

**Crook County Journal.**

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**Irrigation Plans Delayed.**

Men who have started irrigation projects in the Deschutes Valley fear the delay in the matter of getting the contract with the state authorities settled will operate to defeat some of their plans to get settlers into that country this year, says the Oregonian. For some time a colony of about 400 families of Danes and Bohemians from Minnesota and Nebraska has been expecting to make a deal for a large tract in the Deschutes Valley that would come under irrigation. Three times they have been put off because of the state of negotiations for the irrigation projects, it not being possible to deal with them in definite terms. Yesterday President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern Railroad, with whom the agent of the colonists has been in correspondence, received a letter from Agent J. P. Kosharet, dated at Mountain Home, Idaho, March 1, and running as follows:

"Not having heard from you in some time and being anxious to settle my people as soon as possible, I write to you to find if you still desire me to look over the Oregon proposition; and, if so, how soon could I do so?"

I am very anxious to see the land, as I have other propositions under advisement, and am anxious to see my people settled, as they keep writing me constantly and will soon lose confidence in the country if I do not give them a definite reply."

This letter was turned over to Mr. Drake, of the Pilot Butte Development Company, which has an application and contract before the State Land Board for approval. It but added to the annoyance he felt over the delay in getting his contract approved. When a reporter asked him what he intended to do in the matter, he said he did not know what he could do. He hoped it would be settled very soon, whether the State Land Board would make a contract that the company could accept. He recognized that the Oregon law was unlike those of other irrigation states, and for this reason it behooved the State Land Board to proceed carefully, but he was inclined to the opinion that the board had waited until the time for closing the contract before making an investigation that ought to have been made months ago in order to avoid delay to so important an enterprise. Still he hoped all would come out right in a few days, in time to get the large colony represented by Mr. Kosharet.

**No Rush Here!**

The rush for timber lands throughout the state this winter is proving a surprise to old residents. In the vicinity of Mary's Peak, in Benton county, twenty-five claims of 160 acres each were filed on one day last week. Every tract on the mountain was taken in two days. They are all under the timber act which does not require residence, but where the claimant can get title in sixty days, by paying \$2.50 per acre.—Lebanon Criterion.

If the fine bodies of timber land near this place were known to the eastern people there would be a rush here that would astonish the natives. A great deal of land has been taken near the Cascades that has been located with lieu land scrip and consequently the citizens of this county will reap no perceptible benefit. Had some of the

eastern syndicates got in here that have been locating timber land throughout Western Oregon we would have had many hundreds of dollars left here, but lack of proper advertising has worked an injustice on us. Eastern Oregon has been unfortunate in a number of particulars, in that it has kept in the dark its great latent resources. Money has been lost by not having this part of the state brought to the front long ago. Henceforth the JOURNAL will do its part, but there is much that it cannot do unaided.

A few days ago a company was incorporated in Baltimore with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, which controls patents whereby fiber and celluloid can be taken by a cheap process direct from cornstalks. It will enter at once into competition with the strawboard trust, placing upon the market many articles similar to those manufactured by the latter company. The two combinations represent the tremendous growth in intensified industry between the period fifty years ago, when straw was burned in the fields to get rid of it, and cornstalks stood all Winter in the fields to be plowed under in the Spring, their substance having been beaten out and diffused by the storms. Capital has many sins to answer for, no doubt, but some of these at least are condoned by the power that it has brought to bear upon industry in utilizing waste for the comfort and convenience of mankind.—Telegram.

**Night Was Her Terror.**

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