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## MUST NOT CUT OR SELL GOVERNMENT WOOD

SPECIAL AGENT OF GOVERNMENT HERE MONDAY

Makes Clear Statement in Regard to Selling Wood From Unpatented Lands

C. L. Farrar, a special agent of the Field Service of the U. S. General Land Office, spent Monday in Redmond on official business. The particular business which brought him to this vicinity was the matter of wood cutting on government lands. This is a practice which has been quite common in some parts of the country, and most of it in violation of law. Mr. Farrar said:

"The only person who is allowed to sell wood or timber from unpatented lands is a homestead entryman and he is allowed to cut and sell only for the purpose of clearing the land for cultivation. He can not cut and sell from land which he does not expect to cultivate, and if he does not follow the cutting by actual cultivation within a reasonable time he is liable for trespass, and may be compelled to pay the full market value of the wood sold.

"Any person who has no wood or timber on his own land may cut from vacant government land for his own use only. Cutting from such lands for sale is a trespass, and he is liable both for the value of the wood under a civil suit, and for criminal prosecution also. The people who buy wood or timber which has been cut in trespass, are also liable to the government for the full market value of all the wood so bought by them. The government is not barred from recovering its property by a sale, nor by lapse of time, and can seize it wherever found, in the wood house of the purchaser, or on a railroad car.

"There appears to have been much wood taken from the lands near Redmond which have been segregated under the Carey Act. Cutting wood for sale from these lands is just as much a trespass as cutting from a homestead entry. The only person who can sell wood from such land is the Carey Act settler who is clearing the land for cultivation. The ownership of these lands rests in the government until the conditions laid down by the Carey Act have been fulfilled and the lands have been formally turned over to the state. Even the irrigation company, constructing the water system, can not sell wood or timber from these lands, except in cases where they may engage in clearing land for prospective settlers.

"A little reflection will show that all the wood or timber should be left to the settler. What this community needs is more settlers, and the more inducements there are on the land the sooner the community will get them. The standing trees, or even down trees which are sound, are certainly more of an inducement than the same land with only the stumps to grub out, and nothing to help bear the expense of clearing, and nothing on the land for fuel or fencing.

"The Department of the Interior does not wish to work any hardship on the residents of this community in the way of their getting fuel, but the cutting of wood for the purpose of sale will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law provided therefor, if the practice is continued. Any person who can not go and get his own wood from vacant government lands may get a permit to hire some one to get it for him by applying to the Chief of Field Division, General Land Office, at his headquarters at 319 Custom House, Portland, Oregon, by stating that he has no wood or timber land, and giving the legal description of the land where he wishes it to be cut, and the amount he wants, and the name of the person who is to do the cutting; or several persons may join in getting one permit for their wood."

## RABBIT HUNT PLANNED FOR NEW YEARS DAY HERE

Arrangements are being made for a rabbit hunt in the territory surrounding Redmond on New Years Day. Hunters are requested to meet at Al Wright's store at 10 o'clock a. m. Captains will be elected and the sides chosen at that time. The side scoring the least points to pay expense of a feed for the crowd. In connection with this hunt is very probable that the ladies will provide a lunch for the hunters. No boys under 15 allowed.

COMMITTEE.

The Spokesman for good printing.

## WEST MAKES APPEAL TO SECRETARY LANE

IN FAVOR OF ASSISTING IRRIGATION PROJECT IN CROOK CO.

Wants Financial Help to Take Over and Reclaim C. O. I. Lands Near Redmond

Pronouncing the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. project the cheapest and most feasible project in the state for reclamation through federal and state aid, Gov. West has directed a letter to Secretary of the Interior Lane, urging that an early examination and appraisal be made of it so that it can be determined whether or not the government will co-operate with the state in reclaiming it.

Inclosed with the letter is a communication from E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer for the reclamation service in the state, in which he declares that the project warrants an examination by the state and government, and he estimates the cost of the examination at \$1,000. The governor's letter to the secretary of the interior says in part:

"Many of the most difficult problems now before us in utilizing our natural resources can only be solved by hearty co-operation between the state and nation. The Deschutes cooperative investigation now in progress may be expected to open up a large and useful field for future work. During your last visit here, and since your return to Washington you have expressed appreciation of the attitude of Oregon and your intention to allot a sum for co-operative construction of an irrigation project in Central Oregon.

"The state is now constructing the Tumalo Project in that region and the work has every indication of success. In the vicinity of the Tumalo Project there is a large segregation under the Carey Act by a company known as the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. This work was visited by you last August. Work by this company has been practically at a standstill for a long time, owing to its inability to finance further extension of the work. The company desires to have the state or nation, or both, appraise and take over an important unit of its work, including some 34,000 acres, thereby relieving it of an obligation under which it cannot make good.

"I have given the matter much consideration and have obtained advice from qualified experts, including the reclamation service. Inclosed is a copy of a letter from E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer, U. S. R. S., written in answer to my request of a few days ago. I am reasonably convinced this is one of the cheapest and most feasible projects in the state; the character of the country you will yourself recollect. "I believe an early examination and appraisal of all legal and physical facts bearing on the project and pertinent to a possible acquisition of the company's plant and the early completion by the state and nation in co-operation should be made.

If the project is found feasible it might be built during 1914 and 1915. Present indications are that all expenditures, including the acquisition of the plant, will not be more than \$800,000. While nothing should be done that would commit either the state or nation to a project not yet fully investigated or determined upon, I would like to have, if possible, an informal assurance from you that you will allot some \$400,000 or \$500,000 for a dollar-for-dollar co-operation with the state in the event the project be found generally feasible and satisfactory. On my part, I will pledge you my earnest endeavors toward securing a similar sum in due time provided by the state."

Gov. West has designated January 17 as the time for holding a meeting of the settlers on the project of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. to outline to them a plan to reclaim the lands in the North Canal unit thru federal and state aid. The company offers to relinquish the unit in question, comprising 34,000 acres, to the state in order that it may be reclaimed through federal and state aid. For surrendering it asks to be remunerated to the extent of \$300,000, and it is estimated that \$450,000 will be necessary to complete the reclamation work.

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## PIONEER REAL ESTATE MAN GETS RESULTS

F. W. McCAFFERY'S 1913 BUSINESS WAS GOOD

He Located Many People From All Sections of the U. S. on Good Crook County Land

During the past year F. W. McCaffery, the pioneer real estate man of Redmond and this part of Oregon, has located a number of people in territory adjacent to Redmond. Mr. McCaffery stated to The Spokesman that his sales for the year had been very satisfactory, and that for the coming year he had a large number of prospective buyers lined up from different parts of the United



F. W. McCaffery, Pioneer Real Estate Dealer of Redmond

States who are desirous of locating in Crook county, and especially in the Redmond District, where irrigation has been carried to a successful termination.

Recent sales made by Mr. McCaffery during the past days are: R. L. Moore and family of 10 from Columbia, S. C., located on a nice piece of land in the Powell Butte section, adjoining Redmond.

F. A. Miller of Ellensburg, Wn., located on a \$3000 farm east of the city.

S. Windsor of Outlook, Wn., who bought the Graham place near Sisters for \$7500.

## HERE IS A CHANCE FOR SOMEONE TO WORK

The following letter has been received from Gov. West, and is published with the idea that some one may be in a position to help the writer:

Oak Grove, Or., Dec. 15. Gov. West, Salem, Or.

Dear Sir: I took out a permit to enlarge a ditch in Crook county out of Crooked river, and there is between \$220 and \$230 worth of work still for me to do on it. Do you think you could get some one to do it for me? It would have to be done by the first of May, and I could pay the cash as the work was done.

Yours very respectfully,  
MRS. S. P. GLENN.

## THEY WANT IRRIGATION

At a recent meeting of the farmers of the Madras country and the Crook County Farmers' Union held at the residence of A. D. Anderson near Madras, for the purpose of discussing the Deschutes Valley Irrigation project, after a full discussion of the whole subject, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, that we are unanimously in favor of the Deschutes Valley Irrigation Project, and recommend the immediate approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the same, and that steps be taken at the earliest possible time toward the immediate construction and completion of the project.

"Resolved, that we urge upon our senators and representatives in Congress that they use all possible influence to aid the Secretary of the Interior in initiating and completing the project at the earliest possible time.

"Resolved, that the secretary of this meeting forward a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Interior, our senators and representatives in Congress and the governor of the state of Oregon."

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The holidays are with us—Christmas, the day of good cheer; New Years, the day of good resolutions.

We use our allotted space this week in wishing our patrons in particular, and the community in general, "A Merry Christmas." This wish comes from the warest corner of our heart, as we fully realize that our efforts to please our rapidly increasing patrons has been fully appreciated. Who is there among us too old to remember the Christmas of his childhood? Is there one who does not look back upon it as the happiest day of his life? Probably the next happiest day, to many, at least, is the day they made their first deposit in our bank. Your increased prosperity began at that time, and at this happy Yule-tide you have been able to make your family and friends presents of real value from the interest money your idle dollars have made for you at our bank while you have slept.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snowflakes at Christmas tide. What better wish could you have for your friends and neighbors than that they do as you have done—deposit their idle money in our bank so that next Christmas they, too, can make presents from the interest their deposits have made for them. Would it not be a Christian act for you to suggest this to any of your friends in whom you feel an interest? Come to the bank with them and help to start them on the road to prosperity before the New Year begins.

One of our Time Deposit Certificates, with a credit of one dollar or more, would make a fine Christmas present. Come in at any time and we will be pleased to explain these certificates to you.

## Redmond Bank of Commerce

REDMOND, OREGON

## DESCHUTES POWER CO. BENEFITS THE COUNTY

HAS LINES EXTENDED TO ALL IMPORTANT TOWNS

Continuous Light and Power Service Given Satisfactorily at a Medium Cost

One of the public utilities that has put Redmond and other cities and towns in Crook county in the front rank of users of electrical power and light is the Deschutes Power Co., which located in this section of the state early in the year of 1913.

The company is composed of men who do things, and the way in which they hustled the completion of their plants at The Cove on Crooked river, and at Cline Falls on the Deschutes river, 4 miles west of this city, has proven that they fully carried out their promises and agreements with the people of Crook county, and have given them one of the best power and lighting systems in the state.

Elsewhere in this issue—on pages 3 and 7—will be found illustrations of the company's main plant at The Cove, and descriptive matter relating to the magnitude of the work the company has done in Crook county in less than a year.

## NAMES FOR MAILING

The Spokesman has the name of every taxpayer in Crook county, with their postoffice address. Persons desiring names for mailing or other purposes can secure same at this office at a reasonable figure.

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## TUMALO ENGINEERS ARE DECIDED UPON

MEETING TO BE HELD EARLY IN JANUARY

Land Board Will Meet Next Month in Order to Determine Value of the New Dam

The board of engineers who will determine the character of the big dam that will be built to impound the waters of Tumalo creek for the irrigation of the lands under the state's Tumalo segregation, have been chosen and will hold their first meeting in January.

The personnel of the board is D. C. Henny, a consulting engineer of Portland; C. M. Redfield, chief engineer for the Central Oregon Irrigation Co.; John H. Lewis, state engineer; O. Lauregaard, project engineer in charge of the Tumalo work. Drilling operations have been carried on at the proposed site of the reservoir dam to find out the character of the foundation, and from the data the board will be able to decide what kind of a dam is most feasible to build.

Work on the Tumalo Project is being continued during the winter as far as possible, and will include the hanging of the steel flume when it arrives. Only one excavation contract on the feed canal remains to be completed, and this work may be finished by Jan. 1 if the weather remains favorable. Next season all the present settlers will receive irrigation water for their lands from the new feed canal, as it will be finished before the irrigation season starts in April.

## GOV. WEST NOT IN ACCORD WITH LEWIS

CLEAN SHOES CAUSE OF MOST IRRIGATION TROUBLE

Governor Declares He Will Proceed With Work, Leaving Lewis on the Cushions

In an interview at Salem last week Gov. West said:

Declaring that the irrigation project troubles in this state are due to poor advice given the State Desert Land Board by State Engineer Lewis and a general lack of ability on the part of the State Engineer, Gov. West outlined his plan for bringing about state and federal co-operation in completing the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co.'s project in Crook county.

The governor brandd the statement recently made by Engineer Lewis that the entire matter should be put up to the Federal Government for completion as more of his useless red tape and poor advice.

"For three years I've sat on the Desert Land Board and got nothing out of the State Engineer but reports," said the governor. "And we are no better off now than we were then. The trouble with our irrigation projects is due to either poor advice or lack of advice from the state engineer, who is supposed to know about these things. I'm going ahead now without paying further attention to the state engineer.

"With the Tumalo Project the state has demonstrated that it can do this work quickly, cheaply and eff-

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