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DUBOIS AND THE MORMONS

The Dubois press bureau in Washington is working very industriously now in defining the senator's attitude on the Mormon question.

One day they picture him with his bristles all drawn forward ready to make the fight of his life. Next day his attitude will be changed to his natural lamb like exterior.

The latest report shows him standing as a dictator with an emissary of Mormons on bended knee before him offering him a perpetual seat in the United States senate if he will only promise not to work against Smoot. Great is Dubois but his press agent is even greater.

In connection with the Dubois attitude toward the Mormons is the attitude of the democratic press of the state toward Dubois. In this connection, the Montpelier Examiner, a staunch democratic paper of Bear Lake county says:

"The Examiner often wonders if Senator Dubois is being correctly quoted by those who say he is attempting to start a Mormon and anti-Mormon fight in this state. We hope not, but there is sufficient 'smoke' to justify the assumption that there is some kind of 'fire' some place. While politics in this county, at least, haven't always been as free from church influence, exercised by certain leaders, as we could wish, still it hasn't been of such magnitude as to justify such drastic remedies, as Dubois' friends say he proposes.

"We believe Senator Dubois is making a mistake, if his friends quote him correctly, in stirring up this matter. The present circumstances do not justify such a fight."

TO AMEND TIMBER LAND LAWS

Senator Hansbrough's bill to amend the laws concerning the disposal of the government timber lands has now been laid before the senate. Its purpose is to stop speculation and frauds, and it involves a radical change from previous ideas as to the proper method of disposing of the public domain.

Heretofore timber lands have been sold for \$2.50 an acre regardless of their real value. No person has been entitled to more than 160 acres. Actually, however, so many of the entries have been fraudulent that it is alleged large speculators have secured most of the timber. Former commissioner of the general land office Binger Hermann estimated in his report in 1902 that the government had disposed of timber lands worth \$130,000,000 for about \$13,000,000.

Senator Hansbrough proceeds on the theory that it is practically impossible to parcel out the timber lands successfully in small tracts, and he believes that the government might as well recognize the fact. He proposes to authorize the secretary of the interior to make examinations and estimates of the quality and value of the timber on the public lands and to sell the right to cut and dispose of the same to the highest bidder. He fixes no limits on

the quantities that may be sold in each parcel but he would forbid the purchaser to dispose of his right to third parties.

The title to the lands themselves is to remain in the government. Thereby reforestation will be assured, and in due time the government will have a fresh growth of timber for sale in the same manner.

The plan proposed by Senator Hansbrough has been successfully tested in the sale of timber on the Indian lands in Minnesota. The timber on the Chipewewa reservation is bringing Indians about \$3,500,000 whereas if it had been sold under the present public domain laws it would have brought less than \$500,000.

GIVES UP THE FIGHT

It is now reported on reliable authority that President James G. Hill of the Northern Securities company has decided to give up the merger fight and surrender every right granted under the New Jersey corporation law except the right to purchase securities for investment.

The right to vote the stock in the three rail roads is to be renounced as is also the right to have any voice in the management of those railroads. Each road is to resume its own separate management and there will be no further community of interests.

This ending of the big merger fight is a decisive victory for Attorney General Knox and the Roosevelt administration. The attorney general has made a persistent fight against the merger and has won at every point.

International politics are largely a matter of international commerce. This is shown in the recent course of affairs in Panama. The independence of Panama and the birth of a new republic is directly due to the determination of the United States to build the isthmian canal, to the obstinate and unprogressive stand taken in the matter by Colombia and to the desire of the people of Panama to have the canal constructed. The Panama canal will not only be of great commercial benefit to both Panama and the United States, but it will effect great changes in the course of the world's commerce of inestimable benefit to all nations.

Colombia says that she has 100,000 patriots ready to fight to the last ditch for Panama, but intimates that she will settle for \$10,000,000. It can thus be figured out that Colombian patriotism can be estimated at \$10 per patriot. There is no Valley Forge or Bunker Hill or Spion Kopp patriotism about the Colombians, it's probably a case of bluster and brag and will surely be treated as such.

Idaho's Share

The report of the commissioner of the general land office, which has just been made public, contains matter of much interest to Idahoans. According to this report, Idaho now has to her credit in the reclamation fund of the treasury from the sales of public lands and fees and commissions since the passage of

the irrigation law, the sum of \$1,149,667. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, the areas covered by public surveys accepted by the land office comprise 146,839 acres. The appointment made under the act of congress June 28, 1902, for the surveys in Idaho, amounted to \$32,000.

The surveyor general reports 641,104 acres of agricultural surveys completed during the year. There were surveyed in the field approximately 7,615 miles of lines, returns of 2,167 miles of surveyed lines were worked up in the office, of which 663 miles were paid for from railroad deposits. There is to be, for the year 1904, 3,122 of agricultural surveys to be attended to in this office, an increase of 108 per cent., and an increase of clerical force is asked. The surveyor general also reiterates the inadequacy of the apportionment of \$32,000 for surveys in his district, and requests at least \$80,000 to meet the increasing demands of actual and substantial settlements. During the fiscal year, seven surveys executed under contracts in Idaho were accepted.

Idaho Railroads

(Walla Walla Union.)

The proposed new railroad up the Snake, mention of which was made in the Union a few mornings ago, is regarded by experienced railroad men as being among the most probable and feasible for the exploitation of the extensive and undeveloped mining region in Western Idaho, that has ever been promoted. It is said that it will positively be built this coming year. It will be a parallel line to some extent to the P. & I. N. and if it is also true that that road expects to extend its line into the Seven Devils region proper, the long deferred hope of the mining men and promoters, many of whom have been waiting for a railroad for the past thirty-five years, will at last be realized. Renewed activity will be the immediate result. This same region is believed by old and experienced miners to be one of the richest mineral belts ever discovered, and with railroad transportation, marvelous things may be expected. The country which is now a vast waste with a sparse population during only a few months of the year, and practically uninhabited the remainder of the time, will have as great a population as the great mining regions of Colorado. The outlook for the Seven Devils country is brighter than it has been for many years.

Public Schools Make Nation Supreme

It is the public school system of the United States that makes the American nation supreme.

Such is the concrete opinion of the Mosely Educational Commission of England as expressed by the commission in a statement made preparatory to returning to Great Britain.

"One can find nothing but admiration for such a public school system as this. It is, or ought to be, America's proudest boast. It is the secret of all the wonderful things she has accomplished industrially as well as in other lines."

During their visit here the members of the Mosely commission visited the educational centers of the east and middle west. Everywhere they went they expressed wonder and delight at the perfection of the system for educating the masses.

This is only one of many testimonials to the value of the American public school system. And as we see clearer day by day the great value of this splendid system of education it is imperative that every means be adopted to safeguard it.

The public school system is the hope of the Nation, and that man who attacks it is an enemy of the Nation. With one-fourth of our population now in school, this country has every reason indeed to congratulate itself on its incomparable school system.

STATE PRESS OPINIONS

From Boise Statesman:

The Corbin beet sugar factory of Waverly in Washington has purchased 24,000 ton of beets this season, paying \$5.25 a ton. The farmers in that section find the crop profitable and the acreage planted to beets is increasing annually. It will be observed that the price paid by the factory is considerably higher than that paid by some others. In Idaho and Utah the price is \$4 and \$4.50. The Corbin company seems disposed to do better than that by the farmers.

From Peck Press:

Lewiston is nothing if not enterprising, as the promptness with which her people are coming to the front with subscriptions for a boat to take the place of the ill-fated Innaha, lost a few days ago at Mountain Cheep rapids while making her regular trip to Eureka, is ample testimony. Lewiston does not intend to allow transportation to the upper Snake region to go by way of Elgin or any other town at the expense of the development of her own territory.

From the Montpelier Examiner Democratic:

We don't blame Governor Morrison for telegraphing the secretary of the interior to hold up all action on the Carey land matter, until he could be heard. Those who want the government to issue patents to the state are working in the interests of big canal companies, and they don't care a continental for the state. The governor is right in this instance, whether he ever was before or not. Idaho isn't being run for or by the canal companies.

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Lewiston Band.....	24,775	Christian Church, Culesac.....	223
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