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Wait For Patents.

Of special interest to the people of this state is the reported action of Senator Carter in seeking to prevent the wholesale withdrawal of the public lands and the suspension of land entries by the Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock unless that official show the authority under which he is operating. Senator Carter, who was Commissioner of the General Land Office under President Harrison and is conversant with general land office practices, has presented a resolution in the Senate in which he says he will attempt to show, at an early date, that the Secretary of the Interior acted entirely without authority when he published an order on December 18 last, prohibiting the issuance of land patents to homestead entrymen under all laws, regardless of conditions.

The order of Secretary Hitchcock, to which exception has been taken by Senator Carter, and to which general resentment is offered by the people of this state, is presumed to have been made by that officer in harmony with that part of President Roosevelt's message in which he proposed that all homestead and other entries to public lands be investigated by special agents and duly reported on as to the regularity with which the entry was made and final proof offered, before patent shall issue to such lands.

But there are in this state many entrymen whose claims should have passed to patent for the last several months and these are involved in the general order that has been made by Secretary Hitchcock and the anxious settler must patiently put up with this additional delay until steps can be taken to hasten the same to patent or cause the Secretary of the Interior to show his authority for his action. It is understood there are more than 200 of these entrymen holding claims in the Siletz country who must wait for patent until the Interior Department is ready to issue them.

"This action on the part of Secretary Hitchcock in prohibiting the issuance of land patents to homestead entrymen under all laws by which these lands have been acquired and regardless of all conditions is but another high-handed proceeding on the part of the official head of the Interior Department in keeping with his uniform and inconsistent policy so antagonistic to this state and its interests," said a prominent land office practitioner in discussing the situation yesterday afternoon. "It so happens that Senator Carter having been General Commissioner of the Land Office under President Harrison, is acquainted with the details of the public land business and in the interest of the outraged entrymen he has taken a hand in the situation and will demand that the Secretary of the Interior at least justify his position and his rulings. The truth of the matter is Secretary Hitchcock is acting entirely without justification and has appropriated to himself rights and privileges in ordering the wholesale withdrawal of public lands, the suspension of entries to the same and an interruption in the regular routine of issuing patents to lands that should be passed to patent, that are alone vested in Congress.

More interest is taken in Land Office circles here in the proposed annulment of the timber and stone act, which has been favorably reported by the Senate public lands committee, and substituting therefore a law directing that the Government retain title to its remaining timber lands, selling only the timber at not less than appraised value. This bill will in reality create forest reserves of all unappropriated Government timber land which can never pass to private ownership and be taxed as such. An amendment to the bill has been agreed to by which 25 per cent of the money derived from the sale of the timber on these lands shall be paid to the counties in which the timber is cut as compensation for this loss in taxes.

This proposed legislation is said to be directly in the interest of the huge timberland speculators. It is maintained that the individual applicant for timber on any tract would stand but little prospect of concluding a deal for the purchase of timber in competition with such speculators as the Weyer-

hauser timber syndicate or the railroads. Under the present law, applicants for timber land are restricted to 160 acres each, a condition that makes possible the distribution of this part of the public domain among many citizens as was originally contemplated in the administration of the land laws.

In this proposed disposition of the timber on these lands, the question is suggested: What is to be done with the land after the timber has been removed? What is to be the line of demarcation between timber land and that available for entry as a homestead under the proposed new law? These and numerous other complications, it is insisted by land office attorneys, will follow any attempt to follow or substitute the present timber and stone land act. During the last few years, however, there have been made extensive entries on these lands in this state and the approximate area remaining unappropriated is unknown.—Oregonian.

The Legislature contains more than enough grandstand players.

The easy manner in which Hon. Frank Davey won out in the race for the Speakership of the House was very gratifying to his brethren of the press. Mr. Davey has plenty of energy and ability and will keep things on the move during the session.

In his inaugural message Governor Chamberlain advocates some very sensible and much-needed legislation. In fact, he says "amen" to the numerous pointers and suggestions of the state press and the various push clubs and development leagues. A governor who puts his ear to the ground occasionally is entitled to a great deal of credit.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon,
December 22, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on February 15, 1907, viz:
Charles A. Apple, et al., H. E. No. 12824, for the ne 1/4 section 1, township 9 s., range 9 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Homer G. Davies and Andrew Blom of Sellwood, Or.; Archie C. Greenman and Theodore Farrington of Heceta, Oregon.
ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon,
December 24, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Otto Eastlund of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 7157 for the purchase of the s 1/2 of ne 1/4 and e 1/2 of s 1/2 of section 18 in township 13 s., range 3 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 1907.
He names as witnesses:
George Hodges of Elk City, Oregon; James Hodges of Salado, Or.; S. J. Oglesby of Angora, Or.; Karl Linder of Portland, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said day of March, 1907.
ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

INHERITED INDIAN LAND FOR SALE AT SILETZ, OREGON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That bids will be received for the sale of the following described inherited Indian lands, situated and being in Lincoln County, Oregon, as per schedule herein set forth, to-wit:

HEIRS	SUB-DIVISIONS	Acres	Date Listed	Date Bid Opened
Louis Fuller	Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32	36	6 11 87	Nov. 5, 1906
Shasta Costa Sam	s 1/2 ne 1/4 and s 1/2 ne 1/4	21	9 9 80	" "
William Aleck	Lots 20, 29 and 30	2	7 11 "	" "
	and Lots 27 and 28	36	6 11 73.05	" "
Mary Dick, et al.	w 1/2 ne 1/4	29	6 10 80	" "
Jane Payne Bensell	w 1/2 ne 1/4 and w 1/2 se 1/4	4	11 10 100.92	" "
Bensell Orton, et al.	Lots 27, 28, 29 and 30	17	10 10 80	" "
John Logsdon	Lot 4, ne 1/4	10	10 10 "	" "
	and ne 1/4 nw 1/4 and Lot 3	18	8 10 77.35	" "
Coquelle Thompson	e 1/2 nw 1/4 nw 1/4, ne 1/4 nw 1/4 and w 1/2 nw 1/4	27	9 9 80	" "
Coquelle Thompson	w 1/2 nw 1/4 se 1/4, ne 1/4 se 1/4 and Lot 12	1	7 11 83.12	" "
Coquelle Thompson	e 1/2 se 1/4	22	9 9 80	" "
Martha G Johnson	e 1/2 se 1/4	1	7 11 20	Nov. 26, 1906
Martha G Johnson	w 1/2 se 1/4	1	7 11 "	Feb. 25, 1907
	and Lots 10 and 9	3	10 10 60	" "
Charles Johnson	Lot 9	3	10 9 "	" "
	and s 1/4 ne 1/4 and e 1/2 sw 1/4 ne 1/4	4	10 9 80	" "
Mary Harding	Lots 22 and 23	6	10 9 "	" "
	and sw 1/4 ne 1/4	7	10 9 80	" "
Robert Felix	w 1/2 nw 1/4	27	9 9 "	" "
	and ne 1/4 ne 1/4 and e 1/2 nw 1/4	28	9 9 80	" "
Louisa Gilliam	Lot 11, se 1/2, sw 1/2 se 1/2	11	9 11 "	" "
	and n 1/2 nw 1/4	14	9 11 70.36	" "
Louisa Gilliam	Lot 12 sw 1/4, se 1/4	11	9 11 "	" "
	and n 1/2 nw 1/4	14	9 11 71.50	" "
Coquelle Thompson	w 1/2 ne 1/4	32	6 10 "	" "
	and Lot 32 se 1/4	25	6 11 40	" "
Stewart Rooney	w 1/2 se 1/4 ne 1/4, sw 1/4 ne 1/4	1	7 11 80.09	" "
Stewart Rooney	ne 1/4 ne 1/4, nw 1/4 ne 1/4	1	7 11 80	" "
Stewart Rooney	Lots 27 and 28 sw 1/4	1	10 9 "	" "
	and ne 1/4 ne 1/4	12	10 9 80	" "
William Klamath	Lots 3 and 4 sw 1/4	7	10 9 83.10	" "
Edward Bensell	se 1/4 se 1/4, e 1/2 sw 1/4 se 1/4	23	8 11 "	" "
	and Lot 5 sw 1/4	24	8 11 77.80	" "
Martha Johnson	s 1/2 ne 1/4	25	9 9 80	" "
Martha Johnson	Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32	28	9 9 80	" "
Nettie West, et al.	w 1/2 w 1/2 ne 1/4	20	9 9 80	" "
	and Lots 1 and 16	19	9 9 80	" "
Anna Tecumseh	n 1/2 ne 1/4	33	9 9 "	" "
	nw 1/4	35	9 9 "	" "
	e 1/2 sw 1/4	26	9 9 80	" "
Ida Bensell	e 1/2 sw 1/4	34	6 10 80	Dec. 10, 1906
John Albert	Lots 5 and 7	16	8 10 "	March 11, 1907
	and Lots 33 and 26	28	9 10 80.43	" "
John Albert	Lot 6	8	10 "	" "
	and Lot 1	21	8 10 91.88	" "
John Albert	Lot 5 and sw 1/4 of ne 1/4	17	8 10 78.13	" "
Archie Johnson	Lots 21, 22, 27, 28	31	9 9 80	" "
King Rippan	sw 1/4 lot 8, w 1/2 lot 9, lot 16	8	10 9 "	" "
	and w 1/2 w 1/2 lot 13	9	10 9 81.57	" "
King Rippan	w 1/2 se 1/4	5	10 9 80	" "
Anna Arden	s 1/2 lot 10, lots 9 and 4	19	8 10 74.22	" "
Anna Arden	s 1/2 se 1/4 nw 1/4, ne 1/4 sw 1/4, lot 3	19	8 10 80.20	" "
Ada Arden, et al.	Lots 4, 5, 12, 13	8	10 10 80	" "
Andrew Jackson	Lots 15, 17, 20, 22, 24	27	9 10 82.73	" "
Bertha Harris, et al.	ne 1/4 nw 1/4	11	10 9 "	" "
	and se 1/4 sw 1/4	2	10 9 80	" "
Bertha Harris, et al.	nw 1/4 ne 1/4	11	10 9 "	" "
	and sw 1/4 se 1/4	2	10 9 80	" "
Mollie Hollis, et al.	sw 1/4 of ne 1/4	39	6 10 "	Dec. 21, 1906
	Lots 34 and 35 se 1/4	33	9 10 "	April 1, 1907
	Lot 2 ne 1/4	4	10 10 90	" "
Mary Callahan, et al.	s 1/2 s 1/2 se 1/4	22	9 9 "	" "
	n 1/2 ne 1/4	27	9 9 80	" "
	e 1/2 nw 1/4	27	9 9 80	" "
Henry Chapman	Lots 4 and 3	32	8 11 77.05	" "
Jane Yanner	ne 1/4 nw 1/4 and Lot 7, 9, 14, 16	27	9 10 72.90	" "
Jane Yanner	n 1/4 ne 1/4, e 1/2 sw 1/4 ne 1/4 and lot 11	27	9 10 74.96	" "
Sarah Jackson	w 1/2 sw 1/4	28	9 10 80	" "
William Umattas	w 1/2 se 1/4	11	10 10 80	" "

Said bids will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, of the various days upon which they are listed to be opened in above schedule, and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes directed to Knott C. Eggert, Superintendent, Siletz, Oregon. Envelopes containing such bids should not have noted thereon the description of the lands to which the bids relate, but there shall be noted on such envelopes the date upon which the bid is to be opened. Bidders should submit a draft on some Portland bank; otherwise remit enough to cover exchange on outside banks.
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