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Department of the Interior, Notice for Publication.

Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, January 24, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Perry Walter Newhall, of Grizzly, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14815 made Nov. 23, 1905, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32, T. 12 South, Range 15 E., Lot 2 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 15 E., W. M., and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk, at Prineville, Oregon, on March 8th, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Henry Montgomery, P. O. Chitwood, Joseph Smith, James M. Henkle, all of Grizzly, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST

Large Crowd Present Friday Night.

HONORS ABOUT EVEN

Gold Medals will be given the Winners — Teachers Complimented.

Crook County High School, Zip, Boom, Bah, Alpha, Alpha, Rah! Rah! Rah! Will We Win, Well, I Guess, Ochoo-conlan, Yes! Yes! Yes!

Such were the yells, supplemented by about a dozen others of different lengths and meaning that came near splitting the ear-drums of the largest crowd that ever got together in the assembly room of the Crook County High School building.

The inter-society annual contest was what brought the people out. For weeks the high school students had been preparing for the struggle with enthusiasm growing stronger as Friday evening drew nearer. When the eventful night came and the lid was removed Ochoconians and Alphas yelled themselves hoarse. Judge Bell presided. After the opening chorus by the two societies, the declamation contest was announced. Wilfred Belknap for the Ochoconians and Clara Horney for the Alphas. Wilfred had for his subject, "Pyramids Not All Egyptian." Miss Horney's was the "Swan Song." The contest was very close, Miss Horney winning by a few points.

After a solo by Randolph Ketchum the chairman announced the oratorical contest. Reuben Booten for the Alphas and Luther Moore for the Ochoconians. Reuben's subject was "The Work and Influence of John Marshall." Luther Moore took for his "Our Crisis, Its Cause and Cure." A close decision gave the medal to Reuben Booten.

There was a solo by Miss Celia Nelms and then the debate, the main event of the evening, was announced. The subject was resolved, "That the part of the 15th amendment to the constitution of the United States which enfranchises the negro should be repealed." The affirmative was upheld by the following Alphas—Frank Lafollette, leader; Miss Verna Howard and Luther Dizney. Arthur Lindborg, leader; Miss Elsie Osborn and Bert Barnes were the Ochoconians that battled for the negative. The struggle was a hard one for both the debaters and the judges to decide. When the points were footed up for each contestant it was found that the negative side had won.

The honors of the evening were about evenly divided. The Alphas won the declamation and oratorical and the Ochoconians the debate. Gold medals will be given the winners. The teachers of the high school were given great praise for the interest and enthusiasm displayed and for the splendid showing made by those under their care.

The Royal Insurance Co., of Liverpool, England, enjoys the distinction of being listed among the companies—there were but six of them—which settled claims in the San Francisco conflagration at 100 cents on the dollar as adjusted. Assets over sixty million and an annual income of more than fifteen million. It pays to insure where you know your losses will be paid. The Royal gives such insurance; J. E. Stewart & Co., 2-7th When in Prineville don't forget to call at the Cash Grocery for all good things to eat, at bed rock prices. Millinery goods at actual cost until spring stock arrives. T. F. McCallister.

Who Is Responsible?

Some unknown person has sent the following petition to the several road supervisors of the county for circulation in their district. There was a request for the petition to be returned to the county clerk by March 1st but, as J. H. Gray so aptly says, "I do not need until March 1st to return the within, and if any one is ashamed to sign his name he must be doing some underhand work." The petition reads:

"To the Hon. County Judge and Commissioners of Crook County: Gentlemen: We, the undersigned residents and taxpayers of Road District No. of Crook County, Oregon, respectfully represent that the county roadmaster of Crook county is and has been disregarding the wishes of the people of this district in the matter of improving the roads in said district, and to the great detriment of the roads and the traveling public, and that the regularly elected road supervisor of this road district is better informed of the methods of improving, and the requirements of these roads than the said roadmaster, and in the spirit of economy the road supervisor is able to and can and will make better roads with less money, and we therefore petition your honorable body to instruct the said county roadmaster that the county roads in said district are and shall be under the supervision of the road supervisor of said district, and we further petition that the road funds available for use in this district be placed in the hands of the regularly elected road supervisor for disbursement.

If this action is considered inadvisable by the court, we then petition for the dismissal of the present county roadmaster and the appointment of a competent and qualified roadmaster who will consider the welfare of the residents of the road district as well as the economical expenditure of the road fund."

Manifestly, this petition asks for something that is not within the power of the county court to grant. The employment of a roadmaster is made mandatory by legislative enactment and the county court is left no choice in the matter. The statute reads that "it shall be the duty of the county court to appoint a roadmaster or masters who must devote his whole time to the matter of roads and bridges from March 1st to December 1st of each year."

As for delegating the authority and duty of the roadmaster to road supervisors that would be equally illegal. Section 4854 of Bellinger and Cotton's Code, Vol. II, says "the county roadmaster shall have the power to determine when and in what manner the road supervisors of the several road districts in the county shall expend the tax apportioned to their several districts, and the instructions of the said roadmaster in all matters relating to the construction, improvement or repair of the public roads and bridges shall be implicitly obeyed by the said road supervisors. It shall be the duty of the county roadmaster to assist the county court to prepare the specifications to govern works to be done under contracts hereinafter provided for; superintend all work done upon the roads and bridges of the county, whether done under contracts or under road supervisor, etc."

Now, as to the matter of the dismissal of the present roadmaster, that is within the power of the county court if it can be shown that he is not qualified to perform the duties of his office. Of course it is impossible to please everybody but so far as we have been able to learn the present incumbent has given good satisfaction. His reappointment was considered solely upon merit and was made unanimously by the county court at the January session.

Since cut prices seem to be in order we will cut our 85c meals to 25c at the O'Neil Restaurant.

The comedy-drama "Betsy" is the most laughable thing that ever hit the town. Look out for it March 8.

A GREAT COUNTRY

Its Crying Need is Railroad Facilities.

NOW IS THE TIME

With the Coming of Railroads Crook County will Teem with Population.

The annual number of the Board of Trade Journal of Portland came to hand this week with a concise write-up of Crook county. The publication of the article at this time is most opportune as home-seekers' rates on the transcontinental lines took effect March 1. The Board of Trade Journal says:

Crook County practically comprises the Valley of the Deschutes river. It embraces most of its tributary streams. It is a county of 7756 square miles in area, having a population of less than one person to each square mile. Its agricultural possibilities are vastly greater than those of many of the Eastern States. Massachusetts, of about the same area, has a population of about three million, Connecticut, with one-half the area, has over one million population.

Crook county produces more wool and better sheep than any other equal area in the country. It has untold wealth of timber, its water power is immense, its possibilities in minerals are great and coal has been discovered within its borders.

Within this large area of boundless possibilities lying in the center of the State of Oregon, not a railroad touches its borders. With irrigation, transportation and settlement this county is going to surprise the West in its productiveness.

Taking the Agency Plains, Lamonta and the Haystack country with Madras as its center, dry farming is successfully carried on and crops raised that equal the crops of Sherman and Wasco counties in the productiveness of wheat, oats and barley. In the Crooked River Valley and its tributaries with Prineville, the county seat, as its center, alfalfa and all grain crops are successfully raised.

In the irrigated districts, comprising the lands under the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company with the towns of Laidlaw and Cline Falls as its centers and the land under the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company's segregation with the towns of O'Neil, Redmond and Bend as its centers, are settled a contented and happy lot of settlers with small farms who are changing this vast area of sage brush and juniper land into cultivated tracts of wheat, oats, barley, alfalfa, clover and root crops.

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company have about five hundred contracts out, which average about 80 acres to each contract. About 10,000 acres of this land was under cultivation for year 1906, and they expect fully 20,000 acres will be under cultivation for year 1907.

In the Upper Deschutes Valley are found many large stock ranches where there are large herds of cattle and sheep, and where a large amount of hay is put up for winter feed. Within the borders of Crook county there is said to be the finest sheep ranch in the world, known as the Baldwin Sheep and Land Company at Hay Creek with its thousands of acres of grazing, pasture and alfalfa land with its magnificent sheep, horses and cattle. The sheep from this ranch are shipped to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other foreign countries together with many points in the United States for breeding purposes.

With the construction of the

East and West Lines of the Harriman system from Ontario on the East to Natron its western terminus and with the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad from its present terminus at Detroit, and other projected rail lines, this vast interior portion of the State will be opened up with rail transportation, at which time the country will be covered with settlers from all parts of the United States, and those now on the ground will reap handsome returns for their pioneering work in opening up the country.

The price of land under the irrigation contracts with the State are the cheapest of any lands in the United States under irrigation, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$17.50 per acre, or \$100.00 to \$700.00 per 40 acres. The annual maintenance charge for delivering water is \$1.00 per irrigable acre. The land is deeded direct from the State under the Carey Act.

Timber Lands Increasing in Value

Timber lands continue to advance in value from week to week, under the influence of the ever-increasing demand on the part of capitalists who desire to possess tracts in view of higher prices of the future says the Telegram. Stumpage varies in price from \$1 per 1000 feet to \$8, the latter price having been paid this week for 160 acres in the Gray's Harbor country. Claims in the more remote regions of Eastern Oregon are being sold by the first owners at from \$4000 to \$8000 each, according to the amount of timber on the tract and its distance from railroads or navigable streams.

Timber cruisers, of whom there are more than 100 making headquarters in Portland, are all out in the woods since the weather became mild, making estimates on the amount of standing timber on the various tracts offered for sale. Many tracts that had been estimated several times before are now being subjected to the same ordeal, as new buyers desire to have the figures taken by their own men. The work of "cruising" is expected to continue all year, until many thousands of acres have changed hands.

Although much timber is being brought up at this time, few new logging camps or sawmills are being projected. This shows that the lands are being sought by wealthy men, who prefer to hold until the lands of others have been denuded of their fir, spruce, pine and larch, and then those who have untouched tracts will be masters of the situation. About all the available timber of the United States is in Oregon and Washington and men who have made fortunes in the timber business in the East are spending their money freely in securing cheap timber lands of the Northwest.

"Why, San Francisco alone will need about all the timber available in Oregon," a dealer says, "and there is no doubt about prices of lumber continuing to advance within the next ten years. To my mind there is not better speculation than purchasing timber lands at present prices, as stumpage is bound to go as high as \$10 a thousand within the next few years."

In the meantime locators are scouring the woods and haunting the United States land offices in their endeavors to pick up what stray bits of timber may have been overlooked. Where claims may be secured by contest or where even 40-acre tracts are found alone, no time is lost in placing some citizen on them, with an eye to securing deeds for the isolated subdivisions. Even single women are now "holding down" claims in the distant parts of the state, with a view to making a few thousand dollars by securing title and then selling to persons who desire to acquire large tracts in a single body.

Sulky, Disk and Walking plows at J. E. Stewart & Co., at far below the usual price.

What? "Betsy." Where? Club hall. When? March 8. Get your tickets early.