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BATTLE SHIP DECISION

The Officers of the
Missouri Were
Raw

Interior Department Upholds
Its Service Pension De-
cision as Good Law
and Morals

Washington, March 29.—The secretary of the navy today approved a recommendation for a court of inquiry into the matter of the recent commission for the battleships Illinois and Missouri. On further proceedings, the court finds that Captain Bradford, of the Illinois acted with consummate seamanship, but does not find that Captain Cowles, the President's brother-in-law displayed proper signals to avoid collisions. In view of the fact that the Missouri is a new ship, and her officers and crew unaccustomed to her mechanism, the court and Dewey recommended no further action.

Resolution of Condolence.

Whereas, The Great Ruler of the universe, in his infinite wisdom, removed from our midst our beloved sister, Louise Wolf, and

Whereas, It is just and fitting that this lodge take recognition of her many virtues, and pay tribute to her memory, therefore be it

Resolved, That Viola Lodge, No. 88, Degree of Honor, has lost a faithful officer and member. We mourn for her and miss her in our beloved order, and, while we grieve for her, we bow in humble submission to Him, who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we tender the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy published in a local paper.

MINNIE L. UTTER,
JESSIE BEWLEY,
AMANDA ANDERSON,
Committee.

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The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Salem for \$2.20, good going Saturday m. m., or any train of Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

COON HOLLOW SOLON

From the Headwaters
of Bee Branch

A Man Who Believes There
Ought to Be Some Watch-
dogs Who Bark

The St. Louis Republic of recent date has the following about our representative, Hon. J. P. Gibson:

"I wonder how many people in Missouri know Gibson of Bee Branch. You will search long for such a place, yet one of the most sterling Missourians of the house is Gibson, of Bee Branch.

This is how Gibson came to be from Bee Branch. It was at the beginning of the last session. The immediate appropriation of \$10,000 to quarantine smallpox in certain counties was before the house. Then, a new member—a gray haired man with the most good-natured face imaginable, a man with whom a joke is much, who wots of "sneakin' cawn and sich like," but who knows something of economy in public affairs—rose to ask whether there were not provisions made by which county courts should draw on a fund in such an emergency? He was unknown to Speaker Whitecotton, and the latter asked:

"Where are you from?"

"From Bee Branch," said the member, "the land, Mr. Speaker, of coonskins and honey."

The house was in an uproar.

"Where's that?" asked the speaker. "That's up in Chariton county," spoke Gibson, "God's own country, where we'd rather tree a coon or cut a hoe tree nigh onto most anything else."

This was Gibson's bow in the assembly. It is needless to say that afterwards when Gibson of Bee Branch arose his fellows prepared to listen, sure that he would be interesting. The Bee Branch, it happens, curls in and out between the hills near Gibson's farm.

Gibson went into the legislature with the idea that he could as well serve his state and county by refraining from defogging the house with bills. He reasons that, if there were not some watchdogs around whose business it is to bark when a new measure crops up, too many of them will become laws.

His explanation of his entry into politics is undoubtedly a curio.

"I was born under a tobacco leaf," said he. "I grew up between the corn rows, and I've at my share of hard-tack and peck. Now, by ginger, I've a thousand acres of the best land in Chariton county, and I thought I

SETTLERS CLAIM LAND FOR ENTRY

Residents of Coos Bay Country Start Agitation for Opening of Vast Tract
Granted by Government—May
Go to Court

(Portland Daily Journal.)

If the contention of Coos Bay settlers proves right, 80,000 acres of land six miles in width, from Marshfield to Roseburg, a distance of about 60 miles, will soon be thrown open for settlement. Since the spring of 1869 this large body of land, lying in alternating sections on each side of the Coos Bay wagon road, has been withheld from settlement. It was granted to the state of Oregon by the federal government to aid in the construction of the highway, and is at present owned by the Southern Oregon Company.

It is claimed that persons desire to settle upon the land, but that the holders of the grant refused to dispose of the property. Suit is contemplated in the United States circuit court to have the laws authorizing the grant construed.

The original act conveying the grant is dated March 3, 1869, and provides that it is to be sold in quantities not greater than one-quarter of a section—160 acres—to any one person, and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre or not less than \$1.25 an acre. Those who desire to settle upon the land declare that the present holders of the grant are merely retaining it in trust and that whoever desires to settle upon it may do so by paying \$2.50 an acre.

The Southern Oregon Company did not secure the land directly from the state of Oregon, but from another company, and that company in turn received it from another concern that was granted it by the state.

A large number of would-be settlers,

It is understood, have applied to the Southern Oregon Company for the purpose of purchasing the land, and the refusal of the company to dispose of it has caused the raising of a fund to bring the matter into the courts. Seabrook & McKnight, a Marshfield law firm, will represent the settlers in case action is instituted, which is probable.

One of the principal shareholders in the Southern Oregon Company is Elijah Smith, of Boston, at one time president of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. Mr. Smith arrived in Portland several days ago, and is at present at Roseburg. The contemplated action of the Coos Bay settlers is denied as being the cause of his present visit. He is expected to return to Portland today.

The Title, Trust & Guaranty Company, of Portland, is said to have been endeavoring lately to secure options on the land. Concerning this, J. Thornburn Ross, vice-president and manager of the company, said: "Neither the Title, Trust & Guaranty Company nor myself are concerned in the matter. E. B. Seabrook, of the law firm of Seabrook & McKnight, of Marshfield, was formerly employed in our offices. He has been retained by the settlers."

The Coos Bay wagon road was completed, but it is claimed that the disposal of the lands in the grant has never been according to the letter of the statute. The legislative assembly of Oregon assigned its grant October 22, 1870, to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, to aid in the construction of the road.

would like to get out among the boys some. I guessed I could be elected, and I was."

DANGER OF PLAGUE.

California Physician Sees Perils in Portland's Chinatown.

While Portland has been serenely ignoring the plague possibilities of Chinatown, there have been existing there conditions highly favorable to a serious epidemic, according to Dr. N. K. Foster, of Sacramento, secretary of the California State Board of Health. Dr. Foster has been attending the convention of the Oregon health officials and yesterday, in company with Dr. Mae H. Cardwell, Dr. Jones and a policeman, made an investigation of the unsavory basements of Chinatown.

"I am not an alarmist," was Dr. Foster's preliminary statement, when seen afterward, "but I feel that all the cities of the coast stand in a certain amount of danger from Asiatic plague. We have large cities and are bound to have larger ones, and it will be strange if it does not get aboard some vessel and come across."

"We should know absolutely what every Celestial dies of. Furthermore, this plague is a rat disease. In California we are killing rats, and the northern cities should take the same precaution."

"Your Chinatown is open to crit-

claim, but it is not so bad as some others. The fact that the basements are damp keeps the Chinese from sleeping there, but they are exceedingly filthy. Under one of the wooden gratings of a sidewalk we saw rotten eggs, beetles, wood and other refuse. These conditions should not obtain in any city, but there are many worse. Ours will compare favorably with yours."

"The city ought to watch the deaths; it costs nothing and will be found to pay."

Dr. Foster has greatly enjoyed his visit to Portland, which, he says, is a beautiful city, well worth taking care of. He said many pleasant things of the officers of the state and city boards of health and local members of the profession whom he met.—Oregonian.

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