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THURSDAY October 18, 1906

HOME FROM MINES

J. W. Robinson and R. Baird Came Back Without Locating Claims.

J. W. Robinson and R. Baird returned last Sunday from the Lake county gold fields, where they spent the past month prospecting. They prospected the hills in the neighborhood of the rich strike there pretty thoroughly, but returned without making any locations, all of the ground which appeared worth taking having already been plastered with location notices.

In spite of the reported stampede to the Lake county gold fields, Mr. Robinson says that there are at this time probably less than 150 men in the Coyote Hills, and that there is no great mining excitement on there, although it is true that a large area of land has been staked off and located.

Mr. Robinson had the misfortune to meet with a very painful accident while prospecting in the hills. His shoes were worn smooth with much walking, and while climbing over some boulders his feet slipped from under him, precipitating him into the rocks below, and inflicting some very painful cuts and bruises on his face and head.

Wood Wanted

About ten cords of good juniper wood, cut in 16-inch lengths. Will pay \$4.50 cash per cord. Apply at the Pioneer office.

Dishes as prizes will be given away with cash purchases next week at the People's Big Store.

George Couch, the Laidlaw liveryman, was in town Sunday evening, driving the party of government engineers who are measuring the streams of this locality.

Two hundred and fifty sportsmen will participate in a big rabbit drive on Blacklock Island in the Columbia, next Saturday. The sportsmen, who will come from Spokane, Portland, Walla Walla and small towns along the O. R. & N. railroad, will be the guests of Dr. Blalock, who has arranged to have two steamers meet the shooters at Coyote and carry them across the river to the island.

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To Prevent Winter Killing.

Last Spring, after the effects of the freeing weather in March were fully apparent, the majority of the fall sown fields being seriously injured on account of winter killing, the Pioneer published an article about a field of grain that did not freeze out, and pointed out that it had been planted with a press drill. The press drill makes a little trench like a wagon track directly over the seed and compacts the soil about it quite firmly.

The inference drawn at that time was that the trench caught the snow and that the snow protected the tender grain shoots during the cold snap. The field referred to was that of F. E. Rodman, located about four and one-half miles south of town. The Rodman crop made a splendid growth up to the time when the parching drouth began, when it, with others, was withered and burned simply because of the lack of soil moisture.

Mr. H. W. Campbell's manual on soil culture throws a great deal of light on this very point and satisfies us that the press drill did save the Rodman crop from winter killing, but for different reasons than those to which we attributed it at that time.

There are two essential points to be noted in this connection, which have been established by experiments made by Mr. Campbell and Prof. F. H. King, of the University of Wisconsin, as well as other eminent students of the soil:

First, compressing the soil gives it the power to draw moisture from the subsoil below very much greater than that of loose soil.

Second, the presence of moisture in soil where the roots of young grain or other plants are growing prevents winter killing, for the reason that the

moisture draws out the frost during the thaw.

The compacting of the soil in the seed trench in the Rodman field was good as far as it went. So long as there was plenty of moisture it drew it to the roots, and carried it safely through freezing, and carried it safely through the drouth period. But after that time the crop would have been better off without the surface compression. For exhaustive tests have shown that a compact surface soil is the worst possible condition when it is desired to keep the moisture from evaporating. The reason is this. The compressed surface still retains its power for drawing water from the soil beneath, and when the drouth begins all the moisture in the ground is quickly drawn up past the roots to the surface and evaporates, leaving the root bed without sufficient moisture to develop the crop.

It would appear from this that to save a crop from winter killing to compress the surface with a heavy roller would suffice. So far so good. But this is no more than done, when the drouth begins and the packed surface is the last thing desired.

Here is where the sub-surface packer comes in. It was these conditions that Mr. Campbell met successfully when he conceived the idea of sub-surface packing. He holds the moisture at the roots of the crops and prevents winter killing. With a dust mulch on top, he holds the moisture in the packed soil about the roots during the drouth, and has so solved the problem of growing crops where winter killing and drouth are the greatest obstacles to contend with.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Or., October 18, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Charles P. Peebler, of Haystack, Ore., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:

Homestead entry No 8683, made Nov. 21, 1900, for the e half sw quarter, s half se quarter, sec 27, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w 1 m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H H Cook and E A Jenkins, of Madras, Oregon, and E Banks and I L Hale, of Haystack, Oregon.

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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 18, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Asher McCollum, of Ashwood, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:

Homestead entry No 8842 made Dec. 29, 1900, for the e half sw quarter, sw quarter sw quarter of sec 29 and nw quarter nw quarter of sec 32, tp 10 s, r 15 e, w 1 m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: C P Maupin, James Wood, Fred McCollum and A W Grater, all of Ashwood, Oregon.

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