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THE TIMBER "CROP"

The attention of those who believe, or profess to believe, that timber owners in this county bear more than their just proportion of taxes is invited to the fact that Mr. S. Benson has announced, according to the Portland papers, that he will not consider an offer of less than \$1,000,000 for his holdings in Columbia County. No doubt they are worth more than that, but they are assessed for only about half that sum, and, as other property is assessed close up to its full value, it appears that the county, in strict justice to other taxpayers, should receive at least \$10,000 more annually than it is now collecting from the Benson Logging Company.

If timber in Columbian County during the past twenty years had been assessed at its fair value and the levy been the same, a fund could have been created the interest on which would have paid all the running expenses of the county. Such men as Benson have made their money easily, and, while no injustice should be done them, it is ridiculous to say they have been persecuted. Mr. Benson has made his millions easily and should not grieve when he is separated from a few thousands for public purposes. He has no cause to kick on the cruise, for he has taken 70 million feet of logs off of five places that were cruised for less than fifteen million feet. These places cost Mr. Benson about \$1,000 each. At even one dollar per thousand he has sold the "crop" for fourteen times as much as he paid for the land with the timber standing, and the land, denuded of the timber, is worth every cent he paid for it. Mr. Benson is not a public benefactor, nor are his holdings a benefit to the community. On the contrary, they are a curse. The big speculator has the small land owner entirely at his mercy and can compel him to take any sum the former sees fit to give for the property. The city of Clatskanie would be doing five times the business it is to-day if it were not bottled up by the Benson holdings, because it would have many more small mills cutting the timber and shingle bolts and hauling the products to the cars and boats.

AN ILLUSTRATION

A workman in this city drew \$75 on the tenth day of the month. His family needed it. There was a sick baby in the house. But the saloons got the money, and the man stayed away from his family day after day, spending for booze the money they should have had for the necessities of life. The saloon keepers know this and yet they do not hesitate to take his wages. When he dies, unless he mends his ways, his family will depend upon charity, either public or private. Could the "blind pig" do any worse? Is the saloon a good investment—either mentally, morally, or financially?

THE SURE ROAD TO WEALTH

Eighty acres of three year-old apple orchard in the Hood River country changed ownership last week at a price averaging \$800 per acre, and the new owner thinks he made an excellent purchase. May he be, but he could have done a great deal better by investing his money in stump land in Columbia County clearing it up and planting and cultivating his orchard. He could buy the land for \$10 per acre, clear it for \$75 per acre, and the three years of cultivation, including the planting and purchase of the trees, would certainly not have cost him more than another \$100 per acre. Thus he would have saved at least \$600 per acre. Possibly the Hood River man who sold out will do as other Hood River men have done—invest his money in stump land in Columbia County, and sell again at the end of another three years. If he does he will be in the plutocrat class. For every acre he sold in Hood River he can have four acres in Columbia County, and it will produce, with Hood River methods of cultivation, better apples in some varieties than are raised in Hood River. This is to be one of the greatest factors in the development of Columbia County, and it is for the purpose of getting this information before the right class of people that the editor of the Mist will print ten thousand copies of a special edition of this paper, to be distributed from Columbia County's booth at the State Fair.

CHOICE VS. LOTTERY.

Another great Government land drawing is announced to take place in October. A total of 2,919,000 acres of Indian reservation land in North Dakota and 217,000 in South Dakota will be disposed of at this drawing. The land comprises holdings that remain from the allotment of lands in severally to Indians of Standing Rock and Cheyenne River agencies. The numbers will be drawn according to Government lottery rules, at Aberdeen, S. D., during the last week in October—registrations to be made October 4-23.

The character of those lands, in topography, soil and resources, is similar to that of the Flathead lands recently disposed of by lot. That is to say, the lands are semi-arid, rugged, and to some extent, irrigable. In some sections they are what is known as agricultural lands, subject to irrigation; in others, they fall under the schedule of "dry farming"; in still others they are grazing lands, wholly unutilized, and over all there are extremes of climate.

There is a certain wild beauty and attractiveness about the region in which these lands of the Rocky Mountain area lie, but to persons accustomed to life in regions that are older in civilization and in cultivation, they are brooded over by a loneliness that approaches desolation. To subdue them and make them habitable and profitable, according to the civilized idea, will require years of monotonous, hard labor, and many privations will attend the effort.

But determination and persistence have prevailed over these conditions in other sections of the country, turning the beautiful but inhospitable wilderness into veritable gardens of abundance and homes of plenty and luxury. The obstacles to be encountered in making homes upon these Dakota lands are no greater as regards climate and labor than were those that were bravely met and conquered throughout the broad domain of the great Middle West and Northwest, and the isolation is not nearly so complete as that which was endured by the early settlers of the Mississippi Valley, because the entire continent is now traversed by railroads, while their spurs are setting out in many directions.

Still, to those who will regard themselves as fortunate if, in the great governmental game of chance, they should draw a number entitling them to make a homestead entry upon these long-segregated lands, the conditions implied in the terms "to live on and cultivate," as antecedent to a full title, will be monotonous enough—and, if they make the land worth the holding, hard enough. The rigorous climate is a feature to be reckoned with, especially during the first few years, wherein everything pertaining to the settlers, home is of the most primitive type. If the Oregonian men, who intend to sturdy young men, who intend to become farmers, in the matter of getting a start in life, it would say to them.

Choose your location. Do not subject anything so important as that of getting a right start on a farm to chance. Select your land with due regard to transportation facilities, climatic conditions and soil adaptability to farming, dairying or horticulture, as the case may be. If you are not able to satisfy yourself in these prime requisites to early success and contentment under the homestead law, select your land and buy it—a few acres at a time if necessary—where these conditions exist. And in any event forbear the temptation to take a long and expensive journey to register in a game of chance for a homestead site that there is not one probability in ten thousand that you will draw. Select your farm site, make as favorable terms for its purchase as you can, go to work on it intelligently, pursue the work with persistence, refuse to be discouraged by the failures that almost surely follow the combined effort to learn and to do at one and the same time, and take the assurance of The Oregonian that in ten years you will have a farm that is worth holding and living upon, or that will bring an excellent return for your endeavor in the real estate market.—Oregonian.

MIST. (Too late for last week.)

Harvesting of grain will soon begin. Road improvement still continues. The Hill crew are still grading between Jepsens and Vanvalkingburg's place.

Dr. and Mrs. James Hayes, of Portland, passed through town Friday en route down the river on a vacation trip. Mr. Hayes thinks the Nehalem is a fine country, and said that the Clatskanie road is the best mountain road he has seen outside of Multnomah County.

The Banzar-Haycox shingle mill begins operations Tuesday fall blast. Nothing but a first class article will be turned out.

The Mist creamery, under the management of Mr. Fred Mann an expert butter maker, is proving itself worthy of the patronage of every farmer on the upper and lower Nehalem.

Good progress has been made during the past week in the organization of the Columbia County Fair Association, and considerable stock has been subscribed. The fair will be held September 24th and 25th, and it will be a big success in every respect. It will be in the main a hall show, for the reason that no inclosed grounds can be secured in time. Next year, however, more stocks will be subscribed and it is hoped the Association will be in position to purchase land for a permanent site for the Columbia Co. Fair. Great interest is being manifested and an attempt is being made to induce the transportation companies to give half fare rates. Those who desire to subscribe to the stock of the association can do so by authorizing the editor of the Mist to sign for the amount they will take.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

In the County Court, of the State of Oregon, Columbia County. In the matter of the Guardianship of Christina Schieve, an infant. Guardian sale of real property. Notice is hereby given that I, John Schieve, as the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of Christina Schieve, an infant, do hereby sell at public auction for cash the right, title and interest, or any and all interest that said Christina Schieve may have in or to the following described real property, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section thirty-four (34) in township five (5) north of range three (3) west of the Willamette Meridian in Columbia County, State of Oregon, the said land being the same as shown by patent from the United States Government to said Christina Schieve, and recorded in Book of Deeds "T" at page 20 thereof, records of said Columbia County, Oregon.

Said sale will take place at the county courthouse door on the fourth day of September, 1900, at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day. The above notice is given and said sale will take place as ordered by the County Court of said Columbia County, Oregon, as provided in its order and decree made and entered therein on the day of 23rd of June, 1900. Hearing said guardian to sell the following described real property, to-wit: The right, title and interest that said Christina Schieve, an infant, may have in or to the following described real property, to-wit: JOHN SCHIEVE, Guardian of the Estate of Christina Schieve, an Infant. J. T. ROWBRIDGE, Attorney for Guardian First publication August 8, 1900. Last publication September 3, 1900.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution, judgment, order and decree issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in the County of Multnomah, in and to the said Sheriff's Sale, No. 10,000, dated the 2nd day of August, 1900, wherein on the 22nd day of July, 1900, in the above entitled court, a judgment was rendered in favor of Mallett and Joseph Land and Stock Company, a corporation, as plaintiff, and against George W. Leonard and M. J. Leonard as defendants, for the sum of four thousand seven hundred and six (\$4,706.22) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 percent per annum from the date of said judgment, order and decree, it was ordered that the proceeds of the sale of certain real property be sold and the proceeds be applied to satisfy the above amount.

Being a part of the T. J. Jackson D. L. C. No. 14, Northern No. 73, in section 28, township 10 north of range 1 west of the W. M. and section 16 and 14 in township 9 north of range 2 west of the W. M., beginning at a point on the west boundary line of the said T. J. Jackson D. L. C. No. 14, and 200 chains north 20 degrees east along the southeast corner of said Jackson claim, thence running north twenty degrees east along the east boundary of said Jackson claim, 350 chains to a point south 20 degrees in minutes west and 40 chains to a point in the west boundary of said Jackson claim, thence south 20 degrees west along the said west boundary line and 200 chains to a point in the west boundary of said Jackson claim, thence south 20 degrees west along the said west boundary line and 200 chains to place of beginning, containing 14.46 acres, excepting boundary and setting in Columbia County, State of Oregon.

Now therefore, in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Saturday, the 15th day of September, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the above described real property, and apply the proceeds as above stated, and so according to law.

MARTIN WHITE, Sheriff of Columbia County Oregon. JOSEPH A. HANBY, Attorney for Plaintiff. First publication August 8, 1900. Last publication September 3, 1900.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Theodore J. Baker, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same with proper vouchers to me at the office of M. E. Miller, St. Helens, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated Aug. 18th, 1900. OPAL A. FOX, Administrator.

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ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the county court of Columbia County, Oregon, up to 12 o'clock noon of Wednesday, September 1st, 1900, for the construction of a bridge across Goble Creek on the Goble-Rainier county road in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the county clerk. Bids must be accompanied by certified check for five percent of their amount. The county court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. JAMES DART County Judge.

Electric Light Notice.

Those figuring on the use of electricity for lighting purposes are requested to have wiring done in the near future with ST. HELENS MILL CO.

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ANNOUNCEMENT Having purchased the interest of James Dart, of Bart & Muckle, we wish to announce to our friends and patrons that the business will be continued under the name of Jas. Muckle & Son. We solicit the patronage of the public, assuring them of courteous treatment and lowest prices, quality considered. Respectfully JAS. MUCKLE & SON. DR. R. L. JEFFCOTT DENTIST Office with Dr. Cliff. ST. HELENS M. E. MILLER ATTORNEY-AT-LAW St. Helens, Oregon

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Steamer Iralda C. I. Hoagbirk, Master. RAILROAD TIME. Leave Rainier Daily (except Sunday) for Portland at 6 A. M., departing from St. Helens at 6 o'clock. Returning, leave Portland at 7:30 P. M., arriving at St. Helens at 4 P. M.

FOR PORTLAND DAILY PORTLAND LANDING, TAYLOR ST. SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. In the matter of the application of Kate Shick to have registered the title to the following described lots and twelve feet in the city of St. Helens, in Columbia County, State of Oregon, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, (being the western half of block 81; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, (being all of block 90; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, (being all of block 97; and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, (being all of block 98, applicant).

In the name of the State of Oregon, you do appear and answer and show cause why such application should not be granted. The same will be taken as confessed and application made to the court for the relief demanded, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 15th day of August, 1900. W. A. HARRIS, Clerk.

SUMMONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia. P. A. Mersman, plaintiff vs. H. E. Moser, George Thomas Henry and Lillie Moser; Peter Rossmoore, Wm. M. La Force, John H. Smith, William Basal and Minni Basal; Mattie Basal and Maria Basal, defendants. You do appear and answer and show cause why such application should not be granted. The same will be taken as confessed and application made to the court for the relief demanded, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application and you will be forever barred from disputing the same. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 15th day of August, 1900. W. A. HARRIS, Clerk.

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