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THE BEST ON EARTH.

Already numerous inquiries have come from various places about the price of land that will be under the proposed Ochoco Irrigation district.

Considering the people who are interested in the purchase of these lands, and what has taken place in the past in this vicinity, there can be but one conclusion. The value of these lands can hardly be over estimated for the production of alfalfa, and to produce this crop, irrigation is of course essential.

If the land was sought by speculators, or by farmers who are seeking new locations it would seem a little different, but when the buyers and prospective buyers are men who have had years of experience in the handling of fat stock, have learned by experience that cattle and sheep from the Prineville country always top the market without being grain fed and to do this stock and must be fed where the combination of hay quality and climate is ideal for producing the most pounds for the least dollars, the deduction of course follows that these lands, with water for irrigating them, are the best for the production of stock-fatening alfalfa in the entire west, which means that they are the best on earth.

PROSPERITY.

All of the things that are really worth while in life cost us, either in labor or inconvenience, or self-denial.

The storm which has held all the west in its grip for the past two or three weeks is severe on the stockmen especially, but in turn assures everyone, and the stockmen most of all, a bounteous year.

This particular part of the state especially has experienced several winters of light snowfall and the result has been felt by all the residents.

The reports of deep snows in the mountains, unusual snowfall recorded on the plains and everywhere in fact, can mean but one thing for these people, and likewise for all the territory throughout this district, and that is better ranges and crops next season, and better times for all the people.

WHY NOT?

With the extreme low temperature comes the annual complaint about the poor heating plant at the High School.

Teachers and pupils are suffering from the cold and la grippe and other complaints are the result. It

Political Announcements.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney for Crook County at the primaries to be held May 19, 1916. H. H. De Armond.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative from the 21 district, subject to the approval of the voters at the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916. Denton G. Burdick. Sci0tf.

It is absurd to think that the taxpayers wish this condition to exist, or will permit it to exist very long, and the question seems reasonable, why not have the trouble located and remedied, if not now, before another winter comes anyhow?

The announcement of Denton G. Burdick of Redmond for the office of Representative from the twenty-first representative district was made at a smoker held by the Redmond Commercial Club last evening.

Burdick is a native of Michigan where he resided during his youth, coming from that state to North Dakota, where he received an education in law. He attended the University of Iowa, and later came to Crook County five years ago.

He is well known in the courts of the state, and has been prominent in the development of his part of the country.

At present he is an officer in the Redmond Commercial Club, and is a member of the executive board of the Oregon Irrigation Congress.

Burdick has many friends throughout the district who will be pleased to hear of his announcement.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. January 5, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Fredrick Hamlin,

of Rivers, Oregon, who, on March 22, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 08411, and on January 31, 1912, made additional Homestead Entry No. 019838, for E 1/4 Sec. 9, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 10, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 15, Twp. 20-South, Range 19-East, W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. S. Fogg, U. S. Commissioner, at Hampton, Oregon, on the 21st day of February, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Clifton B. Todd, of Rivers, Oregon, and Alexander S. Cottingham, Chas. R. Winters, and Chas. S. Martin, all of Held, Oregon. 105p. H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

Now turn to the classified advertisements on page 3.

Jackson county republicans plan to surpass all records when they hold their annual republican day banquet at Medford Saturday, February 12.

The Woodburn Produce Clearing House association has been formed by the merchants of that city and a large building leased to be used as a clearing house.

About 300 additional acres of the reclaimed lands in the bed of Tule lake are being advertised by the reclamation service for lease for the coming three-year period, beginning March 1.

The supreme court has affirmed the present titles to land in Portland, formerly a part of the Proebstel donation land claim, which were attacked by the Proebstel Land & Adjustment company.

Captain Alfred Matson, a native of Sweden, for 46 years resident of Coos Bay, died at his home in Marshfield, aged 78. Captain Matson served in the United States navy during the Civil War.

Announcement has been made that \$5000 has been pledged by women's organizations of the state to a fund for the erection of a woman's memorial building on the University of Oregon campus.

The sixteenth annual convention of the K. of P. lodge for the eighth district, comprising the lodges at the Cascade Locks, Wasco, The Dalles and Hood River, was held at Hood River Tuesday.

Correspondence courses covering 19 special subjects along the lines of agriculture, business management and engineering have been announced by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Secretary Daniels has advised Representative Hawley that he has assigned the cruiser Marblehead to the Oregon naval militia and the vessel will arrive in Portland harbor for permanent station about March 15.

The carpenters' union of Portland has petitioned for and will receive a course of study in architecture through the extension department of the university of Oregon. The work will begin Friday with a class of 55.

Announcement by the North Pacific Steamship company that rates from Portland to Coos Bay have been raised from \$3 to \$3.50 a ton has created much opposition at Marshfield among those who are heavy freight shippers.

The ranchers of lone are fighting the jackrabbit pest as the heavy snow makes it possible to reach thousands of the animals. Poisoned feed has been distributed broadcast, and in one community near Cecil 10,000 rabbits were killed.

At the request of Representative Sinnott, of Oregon, a hat factory in Pennsylvania is conducting experiments to determine whether or not the fur of western jackrabbits can be utilized in the manufacture of derby and other styles of felt hats.

Permits for irrigating 87,329 acres of land, developing 30,766 horsepower and storing 285,669 acre-feet of water were issued last year by State Engineer Lewis. The permits number 581 and the total estimated cost of all the projects under them is \$5,349,152.

Relative to the disputed question of the authority of county courts to tax incorporated cities for county roads Attorney General Brown has given an opinion that the question cannot be definitely settled until some judicial decision has been made by the courts.

Secretary of State Olcott has just completed a digest of the laws pertaining to the primary and general elections of 1916, setting forth the statutes as to the duties of public officials, electors and candidates, and the preparation and filing of initiative petitions.

The sale of "near-beer" will be prohibited in Crook county, according to a letter written to Mayor Eastes, of Bend, by District Attorney Wirtz. Mr. Wirtz takes the position that the various "near-beers" are all malt liquors and therefore are prohibited by the Oregon dry law.

According to an announcement made by Secretary of State Olcott the receipts from motor vehicle and chauffeur licenses for the year 1915 total \$108,881.50, and of this sum \$87,220.08 or 80.1-10 per cent, will be returned to the various counties of the state for their road fund.

Fire department chiefs in towns of the state were notified by Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner, that he had obtained a moving picture film entitled "The Fire Demon" which he would loan them for use in educating people on the value of taking precaution to prevent fires.

The president, on recommendation of the Oregon senators, has nominated the following postmasters: Lewis C. Beebe, Drain; R. P. Wirtz, Forest Grove; W. P. Quinlan, Grants Pass; Homer S. Wood, Independence; Harry M. Fensler, Myrtle Point; J. H. Laigton, Seaside; Harry C. Gist, Yamhill.

The chief engineer has sent to congress adverse reports on the proposed improvement of Port Orford harbor and Willapa harbor. Both were surveyed during the past season, but the engineers concluded that existing commerce does not justify the expenditure that would be required to provide the depth of water desired at these points.

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