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OREGON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OREGON,

IN RELATION TO

Indian Reservations in said State.

FEBRUARY 6, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America:

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, most respectfully represent that at the time of the selection by the Indian Department of the General Government, through its agents, of the Grande Ronde and Siletz reservations, that the tribes of Indians who were to be settled upon such reservations were numerous and aggregated a number of souls requiring an area of territory for hunting, farming, and fishing purposes which the reservations referred to amply afforded. But since their settlement upon the aforesaid reservations such Indians have decreased in numbers until there are now left about one-tenth of the original number of Indians on said reservations. And your memorialists would further show that the aforesaid reservations are much larger than either the interest of the Indians or the Indian Department demands; that the Indians do not use a very large portion of said reservations; that while the extent of the area of said reservations is in no way advantageous or beneficial to the Indians or Indian Department, it is so situated contiguous to the body of the Willamette Valley as to make a portion of it a desirable acquisition for white settlers and for their conveniences. Wherefore your memorialists pray that a law may be passed at an early period for the extinguishment of the Indian title to that portion of the Siletz and Grande Ronde reservations lying north of the Grande Ronde agency, and for preparing the same for white settlement.

Adopted in the Senate October 12, 1870.

JAMES D. FAY,
President of the Senate.

Adopted in the House October 19, 1870.

B. HAYDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATE OF OREGON, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Salem, December 5, 1870.

I, S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of senate joint memorial No. 4, that passed the legislative assembly of Oregon, at its sixth regular session; that the original senate joint memorial No. 4 is on file in this office.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Oregon, the day and year above written.

[SEAL.]

S. F. CHADWICK,
Secretary of State of Oregon.

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