who is well and favorably known in this county, has leased the Hotel Savoy at the corner of Van Ness avenue and Ellis street in San Francisco. The Savoy is one of San Francisco's best known and most popular stopping places. It is strictly modern in every detail, contains 125 rooms, has steam heat, hot and cold running water, and long distance telephone in every room. Has electric elevators and several large, light sample rooms for commercial travelers. Single rooms and suites with and without baths. The house is elegantly furnished with brass bedsteads and mahogany furniture throughout, has an elegant grill and cafe attached and is conducted on the European plan, rates \$1.00 per day up. Special rates by the week or month, and will cater to family and commercial trade. Mr. Connor is well known here, as he formerly resided in Klamath Falls and Swan Lake. Prior to that time he successfully conducted the Hotel Oregon at Ashland for several years. His many friends wish him success in his new venture. To reach the Savoy take car marked "Turk and Eddy" at the Ferry Building, get off at Van Ness avenue and walk one-half block to the hotel.

The present advanced stage of civilization in Africa may be shown by a comprehensive exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle this year. Arrangements are being made to procure such an exhibit from King Menelek, of Abyssinia.

### HARGIS GETS ON SPREE.

Accused Parricide While Drunk Amuses Himself by Shooting Dishes From the Table.

JACKSON, Ky., Jan. 23.—Beach Hargis, who is out of jail on bonds of \$25,000, pending trial for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, is in bed at the Hargis home near here with a dangerous self-inflicted wound in his foot.

Hargis yesterday began drinking heavily and located his relatives at Clear Fork on Frozen Creek. There he entered the home of Harlan Smith and after driving the family from the house, amused himself for some time by shooting the dishes off the dining table. Neighbors who attempted to quiet Hargis were driven upstairs in the Smith home, but managed to get word to countrymen going by to send help from Jackson.

Officers were sent, and late last night returned with Hargis, who was found with some of his friends, who said he had shot himself through the foot. The attending physicians say the wound is dangerous.

### CRESCENT NEWS.

Winter is on in earnest in the north end of Klamath County, as well as in other parts of Oregon. The snow was quite deep but the Chinook wind has taken it down to a great extent. It is pleasantly warm now. Some rain has also fallen.

Mr. Arnold, who has been teaching at Long Prairie since January 11, arrived at Crescent one day this week in an exhausted condition, from exposure to the cold. He came during our very coldest weather, riding 28 miles horseback.

Everybody is staying pretty close at home this bad weather, only necessity driving them out.

Chas. Graves, Sr., made a trip to Rosland with a four horse team one day last week. This broke out the road pretty well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ringo have moved to their own homestead above Crescent.

Mr. Dyer, of Colorado, with his widowed sister, Mrs. Shultz, are staying at the sawmill until spring. He is desirous of locating on a homestead if he finds one to suit him. We hope he may be successful and make his home in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson have their new house on their homestead fixed up very nicely and is cozy and warm. They moved into it about the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Howard made a trip to Silver Lake before the big snow came.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Thomas are living in the Beatty house. Mrs. St. Thomas is a sister of Mrs. J. L. Howard.

Our mail carrier has not missed a trip yet, although he had to break the road out on two different trips.

There is very little news this bad weather, so it is little your north end correspondent has to say. When the weather gets better I will write oftener.

### PLEVNA ITEMS.

J. P. Lee returned to the Falls Wednesday, after a few days' visit at his ranch.

Those having their names on the Roll of Honor for the fifth month of

school for perfect attendance are: Blanche Thompson, Clarice Bonner, Charley Sevits, Howard Brentner, Emery Sevits, Glenn Sevits, Nichel Karecov, Clifford Sevits and Willie Barnes.

Esle Morgan passed through here Wednesday on his way to the Falls. We are still having plenty of rain in this vicinity and the farmers are expecting good crops.

McIntire's teams are now staying at the Stearns' ranch.

G. F. Sevits hauled a load of alfalfa hay to Mr. Stearns at Klamath Falls last Saturday.

J. H. Barnes is now grubbing sagebrush on his place.

R. A. Alford visited the Falls last Thursday.

G. G. Kerns went to Keno for some of his freight Friday.

Mrs. Brentner was quite ill last Friday, but is better now.

Mr. Byers went to Mr. Sutton's on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills passed here Tuesday on their way to Keno.

Mr. VanValkenburg has returned from Marysville, Calif., where he has been visiting for the past few weeks.

A. Brentner visited the Falls last Thursday.

Mr. Barnes was in Klamath Falls on business Saturday.

Mr. Ager was a Falls visitor last Friday.

G. F. Sevits has sold 200 pounds of parsnips to the Schallock & Daggett Co., of Klamath Falls.

### PINE GROVE NEWS.

Guy and Leo Thompson have again started to school.

Jay Arant returned home Monday after being absent several days.

Johnny Meier was visiting with John Hibberts Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Clarence Harris and brother are cutting their winter's supply of wood. J. S. Mills and Chas. Mack went to the Falls Tuesday.

E. A. Lewis, who has been visiting with J. S. Mills, returned to his home in the Willamette Valley Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Almo Newton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Colson and children, and Annie Short and children, visited Tommy Short Sunday.

John Shepard is sick with neuralgia.

Mr. Grigsby and daughters, June and Elizabeth, went out to his ranch where Mrs. Faith is ill.

Tommy Short has sold his timber claim near By to the Weyerhaeuser Company for \$4000.

Mr. Durkey went to the Falls Friday.

The son of Pearle Stiles, of Swan Lake, is slowly recovering from a very severe burn caused by falling into a fire place recently.

Mr. Pool, of Olene, who has been visiting in California, returned to his home Saturday.

Chas. Mack went to the Falls Saturday.

Mr. Low was out on the range last Saturday looking for some of his cattle.

James S. Harriman, of Detroit, Mich., a well-to-do gentleman of 60, declares that he has proposed marriage to nearly 100 telephone girls, only to be refused. Mr. Harriman says he can offer one of the best homes in Detroit, but must have a telephone girl because they are not generally very pretty but as a rule make ideal wives.

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