

## Homestead Law May Yet Pass

The conference committee in charge of the Borah Jones three-year homestead bill, reported what is declared to be a final agreement and the measure will be reported back to both houses in a day or two. The main feature of the original bill are retained and all objectionable proposals rejected.

As the bill is agreed upon, the homestead period is reduced from five to three years and entrymen are permitted leave of absence of not to exceed five consecutive months each year, they being required to notify the local Land Office when they leave the land and of the date of their return. A cultivation clause is incorporated which requires the entryman to cultivate not less than one-sixteenth of the area of his entry the second year and one-eighth the third year, before receiving a patent. The bill will apply to all entries, including enlarged homestead entries and all pending entries.

Entrymen who have not yet received a patent will have the privilege of completing their proof under the three year bill or continuing under the old law as they may prefer.

Senator Borah is much pleased over the agreement of the conference committee and is now hopeful that the bill will finally pass and become a law in the form in which it is now left by the conference committee.

## Work Starts on Deschutes Bridge

Culver Tribune—Work started on the Deschutes River bridge the latter part of last week, the materials now being hauled across Crooked River over the new bridge. The bridge across that river is now completed, as is also the road between the two rivers.

The bridge camp was moved last week from the Crooked River to the Deschutes. Engineer Woodard made a change in the survey to some extent recently by locating the bridge farther up the river in order that better approach could be made on each side of the river.

The road on the peninsula is an excellent one. The grade which was maintained there is very good and no difficulty will be experienced in hauling heavy loads over it.

The road crew will be put to work at once west of the Deschutes leading up from the bridge. This will be well on the way to completion by the time the Deschutes bridge is finished. When this is accomplished stock and supplies may be taken over the old trail to and from the Grandview country.

## Settlers Near Bend File Protest

Salem, Or.—For the purpose of securing settlers' rights to 1500 acres of arid land four miles southeast of Bend, included in the irrigation project of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company under the Carey act, settlers of Bend and others in that district have filed protest with the Land Office at The Dalles.

The state has been notified to show cause why the land should not be cancelled from the state's contract with the irrigation company, because of the fact that while the land is included in the company's holdings, no plans for its irrigation are contained in the specifications on file with the State Engineer.

The settlers want the land reopened for entry and say that it can be used successfully for dry farming.

State Engineer Lewis says that the matter will be referred to the Central Oregon Irrigation

Company, and that the statement from the company, submitted to the Engineer's office, will be forwarded to the Land Office at The Dalles. The State Engineer's office has no jurisdiction in the matter so long as the project is under contract and the technicalities will have to be threshed out between the company and the Land Office.

## Will Initiate New Municipal Law

"The new corporation law, which will be initiated at the November election will increase the state's revenue from corporations at least \$20,000 per year," said Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott today. "Every corporation filing its articles of incorporation, copies of its bonds, contracts and other papers relating to its organization, will be required to pay a filing fee of \$3. In the past year 1250 corporations have filed articles in this office. Allowing for the same number next year, the revenue from the \$3 filing fee will be \$3750. The new law also provides that a detailed financial statement shall be filed annually by every corporation in the state, together with a filing fee of \$2. This provision will produce an annual income of at least \$15,000. Other sources of revenue provided by the new law will bring the total up to more than \$20,000, all of which is new money and not a dollar of which is now finding its way into the state treasury."

"The new law creates a separate department responsible for all the corporation work now handled by the secretary of state and state treasurer. Provision is made for a thorough examination of the affairs of corporations either before or after their organization, and various other provisions for safeguarding investors are made. Notwithstanding that more help will be needed to handle the work under the new law, it is estimated that the cost of maintaining the corporation department will be only about \$8500 per year, or \$3500, more than at the present time, making a net gain to the state of \$16,500 per year.

"The new law will do away with the confusion resulting from a division of the work between two departments, it will save the people of the state at least \$1,000,000 a year that is thrown away on worthless stock and will add \$20,000 a year to the state's income from corporations."

The proposed bill has been submitted to and approved by representatives of the Portland chamber of commerce, commercial clubs and realty board, besides various attorneys. It will be turned over to these organizations within a few days and they have agreed to take responsibility of obtaining the necessary 9000 signatures on the initiative petition.

Under the provisions of the bill every investment company shall file in the office of the corporation commissioner a statement showing in full detail the plan upon which it proposes to transact business, a copy of all contracts, bonds or other instruments which it proposes to make with or sell to its contributors or customers, an itemized account of its property and liabilities. Then if the commissioner deems it advisable he may order an investigation of the corporation at its expense, and he is given authority to refuse it a license to do business within the state if he sees fit.

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**\$500 Reward.**  
The Mill Creek Livestock Association of Crook County offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing, or killing cattle or horses belonging to any member of this association.  
S-23-3m RAYMOND CALEYAN, Secretary-Treas.

## Teacher's Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Crook County will hold the regular examination for applicants for state and county papers at the court house, Prineville, as follows:  
For State Papers—Commencing Wednesday, June 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 22, at 4 p. m.  
Wednesday forenoon—Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.  
Wednesday afternoon—Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.  
Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, Civil Government, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.  
Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.  
Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature.  
Friday afternoon—School Law, Botany Algebra.  
Saturday forenoon—Team try, Geology.  
Saturday afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.  
K. A. FORD, County Sup't.

**Sheriff's Sale.**  
In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook.  
J. H. Wenandy and L. L. Fox, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Wenandy Livery, Feed & Automobile Co., plaintiffs,  
vs.  
J. T. Combes, defendant.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale of personal property issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county, in the above entitled suit, on the thirteenth day of March, 1912, in favor of the above named plaintiffs and against the above named defendant, upon a judgment and decree in favor of the said plaintiffs for the sum of four hundred eighty-eight and fifty-nine hundredths dollars and the further sum of twenty-three dollars damages and costs, which said judgment was entered and docketed in the office of the county clerk of Crook county, state of Oregon, on the 13th day of March, 1912, and which said decree ordered the personal property belonging to said defendant be sold by the sheriff of Crook county, state of Oregon, to satisfy said judgment, attorney's fees and costs, now therefore notice is further given that I have levied upon all the personal property, and I will on

Saturday, the 29th day of June, 1912, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the north door of the county courthouse in Prineville, Crook county, state of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all the personal property belonging to said defendant to satisfy said judgment and decree, attorney's fees and costs and accruing costs.  
Dated and published first time this 30th day of May, 1912.  
T. N. BALFOUR,  
Sheriff of Crook county, state of Oregon.

**Notice of Hearing.**  
Before the Board of Control of the State of Oregon, Water Division No. 2, Crook county.

In the matter of the determination of the relative rights to the waters of Crooked River and its tributaries, tributary of Deschutes river,  
W. W. Brown, contestant,  
vs.  
John Davin, contestee.  
To John Davin, contestee, above named:  
In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby notified that the above named contestant has filed a contest against your claim to the waters of the above named stream and its tributaries, and that a hearing will be had in the matter of said contest at the courthouse in Prineville, Crook county, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, the 22nd day of July, 1912, before the undersigned superintendent of Water Division No. 2; and you are hereby required to appear before me at said time and place with your witnesses, to give evidence in the matter of such contest.  
Witness my hand this 13th day of May, 1912, at LaGrande, Oregon.  
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Superintendent of Water Division No. 2, State of Oregon. 5-30-12

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