



NEW RULING ON ISOLATED TRACTS.

Two Years Must Now Elapse Before Sale.

A change in the regulations governing the sale of isolated tracts of land has been made by the commissioner of the General land office according to information we have received.

The principal change is to the effect that in the future "no tract of land will be deemed isolated and ordered into the market unless, at the time application is filed, the said tract has been subject to homestead entry for at least two years after the surrounding lands have been entered, filed upon, or sold by the government, except in cases where some extraordinary reason is advanced sufficient, in the opinion of the Commissioner of the general land office, to warrant waiving this restriction."

For some time prior to the issuance of the above regulation the land could be applied for and sold as an isolated tract as soon as all the surrounding lands had been entered or otherwise disposed of.

Another feature of the new regulation is the fact before any tract of land is ordered sold the matter is referred to the chief of field division for inspection and investigation as to the value of the land.

These new regulations were promulgated on January 19th 1912.

Make More Bacon.

In passing around our stores this week we note a considerable quantity of home cured bacon, hams and shoulders on display. This comes in from different ranches about town and is all nicely put up, well-flavored meat.

Why not more of this? There certainly is good market here, and the profit to the hog-raiser is almost, if not quite, double what he makes in selling live weight.

We quote, to prove this, the experience of Jeff Evans, of the Lexington section. Mr. Evans, by the way, is one of our farmers who works every branch of his business in the way to make the best profit and he figures it out this way:

From a 350 pound hog he gets
60 pounds of lard,
60 pounds of hams,
70 pounds of bacon,
50 pounds of shoulder

This cured meat he sold at the prevailing prices for \$41.00. Had he sold on foot he would have realized but \$24.00. Balance in favor of cured meat, \$17.00. Besides the above that was disposed of to the local merchant, he had an abundance of sausage, head cheese, spare ribs and back bone for home consumption and to spare.

Mr. Evans puts up a fine line of cured meats and gets the best price going.

D. V. S. Reid returned home on Thursday last from a three weeks visit to Willamette Valley points and the coast as well. On the coast he found it rained some during the winter months, and it has to bring up the average of 80 inches per year. We understand that in conjunction with Clyde Brock, Mr. Reid has made purchase of a considerable tract of land in the Valley not far from Lebnon and expects in the course of a few months to move down there.

Northwest Exposition In Minneapolis, 1912.

Seven states have again combined to hold a great exposition to show the products of their soil, mines, lakes, rivers, forests and factories after the harvests are over and the state and county fairs have made the collection of the finest products in the world available.

The Northwest Products Exposition, as it will be called, will be held in Minneapolis November 12 to 23. The seven states which will participate are Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

To make this exposition possible the business men of Minneapolis will erect a building of solid steel, brick and concrete with a great exposition floor 240x125--as large as Madison Square Garden, New York City.

At a cost of \$10,000 the Civic and Commerce Association of Minneapolis and the St. Paul Association of Commerce have bought space from the Northwest Development League for the seven states where their official exhibits will be installed.

The Northwest Products Exposition will be almost twice as large in extent as the "Land Show" held in St. Paul and it is the hope of the officers of the Northwest Development League that it will be a better exposition in every way as they have almost ten full months to prepare for it whereas they had but a little more than three months to organize the St. Paul show.

"The Products Exposition can be likened to a miniature world's fair," said President Penwell in speaking of the outlook. "The Northwest states have learned the exhibit business and have learned that it is necessary to advertise in a very graphic way to attract settlers who would otherwise go to Canada or the Southwest."

Will A. Campbell, secretary of the league and manager of the exposition is leaving for the west and will spend much time in the field, but will also open an office in Minneapolis March 1st.

The Poultry Contest.

The poultry contest offered by the Tri-County Development League begins March 1. There will be a record book furnished each contestant. Any one desiring to compete for prizes will please notify Mr. Orren Beaty, Moro, Oregon, so that they may receive the record book before March 1.

There will be no entrance fee charged for either the crop, poultry or hog contests, all that is required is for you to furnish seed, hogs or poultry for competing.

For Clerk.

To the Voters of Morrow County: I will be a candidate for Nomination to the office of County Clerk on the Republican Primary Nominating Election Ballot at the Primaries to be held on April 19, 1912. I promise if nominated and elected to the office of County Clerk, the same service you have had the past six years.

Very respectfully,
WALTER O. HILL.

A Leap Year Party.

A leap year ball will be given at the Commercial Club Hall on Friday night, March 1st. Music begins at 8 o'clock. Gentleman 50 cents; ladies free. Everybody invited to come and have a good time.

BIG CLUB WILL BE HEARD HERE

Forty College Lads Will Visit Heppner, Friday, February 23.

The Oregon Agricultural College Glee and Mandolin Club will be in Heppner on the evening of February 23. This popular musical organization is now making its first tour of the state, this being the first year the faculty council would grant the club permission to make an extended tour.

That the club is making good and is worthy of very liberal patronage is evident from the fact that in their opening concert at Corvallis they made a decided "hit"; this, too, in a town where the merit of the performance counts rather than the performers themselves, and concerts must be of a high standard to receive favorable comment from the local press.

The following from last Monday's Corvallis Gazette-Times is self-explanatory:

"Each number roundly applauded and an encore insisted upon--in some instances two and even three--is the record for the O. A. C. Glee and Mandolin Club concert at the Opera House Saturday night. And this tells only half the story. The program was par excellence, made up of music worthy of artists and an audience of cultured taste, and though much of it was difficult, the Glee and Mandolin Club did more than make an agreeable noise; the club sang with a splendid volume of tone, modulated at times to a whisper, and with an expression and interpretation that made the selection a finished work of art; and the Mandolin Club played with a snap and harmony that was delightful.

"The concert was a success from start to finish, much the best work ever done by the O. A. C. boys, and the same presentation will please any audience encountered on the state tour begun today. The usual vaudeville stunts were conspicuous by their absence, but in encore numbers the boys gave some high-class humorous songs that enlivened the program to the proper extent."

The club is accompanied by Prof. W. F. Gaskins, head of the School of Music, and director of the Glee Club.

A feature of the entertainment that is attracting widespread attention, is the work of Henry Russell, Scotch monologist. This should prove exceptionally interesting to Heppner folk in view of the fact that Scotch life was recently revived here.

Heppner people will doubtless remember Edwin Woodcock, the trombonist with the band brought here by Captain Harry Beard in 1909. This clever young artist is traveling with the Glee Club as a special feature.

The club is extremely fortunate in having as accompanist Mr. Raymond E. Coursen, one of the most talented pianists of the younger set in Portland.

A very rare treat is in store for Heppner people on the evening of February 23.

Mrs. R. H. DeShaser, Mrs. H. O. Ely and Miss Mattie Morgan of Morgan, visited in Heppner over Sunday with Mrs. W. F. Palmateer, who is under the care of a physician at Heppner. The two former are daughters of Mrs. Palmateer.

LIVED AT HEPPNER MANY YEARS.

Mrs. Ida Day Was A Pioneer of This Section.

Mrs. Ida Day, wife of O. R. Day, died at her home near Battle Ground, Wash., on Thursday, Feb. 8, 1912, following a protracted illness. Funeral services were held at their home, being largely attended by her many friends and neighbors, and interment was made in the cemetery at Lewisville, Wash.

Ida French was born in Amador county, California, Jan. 5, 1864, and came to Oregon with her parents, J. D. and Caroline French, who settled at Heppner in 1876. She was married at Heppner on October 29, 1883, to O. R. Day and lived on a farm near this place for a number of years. After leaving Heppner they removed to Phoenix, Oregon and seven years ago went to Battle Ground, Wash., where they purchased an 80 acre farm and have built up a nice home.

At the age of 13 years Mrs. Day joined the Methodist church in Sacramento Valley, Calif., and remained a member of this church up to a few years ago when with her husband they joined the Christian church at Battle Ground. She leaves beside her husband and many friends, the following brothers and sisters to mourn her loss: W. J. French, Uzz French, Lee French and Mrs. Emma Howard, of Heppner; Mrs. Mary Kirk of Melford; Mrs. Anna Potter, of Lewisville, Wash.; G. W. French, O. T. French and Mrs. Belle Matteson, of Mountain Home, Idaho.

Castle Rock Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons have company this week.

Thomas Robbins is helping bale hay at the Cross ranch.

Mr. Berry got a small boat load of groceries of L. M. Davis & Co. Tuesday.

Mr. Weston brought down a boat he bought of Mr. Snow at Coyote last Monday.

The boatmen were busy transferring hay from the Crow ranch to Castle Rock Wednesday.

This kind of weather makes one wish to be putting seeds and plants in the lap of old mother earth.

Messrs. Weston and Davis crossed to the Washinton side Monday last with flour and groceries for E. Berry.

Mr. Davis drove to Irrigon Monday and brought home two White Plymouth Rock cockerels from the pens of Mr. Smith.

Our new pupils completed their grades in three days. Pretty fast work, we call it. When we asked George why the boys quit school, he said, "they heap afraid he beat 'em."

Two former residents of Morrow and Gilliam counties, now residing in Walla Walla, spent last night at Castle Rock. They are engaged in the livery business at the above place and are returning there with two teams they bought near Blalock.

Castle Rock received a pleasant call from our old time Southern friend, Mr. Richardson, of the West Umatilla Extension, accompanied by Mr. Hanny. Mr. Hanny spoke as well pleased with our location, and assured us that the West Umatilla project rested with secretary Fisher.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

School Notes.

BY SUPT. NOTSON.

On the first inst., I visited several of the rooms of the Heppner school. In Miss Reid's room I found a bright lot of little people. I noted the tasty decorations which add so much to the school life. I was much interested in the number work. The pupils were dealing with their first lesson in "carrying". Miss Reid required each pupil to correct his own work, using a colored pencil. This is certainly an excellent way saving the teacher's energy and giving the pupils the benefit of a valuable exercise. I find many teachers take up the work and mark the corrections themselves. The work is then handed back to the pupils who glance at it and throw it away. Not a great deal of good comes from such correction, and the work taxes the teacher's strength, which should be saved for other lines.

The commercial department enjoys more commodious quarters, the rooms having been considerably enlarged. Miss Young is enthusiastic over her work. She tries to adapt the work to the individual pupil, whatever his attainments may be. It seems to me that pupils find that the better prepared they are in the regular work, the more satisfactory will be their work in the commercial line.

In Miss Lusted's room, I noted a fine product map in course of construction. The outline is drawn upon muslin, and the products are attached to the cloth in the proper locations. I was pleased with a scheme to teach one of the tables of compound numbers objectively. In such work it is true that "seeing is believing". The pupils in this room are attacking the reading from the thought-getting side. They have reached an age at which they begin to appreciate the ability to gain knowledge from reading.

The following day, I visited the high school. One class, under the direction of Miss Hurd, is studying "The Idylls of the King". They are not only doing excellent work in English, but are certainly acquiring a taste for the fine things of literature. I visited Miss Clark's ninth grade Latin class. They are meeting the usual difficulties, but they are bravely conquering them. Mr. Hoffman has an arithmetic class the members of which are getting a clearer vision of some of those things which are often vague and indefinite to the eighth grade pupil and are taking some work out of the range of the lower work. Mr. Hoffman believes that pupils should know arithmetic, and not simply have a sort of hazy view of it. I also inspected the new apparatus used by the class in physics. The equipment is sufficient for good work in this line.

In the afternoon, I enjoyed the

litterary program of one of the high school societies. The students are making this work worth while.

At the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.
E. P. Warren, Pastor.

Let all the churches get their Sunday schools out of the way as soon as they can Sunday morning and then let all the people repair to this church and join in the union service led by Evangelist Owen—Come every body. Our Eight Mile choir will be here to join in the song service. We invite all the country people to come. Let us all get ready to enjoy the prosperous times just ahead of us. Don't forget the all day services on Sunday.

The business of our city were waited on by four business men and asked to suspend their business for one hour Thursday and Friday of this week, from 3 to 4 p. m. and attend revival services conducted by Evangelist Owen.

Notice to Republicans.

Have you registered? If not do so now, and then call at the office of the Palace Hotel where you will find nominating petitions for President Taft. There is not a great deal of time left, so hurry.

Cotter's Saturday Night.

When the Standard Bearers of the M. E. church conceived the idea of presenting 'Cotter's Saturday Night' in the form of a play, they had no thought of it reaching such proportions as it finally culminated in last Saturday evening. But, by persistent effort and hard practice, the company of young "Scots" were able to portray to a fair degree the home life of the humble farmer of Scotland. The most difficult part was the first, where the acting was done in pantomime, very much resembling the modern photo-play. When the song service began, however, the acting took on real life and the Cotter's bedside became the scene of mirth and merriment.

Although the play was short there was not a dull moment. There was much of merit in the poem and in the songs, and those back of the movement deserve the highest praise for their efforts in producing a high class entertainment.

Senator Bowerman has jumped into prominence as a leading attorney in Portland quicker than any man who ever left a small town to measure his legal ability with the leading lawyers of the metropolis. He has had several large suits recently, amongst them the Wilde case in which Mr. Bowerman was the leading attorney. Wilde was acquitted on an instructed verdict. Bowerman engineered the case so far as office work was concerned and allowed Mr. Malarkey to attend to the arguments in court. Mr. Bowerman is now of the opinion that it was the luckiest day of his life when he was beaten for governor.—Condon Times.

"Little Wonder" sheep shearing machines for sale at Gilliam & Bisbee's.