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CROOKED RIVER ADJUDICATION

Second Step in the Process.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT HERE

All Claims Now Open for Inspection by Various Claimants.

Last Monday, August 7th, Water Superintendent Geo. T. Cochran opened the statements and proofs of claim for the waters of Crooked river and all of its tributaries for inspection.

The county court room is being used and the claims will be kept there from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. of each day for ten days from August 7th, exclusive of Sundays.

Last fall the various water users filed their claims with Mr. Saxton and it is these claims which Mr. Cochran has brought here for inspection. The purpose of inspection is for each claimant to examine all the various claims to ascertain whether or not any of the claims filed conflict with his own. If none of them conflict, he has nothing more to do. If there are conflicts, then the first thing to do is to try to get a settlement of the conflict by agreement of the parties. If no agreement can be reached then it is necessary to file a contest. Contests must be filed on or before August 23rd. At some future time the superintendent will try out these contests by taking testimony upon them in the same manner as is done in a lawsuit.

This whole proceeding has for its object the ultimate control of the distribution of the water by watermasters. The method of this control is very simple but something very hard for the watermaster. When water is plentiful, all who hold water rights can take water. As soon as water begins to be scarce, the watermaster cuts off the youngest right. The old principle of law is applied: "First in time first in right." So the old water right takes the water the longest. For example, if there were four water rights on a stream and one was initiated by taking out water in 1870, a second in 1880, a third in 1890 and the fourth in 1900; when water began to get scarce the watermaster would cut off the one that was originated in 1900. If water should still be scarce, then he would cut off the one dated 1890; then, if necessary, the one dated in 1880. In this way the old right is supplied as long as there is any water to supply. Therefore, when looking over the claims, one of the principal points to examine is the date of the origination of the water right. If in examining the dates the claimant finds a date later than his, he can dismiss that claim from his mind because it cannot possibly interfere with his claim. When the water became scarce the later right would be cut off. It is only the rights earlier than his which need attention.

There are now three streams being adjudicated by Mr. Cochran. They are Umatilla river, Umatilla county, Willow creek in Malheur county, and Crooked river. Each stream is taken step by step. As soon as a step is completed as to one, the next river is taken up for its turn. The hearing of contests on the Umatilla river begins im-



News Snapshots Of the Week

regarding alleged illegal methods which the sugar trust resorted to in attempting to drive him out of business. Premier Asquith of England was hooted and called a traitor in the house of commons. The Rev Edmund Francis Prendergast was enthroned archbishop of Philadelphia.

Reciprocity, for which President Taft called an extra session of congress, passed the senate. It is now up to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Canadian government. The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived at Port au Prince, Haiti, to protect our interests in that country, which is in the throes of a revolution. It was reported in Washington that Theodore Marburg had been selected to succeed Dr. Hill as ambassador at Berlin. Claus A. Spreckels testified before the sugar investigating committee regarding alleged illegal methods which the sugar trust resorted to in attempting to drive him out of business. Premier Asquith of England was hooted and called a traitor in the house of commons. The Rev Edmund Francis Prendergast was enthroned archbishop of Philadelphia.

mediately after the close of inspection here. Then contests will be heard at Vale on Willow creek. Then any contests that may be filed on Crooked river will be heard here.

Prineville Schools Open October 2

The Prineville public schools will open Monday, October 2. This date will be two weeks later than usual but is made necessary by reason of unavoidable delays experienced in building the new schoolhouse. Teachers have been secured for all the grades except the third. They are as follows: Eighth grade—J. E. Meyers. Seventh grade—Edythe Rideout. Sixth grade—Theresa Cassidy. Fifth grade—Ellen Brobst. Fourth grade—J. A. unita Engdahl, Seaside, Oregon. The third grade is yet to be supplied. Second grade—Ida B. Jacques, Woodstock, N. B. First grade—Alwilda Wilson.

Compliments Prineville Ball Team

Prineville took two out of three games from the O. W. R. & N. shops team in a series played at Prineville last Saturday and Sunday. The first two games went to Prineville by a score of 4 to 3, while the visitors copped the last contest by a 6 to 4 score. From a spectator's standpoint all the games were an excellent exhibition, both the visitors and the locals playing clean ball throughout the series. Gravelle and Tetherow opposed each other on the mound in the first encounter, Scott and Zeek in the second and Thompson and Tetherow worked in the third game. The one defeat which Prineville suffered Sunday was the first handed them this season.

It takes the Prineville sports to show a visiting team a good time while in that place. Automobile rides, dances and various other entertainments are shown the boys during their stay. Dr. Elmer Spaulding, an old ball player himself, is official umpire and one of the chief boosters of the Prineville club. "Doc" used to be a teammate of our genial friend, Jesse Dunbar, the present manager of the Lents team. —Portland Journal.

Strayed
Blazed-face sorrel mare strayed from Fort Rock; branded Cross with rings on the four points; has lump on left jaw. Address J. F. Walsh, Fort Rock, Oregon. 8-3-1mp

Artisans Elect Officers

The Artisans met Monday evening and elected the following officers: Master Artisan—Gardner Perry. Pastmaster Artisan—Ada Morse. Secretary—Mrs. H. P. Beiknap. Treasurer—J. W. Horgan. Superintendent—Albert Noble. Inspector—Orpha Dodderidge. Master of Ceremonies—Maude Potter. Junior Conductor—Bertha Hoffman. Senior Conductor—Leslie Reynolds. Warden—Mr. Livingston. Instructor—Vira Cyrus. Field Commanders—Mrs. Sarah Wright and Sam Reynolds. The committee on refreshments will hold over until next meeting, owing to the fact that the electric lights were turned off at the ice cream parlors and refreshments could not be served at the last meeting.

Will Be Thrown Open for Settlement

The department of the interior has notified the Lakeview land office that land in 35 sections in townships 40 and 41 south and ranges 8, 11, 12 and 13 east of the Willamette Meridian, segregated from entry since July 9, 1904, will be thrown open to settlement August 28, and to entry, filing or selection September 27, 1911. It is expressly stated in the order that these lands are subject only to settlement on or after these dates and rights are not obtainable before that time. The lands to be opened are among the most valuable in the segregation made on account of the Klamath project. It is believed that there will be a rush of settlers to Lakeview on the last date that will equal some of the lineups at the land office during the recent openings of timber lands.

Big Doings at Astoria

Portland, Ore., Aug. 8. (Special)—Big delegations from all parts of the state will gather at Astoria for the annual convention of the Oregon Development League on August 14, 15 and 16. There is wide interest in the approaching session and a splendid program has been arranged. Each section promises to have a full representation and the meeting will mark a forward step in development circles.

The Centennial Celebration will have an added interest for delegates to the league gathering and

Hunters, Be Careful

The open season for deer, as well as a number of other animals and game birds, began August 1, and State Forester F. A. Elliott has his ear to the ground for reports of forest fires started through carelessness of hunters. Every year a great many fires are caused by sportsmen leaving their campfires unextinguished and thoughtlessly dropping lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes as they travel through the forests in pursuit of game. It will probably be news to many people of Oregon to learn that the forest fire law, which went into effect February 24, empowers the governor to declare a closed season for the shooting of wild birds or animals of any kind. The law covering this point is as follows:

"Whenever or wherever, during an open season for the hunting of any kind of game in this state, it shall appear to the governor upon the showing of the state forester that by reason of extreme drought the use of fire arms or fire by hunters is liable to cause forest fires, he may, by proclamation, suspend the open season and make it a closed season for the shooting of wild birds and animals of any kind for such time as he may designate, and during the time so designated all provisions of law relating to closed seasons for game shall be in force."

"It is, of course, not my intention to urge the enforcement of this provision unless it becomes absolutely necessary in order to prevent destruction of forest property," said Forester Elliott in commenting upon the above extract. "Whether any action is taken depends entirely upon the behavior of the hunters themselves. However, just as soon as this office receives reports that fires are being started through the carelessness of hunters, I shall immediately present the facts to the governor and recommend that a closed season be proclaimed. The governor is heartily in favor of this plan and has assured me that he stands ready to issue such proclamation should conditions warrant it."

"This matter, as I see it, is entirely in the hands of the hunters, for so long as they exercise due precaution while in the forests I will, of course, have no reason for taking action. It would be an excellent plan for every hunter to familiarize himself with the Oregon forest fire law, copies of which will be sent upon application to this office."

Real Estate Transfers.

Furnished by Crook County Abstract Company, of Prineville, Oregon.
The Bend Co. to Olive E. McKay, lots 1 and 2, blk. 12, Park add. Bend, \$600.
Willis A. Miller and wife to Murray D. Sheets, sw 1/4 ne 1/4 and n 1/2 se 1/4 sec. 21-14-13. \$2000.
W. H. Kilmer, et ux to Frank C. Park, w 1/2 se 1/4 and se 1/4 sec. 9; w 1/2 of e 1/2 sec. 10; w 1/2 ne 1/4 and se 1/4 ne 1/4 sec. 21-11-14. \$10.
Katy M. Merrill and husband to E. G. Fleming, et al, s 1/2 nw 1/4 and w 1/2 ne 1/4 sec. 10-11-10. \$1000.
Jennie Sellers and husband to J. B. Baumgartner, et al, lot 1, block 23, Bend. \$320.
John Harrington, et ux to Jacob Harrington e 1/2 sw 1/4 and w 1/2 se 1/4 sec. 5-13-13. \$3000.
Jacob Harrington to Wm. C. Barber, se 1/4 sec. 17-13-13. \$3000.
Wm. H. Taylor, et ux to Harry Robinson, lot 16, block 15, Railroad add. Madras. \$200.

J. J. HILL'S GOLDEN CUP

Valuable Prize Offered for Wheat.

SAMPLE MUST BE 100 POUNDS

Hill will give 164 Ribbons at Prineville Fair in October 11 to 14.

Ribbons, cups and medals aggregating thousands of dollars in value will be offered by James J. Hill to farmers and fruitgrowers of Oregon exhibiting their products at the various agricultural, county, state and district fairs next fall.

Mr. Hill's greatest and most valuable offering will be the \$1000 gold cup for the best 100 pounds of wheat grown in the United States and exhibited at the National Land Show to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York. He is eager to have this prize go to an Oregon farmer, as he has a peculiar interest in this state. Many Oregon wheatgrowers are preparing to enter exhibits in this competition.

Further prizes will be given exhibitors at the state fair at Salem, including ribbons in many class contests and a cup for the best collection of grains and grasses. The terms for the cup competition have not yet been arranged, but it is likely that vegetables also will be included in the collections of farm products entering for this award. Mr. Hill is now corresponding with B. F. Meredith, secretary of the state fair, to complete arrangements for all his prizes.

A cup already has been selected for the best collection of farm products at the Lane county fair. Ribbons also will be awarded for separate exhibits of various farm, orchard and garden products.

Mr. Hill has agreed to give 164 ribbons at the Central Oregon Fair at Prineville. A cup will be given for the best individual display of grains and grasses. Competition for the prize will be limited to individual farmers, thus barring land companies and commercial bodies.

Negotiations have been opened with the secretaries of various other fairs and agricultural exhibits to be held in Oregon this year. It is likely that Mr. Hill's interest in the Northwest will be manifest by awarding cups, ribbons, and medals at all these events.

It is probable that Mr. Hill will attend a few of the fairs that will be held in Oregon this year. He has received invitations from nearly all of them and as he is to be in the state anyway, he may arrange his time to include several in his itinerary.

All the prizes given by Mr. Hill will be offered in the name of the Great Northern Railway. —Oregonian.

Poland-China Hogs

I have a choice lot of pure-blood pigs of both sexes for sale now at reasonable prices, some old enough for service now. C. M. ELKINS, Prineville, Ore.

Suit Case Lost

Friday, July 28, between Sisters and O'Neil, one suit case full of clothing, etc. Finder please send word to Nora Newbill, Grizzly, Ore. 8-3-2tp

Ayerdales For Sale

Thoroughbred Ayerdales puppies for sale. G. W. ROBERTS at Prineville Machine Shop. 7-20-t

Wanted
Sixty Juniper Posts. See Winnek.