

COMMUNICATION ON LAND NORTH OF FLORENCE

There is hardly a week passes but what there is from one to five persons come to Florence, inquiring for homestead land that is suitable for agricultural purposes in the neighborhood of a man by the name of L. E. Dole.

There were two of these men in Florence recently on their way to his place, and they showed a letter from Dole covering several pages, describing the good qualities of the soil and other advantages that his particular portion of this country is blessed with, and incidentally calling the people of this vicinity knockers, boneheads, liars and other similar names, and advising them to pass quietly by without letting their business be known as they would tell all sorts of things about him, so, that he could not be relied on, that his word was not good, that he could not get trusted for goods anywhere on the river, that he could not get trusted for goods anywhere on the river, that there was no such land as he represented and many other things, and for them to come straight to him and he would

show them a paradise flowing with milk and honey and plenty of vacant land.

The fact of the matter is just this about that township, T. 16 S., R. 11 W., WM. The whole township is a series of ridges, hills and mountains. From the eastern side to the coast flows Big creek about midway of the township, and along this creek there is a little bottom land, but this has all taken and proved up on years ago; there is also a small amount of low bench land, but this has also been taken and proved up on, or the homesteader is there now. Aside from this land there is no more land suitable for agricultural purposes in this township, near the center of which this man Dole lives.

Beginning in the north east corner of this township the land raises to the height of 2500 feet, and is known as Saddle Mt.; running west from this point is a long high ridge, varying in height from 1500 to 2500 feet, (these heights are measured by officers of the Forest Service and are of record) known as Fairview Mt. From this ridge in section 16,

another ridge puts out to the south and turns west to the coast; this is not quite as high as Fairview but will run from 1000 to 1500 feet in height; between Fairview and this ridge is Rock creek; south of this ridge is Big creek; south of Big creek, and near the south east corner of this township is Three Buttes which rises to 2200 feet; from Three Buttes west to the sea is a high, rough, steep ridge, raising to an elevation of 1800 feet; south of this ridge is Cape creek which empties into the sea at the light house, or near the south west corner of the township; to the south of Cape creek raises the Cape Mts. From all of these ridges put out innumerable lateral ridges, and from these, other ridges, and so on until there is nothing but a series of ridges, one after another which are sharp, steep, rough, and some of them are rocky and none of them suitable for agricultural purposes; but there is some land along these creeks that is of the very best quality, but this land was all taken years ago and patented or is now occupied by the homesteader, so there remains nothing but this rough land, which is all covered with a dense growth of salal, huckleberry, alder, fir and other woods of this country, which costs more to clear than the land will sell for after it is put into cultivation.

It is not necessary to go into detail and describe this country further, or to refer to Dole in connection with this land, but for the sake of those who are induced to come to this part of Oregon through the correspondence or published accounts of this land by Dole, should be given an opportunity to write some man whose word can be relied on to tell the conditions as they exist without misrepresenting the facts, men who lived in that township for years, know every section of land, every stream, every feature that would be of benefit to the inquirer.

There are living in this township today not to exceed fifteen people; there is not a school house, church or wagon road; not even a good trail, except the trail the Government built across the east end over the mountains. One would naturally ask the cause of this, and it can be answered easily by saying there are not enough people to do this work and they can get no help from outside. These statements may look to some as though we were knocking the country, but it is far from it. We regret very much that these conditions exist and if it were in our power to remedy them we would gladly do it, but it is the duty of the citizens of this country to inform prospective settlers the truth about conditions here regardless of the statements of those who for a pitance would induce strangers to go to the unnecessary expense of coming in here for nothing.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding about this land, a letter to Joseph Mechem, who has lived in this township for at least twenty years, A. J. Bunch, who has lived here for more than eight years, Bert Frohmader, who has lived here for at least eight years, all of Heeceta, Lane county, Oregon, and either join or live close to Mr. Dole. C. M. Collier of Eugene surveyed this township in 1908, and Alep Dowell of Mercer, Lane county, Oregon, who helped in the work. Write them and you will get an opinion that can be depended upon. Write the officers of the forest service at Eugene, Oregon and they will gladly give you the description

of every available tract of land in the whole Siuslaw forest if you so desire. Permanent settlers is what this country needs and we who live here are very anxious to see that every piece of land that is in any way suitable for agricultural purposes is occupied by a settler.

Contributed.

HAS GRANDFATHERS MEERSCHAUM PIPE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brynd returned Tuesday from a three-weeks visit to relatives and friends at Cottage Grove, Eugene and Portland.

While visiting at Cottage Grove, Mr. Brynd's brother John, presented him with their grandfather's pipe, which is a silver mounted meerschaum beautifully colored.

The grandfather, Wm. Jensen, who lived in Denmark, gave the pipe to his son Jens Oleson, who in turn gave it to his son Wm. Jensen, living now in Tacoma. Mr. Jensen brought it to America about ten years ago. Mr. Jensen did not smoke so he gave it to John Brynd of Cottage Grove, who gave it to Wm. Brynd, because he thought the heirloom should be in the possession of the namesake of the grandfather.

Wm. Brynd says "I remember quite well when 54 years ago, I sat on my grandfathers knee and tried to smoke the pipe. I was then five years old."

STREET GRADING NEARLY FINISHED

C. S. Carlson has nearly completed his contract for grading Jefferson street and Garginer avenue. About all that remains is to level up the slight errors that were left in passing over. This piece of work is a great improvement and benefit to the whole north and west part of town, and is a good start toward the plank road to the beach.

Fred Cassidy is rushing his contract on Madison and First streets and it is easy to be seen that when this contract is finished this will make a decided improvement to this part of town.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE SATURDAY MARCH 13

Mr. G. N. Taylor, representing the anti-saloon league will deliver a temperance lecture at the Glendale school house Saturday evening March 13, 1915. Special music will be provided for the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to attend this interesting lecture.

RECEIVED BLOODED FOWLS

Mayor C. D. Morey has some fine Acona chickens and expects to show some prize winners this fall. Monday he received a pair of three from J. C. Hooker, of Crow. This makes altogether nine birds of this strain, as he now has two cockerels and seven hens in the flock.

WILL OPEN A BAKERY

H. R. Boyle of Portland has arrived with his family and will open a bakery in Florence for the production of every line of goods known to the art. The oven came in on the Tillamook and will be installed in the Saubert building at once where Mr. Boyle will make and keep on hand his products.

The Restless brought down a load of freight Friday.

ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD ACT PASSED

Washington March 3.—The Senate late last night passed the Sinnott bill which permits homestead entrymen after final proof or after receiving patent to take 160 acres additional of contiguous land, subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act.

Now the additional 160 acres are allowed only before final proof. This has worked against earlier settlers, and Senators Pitman of Nevada and Sterling of South Dakota were persuaded to withdraw amendments that would have necessitated a conference and jeopardized the bill.

The Hawley bill permitting the leasing of small tracts in the national forests for the summer residences and hotels was accepted by the conferees as an amendment to the agricultural bill.

Representative Hawley's bill to divide among the Siletz Indians, Lincoln county, money from the sale of their lands has been added to the Indian appropriation bill by Senator Lane and the house accepted the amendment.

MR. AVERILL RETURNS TO FLORENCE

In the last issue of the Pilot we stated that Mr. Averill had resigned his position with the Tidewater Mill Co. and would remove from Florence. We are pleased to announce that we were slightly mistaken in the matter and that Mr. Averill was not allowed to resign and has returned to Florence to take charge of the business of the Tidewater Mill Co. here.

30,000,000 AVAILABLE FOR WATERWAYS

Washington, March 3.—During the night session the senate passed the Indian appropriation bill. The substitute Rivers and Harbors bill carrying \$25,000,000 for projects already started or to be recommended by a board of army engineers, was also passed. This was the last of the big supply bills to come up in the senate. The Rivers and Harbors, and Indian appropriations now go to conference.

Washington, March 3.—The Rivers and Harbors bill, carrying an appropriation reduced from \$35,000,000 to \$25,000,000 plus \$5,000,000 not yet expended, was disposed of by both houses. The House after spending several hours discussing the substitute measure, concurred in the Senate proposal and sent the bill to the White House.

This leaves the allotment of the appropriation in the hands of the United States Engineers and it is expected that the Siuslaw will receive \$112,000. In reference to this I. B. Cushman, president of the Port Commissioners, has received the following telegram.

Washington, March 4.—Senator again amended Rivers and Harbors bill, are making lump sum appropriation. I am taking up matter of allotment to Siuslaw by engineers and will do all that is possible, as I believe a cessation of work would be disastrous.

W. C. HAWLEY

Rev. E. Singleton will hold services at Acme at 7:30 p. m.

Take A Look AT YOUR OLD SHOES Worn Out, Aren't They?



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