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GARFIELD'S LAND POLICY.

Most important of the rulings made by Secretary Garfield to Oregon and the western states is the new order withdrawing timber claims from entry at the \$2.50 basis in effect so long, and substituting values estimated by government appraisers.

Most of the timber land worth anything has long ago been gobbled by syndicates, so that the order does not have the effect it would otherwise. But little valuable timber land remains for entry.

One effect of the ruling will be to end the business of locators, who have made a fat living by importing strangers to take up worthless lands, after being shown fine timber belonging to others, under pretense that the timber shown is on the claims located.

It is a question whether the old law really helped to settle the country. It provided a means for the locator to make a little easy money, and the syndicates to buy valuable lands for a song. The timber changed hands, the lumber kings now hold it instead of the government, but they are holding it for speculation rather than for manufacture.

The government has lost many millions by not enforcing such a ruling many years ago.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Emanuel Poole and wife of Butte Falls have gone to Medford to do their holiday shopping.

John Cadzow, the clothing merchant, is in Medford on business.

Sam Hudson has gone to Medford. His eyes are much improved.

Mrs. Emanuel Poole is paying a visit to relatives in Jacksonville.

William Lewis and Ed Smith are in Medford. They are stopping at the Karnes hotel.

William Lamb, wife and son Milo of Lake Creek have gone to Medford to shop and will go on the Talent for a short stay.

Aaron Beck and wife are visiting in Medford.

Butte Falls citizens are doing holiday trading in Medford, finding there a large variety of Christmas goods to select from.

William Lamb of Lake Creek has several head of fine hog stock ready for market and will take them to Medford next week.

Judge Neil, county commissioners Patterson and Owen are viewing out the survey for the new road from Vestal's to Butte Falls.

The weather has been favorable for outdoor work and ranchers have their fall and winter crops in the ground.

Professor Smith's health is improving somewhat and it is hoped he will soon be entirely recovered from his trouble.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Burnett spent Saturday and Sunday with Judge Dunn and family at their farm near Ashland.

J. P. Wells and F. Edgington spent Sunday with relatives in Ashland.

Among those who went up to Ashland from here Sunday to attend the Elks' memorial services were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kenney, Mrs. Josephine Russell, C. F. Smith, W. R. Coleman and Gus Newbury.

W. E. Phipps, the Medford attorney, was at the county seat Monday.

Miss Fay Sears spent Sunday with her mother in Medford.

M. M. Scott and Fred Minthorn were up from Woodville Monday on business.

The "500" club met at the home of the Misses Prim last Saturday evening and enjoyed a very pleasant meeting.

Sunday the Jacksonville Muzical club assisted by Mrs. Caughthran's string quartet, gave a musicale in the U. S. hall. Following is the program as rendered: operatic selection, string quartet; vocal solo, "Ten Dirty Little Pingers," Gretchen Puhl; song, "Rest" club; piano duet, Frances Kenney and Maude Newbury; religious meditations, string quartet; chorus from opera "Dinorah," club; vocal duet, Misses Kitta and Wendt; "June Day," juvenile quartet, Flora Ulrich, Maude Newbury, Florine Dunford, Iona Caughthran; chorus from opera "Rose Maiden," club.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HERMAN TO LEND AID TO COQUILLE

BANDON, Or., Dec. 9.—Binger Hermann, ex-congressman from this district, will go to Washington, D. C., to intercede with the committee on rivers and harbors in congress in the interests of the Coquille river bar and harbor, in the hope of getting an appropriation from that body for the bettering of the local harbor and for dredging the up-river so that ocean boats can go to Coquille and possibly to Myrtle Point.

Mr. Hermann goes as a special representative from this valley and his last year and that from now on the an-

expenses will be borne by the citizens and business men.

BIG STRIKE MADE ON THE CARDINAL PROPERTY

A big, rich new strike has just been made in the Cardinal mining property in the Burnt River mountains, 15 miles south of Baker City, believed to be one of the greatest true fissure veins ever discovered. The vein is 60 feet wide on the apex and carries a full 27-foot free gold pay streak, tracing 700 feet along the course of the vein. Many other rich strikes have been made from time to time on the property during the past few years, but none of such incomparable magnitude and richness.

This rich new strike was made above the coarse gold placer mines at the head of Stice's gulch in the Eldorado claim belonging to the Cardinal Gold Mining company of Baker City, Or. A crosscut on the apex four feet deep shows values from \$7.00 up to \$92.00 in absolutely free gold, while picked samples at a depth of 15 feet mortars and pans as high as 80 cents per pound. Stair-stepping and crosscutting at various points on the vein leave no room for doubt.

TO REOPEN THE KUBLI MINE NEAR GOLD HILL

The announcement was made on Monday of this week that the Kubli mine was to be opened again within a few weeks, after being closed down for a number of years, says the News. The mine has been recently disposed of to a Portland company known as the Oregon & Gold Hill Mining company. K. K. Kubli and W. C. Prior of Portland have been in Gold Hill all week looking over the property for the purpose of recommending what is needed in the line of new equipment and on other matters connected with the mine. Mr. Prior is a mining expert and he reports a very favorable impression of the property. The Kubli has always been regarded as a good paying property, and it is pleasing to see operations resumed.

FRUIT-WRAPPING MACHINE WHICH IS PROVING SUCCESS

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