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THE "SOONERS"

Much confusion arose out of the mad scramble for timber claims at the opening of the Fremont Reserve tract south of us, last Fall, and a number of contests are still pending in the Lakeview district between the timber entrymen and the "squatters", who under the provisions of the opening of that tract, secured preference rights.

Another class of contestants were those called "sooners" to whom the land office has refused a hearing. These "sooners" were said to have been placed upon the land by a man at Klamath Falls, in advance of the date upon which settlement was permitted under the terms of the opening. The "sooners" did not join in the rush when the land office opened for receiving filings, but later went in and attempted to establish their claims by a preference right. The land office rejected their applications and refused them a hearing, and the matter is now pending on their appeal. These "sooners"—so-called because they go upon the land in advance of the opening day—have never had any standing in the land department in any of the Government's former land openings, and rightly not.

IN MEMORY OF COL. JUDSON

The large delegation of prominent citizens to be sent from Oregon to the Salt Lake Dry Farming congress the last week in January is one of the most realistic tributes to the memory of Colonel R. C. Judson, the late industrial agent of the O. R. & N., that could be conceived of.

Ten years ago Colonel Judson began talking dry farming, corn planting, deeper plowing and better cultivation to the farmers of Umatilla county. At first they laughed at the idea, but gradually they began to think seriously about it.

Finally the time came when Umatilla county saw 1000 acres of excellent corn growing in her wheat belt. Then she saw plows sinking down from a two inch furrow to six and seven inches deep. Then she saw disks, cultivators and harrows running over the summer-fallow, killing the weeds and packing the ground to conserve the soil forces, and then she saw, marvel of marvels, the worthless land of the northwest part of the county, spring into first place as 35-bushel wheat land worth all the way from \$40 to \$75 per acre.

This is the history of "dry farming" in Umatilla county.—East Oregonian.

PREDICTS COLD WEATHER

Henry Dietzel, our local weather prognosticator, predicts a hard spell of cold weather for this section beginning on February 3, and continuing with more or less severity for two weeks following that date. The new moon makes its appearance on that date, and the cold weather will follow with the increasing moon. A prophet, and especially a weather prophet, may not be without honor except in his own country, but Mr. Dietzel

has acquired quite a local reputation as a forecaster. He predicted the Chinook and thaw the first of the year, following the short cold spell, and the Chinook was only 24 hours late. It might be a pious idea to lay in a good supply of fuel, in anticipation of the February cold snap.

FRED WILSON A CANDIDATE

In another column appears the announcement of Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles as a candidate at the primaries on April 17 next, for the Republican nomination to the office of District Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District, composed of Wasco and Crook counties. Mr. Wilson is a prominent young attorney of The Dalles, being a member of the firm of Menefee & Wilson, and is well qualified in every way to creditably discharge the duties of the important office to which he aspires. He has many warm personal friends throughout Crook County, and especially in this section of the county, who will heartily support him in his candidacy.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

The state Press Association has become the State Editorial Association, the name having been changed with the adoption of a new set of by-laws at the recent Portland meeting. The sessions of the association were completed last Friday, after a most successful meeting from which much benefit is expected to accrue to the newspapers throughout the state. Among the important matters which had the attention of the press association was the present libel law, and a committee was appointed to frame a new libel law which the next legislature will be asked to enact. This action on the part of the state association arose directly out of the recent interpretation of the libel law by Judge Hanna of Jacksonville, in the libel suit against the editor of the Medford Tribune, which decision was condemned by the press throughout the state. Another matter of importance to the newspapers was a committee to formulate a schedule for a uniform scale of prices for all kinds of advertising and job printing.

The railroads running into Portland predict a larger colonist movement to the Northwest this year as a result of the reduced rates than occurred in 1907, when in March, April, September and October 27,000 settlers came to the Pacific Northwest. This figure did not include those who came by way of Puget Sound points, estimated at 5000, and which would increase the total to 32,000 new settlers. During the present year the colonist rates go into effect on March 1st, and from Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, Winnipeg and Duluth, and all the territory surrounding those points, tickets can be secured to any railroad point in Oregon for only \$30. Through these special colonist rates the railroads of the Northwest are doing a great work in bringing into this state and Washington a good class of settlers. Most of those who take advantage of the rates remain, or else, after returning to their homes and disposing of their property come back to the Northwest, bringing others with them, spreading the gospel of mild climate and many advantages awaiting the homeseeker in the Pacific Northwest. Persons desiring to send information to relatives and friends in the East can secure such information as they desire from any O. R. & N. agent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For District Attorney

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District at the coming primaries. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully as the law provides.
 FRED W. WILSON,
 The Dalles, Or.

To the Republican voters of the 7th Judicial District:
 I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support.
 W. P. MYERS,
 Laidlaw, Oregon.

A bill has been introduced in Congress, giving a second homestead to all who have previously filed upon a homestead but who were unable to prosecute the entry to final proof by reason of some unavoidable complication in their personal affairs or because of the character of the land embraced in the former entry. Similar laws giving a second homestead right have been enacted in the past, and the present bill, if it becomes a law, will extend the benefit to those former entrymen who have lost their homesteads since the previous second homestead laws were passed. The bill does not extend the benefit to those entrymen who have disposed of their former entries for a valuable consideration, and entries made under the second homestead law cannot be commuted. The present bill will doubtless become a law.

Farmers on Agency Plains, in Crook County, raised a million bushels of wheat last season and have marketed part of it, paying 24 cents a bushel to haul it to Shaniko, forty-five miles, and 11 cents to have it taken by train to Portland. Yet, so it is reported, they made a profit on the crop. With suitable transportation facilities they would produce four times that quantity. Mr. Hill has observed the opportunity and is going after the business. Mr. Harriman is probably watching for another Alton opportunity.—Oregonian.



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- Madras, Feb. 22d

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