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TEXT OF THE MONDELL DRY-FARMING ACT

320-Acre Dry Land Claims Allowed
With A Number Of Re-
quirements

Following is the text of the Mondell dry farming act, approved February 19, 1909, and providing for enlarged homesteads of 320 acres:

"An act to provide for an enlarged homestead:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States may enter, by legal subdivisions, under the provisions of this act, in the states of Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, 320 acres, or less, of nonmineral, nonirrigable, unreserved and unappropriated surveyed public lands which do not contain merchantable timber, located in a reasonably compact body, and not over 1 1/2 miles in extreme length: Provided, that no lands shall be subject to entry under the provisions of this act until such lands shall have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as not being, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

"Sec. 2. That any person applying to enter lands under the provisions of this act shall make and subscribe before the proper officer an affidavit as required by section 2290 of the Revised Statutes and in addition thereto shall make affidavit that the land sought to be entered is of the character described in section 1 of this act, and shall pay the fees now required to be paid under the homestead laws.

"Sec. 3. That any homestead entryman of lands of the character herein described, upon which final proof has not been made, shall have the right to enter public lands, subject to the provisions of this act, contiguous to his former entry, which shall not, together with the original entry, exceed 320 acres, and residence upon and cultivation of the original entry shall be deemed as residence upon and cultivation of the additional entry.

"Sec. 4. That at the time of making final proofs, as provided in section 2291 of the Revised Statutes the entryman under this act shall, in addition to the proofs and affidavits required under the said section, prove by two credible witnesses that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in his entry was continuously cultivated to agricultural crops other than native grasses beginning with the second year of the entry, and that at least one-fourth of the area embraced in the entry was so continuously cultivated, beginning with the third year of the entry.

"Sec. 5. That nothing herein contained shall be held to affect the right of a qualified entryman to make homestead entry in the states named in section 1 of this act under the provisions of section 2289 of the Revised Statutes, but no person who has made entry under this act shall be entitled to make homestead entry under the provisions of said section, and no entry made under this act shall be commuted.

PAYING \$1 PER BUSHEL FOR MILLING WHEAT

The Question Of Supply And Demand
"Boosts" Prices In The
Interior Market

Good milling wheat is selling for \$1.00 per bushel at Prineville, and the farmers who held their grain are patting themselves on the back for their foresight. The trouble is, however, that there is not much wheat in this section to be sold, even at that price. Last year's crop was a short one and the bulk of it was sold earlier in the season at Shaniko and Prineville for prices very much lower than those obtainable now. In fact the larger portion of it sold at Shaniko brought in the neighborhood of 74 cents, from which must be deducted 24 cents for hauling it out to the railroad.

The outside price is not affecting the price in this section, the question of supply and demand being entirely responsible for the high local price. The visible supply in Crook county is getting very short, and millers and others who will have to have wheat have boosted the price to the present point in order to get it. The price of \$1 per bushel at Prineville is equivalent to 85 cents at Madras, as it costs about 15 cents per bushel to get it hauled to that point.

RAILROAD AND GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS CONFER

Trying To Adjust Deschutes Canyon Question

Washington, March 21.—It is understood that Supervising Engineer D. C. Henny, of the Reclamation Service, will leave immediately for Oregon to confer with Harriman engineers and engineers of the proposed Oregon Trunk Line, and endeavor to adjust the question of railroad right of way through the Deschutes canyon.

Henny, who has personal knowledge of the Deschutes situation, is already in possession of ample facts to enable him to adjust this matter with the railroad engineers if they will agree to terms satisfactory to the Government.

THE FARMERS UNION AFTER MIDDLE MAN

Spokane, Wash., March 19.—Co-operation among producers, which will do away with middle men in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is being planned by the Farmers' Union of the prairie country, states a Nez Perce, Idaho, dispatch to the Chronicle. It is understood the farmers, working through their unions, expect to establish trade centers where produce will be sold direct to consumers or exporters or traded for the products of other sections. Washington and Idaho farmers can trade their wheat and other produce for the fruits of California or the bacon and canned goods of the Middle West. It is stated plans are outlined for the organization of practically all the producing districts West of the Mississippi to eliminate commission dealers and middle men.

BOOT-LEGGERS ARE BEING PROSECUTED

William Morton pleaded guilty this afternoon in Justice J. A. Douthitt's court on the charge of selling liquor in prohibitive territory and paid a fine of \$100, says a dispatch from The Dalles.

For some time, District Attorney Fred W. Wilson and Sheriff Levi Chrisman have known that liquor was being sold at Celilo which is in a dry precinct. Both county officials have worked diligently on the case for several weeks, endeavoring to collect sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of the offender and they succeeded in their fight to see that the laws regarding the sale of liquor were enforced, finally getting the required evidence to convict Morton.

WORK STARTED ON COW CANYON ROAD

Work was started last Thursday on the Cow Canyon road and will be prosecuted vigorously until the proposed improvements are completed. The principal work will be at a point in the new road opposite the horn, where a roadway will be blasted through the basalt rock at the bottom of the canyon.

The work is in charge of D. A. Howell of Shaniko, who has considerable experience in road building, and who is giving the work his personal attention.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Tax Money Coming In

Tax collections at the sheriff's office office up to date amount to about \$80,000. This leaves a balance uncollected of \$40,000. Money came in so fast that it was found impossible to check up the roll with the remittances, and yesterday was still the 15th in the tax collecting department. The roll will be caught up with today or tomorrow. Taxes become delinquent the first Monday in April.—Prineville Review.

Securing Right-of-Way Options

J. B. Eddy, right-of-way man for the O. R. & N. Co., arrived in Redmond last Sunday evening. He secured options on several pieces of land along the company's survey, lying between Redmond and Trail Crossing. The price stipulated in the options is \$100 per acre for the land that the company actually uses for its right-of-way. Mr. Eddy intimated that his company would be willing to pay that price for the land taken. He left Tuesday night for Portland.

This would indicate that the Harriman interests are rather confident that their survey up the Deschutes will be approved by the government.—Bend Bulletin.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE WAS VOTED DOWN

The School Meeting Last Saturday Declares Against School Improvements

At the school meeting in the Madras district held last Saturday afternoon at the schoolhouse, the proposition of making improvements in the present facilities of the school, and to erect a new building or enlarge the old one, was voted down by those in attendance at the meeting. Owing to the disagreeable weather there was not a large attendance at the meeting, but the opponents of the proposed improvements appear all to have been there, as the vote was overwhelmingly against both propositions.

The first proposition submitted was that of issuing bonds in the district and building a new schoolhouse at a cost of about \$3000. This proposition was defeated, and the proposition of adding on to the present school building, so as to afford more room for the growing school, was then submitted, and met a like fate.

The school directors of the Madras district are wondering how they are going to provide quarters for the school next year, when at least one new room will be required. The present building has only three rooms and these are badly crowded. One of them, for instance, the primary department, has 61 pupils, all under one teacher. The intermediate grades are almost as badly crowded, and they are also under one teacher. It is absolutely impossible under these conditions for the teachers to secure the efficiency in these grades which they desire, and it is imperative that next year one or two teachers be added to the corps. Since the voters at last Saturday's meeting have declared against any improvements in the school building, it is up to the directors to provide rooms for four or five teachers in the present three-room building.

ED KUTCHER DEAD-- WAS PIONEER SETTLER

Well Known Citizen Passes Away At Prineville--Death Due To Heart Failure

Ed Kutcher, one of the pioneer settlers of this section of the county, died at Prineville yesterday morning. Although he had been a sufferer from asthma for some time, his condition was not known to be serious, and the news of his death came as a great shock and surprise to his many friends in this locality. He went to Prineville the last of the week to take treatment, and none of his friends at Madras knew of his serious condition until the announcement of his death reached here. His death was due to heart disease.

Mr. Kutcher was one of the best known residents of this section, of which he had been a resident for more than 30 years. Kutcher precinct, in which Madras is located, was named for him. He has resided during all the years of his residence in Crook county at his ranch near Haystack. Mr. Kutcher leaves a sister, Mrs. Brown, who has resided with him for a number of years. He has no other relatives in this county.

The funeral will be held at Prineville tomorrow. Mr. Kutcher had been a member of the Masonic order for many years and the services will be in charge of the Prineville lodge of Masons.

SHERMAN COUNTY PROVIDES DRY FARM

Sherman county is to have a dry-farming experiment station, where all modern methods of dry land farming will be tested for the benefit of the farmers of that district. At a meeting of the County Court at Morg last Saturday, an appropriation of \$20,000 was voted out of the county funds for the purpose of buying and equipping the dry farm station. Of that sum, \$7500 will be spent for buildings, implements, etc., and the balance will be invested in 320 acres to be used as the experimental farm.

In the movement to improve the methods of farming in Sherman county the federal government and the Oregon Agricultural College are co-operating. Experts from the government and Scudder for the agricultural college have assisted in selecting the site for the farm and will assist in placing the experiment station on a practical working basis. Much benefit will be derived by the farmers of Sherman county.