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INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

The public land investigation continues and it is quite certain that the "house-cleaning" begun in that department of the government is to be thorough. Land frauds are being investigated in all of the western states, and an army of special agents is gathering evidence upon which prosecutions will be based. The success of the government's efforts to unearth the frauds in this state and prosecute the guilty will have the effect of stimulating to greater effort those who are pursuing the investigations in other states. And, the example set by the jurise of Oregon, whom neither the powerful influence nor political prominence of the accused could swerve from the performance of their duty as citizens, will have a most salutary effect in all the other trials.

In this state it is said that an investigation of fraudulent homestead entries is now under way in Umatilla county, and that all fences upon government lands will also be torn down. It is estimated that 50 miles of fencing will be torn down in the southern part of that county, and that numerous homestead entries will be cancelled as a result of the visit of the inspectors. Photographs of "residences" have been taken, and these forwarded to Washington. In many places shacks worth only \$5 or \$10 are holding valuable claims upon which no other improvements are made. The government does not require of those who enter homesteads that they build mansions upon the land, nor does it specify the character of a structure they must erect, but before it can be called a permanent residence it must be habitable at all seasons of the year, and many of the houses in which a residence is claimed upon homesteads do not cover this requirement.

FINE PIECE OF GRADING

Archie Mason, the Oregon railroad contractor, who has just finished the grading work for the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad, 16 miles from Tipton to Austin, over heavy mountain grades, can be congratulated upon having done one of the best pieces of work this or any other state has ever seen, says the Baker City Democrat.

General Superintendent Joseph Barton is enthusiastic over this piece of grading and yesterday sent the last bunch of rails to the front which will be laid into Austin early next week. Fifty more of the graders arrived down from the front yesterday, making about 100 in all who have come out in the past 48 hours.

When this piece of road is put in operation, which will now be in a very short time, it will save to the public over the old-fashioned way of travelling by stage from Sumpter nearly a week's time on a trip to Canyon and Burns and three or four days' time on a similar trip from Tipton.

H. W. Turner, administrator of the Derham estate, has been in town several days during the week.

The Hallowe'en Dance.

A very pleasant Hallowe'en dance was given at the new Malloy Building on Tuesday evening, an unusually large number of young people from Madras and the surrounding communities being present. A splendid floor and good music added greatly to the pleasure of the dancers, of whom there are probably 35 couples. The lower room of the Malloy building was tastefully decorated in evergreens, with here and there cornstalks and several "Jack o' lanterns," so inseparable from the occasion. A "pumpkin pie" supper was served during the evening, after which the dancers tripped the light fantastic until about three o'clock in the morning.

The Public School Opens.

The Madras school opened on Monday morning with Professor Fulton and Miss Smith as the teachers, and a large number of pupils being present. For the first day or so it was necessary for all of the grades to occupy one room, the new building being not quite completed, but this was all comfortably arranged by Wednesday, when the different grades took their places in the different rooms. New desks have been provided for the new room, adding greatly to the comfort of the pupils, who were somewhat crowded in the old desks. In all of the departments of the school there are about 63 pupils enrolled at this time, and this number will be considerably increased during the month.

The Rev. Jinnett, of Prineville, attended the morning services at this place last Sunday, the Rev. Walton Skipworth, presiding elder, delivering the sermon. Mr. Jinnett was accompanied to Prineville by Mr. Skipworth, who preached there in the evening.

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"	2:25 p.m.	Gilberts	11:39 a.m.
"	2:39 p.m.	Sinks	11:10 a.m.
"	2:59 p.m.	Waseo	11:00 a.m.
"	3:12 p.m.	Klondyke	10:45 p.m.
"	3:18 p.m.	Summit	10:40 a.m.
"	3:35 p.m.	Hay C Je	10:24 a.m.
"	3:36 p.m.	Medonalds	10:22 a.m.
"	3:45 p.m.	DeMoss	10:05 a.m.
"	3:50 p.m.	Moro	9:55 a.m.
"	4:08 p.m.	Erskinville	9:37 a.m.
"	4:29 p.m.	Gives Valley	9:25 a.m.
"	4:55 p.m.	Bourbon	8:50 a.m.
"	5:11 p.m.	Kent	8:40 a.m.
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