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FORESTS AND RAINFALL

Oregonian

A summary of the conclusions of the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, Willis L. Moore, on consideration of the relations between forests, rainfall, floods and droughts, is especially worth attention in Oregon. We believe the observations and conclusions essentially sound. The rainfall is not the product in any material, or even perceptible, degree of the forests, but the forests are produced by the rainfall. West of the Cascade Range, where the rain of the valleys is abundant and much snow falls on the higher altitudes, the timber is abundant. East of this range, where there is very little rainfall, there is no timber; but when we reach the Blue Mountains there is precipitation again; timber grows on the heights where there is heavy snowfall, and on the western foothills of the mountains, where there is considerable rainfall, the land is fertile and produces great crops. The same quantity of rain that falls in the valleys of Western Oregon, falling in the district between the Cascade Range and the Blue Mountains and east of the Blue Mountains, would soon transform that whole region, and produce abundant growth of timber all over it.

Precipitation in the Pacific States is governed mainly by ocean winds and the height and trend of our mountain ranges; in our North Pacific States almost wholly so. There is much talk about climatic changes; but they are not appreciable nor can they except during very long periods. The streams of Western Oregon do not rise higher than formerly; indeed the highest rise ever known in them was about fifty years ago. Removal of timber has made no difference in the amount of rainfall or the rapidity of the run-off. Timber must be used by man, or it is worth nothing. In Western Oregon and Western Washington we are not yet done with destruction of timber to get it out of the way, so that food may be produced; nor shall we be yet for many years. Wanton and useless destruction of timber undoubtedly should be avoided; but when one owns the land he has a right to judge how he should use his own.

A great deal of matter is put in short space and concrete form in this statement by the Chief of the Weather Bureau. It is worth close examination.

ACTIVE WARFARE CEASES

No regret will be felt over cessation of hostilities between the Hill and the Harriman forces now rushing work on the Central Oregon lines. Competition of the kind that has been in evidence since the warfare began, about six months ago, is always expensive, and in the end the public pays the bills. The reported truce has apparently been declared without in any way affecting or retarding early completion of both roads. The public is thus assured of a healthy natural competition after the lines shall be completed, and it will at the same time be relieved of the extra burden of expense that a prolonged struggle between the two companies would have entailed.

The money wasted on unnecessary construction work, while fighting for strategic points, becomes a part of the cost of the road, and a fixed charge lies against it until the end of time.

The public is seldom, if ever, taken into the confidence of the men who formulate and enforce the railroad policies of the country, but it seems probable that the hostilities in the Deschutes were abandoned for the same reason that the proposed construction of a second line to Page's Sound was supplanted by a trackage agreement over the line already constructed. The competing forces in both of these projects had shown a determination to reach their respective goals, regardless of cost; and, once having reached them, all the money spent in obstructive tactics would have been wasted. The railroads accordingly accepted the inevitable with as good a grace as possible, and undoubtedly saved a number of millions of dollars in each case. With this cessation of hostilities between the rival forces in the Deschutes, much less difficulty should be encountered in securing the prompt approval by the Government of the location maps not already passed upon.

Any ruling of the Government that would tend to retard the construction of these roads through the Deschutes Canyon would injure thousands of settlers without offering any counter advantages. The adverse criticism which has been heaped on Secretary Ballinger by the uniformed muckrakers should not and probably will not influence him in doing what is right by the people of Oregon in hastening the opening of the great Central Oregon empire.

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Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has vacated departmental order of withdrawal insofar as the same affects the withdrawal for irrigation purposes under the act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 385), for use in connection with the Deschutes and Metolius Rivers Project, Oregon, of the following described lands in the State of Oregon, and by his authority such said tracts as have not been heretofore finally restored and are not otherwise withdrawn, reserved, or appropriated, will be subject to settlement under the public land laws of the United States on and after April 12, 1910, but shall not be subject to entry during selection until May 12, 1910, at the United States Land office at The Dalles, Oregon, warning being expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun after December 29, 1909, and prior to April 12, 1910, all such settlement or occupation being forbidden.

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Tp 4 s, r 14 e, Sec 3, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, sec 20, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Tp 5 s, r 13 e, Sec 12, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, lot 7, Sec 15, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 22, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, Sec 25, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 26, e 1/2 of e 1/2, Sec 35, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, Tp 5 s, r 13 e, Sec 1, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 12, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 13, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 24, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Tp 6 s, r 14 e, Sec 7, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 15, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 18, lot 2, ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, n 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 19, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 20, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 21, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 27, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 34, e 1/2 of w 1/2, Tp 7 s, r 14 e, Sec 3, w 1/2 of ne 1/4, Sec 21, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 25, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 26, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, of ne 1/4, Tp 8 s, r 14 e, Sec 2, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 10, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 15, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 21, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 22, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 25, w 1/2 of w 1/2, Sec 32, e 1/2 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, Tp 9 s, r 14 e, Sec 5, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 7, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, Tp 9 s, r 13 e, Sec 20, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, w 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 23, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, Sec 31, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Tp 10 s, r 13 e, Sec 7, lot 3, Sec 15, ne 1/4 of nw 1/4, Tp 10 s, r 12 e, Sec 25, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, ne 1/4, Sec 30, lot 6, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Tp 11 s, r 11 e, Sec 19, w 1/2 of ne 1/4, Sec 26, n 1/2 of sw 1/4, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, Sec 28, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, e 1/2 of sw 1/4, Sec 29, ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, Tp 11 s, r 9 e, Sec 1, w 1/2 of ne 1/4.

Commissioner of the General Land Office,
FRANK PIERCE
First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Not Coal Land

HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 24, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that MARGARET GOULD, one of the heirs and for the heirs of Andrew N. Vibbert, deceased,

of Madras, Oregon, who, on June 12, 1903, made Homestead [Serial No. 02989] No. 12741, for ne 1/4 sec 12, tp 10 s, r 13 e, W. M.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 5th day of March, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:
C. C. Fox, Miles Fox, William Harper, G. I. Paxton, all of Madras, Oregon.
13-13 C. W. MOORE, Register

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MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS. See Madras State Bank.

STATE SELECTION. Notice for Publication. U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, January 7, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has filed in this office its application, Serial No. 05807, to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, The nw 1/4 sw 1/4 of sec 15, tp 9 s, r 14 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 23rd day of February, 1910.
120-124 C. W. MOORE, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 23, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

JOHN O. WOLF,

contestant, against homestead entry No. 15018, made March 16, 1906, for sec 30, tp 13 s, r 13 e, W. M., by Claude S. Wilson, co-tenant, in which it is alleged that said Claude S. Wilson has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past and that there has never been any house on said land for the past year and there has not been any improvements made on the place during the past year of any kind whatever; that said alleged absence was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 14, 1910, before H. W. Turner, a notary public at his office in Madras, Oregon, and that final hearing will hold at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 21, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed December 18, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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Not Coal Land HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 28, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that MARGARET J. BACHMANN, one of the heirs and for the heirs of Henry Bachmann, deceased, of Madras, Oregon, who, on January 20, 1905, made Homestead, [Serial No. 01736] No. 14119, for s 1/2 nw 1/4 sec 25, and s 1/2 sec 25, tp 11 s, r 12 e, W. M.

Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 8th day of February, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Fred Henskie, D. F. Arelsmeyer, M. W. Bennett, Theodore Hartnagel, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register

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