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THE NEW LAND POLICY

Settlers Will Be Presumed to Be Honest
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MORE LIBERAL THAN HITCHCOCK RULING

Secretary Garfield Will Extend Aid of
the Government to Bona Fide
Homestead Settlers

Secretary Garfield of the Interior Department, of whose department the General Land Office is a branch, has announced a more liberal policy towards honest settlers upon government land, in his report to Congress. Mr. Garfield makes it plain that it shall be the policy of the department to so interpret the public land laws as to actually aid every bona fide entryman who is endeavoring to establish a home on the public domain. He holds that the land laws were enacted for that purpose, and so long as the law is not abused, he intends that entrymen shall enjoy its privileges, and so long as he acts in good faith, the settler shall have the aid and encouragement of representatives of the department. Mr. Garfield's report shows that there has been, or will be, a radical change in the manner of conducting the Interior Department with reference to land matters.

The press dispatches, in dealing with Secretary Garfield's report, state that the Secretary is proceeding on the theory that every man is honest, or will be presumed so, until proved otherwise, and that the strict interpretation of the law as applied by Secretary Hitchcock, his predecessor, has been abandoned. Under Secretary Hitchcock a strict interpretation of the land laws was applied, and violations of the land laws were vigorously prosecuted when fraud was found. It was under Secretary Hitchcock that the vast land frauds in Oregon and other public land states were unearthed, and the disclosures that were made in the land fraud investigations justified the rigorous policy of the secretary, which

was generally approved by that part of the public which believed that the land laws were being used as a medium for colossal frauds against the government. It is doubtless true that a number of innocent entrymen suffered along with the guilty, but the land frauds of the West received such a check as had never been applied before under any administration of the Interior Department.

Secretary Garfield's report indicates no less desire to prevent frauds being perpetrated under the land laws, but by a closer supervision through field agents he expects to arrive at the same end, that of preventing frauds under the land laws, while at the same time the honest entryman will have no hardship imposed upon him, but on the other hand will have the aid and encouragement of the department in his efforts at home-building. With a sufficient appropriation from Congress to enable the department to keep a sufficient force in the field, the policy can doubtless be carried out as outlined.

REGARDING ISOLATED TRACTS

Some time ago by a ruling of the land office, all applications for isolated tracts were required to be made in person by the applicant at the land office. Commissioner Osborn, however, is just in receipt of notice that hereafter such applications may be made before him, or before any officer qualified to administer oaths in land matters.

Applicants for Isolated Tracts must show by their affidavits, corroborated by two witnesses, that the land contains no salines, coal or other minerals; the amount, kind and value of timber or stone thereon; whether the land is occupied, and if so, the nature of the occupancy; for what purpose the land is chiefly valuable; why it is desired that same be sold; that applicant desires to purchase the land for his own individual use and occupancy and not for speculative purposes, and that he has not heretofore purchased isolated tracts, the area of which, when added to the tract now applied for, will exceed 160 acres.

MILL CLOSES DOWN

The flooring mill operated by the Madras Milling Company at this place closed down the first of the week, and it is announced that the operation of the mill will be suspended for a month or more, while a number of needed changes are made in the milling machinery. Mr. Diezel states that the company expects to have the mill running again within a month, when they expect to continue making "Madras Flour" and the other products of the mill without further interruption.

The Madras Milling Company has on hand a supply of wheat which taxes their warehouse room to its capacity, and while the mill is shut down, they will not be in position to receive any more wheat.

R. F. D. PATRONS SHOULD BUY STAMPS

Postmaster Davis desires to call attention to the practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them on the service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

CONTRACT GRAIN SACKS

Farmers of the Walla Walla Valley, in Washington, closed a deal last Saturday for their grain sacks for the 1908 harvest, the number of sacks contracted for amounting to about 1,400,000, and the price being 7 and 3-8 cents, delivered at any station in Walla Walla county. This is 3 and 5-8 cents lower than the price they paid last year, and the farmers estimate that they have saved \$50,000. The Calcutta grain-sacks were purchased from Kerr, Gifford & Co. of Portland, who were the lowest bidders. One tenth of the purchase price was paid down, the balance to be paid upon delivery of the sacks, between June 15 and August 1. The deal for the sacks was made by the farmers' union, and it will doubtless stimulate interest in the organization.

LIGHT FOR CROOK CITIES

H. V. Gates to Install \$150,000 Plant at
Lava Falls on Deschutes

NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDER WAY

Will Generate Current to Supply
Light and Power for Prineville,
Bend, Laidlaw and Redmond

Prineville, Or., Feb. 3.—H. V. Gates of Hillboro, president of the Prineville Light & Water company and several other lighting plants throughout the state, has given out that construction of an immense power plant at Lava Falls, on the Deschutes, six miles south of Bend, will begin in the early Spring. The plant is to be completed within a year. It is to cost \$150,000 and will serve the towns of Bend, Laidlaw, Redmond and Prineville with a 24-hour current for lighting and other purposes. The company expects to secure 2000 horse-power at Lava Falls.

Negotiations between Mr. Gates and F. S. Stanley of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, which has filed on the water right there, are now under way. The company has agreed to transfer to Mr. Gates all the water necessary for the project, reserving an amount necessary for the reclamation of its segregation.

POSSIBILITIES OF DRY FARMING

J. M. Patterson of The Dalles, who was a delegate from Wasco county to the Dry Farming Congress, said upon his return from the sessions of the congress:

"I am more than ever impressed with the possibilities of dry farming. I believe, in common with other members of the dry farming congress as well as some representatives of irrigation, that dry farming is destined in a great measure to do away with irrigation. Not that present irrigated tracts will be given over to arid farming, but that tracts where heretofore it has been thought nothing could be induced to grow without irrigation will be made to yield. The system of irrigation is so expensive that, if carried on under scientific principles, the farm where irrigation is not used can be made to pay a larger percentage on the investment than the irrigated land. This is why scientific dry farming will supercede irrigation. In the arid zone where the congress was held, all sorts of cereals, fruits and vegetables were on display, all grown upon arid lands. Of course they were not grown in a haphazard way, but by paying attention to scientific principles as fine products were grown as ever took root in irrigated soil.

LARGEST WHEAT POINT

Condon claims to be the largest primary shipping point for wheat in the United States, that Gilliam county town having, during the present year, shipped one million three hundred thousand bushels. Last year the honor was held by Ritzville, Washington, which shipped a million and a quarter bushels. It is estimated that Gilliam county this year produced two and a half million bushels of grain.

With a railroad through this section of Central Oregon, Condon will have to look out for her honors, for the section of country tributary to Madras alone is capable of producing annually between four and five million bushels of grain. This year the production did not exceed one million bushels, because the nearest shipping point is Shaniko, a distance of 45 miles and the acreage in wheat has been restricted on that account.

WOMAN APPOINTED U.S. COMMISSIONER

There is only one United States Commissioner in the State of Oregon who is a woman, and she was appointed today. Her name is Grace Frizzel, of Fossil, Wheeler County.

Although she is the only woman commissioner in the state at this time, there have been a few other women to hold that position. One of her most famous predecessors in office was Marie Ware, of land-fraud fame, who was commissioner at Eugene.

The duties of a commissioner, it is thought by Federal authorities, may be performed by a woman equally well as by a man. The appointment was made this morning in the Federal Court of this city.—Portland Telegram.

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