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**OPPORTUNITY.**

We have within our reach the opportunity of receiving—next to a railroad—that which will give us the safest and most convenient and pleasant way to reach the great centers of industry—"The Automobile line. No good thing, however, is attained without some sacrifice, and we certainly can not expect to receive the necessities and comforts of an up-to-date town unless we assist the different enterprises looking to that end. For an automobile, as for a railroad, to insure its successful operation, there must be an absolute title to the right of way. Business demands this and it should be met by our people. We can afford to give anything financial and other material assistance that tends to increase the value of property along its route. This the Automobile line is bound to do. On all sides we hear you can't make it a success. To all such we would say that the Auto is a grand success, both as passenger and freight carriers, in all our large cities. Then why not here? In any event as long as we are no cash out, we can easily afford to give it a trial by granting to it the necessary right of way, with the usual reservation that when said right of way shall cease to be used for its intended purpose it shall immediately revert to the original owner. Again you will hear that a homesteader has no right to and will forfeit his land if he signs a deed of right of way across his place for railroad or transportation purposes. To all such we would cite Section 2,288 of the Revised Statutes of the U. S., which recites: "Any person who has already settled or hereafter may settle on the public lands, either by pre-emption or by virtue of the Homestead law or any amendments thereto, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER, by warranty against his own acts, any portion of his pre-emption or homestead for church, cemetery or school purposes and for the right of way of railroads across such pre-emption or homestead, and the transfer for such public purposes shall in no way vitiate

the right to complete and perfect the title to their pre-emptions or homesteads." There is also a provision made for this in all final proofs wherein the blanks read "that no part of said land has been alienated except as provided in Section 2,288 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.," etc. The above section was intended to encourage and permit rapid transportation across the country. Without it we are a backwoods people and are looked upon as such by the outside world. With rapid transportation, telephones, etc., we are in a position to grow and compete with our neighbors. We must be awake to our needs, and we must not let this opportunity slip of bringing business to our doors.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and in miseries; And we must take the current when it serves, Or lose our venture."  
 "'Tis never offered twice; seize, then, the hour When fortune smiles, and duty points the way; Nor shrink aside to 'scape the spectre fear, Nor pause, though pleasure beckon from her bower; But bravely bear thee onward to the goal."

Now is our opportunity. Shall we grasp it and retain that which has been offered? Or like other towns that have been offered opportunities of a like kind, spurn them all and sink into oblivion. Dear reader, the question is before you for an answer. Ponder well before rejecting the matter before you.

**A WARNING.**

Warm Spring, Ore., Sept. 25.  
 My Dear Son, Tecumseh, Jr.:  
 Alas, how shattered are all my hopes. When I read your former epistle, my son, my heart swelled with pride to think that a child of mine, a descendant of the noble red man, had attained the honor of being correspondent of a newspaper, but all such fond reflections were dispersed by your last effort, which shows that you are sailing under false colors, that you belong to the degenerate white race. However, as you have shown somewhat of a desire to be adopted into my family and tribe, I will take a father's liberty and call your attention to some things in which you fail to measure up to an Indian's sense of right.

First, no Indian would ever use such "pigeon English" as you did and call it "Injin wawa," and until you understand our language let me advise you never to attempt it again. If you must quote Indian go to some of the aborigines, and get them to give you the proper rendering into our language.

Second, be careful of your statements. An Indian should speak the truth—not follow the example of the white man, and you are near enough to the Agency office that you might have obtained from Superintendent Kirk the facts about the west boundary line of the Reservation, instead of making the misstatement that appeared in your last communication. This line is plainly marked by monuments of stone and blazed trees every half mile; was so marked by Surveyor M. Quinn when he surveyed it under contract with the Government. Dur-

ing the past summer some of our police have followed the line for miles, and they also called the attention of the sheep herders to the line, so there was no excuse for Mr. Wakerlig trespassing on the Reservation. We Indians are glad to have Superintendent Kirk protect our Reservation from the trespass of white men, and hope he will continue until they learn not to trespass.

In conclusion, son, if you wish to write for the papers, let me advise you to spend your spare time in study. Burn the midnight oil, that you may improve yourself, not only in the use of our language, but in your own vernacular as well. Especially learn to spell your name. Waste no time in idle dreams of what you will do when you get to be Indian Agent, but content yourself with your present occupation, though it may seem to you to be beneath your ability. So may you advance until you are qualified to fill the place to which you aspire as my adopted son, and then will rest in peace and quietude.

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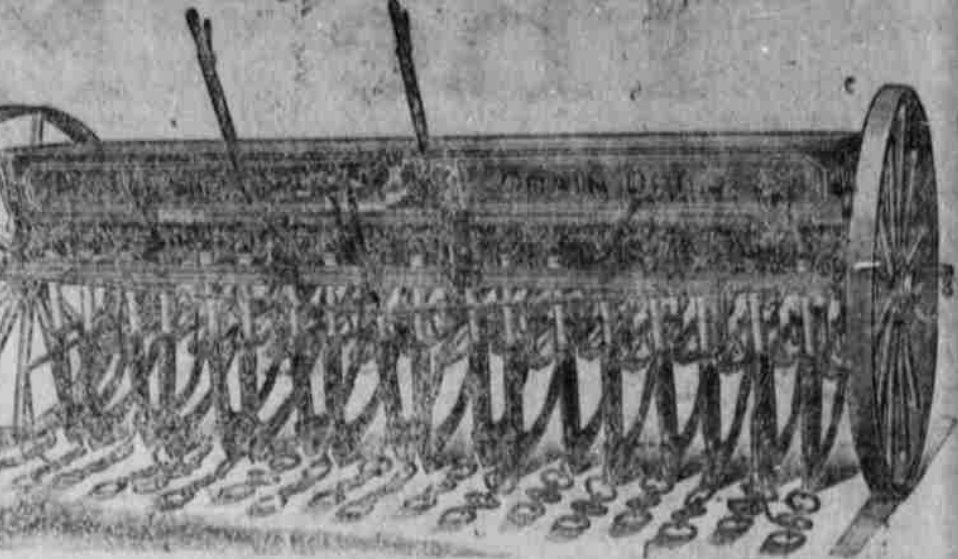
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**Notice to Contractors.**

Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications and estimates for a Bridge and abutments across Willow Creek, on county road at Madras, Crook county, Oregon, will be received by the County Court of Crook county, Oregon, up to 10 o'clock a. m. October 15, 1904.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all plans or specifications. Dated this 10th day of September, 1904.  
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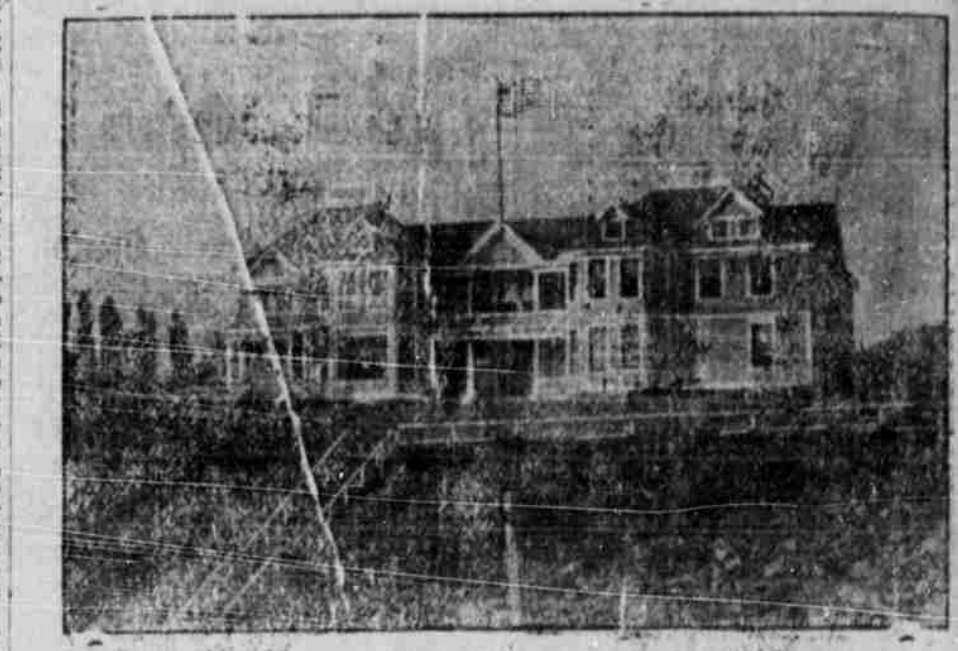
**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
 United States Land Office,  
 The Dalles, Ore., August 20, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by G. L. Paxton, of Oregon City, Oregon, contestant, against homestead entry No. 10,416, made February 25, 1902, for SW quarter SE quarter, SE quarter SW quarter, Sec. 7, and the NW quarter NE quarter, NE quarter NW quarter, Sec. 18, Township 19 S., Range 14 E., W. M., by John Johnson, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said John Johnson has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said tract not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that said party has never established residence upon said tract; that he has built no house nor made any improvements upon the land and that such failures on the part of the contestee are not due to service in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 31, 1904, before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, who is authorized to take the testimony in the case at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the above date, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 14, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Ore.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed August 20, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN,  
 Register.  
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