



640 ACRE HOME-STEAD ACT

Embraces Lands Chiefly Valuable For Grazing. Improvements Of \$1.25 Per Acre

On December 29, 1916, the President approved what is known as the 640-acre Homestead Act.

This act provides that any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws may enter such lands as have been designated "stock-raising-lands," not exceeding 640 acres, of unreserved public land, in a reasonably compact form. The secretary of the Interior is given authority to designate on application or otherwise, as stock raising lands, subject to entry under this act such lands as are chiefly valuable for grazing, which do not contain merchantable timber, are not susceptible to irrigation and do not contain water power or reservoir sites.

When an applicant applies to enter land that has not been previously designated as stock-raising land, his application shall be corroborated affidavit in duplicate, showing that the land applied for is of the character contemplated by the act. Such application, accompanied by the usual fees and commissions, will be received by the Register and Receiver, and suspended until the department may actually ascertain the character of the land. While the application stands suspended the applicant may not enter or improve the land.

A former homestead entry, of land of the character described in this act, will not prevent a person taking up land under this act, within a radius of 20 miles of the former entry, but the total amount of land entered shall not exceed 940 acres.

In lieu of the area of cultivation required by the homestead law, persons entering land under the 640-acre act will be required to show improvements to the extent of \$1.25 per acre, at the time of final proof, which may be within three to five years from the date of allowance of entry. At least one half of such improvements must be made within three years from date of entry.

Killed Under Load Of Logs

Burns, Jan. 15.—Jesse Bunyard was killed near Crane a few days ago when a wagon loaded with logs overturned, the load crushing him to death. The body was brought here for burial.

HERO OF MANILA DEAD

Aged 80 Years. Flags At Half Mast

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral Dewey, the nation's Spanish war hero and by right of priority the ranking naval officer of the world, died at his home here tonight in his eightieth year. He had not been conscious since yesterday, when he lapsed into coma still believing that in a few days he would be at his desk in the navy department.

A general breakdown accompanied by arterio sclerosis incident to old age, was the cause of death. The disease had been gradually spreading its hold upon the powerful body for a year and a half but the admiral, proud of his physical vigor fought it off and kept its existence a secret from most of his intimate friends. Last Wednesday he was at his office apparently hale and hearty. The next day he collapsed as he was preparing to leave the house and the beginning of the end was at hand.

The admiral died at 5:56 o'clock. President Wilson and Secretary Daniels were notified at once and the news was flashed by wireless to American naval vessels and stations all over the world. The message carried orders that all flags be half masted.

To Raise Obelisk To Jeff Davis

Durham, N. C., Jan. 18.—A monument to Jefferson Davis soon will be erected at Fairview, Ky., birthplace of the confederate president, "by the women and men of the Southern Confederacy." At cost of \$150,000, General J. S. Carr, millionaire manufacturer, has announced here. The monument, an obelisk, will be 350 feet high.

Springfield Sawmill Man

Is Seriously Scalded

Eugene, Jan. 15.—Milton Bally, superintendent of the Fischer-Boutin Lumber company's mill at Springfield, was badly scalded on Saturday when he entered a furnace pit for the purpose of cleaning it. He believed the pipes drained and as he turned a tap the steam burst upon him. Before workmen could come to his rescue his legs were cooked to the knees. He called for help and buried his face and head in the ashes to keep from inhaling the steam. He was taken to the hospital, where he is in a precarious condition.

JOINT COMMISSION DISSOLVES

Puts Mexican Matter Up To Wilson. Recommends Withdrawal

New York, Jan. 16.—The Mexican-American joint commission, which failed to affect an adjustment of the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States after a series of conferences that began four months ago, was formally dissolved yesterday.

Secretary of the Interior Lane and the other members of the American commission, Dr. J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray, told the Mexicans that they had recommended to President Wilson the dispatch to Mexico of Ambassador Fletcher and the withdrawal of the American troops from Chihuahua.

The Americans also impressed on the Mexicans that with the dissolution of the commission the Mexican problem reverted to President Wilson.

Five Of Six Killed

At End Of Joy Ride

Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—Five persons were dead today out of a party of six in an automobile, which ran head on into a standing streetcar while returning from a beach resort at midnight. Two women and a man were killed instantly in the wreck, and a man and woman died today at the receiving hospital. The motorman and conductor of the streetcar escaped by jumping from the platform, which collapsed.

Carranza Troops Are

Beaten By Villistas

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 15.—Foreign refugees arriving here early today from Chihuahua City brought the news of a battle fought yesterday between Carranza and Santa Ysabel, southwest of the capital. The 1500 Carranza troops sent against the Villa forces were defeated, according to these refugees, and they said Villa troops now occupy Santa Ysabel, having driven the de facto forces back to Palomas, 18 miles west of the capital.

Sec. Baker gives warning that the American side of Niagra Falls is likely to disappear if the present volume of water is permitted to continue over Horseshoe Falls, but he doesn't say how soon.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Protection For Men

Over 45 Years Old

Salem, Jan. 16.—If house bill No. 75, introduced by Lewis, of Multnomah, this morning, is passed by the legislature, employers who refuse work to men of more than 45 years old on the ground of age incapacity, will be in line for prosecution. Mr. Lewis, whose years extend beyond the 45-year limit, has made it unlawful in his measure to discharge or to refuse to hire any competent person more than 45 years old.

Mueller Wants Wages

Paid Every Two Weeks

Salem, Jan. 15.—House bill No. 79, introduced by Mueller, of Columbia, will make the lot of the small wage earner easier, according to its sponsor. It provides that wages shall be paid bi-weekly in cash unless otherwise contracted. The bill does not affect the method of paying agricultural laborers, commercial travelers, persons employed on commission or to any person whose occupation takes him away from the pay line on the day of compensation.

Held For Bootlegging At

Klamath Indian Reserve

Klamath Falls, Jan. 15.—Bill Gaskin was bound over to the federal grand jury on Friday by U. S. Commissioner Thomas on a charge of giving whiskey to Indians. Deputy U. S. Marshal Berry made the arrest and took the man to Portland on Saturday.

Cherry Tree Blooms In

Rear Of Dallas Store

Dallas, Jan. 15.—J. C. Hayter has a large bouquet of cherry blossoms on display at his book store, gathered from a tree back of the store. For the past few years the tree has been bearing fruit several weeks in advance of other cherry trees in this town.

Lost Forest Ranger's

Body Found In Snow

Bend, Ore., Jan. 15.—The body of Russell M. Christensen, the forest ranger who was sought in the mountains by searching parties from Crescent for the past two weeks, was found under the snow in the mountains near that place. The man, who had been lost since December 25, had apparently become exhausted and, lying down to sleep, froze to death, and was covered by a later snowfall. His skis were under the body, and tracks showed he had traveled on them to a point five feet of where the body was found. Christensen is believed to have lived seven days after leaving his partner, following their Christmas dinner, to go to another cabin eight miles away. He had with him only food enough for one meal, a few matches, no gun and no ax.

Campus Wedding Will

Be Event At University

Eugene, Jan. 15.—The first campus wedding is announced here for February 9. Heber Harrington, a Chicago advertising man, and Miss Anne McMicken, a teacher in the Eugene high school, are the principals. Miss McMicken was graduated from the university in 1913.

Longshoremen's Union

Secretary Is Arrested.

Marshfield, Jan. 15.—Billy Anderson, secretary of the Longshoremen's Union here, has been arrested for bootlegging. Several quarts of liquor were found in his bachelor quarters. A second longshoreman is to be arrested for bootlegging.

Lost Girls Found By

Searchers Early Monday

Marshfield, Jan. 15.—Misses Dora Brown, of Marshfield, and Wilkinson, of Golden Falls, were lost during a hike yesterday. They were found by searchers at 4 o'clock this morning. They were located by rifle shots fired as signals.

POSTAL BILL CLEANED OF MANY AMENDMENTS

Penny Postage, Pay Increase and Liquor Advertisement Measures Cut Out.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The regular appropriation for the present pneumatic tube postal service in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis were again sustained in the house today when the postoffice appropriation bill came up for final action by a vote of 193 to 153.

After rejecting amendments by Representative Randall, of California, to prohibit the use of the mails for liquor advertisements in any form, the bill was passed in the same form in which it was completed last Saturday, without the proposed increase in second class mail rates, penny postage or increase of pay to postal employees.

ELECTRIC RATE

WAR IS ON

South Bend And Raymond Get Current For \$0.05

South Bend, Wash., Jan. 18.—rate war is on in this city between the Willapa Electric company serving the twin cities of South Bend and Raymond with light and power and operating the electric railway between the two cities and the Willapa Power company, a local organization, owned by South Bend capitalists.

The Willapa Electric company has reduced rates to 5 cents a kilowatt and the Willapa Power company has announced a similar reduction to take effect on February 1. The local company was organized three years ago by Frank McKeen, a professional promoter. Previous to that time the Willapa Electric company, owned by New York capitalists, had operated in this city without competition and had sold electric service at 12½ cents a kilowatt. With the formation of the local company the Willapa Electric company lost practically all its patronage here.

Albany Plant Handles

4000 Hogs

Albany, Ore., Jan. 18.—Although only doing business for one year, the Nebergall Packing Plant of this city has reached the \$100,000 mark. During the year 4000 Linn county hogs were used by the plant besides a large number of cattle, sheep and veal.

Potatoes Advance To \$45

Tacoma, Jan. 18.—The expected advance in the potato prices was made today in the Tacoma produce market, prices moving up \$3 a ton. Yakima potatoes are now quoted at \$45 a ton and locals at \$40. Dealers say that this advance is only the beginning and that prices will break all records before the end of the winter.

Cold weather has cut down the daily receipts of fresh eggs and prices may advance again soon.

Quicksilver In Oregon

and Washington

The combined production of Oregon and Washington in 1916 was 412 flasks, valued at \$51,870, against a nominal output from Oregon alone in 1916.

In Oregon there was a considerable yield from the Black Butte mine in Lane county, reopened in 1916. In the Meadows district of Jackson county there was a small preliminary output from the Little Jean, Ranier and Mrs. Dewey properties. In this district also a large amount of development work was done on the Mountain King property, which may become an important producer when a reduction plant is built for the ores. In Douglas county a small yield was made from the Bowers prospect, and elsewhere in Oregon there was lively prospecting for quicksilver ores.

In Washington, near Morton, in Lewis county, considerable prospecting was done on the Morton Cinnabar and the Mother Lode properties especially, and the former made a production early in the year from some rich surface ore tested in a retort.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Past year was record breaker in line of industry. Low taxes and conservative legislation will help maintain this wonderful record.

Astoria harbor being looked over as location for naval or submarine base.

President W. B. Barrat of Oregon Woolgrowers Association predicts 40c wool for 1917 clip.

Oregon City—Carver R. R. to sell \$350,000 bonds for extension to Highland.

Gardiner—Preliminary work on Port of Umpqua jetty well under way.

LaGrande—Postoffice receipts for year show large increase.

Beaver Creek, on Willamette Valley southern line, may get cheese factory.

Redmond—Deschutes county may construct McKenzie pass road with federal aid.

Riddle—Michigan men bring sawmill with them to install near here.

Roseburg—North Umpqua fish hatchery to be improved this year.

Canyonville—Old Levers Ledge to operate after 13 years idleness. Will install electric light plant, remodel old machinery and add concentrating plant.

Hermiston country proves adaptable to prunes with yield heavy and returns large.

Port Orford mills will ship 30,000 ft. white cedar to Bremerton Navy Yard.

Klamath Falls—New \$13,000 steel bridge across Link river completed.

Stayton is becoming prune and potato center.

Coos Bay may be chosen for aviation and submarine base.

Donald is shipping about \$7000 of hogs each week.

Junction City—\$5,000 community warehouse is planned.

Pendleton—Building permits for the year number 243 and total \$198,953.00. Roseburg—Platinum ledge discovered east of city causing great interest.

Salem agrees to furnish required acreage to any firm that will establish flax products manufacturing plant here. Reported that Oregon Power Co. will make improvements in Willamette valley to extent of \$300,000.

Marshfield—Smith-Powers Logging Ry granted franchise along county road between Bunker Hill and Summit distance of 11 miles.

Corvallis—Sixth street to be paved. Property owners to select quality.

Oregon City—Paper mill plans another addition similar to unit about completed.

Roseburg—2,000 acres in Flourney valley pooled to drill for oil.

Port Orford Tribune—"Two corps of government engineers have already decided that Port Orford harbor is the most suitable port for hundreds of miles along Pacific coast for building harbor of refuge.

Roseburg Review—"Oregon's legislators should bear in mind the fact that this state wants fewer boards and commissions and more good roads.

BRAKEMAN IS KILLED

ON HIS INITIAL TRIP

Baker, Jan. 16.—A. Jorgensen, aged 25, of La Grande, a student brakeman on his first trip, was killed at the O. W. R. & N. depot here last night. He attempted to board the caboose of a freight train, missed the step, and the helper engine pushing the train crushed his skull. The body was taken to La Grande.

MILLINERY STORE BURNS

Independence, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Basque's millinery store on C street was almost destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire is supposed to have started from an electric iron. The loss was partly covered by insurance. A fire broke out in George Alisarr's tailor shop on Monmouth street last night, which damaged the contents considerably. The building was uninjured.

There was a time, in the days gone by, when American liberty enlightened the world without the aid of electricity but that was in the days gone by.

Few men would trouble themselves to look for work, if they didn't need the money.

Sloppy Weather!

Let us fix you up to keep your feet dry?

Shoes, Boots, Rubbers, Rubber Boots, etc. for the entire family at lowest prices.

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.