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## NEW HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

Detailed information as to the proper methods of filing on Government land are contained in a recent issue of the land service bulletin, official publication of the General Land Office. The bulletin, which details various kinds of land available for entry and the laws governing the taking of homesteads, was issued primarily for the information of ex-soldiers, many of whom have signified a desire to take up land.

The vast majority of the land now available for homesteading is grazing land, the bulletin says: "It states, however, that there are still opportunities to get high-class irrigable lands. The bulletin also contains information on how to find the lands."

The information contained in the bulletin in part follows: The greater portion of the 200,000,000 acres of unreserved public lands that remained on July 1, 1920, is either rough, foothill and mountainous lands or level valley lands in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada or Southern California, which are too dry to mature crops by any dry-farming method yet discovered.

It should not be concluded, however, from the above statement as to the character of the remaining public lands that there is no opportunity in the west for the young man of ambition and energy to get a homestead and make a success of it.

The success of the entry is bound to depend on its location, rainfall, water supply and availability of forest reserve or other public grazing land on which the entryman's stock may graze for a portion of the year, and also the possibility of raising more or less forage crops on some of the lands in the entry. All of these conditions must be looked into and considered.

While the great body of the remaining public lands are essentially a grazing proposition, there are still, nevertheless, opportunities of securing high-class, irrigable lands under Government projects, or Carey act projects or under various private irrigation projects having land for sale; also, not infrequently limited areas of desirable lands which have been withdrawn for reclamation or other purposes, are restored on notice by the land office. Information as to such lands are available at any particular time may be had on request.

The laws under which public agricultural lands may be acquired are two, the homestead law and the desert land law. There are several kinds of homesteads:

First, the old original homestead of 160 acres. It was under this act, which practically all homesteading in the middle west Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas took place. It now applies to ordinary agricultural land having sufficient rainfall and other conditions such that the land cannot be designated as 'dry' farm land under the enlarged homestead act or 'grazing land' under the grazing act. The 'enlarged' homestead, above referred to, applies to nonmineral, nonirrigable, surveyed, public lands; in other words, 'dry farm' land. The 'grazing' homestead, above mentioned, is applicable to lands which are chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops, which are not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply, and are of such a character that 640 acres are reasonably required for the support of a family.

These are the three principal kinds of homesteads, but besides these there is the 'reclamation' homestead, which is a homestead entry of irrigable lands on Government reclamation projects of such an area, not exceeding 160 acres, as the secretary of the interior shall designate as a 'farm unit' the entryman must pay the construction, operation and maintenance charges for the irrigation works of the project.

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## EXPECT BANNER CROP

Crop forecasts for this season indicate that the Walker Basin will see a banner year this season, as all grains are doing fine. W. E. Boque who spent Sunday in town, said that he looks for better crops this year than have been seen in this country for a period of six years, which means considerable to the farmers of the Walker Basin, where crop failures are never known, and where the usual crops average high.

## WILL OPEN SHOE SHOP

A man was here last week making preparations for starting a shoe and harness repair shop, and is only awaiting the securing of a desirable location before starting in business, according to arrangements now made, he will arrange to carry a small line of foot wear, and will also handle all kinds of leather goods a little later on, if business justifies an increase in the stock he intends to carry.

Get all your old shoes in a pile and bring them in for repairing next week, the low cost of repairing and the high cost of new shoes should make the new business venture a success, watch for announcement next week.

## COMPANY IS FORMED

The Manufacturer, a publication in Salem, devoted to the interests of industries throughout the state, carries this announcement in the current issue of their publication: "A company is being formed for the purpose of building and operating a box shoo mill at LaPine Ore. C. W. Embody formerly president of the Embody Milling Co. and the Embody-Aldrich Mill is the head of the new company."

## NEW TELEPHONE LINE

A new telephone system is to be installed through the Walker Basin, it is being put in for the purpose of facilitating communication between the canal system and the company's office in town, a branch line will probably run to the saw mill and to the homes of settlers along the ditch.

## OBSERVATIONS BY THE STROLLER

To be taken once a week - with that same old grain of salt

Darwin was right about the survival of the fittest, it's the incompetents that are being hurt these days.

The door of opportunity is always open to the knock of the hustler, but not to the knock of the chronic objector, there is, it seems, a difference in knocks.

Now dear readers, all of you who are going to vote for the republican nominee again please hold up your hand. What's the matter, Have you all got rheumatism?

When the Stroller is convinced that Edison can answer all those questions himself without having previously looked them up, he'll give the list a little consideration himself.

"Irish Mountain, not Lava Lake, is my domain," said Ed. Holmes, as he started back to his mountain home this week. —and just to prove that he is actually Irish Ed. left this question for his friends to think over during his absence. "Why is there a double cross in the British flag? Every Irishman knows the answer."

"Public School—Go slow" is a sign every motorist sees through out the country, and it applies in more ways than one. We have new teachers to employ, new directors to elect, and repairing and repainting to be done at the La Pine School this year, let's see that actual justice is done the youngsters, and the taxpayers. La Pine has had a little more than it's share of unfortunate school experiences, let's profit by them. Remember — "Public School, Go Slow."

## Local Happenings

Items of Interest Throughout the Basin

I. E. Meister, of Bend one of the owners of the East Lake resort, is up at the crater preparing the establishment for the summer traffic of health seekers, pleasure seekers, and sportsmen. Mr. Meister got up as far as the dip, three miles west of Paulina Lake, with his car, and from there he traveled with skis, trailing his supplies on a sled.

V. H. Reineking, of the U. S. Geological Survey was here from Portland Friday inspecting the Pringle Falls Power site, the Geological Survey is getting a line on all power sites in the state, because of the rapidly growing shortage of coal and oil for power purposes.

Miss Rose Hunnell, who has been teaching the primary grade in the LaPine schools during the past term, returned to her home at Bend, at the close of the school year last Friday.

E. B. Tomes, W. W. Rose and W. F. Arnold made a trip up to the Paulina range last Thursday, but heavy snow which is still in the mountains prevented them going to Newberry Crater.

W. H. Hollinshead who has been on the sick list with a severe cold for the past week or ten days, is improving somewhat at this writing.

The weather during the fore part of the week has been cool and wet, a good thing for the farmers, but not appreciated by the picnic parties and tourists who are camping out in this section of the state.

The Percy A. Stevens Post of the American Legion is to meet in special session at Bend tonight a social meeting will follow. All La Pine members are requested to attend.

F. X. Simrock, accompanied by Mrs. Simrock, came in from their homestead on the Crescent road last Friday. Frank is making preparations to open up a small business establishment in La Pine in a few days, and Mrs. Simrock is getting her place in readiness to raise poultry in the near future, she is an old hand at the game and thinks the Walker Basin an ideal poultry country.

E. P. Brosterhaus of Bend has been awarded the contract for the new school building which is to be built at Silver Lake. It is understood that LaPine men will supply the lumber for the new structure.

With new arrangements for buying, Mrs. Beesley of the Hotel La Pine has been enabled to cut her regular Sunday dinners down to fifty cents, instead of sixty, as heretofore. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the menu for next Sunday which includes chicken pie, and the usual accompaniment of good things Mrs. Beesley usually serves.

Mrs. A. R. Donahue went to Waitsburg, Wash. last Thursday to attend the graduation of her son Crawford, who has been attending school there this year.

The artesian well men who were to have been here last Thursday, arrived at Ft. Rock yesterday to conduct their investigations as to the possibility of an artesian flow at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cholick and family motored out to the Carey Stearns place last Sunday, they also called at Jim Black's place, but like several others who stopped in to see James last Sunday, they found him away from home.

This issue of the Inter-Mountain has fewer wrong-font letters than the previous issues since its re-establishment due to the receipt of the correct type from the foundry, correcting an

error in shipment several weeks ago. The letter "K" is still wrong but we hope that some day before the machine wears out the type trust will condescend to live up and correct their errors.

Jay H. Upton, state senator from this district, has been mentioned in connection with the office of Governor and it is said he is giving the matter very serious consideration.

Odell Lake is now accessible by auto, and fishing parties have already visited that famous fishing place this spring.

G. H. Deming has received word of the serious illness of his uncle at Monmouth, Oregon, he left Monday in response to the letter, and expects to be gone a week or ten days. W. E. Boque is looking after things at the ranch during Guy's absence.

Harold Bice, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bice has been on the sick list for the past two weeks suffering with swollen glands in his throat and neck. The condition would not respond to treatment and the youngster was operated upon by Dr. Wilson Tuesday. He is now recovering very rapidly.

Several members of the local order of Red Men attended the Dance given by the Bend Tribe at the Hippodrome in the county seat last Saturday night.

Alphonse W. Aya was in town on business last Saturday. It is assumed that he and Fred Shinn are jointly figuring on the contract for repairing and repainting the school house this summer.

Hollinshead Bros., all three of them, went up to Crane Prairie Sunday on a fishing trip, and had mighty good luck. Fishing places beyond the Prairie are still difficult to reach, owing to the high water and a long trip a-foot is necessary if one wants to get up in the region of the small lakes.

H. L. Sly is very busy these days with his garden, and in clearing land out at his homestead and as a result his smiling face is seen in town much less frequently than usual. Mrs. Sly has learned to manipulate the old reliable Ford and makes the regular trips to town after the mail and supplies.

Tom Cronin, well known Central Oregon sheepman, has rented the Cort Allen ranch.

Asa Battles and wife from Prineville, accompanied by S. S. Stearns and Miss Stearns, were guests at the Carey Stearns place last Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. Beesley, who has been visiting her children at Bend and Redmond returned home Monday.

The mill and factory inspector in the Workman's Compensation Department of the state, was here this week inspecting local industries.

A. C. F. Perry, accompanied by his family were in La Pine Tuesday enroute from Salem to Adel, Oregon, where he will be engaged in work for the Geological Survey. Mr. Perry was formerly one of the engineers for Tomes Brothers during the construction of the Walker Basin Irrigation Co. canals.

S. Berry, who is farming the Ada Browning property this year transacted business in town Saturday. Mr. Berry got too enthusiastic in his work with a heavy sleds hammer last week, and let it come in contact with his foot in a manner calculated to encourage a good display of verbal fireworks. After limping around on one foot a few days he decided that wasn't what a sleds was made for.

## SNOW HERE TUESDAY

A heavy snow fell in the mountains Monday and Tuesday and LaPine saw a little of it Tuesday, which was a big boost to crops in the Walker Basin. At the Paulina dam the snow was four feet deep, and at Pringle Falls water is over the dam, being the highest water that has been recorded there for years. The meadows throughout the valley are very wet, the moisture came just at the right time to insure bountiful crops for the dry farmer.

## PAPER PULP SAMPLES

Samples of paper pulp made from Jack Pine have been received at Bend, by John Steidl and shows good fibre, and an absence of pitch, which indicates that paper from Jack Pine is practical. Mr. Steidl recently made a request for water right in connection with a proposed paper mill in Central Oregon.

## ROAD IS IMPROVING

Automobile travel on the East Lake road from La Pine is possible toward the lake much farther than it is on the old road via Orr's place. The new road which leaves the main highway just beyond Foss's Garage is much more open than the old one, and as a result snow goes off much sooner up in the mountains on that side.

## ROAD WORK STARTED

Work started yesterday on the Third Street road across the meadow. The old plank crossings that have been a menace to traffic on this street are being torn up and the lumber used on the new road. One thing of great importance is the uncovering of a deep gravel pit at the point where County Engineer Gould set grade stakes for the cut. This will give the new road an excellent and permanent surface.

## POCAHONTAS TONIGHT

Tonight the DeGree of Pochontas are entertaining their members with a social, several new candidates are to be initiated and a program is to follow. All members of the Red Men are invited to attend.

## RECOLLECTIONS

FROM THE OLD FILES

Things that happened in and around La Pine ten years ago.

Charles Lundin, one of the popular hustlers on the Irrigation tract, left yesterday for Astoria, to be gone several weeks.

Wm. Cole, Chet Hollinshead, and A. Raper returned Saturday from Davis Lake with over 200 trout, weighing from one to three and a half pounds. Everyone in town was remembered by the lucky fishermen.

Lieut. F. L. Whitley of the U. S. Engineering Corps is investigating old Fort Klamath with a view of recommending it as an army maneuver ground.

Three of La Pine's most popular young men, one a lover of fine horses, one a farmer, and another a local real estate dealer, treed a young cub near town a few nights ago. Two stayed to keep it from descending while the third went to get an ax, a saw, a rope and a lantern. Finally they cut the tree down and the cub hit the ground under it, and fortunately was killed—it was a porcupine, not a bear.

The annual school meeting of district 43 was held at Rosland Monday. C. V. Carmichael and Wm. H. Hollinshead being the new directors.

Carey Stearns and wife were LaPine business visitors Friday. Their car has been treated to a coat of long-distance red, while Mrs. Stearns favors the same color in her wearing apparel so the combination is one to hurt the eyes, but is very attractive nevertheless.

## TRIP OVER THE IRRIGATION TRACT

During a trip over the irrigation tract last Saturday it was found that crop conditions are excellent and every body happy over the outlook for a banner year. Rye on the Hansen place is looking fine, while over on the east side of the ditch the Carl Wise farm and the J. J. Eng place nothing better could be asked for. Mr. Eng's alfalfa is well worth a visit from those who are anxious to know what alfalfa will do here. At the Howard Miltenberger place west of the ditch we found a big field of oats and one of rye, and at the Eng place there is a little of everything from sugar beets to clover. John Vojdensky, who is residing on the Hansen place has a little of several kinds of stuff to try, including millet and buckwheat.

At the Charles Holstrom place we found a good many acres slashed and ready for burning showing that Holstrom is a hustler when he gets started, he is the last arrival on the ditch land and has caught up with some of his neighbors in making improvements on the land. Wirt Whited has about forty acres slashed, and at the Jensen place and the Reed place big clearings are conspicuous.

Frank Johnson is clearing a fifty acre tract for Ernest Tomes on the old Talbott place, so taking everything into consideration, very rapid progress is being made by the newcomers on the irrigation tract.

Water was turned into the ditches last week and is now available wherever the laterals are completed. New laterals are being built as required by the settlers, and although some little delay has been experienced in getting water to some of the settlers, they have not been inconvenienced by the delay. Everyone who is ready for water will be supplied in a very short time.

At Pine Rustle, the home of James Miltenberger, the local candy maker there is considerably improving going on, something new being in evidence at every trip, this time the driveway from the main road up to his bunkalow is lined with two rows of symmetrical pines which he has transplanted, adding greatly to the attractiveness of the little home that is already considered one of the prettiest in the Little River vicinity.

## WORK THAT COUNTS

Speaking about the progress being made by local farmers, W. E. Boque is another of those hard working men, who get up before daylight and work until after dark every day, wear callouses on his hands instead of finger rings. This country, like all other new and undeveloped lands, has many failures to its credit from an agricultural standpoint, men who expect nature to provide them with a substantial living without effort on their part; while men of the Bill Boque type who get out and work in a scientific way, and who do today the work that today requires, are credited with being lucky. —but it isn't luck, it's work.

J. O. Huffman, contractor for the completion of the Red Men hall, started work on the building yesterday. He expects to have the first portion of the framing done and the walls ready for raising by Saturday. Jim says he wants an additional crew of men on the job Saturday morning to aid in putting the walls up.

A delegation of members of the Bend DeGree of Pocahontas visited La Pine last Thursday to attend the meeting of the La Pine DeGree, but owing to an error in dates, the trip was in vain, as the local DeGree meets the first and third Thursdays, instead of every Thursday, of each month. Tonight the party will make the trip again, and this time they will not be disappointed.