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280 acres of splendid rich land, quite level, in Section 29, T. 5 S., R. 3 E.; 1 1/2 miles from Molalla river. This place has no improvements, but is covered with valuable timber, and presents a fine investment for speculators—would take part trade in city property. \$10 per acre.

100 acres at Highland—20 in cultivation—house, barn, soil good. Many acres easily cleared. \$16 per acre.

40-acre farm at Clarkes—level, good new house, cost \$300. Barn 25x50. Granary 12x10, woodshed 12x18—fruit—living water. A nice little home. \$1600. Terms.

80 acres—6 miles from Oregon City, in prosperous neighborhood. 40 acres in cultivation—good house, barn and outbuildings, orchard. Half mile to school. Price \$4000.00.

123 acres—near Mackburg, about 6 miles from Canby, 40 acres in cultivation, 35 acres wooded, 35 acres in grain. New house and fair outbuildings. This is cheap at \$3500.

Fred Moshberger place—160 acres. NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T. 5 S., R. 1 E.—all level—89 acres heavy timber, balance light timber. Price \$2500. Terms.

160 acres in Matthew Richardson claim—all good soil—on main plank road, 3 miles from Oregon City, 45 acres in cultivation—small orchard—well and living spring. Poor house and barn, but a very cheap place at \$2900. \$1099 down, balance in 7 years at 6 per cent interest.

90 acres of splendid farming land on main plank road—9 miles from Oregon City—45 acres in cultivation—living spring—large frame barn—no dwelling. Price \$3000.

40 acres—1 mile from Estacada—20 acres in cultivation—rolling land—red loam soil—2 springs and good well. House, barn. Price \$2000 Terms

80 acres at Springwater—7 acres in cultivation—70 acres heavy valuable timber. 2 miles to Canby. Fair buildings. Good outgrange. This place is all right at \$1100.

2 1/2 acres in heart of Oregon City—level as a floor. Good house, barn and outbuildings and plenty of fruit. This place is a snap at \$2800. Terms.

225 acre Dairy Farm—6 miles from Oregon City, 190 acres in cultivation, whole place fenced—59 acres nearly ready to break—living water—75 acres fine bottom pasture land—14 head Jersey, farming tools, crop, horses, wagon. Price very low at \$35 per acre.

344 acre grain and stock farm at Springwater, 160 acres in cultivation, living water. Barn 60x80, small dwelling, 19 acres orchard—45 head cattle—all farming tools, crop, horses and all \$35 per acre.

80 acres—at Marmot, near Adolph Aachoff's, known as Chas. Kyler place and owned by Bode, at one time—15 acres in cultivation—over 50 acres A. No. 1 soil—small house and barn—Great outgrange for cattle—on main road. Terms to suit. \$10 per acre.

160 acres—in Section 14, T. 4 S., R. 5 E.; 2 acres in cultivation—small house, 3 rooms; 40 nice fruit trees, two million feet valuable timber, cedar and fir; 2 miles to Linn's mill. Valuable place for only \$4000.

FINAL ORDER MADE

REMOVAL OF OREGON CITY LAND OFFICE IS ORDERED.

People of District Will Present Situation Before President Roosevelt.

Last Saturday the official order was issued at Washington directing the removal of the Oregon City Land Office to Portland, July 1, next.

While the people of Oregon City have labored diligently for several weeks to prevent the consummation of the proposed removal of the Land Office from this city to Portland, there is expressed no surprise in the positive announcement that the change will be made July 1, next. It has been expected. But the people of this city will not submit until the protests that are now being circulated throughout the district are called to the attention of President Roosevelt, whose intervention, alone, it is obvious, will alter the situation.

In the removal of the Land Office from this city, the residents of this place generally concede that Oregon City's loss from a commercial view-point is entirely secondary in consideration. This office has never been considered a source of any great revenue in a business way to the enterprises here located. The chief worth of this office to Oregon City lies in the fact that it brings to this city many new people—prospective settlers, who are attracted here in quest of public lands that are open to settlement. Finding desirable lands suitably located scarce for the reason that the best have been settled upon, these people investigate the agricultural lands and invariably find something that suits them and become residents of the county. In this way, the Land Office has become a great factor in the development and settling of Clackamas county.

While the prospect of retaining the Land Office here is by no means promising, the people of this city have not entirely despaired yet. Anticipating the order of removal that has been signed, a mass meeting of citizens a few weeks ago named a committee to take steps to prevent the proposed change in the location of this office. This committee employed Bruce C. Curry, of this city, to visit the various counties included in the Oregon City Land District and secure signatures to remonstrating petitions that had been prepared and in which was recited different reasons why the change should not be made. At Salem, the first place visited, Mr. Curry secured the signatures of every one of the state officials and a great many prominent and influential citizens. Great success was met by Mr. Curry at Albany, Corvallis, McMinnville, Hillsboro, and Forest Grove, but the work of circulating these petitions not having been completed, the total number of signatures thereto is not known.

Register Dresser and Receiver Bibbe, of the Oregon City Land Office, have not received any official notification of the making of the final order directing the suspension of business at the office here on June 30th and the removal of the office on the following day, July 1, to Portland. They had no statement to make.

While some land office business is done by all attorneys here, the principal practitioners in this department are T. F. Cowing, O. D. Eby, G. L. Hedges and J. W. Draper. Commenting on the situation, Mr. Eby stated that land office attorneys having a great many cases pending before the Land Office, must necessarily follow the office in case it is removed. However, the withdrawal from settlement of a large area the Oregon City Land District about a year ago and the unsettled conditions that have succeeded the extensive land investigations in this state during the last year, has diminished largely the business in this district. But with the opening of another large acreage to settlement on May 1, and the restoration of thousands of acres that had been temporarily withdrawn about a year ago, there will follow great activity in this office during the next many months.

"If your information is correct," stated W. A. Huntley, president of the Oregon City Board of Trade, "the outlook for us is dubious. But we will not give up until the protests that are being circulated in the Oregon City Land District be presented to the President if that be possible. I understand that Mr. Curry is meeting with great success in obtaining signatures and that the people generally are very much opposed to the removal of the Land Office. If these largely signed protests reach the proper authorities in time, we trust that the choice of the people of this Land District will be given preference over the wishes of a few special agents and Land Office officials."

In their fight to retain the Land Office here, the people of Oregon City have enlisted the services of United States Senator Fulton who will present the matter before President Roosevelt. In a letter to Representative C. G. Huntley in this city, Senator Fulton has inquired for statistics as to the rental that is being paid for the suite of rooms occupied by the Land Office in this city as well as for other information as to the requirements of the office. Senator Fulton assures Mr. Huntley that he will actively enlist his efforts to induce President Roosevelt to rescind the order that has been issued directing the removal of the Land Office from this city.

LAUTH WILL HANG.

Supreme Court Affirms Judgment of Trial Court.

The supreme court last Friday rendered an opinion sustaining the proceedings of the Clackamas County Circuit Court in the trial of Geo. W. Lauth, who was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged for the shooting of his mistress, Mrs. Leonora B. Jones in this city last September. Lauth will be brought before Judge McBride soon when the death sentence will again be pronounced.

Lauth was sentenced to hang and interposed a plea of insanity at the trial as a defense, but the trial court ruled against

SHOT BY MARSHAL

ERNEST HICKMAN DELIBERATELY KILLED IN EASTERN OREGON.

City Marshal Too Free In Use of His Gun—Deceased Was Well Known Here.

Ernest Hickman, son of Mrs. John Hickman of this city, was shot and killed at an early hour last Saturday morning by the town marshal at Prairie City, Grant County. The following account of the shooting was published in the Oregonian:

"The coroner's jury Monday brought in a verdict that E. Hickman met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by City Marshal W. H. Lucey. The preliminary hearing will be Tuesday, before Justice of the Peace J. W. Mack.

"The shooting occurred in Wood's saloon at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Half a dozen men and three disreputable women were drinking and carousing in the place. Jim Clarke, a gambler, an eyewitness of the tragedy, gives the following version:

"The crowd in the saloon had several drinks around, the Marshal treating two or three times. The three women who had been singing and dancing, began quarreling among themselves. Hot words passed and they threw beer and whisky in each other's face. I expected there would be trouble, so I grabbed one of them and held her, telling her to be quiet. The woman jerked away from me, at the same time applying a vile epithet. Then Hickman cut in:

"We'll all take a drink and go home, he said. 'am going to shut up the place.'"

"Marshall Lucey laid his hand on my shoulder and said:

"Cut this out; I will allow no such talk here."

"We were all more or less drunk. Hickman came from behind the bar and shoved the Marshal away, putting his hand on his chest. Lucey staggered and fell. When he arose he laid his left hand on the bartender's right shoulder, pulled a gun from his overcoat pocket with his right hand, placed the muzzle of the weapon on Hickman's right breast and fired. The bullet went clear through the man's body and struck a bystander in the right leg. Hickman cried out:

"You have shot me, Lucey; let me go to a doctor."

"I grabbed the gun and struggled for its possession with the Marshal. Hickman called to me to hold the gun. The other fellows thought the bystander was the only one shot, and took him away. The women scurried out of the place."

"Hickman ran to the open door and fell. He was carried home, asked his wife to kiss him and was dead in twenty minutes."

"The story told by Clarke is confirmed in a general way by the other eye-witnesses, but there is much disagreement as to details."

"Marshall Lucey is a son of Judge Lucey, formerly of Umatilla County. He refuses to make any statement before examination Tuesday, other than that he does not fear the outcome of the affair."

Hickman was for many years a resident of this city where he has a host of friends who regret his untimely death. Hickman is survived by a wife and one child, besides a mother, two brothers and two sisters. The remains were given burial at Prairie City, the mother and son, Dr. Harvey Hickman, of this city going to Prairie City to attend the services.

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