

The Northern Pacific Railroad company has just placed on record with the county clerk a patent for 32,500 acres of Morrow county lands. This is now past history and has only received passing notice. It is only a small affair. But when it comes to the big and important event of a poor settler trying to prove up on a tract of 160 acres in order to get a home, by the time he gets out of the sweat box the poor devil has about razed his land.

The gulf between Mr. Hitchcock and Senator Fulton seems to be getting wider. It will be hard to bridge owing to the bad feeling which is not being helped by unkind remarks that pass between the two men high in national affairs. Mr. Fulton recently said that Mr. Hitchcock is in his dotage. This statement would not be hard to make Oregon people believe. In retaliation the secretary will put at work all the machinery of the government in order to try and find something that will put Senator Fulton in a bad light. The senator's record will certainly have to be spotless in order to run the gauntlet of the secret service organization.

Somebody is going to get into trouble over the promiscuous scattering of poison in Heppner. The practice is not only cowardly and despicable but is also very dangerous. The man who is mean enough to scatter poison indiscriminately over the town cares but little whether his death dealing agent is picked up by domestic animals or a child. The penalty for such work is severe. Conviction would mean at least a heavy fine or a term in the penitentiary. Public sentiment would be largely in favor of the latter punishment. In scattering poison in the streets or around the homes, no man knows how terrible the results might be. Of course it is supposed that the poison was placed for dogs, anyhow the dogs have been the greatest sufferers. There are many blooded and valuable dogs in Heppner. The owners of these dogs are entitled to and should have some protection. The monetary value of a dog is hard to place. As a matter of commerce it would also be somewhat difficult to place the value of your child. Somebody will get into serious trouble if this contemptible and cowardly practice is not stopped.

To properly fill the position of game and forestry warden in any community is unpleasant. To see that the laws are enforced it is necessary for the warden to be active and alert. The warden cannot do his sworn duty and show any favors. If favors are shown then the law and the office of warden become a farce and should be abolished. The game laws are a natural result forced from conditions that now exist. Game and fish are now on the same road that has been traveled by the buffalo. The elk is now almost a thing of the past. The fact cannot be disputed that if we preserve our game and fish there must be protection. In order to protect the game there must be laws and these laws must be enforced. The Gazette is unable to see how the removal of our present efficient warden would help to further the interests of the game and forestry laws. In Oregon alone, the loss caused by the careless setting out of fires during the camping season, by destroying timber has already run into the thousands of dollars. The officer of game and forestry warden should be maintained and the laws should be enforced.

CELILO CANAL WORK.

The government used to be much criticised, and justly, for the dilatoriness with which it constructed river and harbor and other improvements, and the contract system, generally adopted during a few years past, was hailed as a much-needed reform—and indeed it has in most cases been a great improvement over the old system of federal dilly dallying and redtapeism.

But it seems that in the case of the Celilo canal, so far, the contractors have not made any better progress than government engineers would have done. During half a year they have done only about 20 per cent of the contract work for the year, and at this rate it will take two and a half times as long to complete the canal as was estimated, or some 13 or 14 years. The money to push the work along is available, a constantly increasing volume of river traffic demands the construction of the canal as speedily as possible, all the great upper country needs it badly, Oregon has been liberal and prompt in helping the project along, and the government ought to require the contractors to do the amount of work stipulated for in the contract or let the contract to others who will do this. The contractors may in some measure make up in future for the small showing at present and they certainly should be required to do so or to give up the job.

It might suit some railroads to have this work cover a period of 12, 15 or even 20 years, as the Cascades canal and locks did, but this will not suit the people. For them the canal is to be a very good thing, and they want it pushed along.—Journal.

The people of Umatilla and Morrow counties will hold an agricultural fair in Pendleton, the last week in September, if present plans do not "gaug alee."—East Oregonian. The Umatilla county hog is again in evidence. It is mighty fine to be a tail of Umatilla. We are tied up politically and otherwise with our magnanimous neighbor, but did you ever notice which end of the horn we come out of. Umatilla retains all of her plums and plucks all of ours.

Mr. Bryau's adherence to free silver is hurting his boom for the presidency, but his fearless advocacy of what he believes has made him great.

Oregon's New Laws.

Governor Chamberlain is now publishing in the newspapers his official proclamation declaring the new laws enacted by the initiative system, to be in full force and effect from the first day of July, 1906. There are seven of these laws, as follows:

- Providing the methods for amending the constitution by applying the referendum to all laws affecting constitutional conventions and amendments.
Giving cities and towns exclusive power to make and amend charters.
To allow the state printer's salary to be regulated by law at any time.
For initiative and referendum on local, special and municipal laws and parts of laws.
To compel sleeping car companies and other common carriers to pay an annual license on their gross earnings.
To require express, telephone and telegraph companies to pay an annual license on their gross earnings.
The law to prohibit free passes and discriminations by railroads was carried by a majority vote at the polls, but it has been declared void, inasmuch as it failed to contain an enacting clause, as required by the constitution.

Railroad Casualties.

Washington, July 23.—The accident bulletin, which has just been issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the three months ending March 31, 1906, shows the total number of casualties to passengers and employees to be 18,296 (1126 killed and 17,170 injured.) The number of passengers and employees killed in train accidents was 274. The total number of collisions and derailments was 3490 (1921 collisions and 1569 derailment,) of which 289 collisions and 167 derailments affected passenger trains.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 11, 1906. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Mary A. Farlow, contestant, against homestead entry No. 988, made June 21, 1901, for S.E. 1/4, Lot 1, Sec. 6, Lots 2, 3, 4, Section 3, Township 3 S., Range 26 E., W. 1/4, by Jefferson Bivins, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Jefferson Bivins has never resided on said land and has never made any improvements on said land except to build a small cabin on said land, 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 alleged facts on 19 o'clock a. m. on September 12, 1906, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner at his office in Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on September 19, 1906, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant, having in a proper affidavit filed July 10, 1906, 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 due and proper publication. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register. July 26-Aug 31.

N. B. Truth, St. Paul, June 31, '06.—I've lived so long, I remember well when the Mississippi was a brook. My good health and long life came by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. W. P. McMillen, Lexington, Oregon.

A treaty of peace between Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras was signed July 20 on board the United States cruiser Marblehead on the high seas.

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Why Don't Homeseekers Come To Morrow County?

Morrow county produces more wealth per capita than any other county in the state of Oregon. Our territory within county lines is 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width, large enough for a state, but with not enough population for a good sized country village. Only 5000 people in the county.

Every year we grow about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. This is worth about \$700,000.

We have about 225,000 head of sheep worth about \$562,000, after shearing while the wool from these sheep will sell for \$360,000. Then there are horses and cattle worth at least a half a million more.

These are the main items in the wealth producers. It don't take much figuring when you look at these figures to come to the conclusion that Morrow county people make some money. We have the soil, the climate and the goods to make good.

Morrow county's climate is pleasant and healthful. Morrow county people are prosperous. Morrow county people have money. Here in the town of Heppner we have two banks. The First National in published statements shows deposits running from half a million dollars up. Both banks have a big business. Heppner can show the largest bank deposits of any town of its size in the Northwest, and it should be remembered that Lexington, nine miles away, and Ione, 18 miles from Heppner both have banks doing a good business. This looks like Morrow county people have money.

But look here, almost half the population of Morrow county reside in the towns. This leaves only between 3,000 and 4,000 people in a territory 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width. Don't you think there is room for more people.

Ten or twelve years ago land in Morrow county went begging at from \$100 to \$250 for a quarter section.

Five years ago this land had looked up to \$6.00 and \$7.00 per acre. Today this land is worth \$15 per acre with a few of the choicest lots some times bringing \$20 per acre. Now the old timers are wondering why they did not take advantage of this cheap land. They could have made a barrel of money.

Over in the adjoining county of Umatilla wheat lands today are worth from \$50 to \$75 an acre. On the other side of us is Sherman county with wheat lands selling from \$25 up. Here we are between with just as good land at \$15 per acre. Our lands are sure to go up in price. In a few years the people here will be again wondering why they did not buy some of this \$15 land. The proposition is the same now as it was a few years ago, but it takes more money. Last year and year before a number of good farmers bought wheat lands and paid for it with the first crop.

Come to Morrow county and investigate this land business. Following are a few samples of what we have for sale:

- No 1—320 acres, 13 miles south of Ione, 220 acres in cultivation and is in crop. One third of crop delivered in Ione goes with place. All fenced with 2 wires. Price \$4,500. \$2,500 cash, balance in 2 years, 8 per cent.
No 2—800 acres, 12 miles south of Ione, 500 acres in cultivation 285 acres in grain, will summer fallow balance, good well water, fair buildings and one mile from school. Price including crop and summer fallow, \$12,500. \$5,000 cash, \$2,700 after harvest, balance in one half crop payments at 8 per cent.
No 3—640 acres, 9 miles south of Ione, 450 acres in cultivation, 100 more can be plowed, 155 acres in wheat. Fair buildings, and all fenced with 2 wires. Price including crop, \$16,500. \$5,500 cash, small payment after harvest, balance to suit purchaser.
No 4—430 acres, 13 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.
No 5—480 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 300 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more can be plowed, 150 acres in grain. Windmill and plenty of water at house and running water in pasture. All fenced with 2 wires. Small orchard. Three quarters of mile from school. Price including crop, \$8,000. \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.
No 6—640 acres, 5 miles from Heppner, all tillable but 50 acres, 300 acres in wheat. Plenty of water, and fair buildings. Young orchard. Price including crop \$20.00 per acre. One half cash balance on easy terms.
No 7—Stock ranch, 7220 acres all fenced with 3 wires, watered by several spring branches and creeks. There is about 75 acres set to alfalfa, 250 more in cultivation, two fair houses, two good sheep sheds. Located in the best grass section in Morrow county. Price per acre \$6.50. One third cash, balance on easy terms.
No 8—280 acres timber land, good house and barn, all fenced, 25 acres meadow or bottom land. One mile from good saw mill, 1 1/2 miles from school, 10 miles from Hardman. Price per acre \$10.00. \$500.00 cash, balance to suit purchaser.
No 9—320 acres timber and grass land, 3 miles from saw mill, all fenced, plenty of running water, small house. Price \$1000. Small payment down, balance on easy terms.
No 10—640 acres, 525 acres in cultivation, balance can be farmed, 300 acres in summer fallow, fair house and barn and other out buildings, fenced and cross fenced with 2 wires, county road runs on one side, one half mile from good school, 8 miles from railroad station. Price \$20.00 per acre, including summer fallow. One third cash, balance on easy terms, 8 per cent.
No 11—160 acres, 6 miles from Harman, well watered by springs, plenty of timber for home use, comfortable five room frame house, cellar, milk house, smoke house, wood house and shop, barn room for 12 head of stock. Hay barn 24x31, cattle shed 24x30, wagon and tool shed 16x30. About 40 acres in cultivation, more could easily be put in cultivation. Orchard of apple, plum, prune, pear and cherry trees just beginning to bear, one half mile from school house, 3 miles from saw mill. Price \$2,000 \$1,400 down balance to suit purchaser.

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CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Morrow. In the matter of the estate of Olin Warden, a minor. Order to show cause why Order of Sale of Real Estate should not be made. It appearing to the said Court, by the petition filed by the said Olin Warden, guardian of the estate of said minor, that it is necessary to sell the real estate belonging to said minor, in order that the proceeds from the sale may be invested in a more profitable manner. It is therefore ordered by the said Court, that the said Olin Warden, guardian of the estate of said minor, do cause to be advertised in the City of Heppner in the County of Morrow, the next day and all persons interested in the estate of said minor, appear before said County Court on Monday the 10th day of August, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of said County Court at the Courthouse in the City of Heppner in the County of Morrow to show cause why the said Order of Sale should not be granted to the said Olin Warden, said guardian to sell all of the heretofore described real estate of the said minor to-wit: An undivided one-sixth interest in the following tract of land in the town of Hardman, Oregon: Beginning 6.55 chains East and 20 feet South of NW corner of S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of T. 3 S., R. 23 E., W. 1/4, running thence South 4 chains, thence East 2.50 chains, thence North 4 chains thence West 2.50 chains to place of beginning containing one acre. T. W. AYERS, County Judge. Dated June 22 1906.

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