

Will Not be Opened to Settlement

The Secretary of Agriculture classifies lands in the Deschutes National Forest as chiefly valuable for timber and forestry purposes.

Forest Supervisor Merritt at Bend, Oregon, has just received word of the final decision by the secretary of agriculture on an area of 28,500 acres in the Deschutes National Forest in townships 12 and 13 south, ranges 8 and 9 east, W. W., along the Metolius river.

The secretary bases his decision on detailed reports and cruises by forest officers, which show that the area includes a uniformly heavy stand of merchantable yellow pine timber, aggregating one-half a billion feet on the little more than a township of land involved. This timber land is located in the center of one of the largest bodies of yellow pine timber on any National Forest in the state. The closest estimate so far made shows that the Deschutes National Forest contains a stand of merchantable yellow pine, extending from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to the south line of Crook county, amounting to approximately two and one-half billion feet.

Reports show that the timber value of the land involved in this project is unquestionably superior to any agricultural use to which it could be put. It is probable that a small area lying along the banks of the Metolius river could be irrigated from that stream with water which could not be used for irrigation on the desert lands east of the National Forest boundary line. With this exception it is probable that the need of water for irrigation on lands outside of the forest will consume all the water available from the Metolius river and other streams and lakes, including Suttles Lake.

Eighty-nine people have applied for lands on this project. It is believed that a large number of the applications were made in the hopes of securing preference rights in case the lands were classified as agricultural after the timber was removed, as it is well known that the forest service would be glad to place any part of this large body of timber on the market.

Burleigh-Van Tassel Wedding

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Thursday, Oct. 1, when Grace Vivian Van Tassel became the bride of William Glen Burleigh at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Tassel at Opal City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. O. Roten of Redmond.

The bride wore a dress of lavender silk draped with chiffon and carried white and pink carnations. After the ceremony dinner was served to the assembled guests. In the evening a reception was given to their friends. About 90 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh will be at home to their friends after Oct. 5 at 5003 58th street, S. E. Portland.

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Lamonta Man Does Not Want County Division

Luther Melton of Lamonta was in Prineville on business yesterday. Mr. Melton, in discussing county division, said that it seems to be his fate to locate in a county where the question comes up. He moved from the Middle West to Colorado and in both places the counties were divided to the injury of the people. Taxes were a great deal higher in both instances. In Colorado, where he lived before moving to Crook county, he says that taxes went up to 100 mills after the county was divided. Madras people, he says, intend to hold a rally at Lamonta next Saturday evening to boost the county division sentiment. He does not believe the people of his locality, however, want county division at this time.

Central Oregon Potatoes in Demand

The past three years have proven to the farmers of this section that potatoes can be successfully grown here. With even poor cultivation and little attention we have been able to produce a good yield on our lands. The great problem has been that of getting the potatoes to a good market and getting the price for them. The great mistake that we have made in this section is in not recognizing the best marketable potato and planting and growing that kind. Western Oregon is today buying their potatoes from Utah, shipping them into their towns through California simply because the farmers in Utah know what is wanted and produce and sell that kind of potatoes.

The market demands a potato smooth and uniform and weighing from seven to eight ounces. The pink or blue potato may be all right for our home trade, but they are not in demand on the city market. In order to sell on the larger markets we must produce the size, shape and color those markets demand.

To grow potatoes that will sell we must plant that kind of potato. To get a heavy yield we must plant potatoes from heavy yielding hills. Save the best hills in the field for seed and don't part with them at any price. If you can buy better than you have, do it, but now is the time to save or buy your seed. If we raise the potatoes demanded we can sell them.

A. E. LOVETT, County Agriculturist and Agent U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Christian Endeavor Meeting at Culver

The Crook County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual convention in Culver next Saturday and Sunday. All the Christian Endeavor Societies of the county are expected to be represented by delegates at this meeting. Prominent among the workers of the state who will be in attendance at the convention are G. Ewart Baker, of Portland, state president, and H. H. Rottman, inter-state field secretary for the northwest. These workers always make good and it will be a mistake not to hear them. All the sessions of the convention will be open to the public as well as to the delegates. It has been planned to put on the mock trial, "A Cunning Conspiracy," Saturday evening. Don't forget the dates, October 10 and 11. GEO. H. RAMSEY, Resident County Union.

"Honeymoon Hikers" Visit Prineville

The "Honeymoon Hikers" of San Francisco struck town this morning on their way home from a tramp to New York City. They have been about 18 months making the journey. The couple play the moving picture shows in the larger towns. Both are theatrical people and put on a vaudeville stunt. They will try and make the McKenzie pass into the valley from here. As their property box is in Pendleton no effort was made to secure an engagement at the Lyric.

Government Crew at Work on the Ochoco

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one dam site could be made to help feed the other. In this way more land could be covered and the larger drainage area could be made to help support the smaller. A high line ditch from the Ochoco dam site would cover all the bench and bottom lands tributary to Prineville. The Crooked river reservoir could store 110,000 acre feet of water. The work on the Ochoco site has not progressed far enough to make an estimate.

"The hardest kind of basalt rock was found up Crooked river. Diamond drills had to be used to cut it. Here, I will show you the core we obtained in that section. Fifty feet of it," said Mr. Dobson. Sure enough tucked away in a box made expressly for such samples, was the foundation history of a possible irrigation project. The core is 15-16th of an inch in diameter, made by the diamond bit. These bits were handed to the visitors for inspection. They are made of soft steel set with six or eight black diamonds which are much harder than the sparklers.

"What do you consider these things worth?" asked Mr. Dobson as he handed one bit to the Journal man and the other to Omer Claypool. After a close inspection a hazard of 15 cents was made. You wouldn't pick one up for it if you didn't know its actual value. Mr. Claypool's bit cost \$1,400 in Uncle Sam's hard money, and the one held by the Journal man cost \$900. It had less diamonds. These rough carbons or diamonds cost \$80 a carat. Mr. Dobson has about \$4,000 worth on hand all the time. He sets them in the drill bits himself, not because he is afraid of having them stolen, but for the reason that it takes painstaking labor to get them in right. They must be carefully set in the bit, projecting but slightly from the surface. If they are put in right the wear is very slight. As the bit wears they are reset from time to time. In nine years of service Mr. Dobson has lost only one diamond. It worked loose from the bit and could not be recovered.

Above the diamond bit are the core lifter and the core barrel. The core lifter is a device for gripping and breaking off the core and raising it to the surface. This core, of course, passes right through the center of the bit. The barrel is simply used for protection.

We sincerely hope the investigations of these men will result in something substantial for this part of Crook county, but when you consider that they are kept busy looking first at one place and then at another you must not build high hopes that lightning will strike in this country very soon. It takes time. These reports are sent to Portland where the data is worked out and forwarded to Washington.

Music Lessons

Miss Williams will continue her classes in Vocal, Piano and Harmony study this winter. Ear Training is to be added to the course for singers without extra charge. High school pupils will be given credit in the schools for their work in music. Anyone desiring to arrange for lessons see Miss Williams or 'phone Red 581. 9-24

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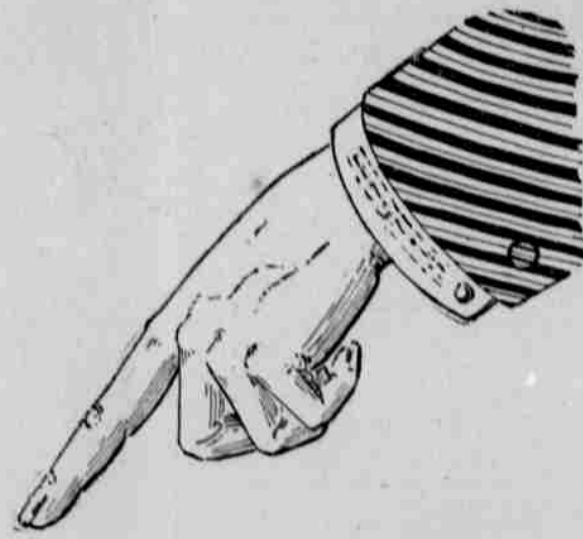
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