

EASTERN OREGON.

Vivid and Poetical Description by B. W. Hoffman.

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The great, wild plains and arid deserts of Eastern Oregon are as yet unnoticed for their agricultural richness and productive value. They lie in silent splendor, only valuable for range; the soil is mostly good, and if irrigated would team with the rankest vegetation. Where the vast sage-brush plains stretch their heated, dusty arms away to the pine-clad mountains, you are made weary by the glimmering mirage. It trembles in the morning air like a gossamer veil spread out beneath the azure heavens, and drifts away in the hazy distance like a phantom in its beauty. Here and there around among the tangled shrubbery the golden bunch-grass decks the fertile soil, only a silent invitation to the strong hand of honest toil to rupture the sod and reap the reward that ever awaits to be grasped by the patient, weary laborer. Gently sloping away, up and down incessantly, the alluvial hills roll back from the level plain to meet and greet the higher mountain. Stock range in large numbers wherever there is water, and a little spring bubbles out of the mountain side here and there, giving life and nourishment to the dear old pines, the gentle willows, and last of all but not the least, the dainty little flowers that seek the quiet, unknown dells to be born, to live, to die! The high old pine-clad mountains, nature's noble monuments, monuments that the waste and wear of ages cannot tear down, nor the storms of time efface, lift their proud, haughty heads high up into the ethereal blue. They tower in mute magnificence above the lowly vales below, where man is toiling and sweating and working beneath the burden of undeserved labor. But then, labor is sweet if we labor for those who are near and dear to us, and after all we cannot avoid looking up to their snowy summits and admiring their silent picturesqueness, even if we do so at intervals of rest in our incessant toil.

We are living in an age when the resources of a valuable country are developed with all consistent rapidity, for the spread and growth of our civilization demand it. The conscious eye of the artisan peers into the most secret caves of nature's bosom for the gems that may be there. The anxious miner upturns every rock and stone, explores every crevice for the sparkling treasures that earth contains within her vaults of richness. The moist sod is turned with the plow, and patient merit garners in its just reward. The archives of the mountains are opened up to the dazzled gaze of the laborer, whose toil has been coined into wealth and happiness. Honest labor never goes long without reward. Hope is the mother of triumph. Success is the inevitable result of patience.

In Eastern Oregon the facilities for advancement are inexhaustible, if only willing hands are applied and energy is exercised. The country is endowed with natural richness. It is particularly adapted to the advance of civilization in its varied forms and features. The soil is productive; timber is plenty; mineral wealth of untold aggregations exists in the rugged cliffs and sandy basins; range is splendid; health and happiness crown every home where love and labor rule supreme; manufacturing advantages are spread on all sides. People is all we lack, and the occident will be laid before the world, a model of progress, a model of the skill and ingenuity of a prosperous, energetic people.

Educational facilities abound. Good schools are in successful operation in every city, town, hamlet and community. It seems that an earnest interest is taken by all hands, and the high, pure atmosphere imparts a vigor that only healthy climate can. The scenery is beautiful and inspiring. There is a poetic side to every nook and corner, however remote. There is poetry in the skies, the mountains, in the valleys, and in the flowers that nod and bend before the pressure of the autumn breeze. And best of all we are becoming pretty well Liberalized. Somehow the people of this country are naturally and truly a liberal, open-hearted, genial class. No traveler is homeless. Every threshold is a shrine for every being, even the stranger, far from his dear old fireside and friends. There is a kind of attachment in the hearts of pioneers that does not seem to die, and the old role of pioneer has not yet left the settler of Oregon, California, Washington, and other states, for comparatively it is only a short time since the country was a wilderness; since the haughty red man roamed in untrammelled liberty over the plains, down the canyons, over the mountains. But what peace and freedom will not achieve in the

advance of civilization, hostility and subjugation need not attempt.

Years will unfold the gems of Free-thought, and some day the sun will set where nought but peace and love and freedom undefined will meet the lingering gaze. No darkened brow from superstition's haunts will shed its sorrow over the world, and man shall walk in peace with man, and all the world will glow with freedom and glory uncontrolled. The fruit of labor greets the waiting ones, and those who pluck their fruit from bowers where all life's joy is clustered, shall find the land, and peace shall reign a god supreme.

Respectfully,
Union, Oregon. B. W. HOFFMAN.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Sept. 27, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Nov. 12th, 1888, viz:

CHARLOTTE T. AUGUSTUS, widow of William T. Denny, deceased. Hd. No. 3428, for the SE qr. Sec. 32, Tp. 7 S., R. 46 E., W. M. 24, and S. hlf. SW qr. Sec. 11, Tp. 8 S., R. 46 E., W. M. 24, for the SW qr. Sec. 32, Tp. 7 S., R. 46 E., W. M. 24.

JAMES MCNUTT, Hd. No. 2900, for the N hlf. SW qr. and SW qr. SW qr. Sec. 4, and SE qr. SE qr. Sec. 5, Tp. 8 S., R. 46 E., W. M.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Monroe Uptdye, John Morrison, Charlotte T. Augustus, E. Steelman and James McNutt, all of Pine Valley, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Oct. 1, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Nov. 21, 1888, viz:

FRANIS M. OFFICER, Hd. No. 3433, for the N hlf. NW qr. Sec. 24, and S hlf. SW qr. Sec. 15, Tp. 8 S., R. 46 E., W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Job Curles, Ole Deldrickson, Monroe Uptdye and James McNutt, all of Pine Valley, Oregon.

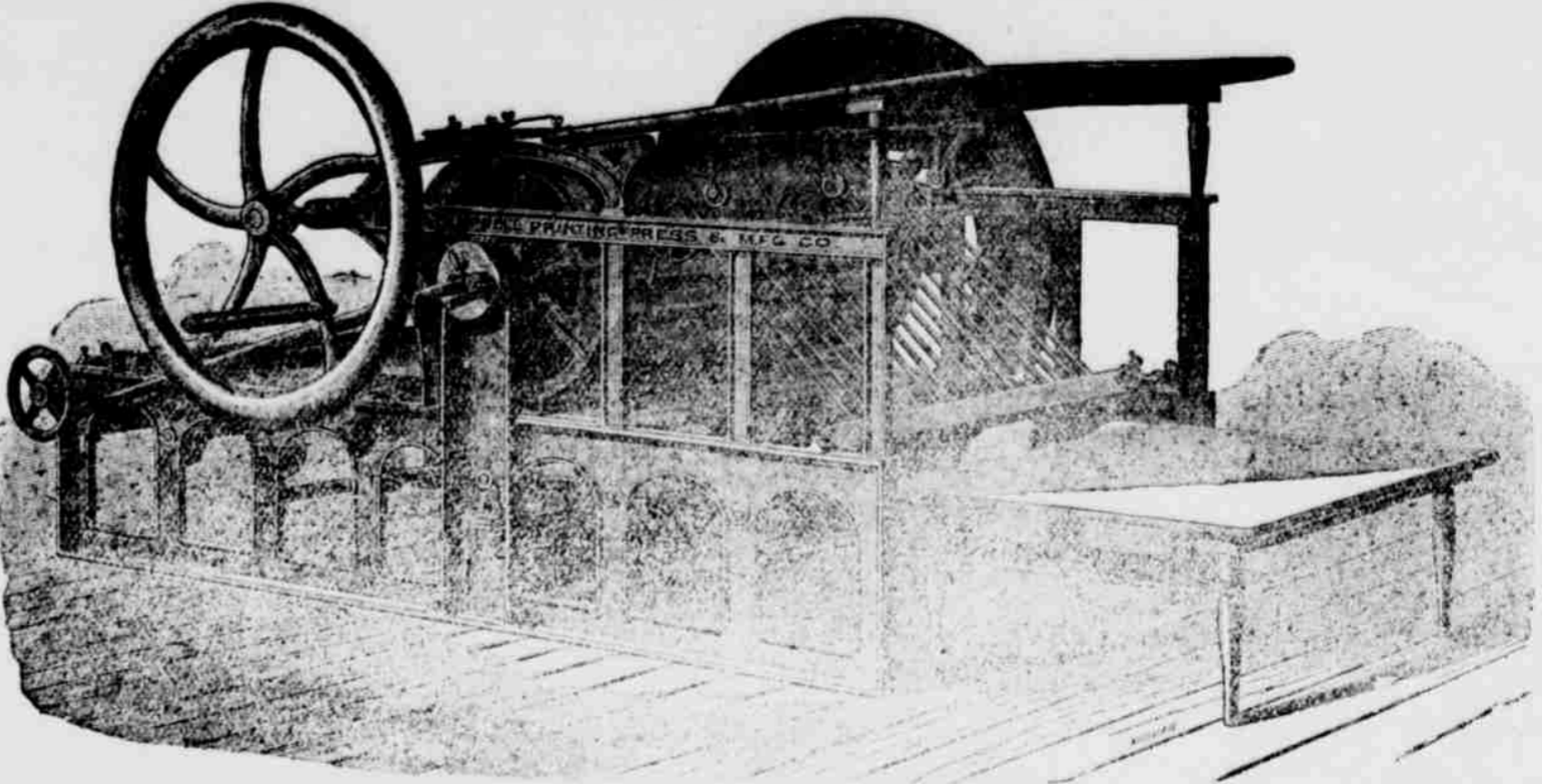
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Dec. 6th, 1888, viz:

JOHN WELLING, D. S. No. 7208, for the SE qr. SE qr. Sec. 35, Tp. 3 S., Lot 4, and SW qr. SW qr. Sec. 1, Lot 2, Sec. 2, Tp. 4 S., R. 40 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andy Wilkinson, Thomas Wilkinson, Chas. Conarty and N. C. Robinett, all of Union, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Oct. 12, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Dec. 6, 1888, viz:

WILLIAM L. GOVER, D. S. No. 8906, for the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 14, Tp. 9 R. 45 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: F. P. Lee, James Arthur, P. J. Brown, and I. N. Young, all of New Bridge, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Oct. 23, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Dec. 6, 1888, viz:

CATHARINE WEAVER, widow of Joshua Weaver, deceased, Hd. No. 3847, for the SW 1/4 Sec. 31, Tp. 1 N., R. 40 E.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert Knight, Wm. Endicott, R. V. Alexander and Robert Cummings, all of Elgin, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Oct. 29, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on December 15th, 1888, viz:

EBENEZER SAMIS, D. S. No. 7380, for the S 1/2 NW 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 2, Tp. 5 S., R. 39 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. Stafford, E. R. Spain, Thad Draper and Peter M. Coffin, all of Union, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Oct. 27, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Dec. 11, 1888, viz:

LEANDER J. FERGUSON, D. S. No. 8889, for the E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 28 and S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 27, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E., and

AUGUSTUS PENTON, D. S. No. 8767, for the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 22, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said lands, viz: Augustus Penton, Leander J. Ferguson, D. W. Allen, William Nash and Leander Ferguson, all of Bridgeport, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Sept. 28, 1888.

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 La Grande, Oregon, on Nov. 15th, 1888, viz: JOHN HANSON, D. S. No. 8815, for the N hlf. SW qr. and W hlf. SE qr. Sec. 6, Tp. 6 S., R. 41 E., W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hanson, G. W. Fraser, Oliver Kiefer and Irwin Frasier, all of Telocost, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

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