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## 200,000 Acres East of Prineville to be Colonized

Watson P. Davidson telegraphed from St. Paul to J. L. D. Morrison that the trade of central Oregon lands for the Transportation building in Chicago has been closed says the Portland Journal. The building is valued at about \$3,500,000 and the lands figuring in the deal are to cover \$1,000,000 of the price.

Mr. Davidson is president of the Oregon & Western Colonization company, and Mr. Morrison is the company's sales manager. L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, is one of the principal stockholders in the company.

Of greatest interest in connection with the transaction to the people of Portland and Oregon, and particularly the central part of the state, is the announcement from Mr. Davidson that the land involved, approximately 200,000 acres, will at once be colonized by thirty Germans.

### Colonists to Come soon.

The trade has been under way for several months and in the meantime the syndicate taking over the land has been studying the problem of placing settlers without delay.

Consummation of the deal is taken to indicate that this problem has been solved and that this very spring the colonists will begin to pour onto the lands which are located in Crook county, east of Prineville, and within reasonable distance of the Hill and Harriman lines running into central Oregon by way of the Deschutes river canyon.

"I have meager details concern-

ing the deal," said Mr. Morrison, "but Mr. Davidson has telegraphed me that it has been closed, however. I understand that the land is to be settled by Germans and that colonization will begin without delay. There are about 200,000 acres in the tract and they are in a district that has considerable precipitation and where diversified farming is carried on successfully without irrigation. A big influx of people into that section will mean much to the state."

### Timber Lands Sold First.

The company originally purchased 800,000 acres of land a few years ago from the French owners, who had invested in the old military road land grant, the strip running across the state, east and west, from Malheur county to Linn.

About a year ago the company disposed of about 200,000 acres, or all of the timbered land on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, to Porter Bros., railroad contractors and lumber manufacturers, and associates, and during the past two years many small tracts have been disposed of to individual settlers.

This leaves something less than 400,000 acres of the original tract still in the hands of the company, but it is expected that many tracts will be sold this spring and the coming summer to settlers that have been interested by the company the past two years.

Mr. Morrison stated that he believes as a result of the campaign of the past two years, the number

## Railroad Work Will Begin Early in April

T. M. Baldwin received word today from H. B. Scheel "that everything concerning the right-of-way and terminals was satisfactory and that he would begin work early in April so as to be able to handle the fall crops."

In the same letter that brought this good news was a good and substantial check to be placed on deposit in the First National that will be used on construction work. Now, whoop'er up in earnest!

of settlers coming from the east this year onto company lands will be much greater than last year, or the year before.

### Inquiries Pouring In.

Inquiries have been pouring in this winter, and many homeseekers have arranged to start for Oregon in a few weeks when the weather becomes more settled. The company is selling its lands on inviting terms and assisting settlers in every way, says Mr. Morrison, the object being to place the lands under cultivation in order to build up traffic for the central Oregon railroads.

The Transportation building, which now becomes a Hill property, was completed in 1911. It is 22

stories high and is located at the southwest corner of Dearborn and Harrison streets.

## Prineville Secured Stockmen's Convention

J. F. Blanchard returned last evening from Pendleton where he went as a delegate to the State Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association convention. About 75 of the leading stockmen of the state were in attendance. Through the efforts of Mr. Blanchard the next convention will be held at Prineville in the second week of February, 1915.

Mr. Blanchard says that the convention was royally entertained by the Pendleton Commercial Club.

## County Court Proceedings---March Term

A regular term of the county court of Crook county, Oregon, convened at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, March 4th, 1914, when were present G. Springer, judge presiding; R. H. Bayley, Willis W. Brown, commissioners; Fred A. Rice, county surveyor; Frank Elkins, sheriff, and Warren Brown, county clerk.

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

In the matter of a petition for franchise by H. P. Scheel. Petition presented by M. E. Brink, attorney for H. P. Scheel, asking for a franchise across certain county roads and over certain streets and alleys outside the corporate limits of City of Metolius, for the Metolius, Prineville & Eastern Ry; said petition showing the said company owned all lands adjacent to the streets over which the franchise is asked, and being approved by County Attorney Wirtz, ordered granted.

In the matter of the E. C. Atkinson road. Petition presented by C. B. Hysom read and as bond was found to be insufficient, ordered by court that said Hysom deposit a cash bond in the sum of \$100 with the clerk. Remonstrance to said petition being presented by S. R. Binder; court asked that an affidavit as to the qualification of signers of remonstrance be made. Petition by H. M. Hysom for an easement of a road for immediate relief presented but later withdrawn.

In the matter of reward. Petition presented by S. E. Smith et al, (having ninety five signatures) voters and freeholders requesting that a reward of \$500 be offered for the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to the Redmond Union Warehouse Co.'s building at Redmond, which resulted in the destruction of said building on the morning of February 6th, 1914. Granted.

In the matter of Warrant No. 1352, Class 24. Whereas, it was shown to the court that M. S. Mayfield had been the rightful possessor of warrant No. 1352, Class 24, for the sum of \$15.20, issued Nov. 9, 1912, and has lost the same; ordered that the said warrant be canceled and the clerk is instructed to draw in the like sum and class, a new warrant to said M. S. Mayfield.

In the matter of a wrongful assessment. Petition presented by J. L. Gibson for a change in regard to a certain wrongful assessment, but same not being within the jurisdiction of this court petition could not be granted.

In the matter of county roads. The following road petitions were presented: S. W. Merrill et al, J. A. Morris et al, (remonstrance filed); E. T. Luthy et al, (remonstrance filed); D. H. Yeoman et al, E. J. Hoeh et al.

In the matter of the Frank Huffman road. Ordered that a warrant be drawn in the sum of \$180 in favor of Frank Huffman to reimburse him for moneys paid into the county treasury on account of the Huffman road.

In the matter of the wrongful assessment of nw 1/4 sw 1/4 8-18-12, for 1913. Petition presented by the Bend Company asking for a rebate on the taxes on said land because the same was assessed as timber land when the same had been logged off in 1912; endorsed by Ralph Jordan, county treasurer, as to assessment facts; ordered that on the payment in full of all taxes on the said nw 1/4 sw 1/4 8-18-12, the clerk draw a warrant in favor said The Bend Company in the sum of \$60.04 as a rebate for erroneous assessment.

In the matter of A. McE. Ball, expediting the county records. M. E.

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