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THURSDAY - NOV. 19, 1908

"A STITCH IN TIME"

A petition is being circulated among farmers of this district addressed to the County Court and asking for a rigid enforcement of the law for the extermination of noxious weeds. The law should be enforced, to prevent the weed problem from assuming proportions which would be a serious menace to the farming industry in this end of the county. So far the spread of the weeds has been confined to a limited area, many of the districts in this end of the county being practically free from noxious weeds, but unless prompt action is taken to prevent the further spread of the weeds, the problem will be one which will have to be dealt with throughout this end of the county. A majority of the land-owners fight the weeds and prevent their spread, but the trouble is with non-resident owners who know nothing of the weeds on their land, and another class who are too shiftless to care, and from these places the seeds are carried to the adjoining lands. The county has a remedy in such cases and should act. No one else has authority.

The county authorities made a start at enforcing the law this Fall, but there was some complaint, on the ground that the work was done too late in the season, as the seeds had ripened on the weeds. There is an almost unanimous desire that the law be enforced, but the question should be given some study and the remedy applied at the proper time.

RECALLS THE BLOWING WELL

The loss of the water in the well at Mrs. Adams' homestead recalls a similar occurrence in Madras several years ago, when it was thought the whole flat was being "drained." Frank Loveland was sinking a well on a lot just back of The Pioneer office, and although he had plenty of water at about 25 feet, drilled deeper for the purpose of securing water from a lower level. When the well was something over a hundred feet deep, the drill broke through a crevice and all the water in the well immediately disappeared. It could be heard at the surface trickling down into the crevice at the bottom of the well.

About this time a number of wells in the flat began to fail, some of them for the first time, and as the water in all the wells in town, and especially on the side of town in which the Loveland well was located, began to run short, there was a chorus of complaints that the Loveland well was draining the water supply from which the wells in the flat were fed. Water became so scarce in these wells and the fear of a water famine so great, that finally Mr. Loveland "plugged" the well above the crevice, sealing the bottom of it with cement. The wells in town continued low for some time, but the usual increased supply came with the Fall weather, and the incident was forgotten.

Another peculiarity of the Loveland well was the strong current of air which blew alternately in and out of the drilled hole. When blowing out it was so strong a current

that it would lift a hat or any light object placed over the top of the well. This peculiarity was never explained.

AN IMPORTANT TRANSACTION

The purchase by the Harriman interests for the sum of \$2500 of a right-of-way across the Willis W. Brown property on the Deschutes, following so closely upon the announcement of General Manager O'Brien that the Deschutes line would be built to Madras, appears to set at rest any doubts that might have existed as to the intention of the Harriman people to build that line. Mr. Harriman has been surveying lines into Central Oregon for a good many years, but he has not been buying right-of-way along these surveys, and there lies the difference in the Deschutes line to Madras, the survey of which has just been completed.

The price paid was doubtless not out of proportion to the damage done to a valuable piece of land, so the purchase appears to be a bona fide transaction, for the purpose of securing a right-of-way for the projected railroad into Central Oregon. This view of it is strengthened by the fact that the purchase of this right-of-way by the Harriman interests across the Brown tract cannot block the Oregon Trunk Line at that point, as there is plenty room for both lines. Even if there were not, the Canyon Act would prevent either line from monopolizing a narrow pass to the exclusion of a competing line.

"DRY FARMERS" MADE GOOD

East Oregonian
Plans are now being made for the third Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, which will be held in Cheyenne, Wyo., February 23, 24 and 25, next, and will be a convention of international importance. While this is in a sense a new organization its importance as an economic movement is easily estimated from the fact that when the irrigation water has all been impounded statistics show that one-ninth of the available and well located agricultural land. Even the most skeptical critics of the effort to populate the unirrigated lands are now beginning to admit that in the face of their constant claims that failure would surely follow attempts at so-called "dry farming", the crops from unirrigated farms—both experimental and operative—have "made good" the claims of the "dry farmers."

A Good Clubbing Offer

We have arranged for a clubbing rate with the publishers of Campbell's Scientific Farmer and are able to offer it to our subscribers for only 50 cents in addition to the subscription price of the Pioneer. This offer applies to both new subscriptions and renewals of old subscriptions. The Scientific Farmer is edited by Mr. H. W. Campbell, the originator of what is known as the "Campbell system" of dry farming. His magazine is filled with useful information for the farmer in sections where the rainfall is deficient or irregular, and every farmer in this section should be a subscriber. The regular subscription price is \$1 per year.

[Not Coal Land]
HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 11, 1908. Notice is hereby given that

WILLIAM O. RALSTON,
of Culver, Oregon, who, on June 9, 1902, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 01451] No. 11044, for the w¹/₂ sec 7, tp 13 s, r 13 e, w 1 m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 22nd day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Robert C Osborn, William Barner, Thomas Alderlyce, Joseph R Mendenhall, all of Culver, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE, Register.

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HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 14, 1908. Notice is hereby given that

GEORGE M. GOULD,
of Madras, Oregon, who, on March 4, 1902, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 01376] No. 10443, for sw¹/₄ sec 2, tp 19 s, r 13 e, w 1 m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 29th day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Walter Williams, William Harper, Miles Fox, Julius Larsen, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

STATE SELECTION. Notice for Publication. United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, September 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that State of Oregon has filed in this office its application, Serial No. 0893, to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary thereto, the w¹/₂ sec 35, tp 11 s, r 13 e, W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 14th day of December, 1908.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

NELSON KILLINGBECK,
of Madras, Oregon, who, on October 22, 1904, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 01470] No. 13877, for n¹/₂ sec 12, e¹/₂ sec 14, w¹/₂ sec 1, tp 12 s, r 12 e, w 1 m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 22nd day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
James H Davis, George H Killingbeck, William G Killingbeck, George Feulner, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

CHARLES R. HAYS,
of Madras, Oregon, who, on November 14, 1903, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 01491] No. 13060, for w¹/₂ sec 13, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w 1 m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 23rd day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Miles Fox, Sterling P Loving, A D Anderson, William H Cook, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 7, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that
WALTER R. RUBLE,
Guardian of Lucy V. Ruble,

of Culver, Oregon, who, on June 21, 1902, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 01304] No. 11137, for the w¹/₂ sec 14, w¹/₂ sec 14 and w¹/₂ sec 23, tp 13 s, r 13 e, w 1 m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk, at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 22nd day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Jesse L Windom, James T Robinson, George W Dodson, Charles L Lowther, all of Culver, Oregon.

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