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## SOME NOTICE FOR SETTLERS

PETITIONERS STIR UP ACTIVITY AT WASHINGTON.

Upon Earnest Recommendations by Him Congressman Hawley Says Commissioner Promised to Exclude Private Contestants in Siletz.

On account of the several petitions, containing long lists of signers from Marion, Polk and Lincoln counties, and which were forwarded to Oregon's representatives in congress, Congressman Hawley has introduced a bill looking for relief of homestead entrymen within the former Siletz Indian reservation. These petitions procured unusual activity with the Oregon delegation and a hasty conference was called with the Secretary of the Interior. The Oregon representatives at Washington would have you believe that they have been exerting themselves to the utmost in the interest of these homesteaders and their constituents generally, as will be seen from the following carefully prepared matter for the press of the country which is sent out by our congressional representative, W. C. Hawley. The fact is there were no less than a half dozen men out in the three counties before mentioned with petitions getting signers with the hope of influencing our representatives in congress to activity. Read the following:

The recent conference the Oregon Delegation had with the Secretary of the Interior was the culmination of a long series of efforts in behalf of the settlers on the former Siletz Indian reservation. Congressman W. C. Hawley has been especially active, since the land lies in his congressional district. Some time ago upon earnest representations made by him, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the General Land Office agreed not to admit private contestants after that date in cases where charges had been filed against any entry on behalf of the government. This resulted in protecting many settlers from expensive contests made by private contestants. He has urged that the settlers on the Siletz were offered only a homestead entry, that congress evidently intended that they should get the land, that they were subjected to great hardships both because of distance from means of transportation and the difficulty of getting supplies in, and later because the government denied them final certificates for many years, and that this denial resulted in the dissipation of their evidence to be used in contests, by the scattering of witnesses; also that a construction had been put upon the statute that was never intended by congress, and that under a usual construction these original settlers would have received patents many years ago; that the settlers, generally, had acted in good faith, and had done a great deal of work in building trails, and in otherwise preparing their claims; that no other body of settlers had been subjected to so rigorous demands.

His frequent conferences with Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner Dennett had evidently produced a favorable impression for upon these grounds the Interior Department on January 6, 1910, ordered all action of whatever kind in the Interior Department, including the General Land office, in the matter of these claims suspended until it was ascertained what action congress will take upon a bill for their relief, either such a bill as Congressman Hawley introduced on July 12, 1909, which is the only measure at present pending before congress for the relief of these settlers, or some similar bill that will pass to patent the entries of all the original entrymen and those holding by purchase in good faith from them, where final action has not been tak-

## TALENTED CORNETIST



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en against them by patenting to others.

To the persistence of Congressman Hawley this result is especially due. The united efforts of the entire Oregon delegation, however, finally put the matter so before the Department that the favorable action was taken which will prevent any further adverse action against these original settlers until congress will have an opportunity to pass upon remedial legislation. While it will require a great amount of work to pass the necessary legislation, it is believed that such a bill will be passed at the present session of congress.

## HIGHLAND NEWS.

Quite a number of Highlanders have been attending the revival meetings being held at Independence, among the number being Mr. and Mrs. Silas Compton, Gail Alexander, Walter Kizer and Ethel and Emerson Shafer.

Walter Kizer has been working for Mr. Addison.

Dell Grigsby was an Independence visitor Wednesday.

Dave Haley and Henry McElmurry have been cutting oak wood for Mrs. M. Davison.

Quite a number of young people spent a most enjoyable evening at the pleasant home of Mr. Guild last Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Shafer has been quite ill with la grippe but is once more able to be about.

Miss Lois Osborne arrived home Tuesday after an absence of a few weeks.

Miss Golda Rhodes arrived from Portland last Thursday night for a few days' visit with Miss Tinnie Kizer of this place.

Born, Friday, January 14, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Garr, a baby boy.

## Railroads for Coos Bay.

Coos Bay seems to be in line for some real railroad building and both the Hill and Harriman systems are reported to be showing interest in that section. It is said work is about to be resumed on the Southern Pacific line from Drain and the Northern Pacific is said to be negotiating for big coal holdings, which lie close to Marshfield.

WANTED, immediately, responsible men and women of neat appearance to solicit subscriptions for the Overland Monthly. Pleasant, profitable work. Splendid commission, valuable cash prizes. Permanent employment for hustlers. Give references, address: Circulation Manager, Overland Monthly, 773 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

## PAVEMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEWERS

OUR FAITH IN CITY DEMANDS THESE IMPROVEMENTS.

Million Dollars New Money Comes to Salem During Year 1909, Due Most Largely to Signs of Belief in Future as Expressed in Street Work.

The streets of Independence are mud and slush and water. To get across the street one has to go around by crossings and then wade through, while women have to hold their garments high and muce their steps to protect themselves from the filth of the streets. Rigs and teams passing along any of the principal streets splatter mud on pedestrians as they take their way along the walks.

This condition is without excuse. It is the duty of the city to provide suitable and proper public highways within her borders. How well these are provided gives some idea of the confidence felt by the mayor, the council and the people for the future of the town.

The cost of the construction of hard surface pavements for the five blocks now under consideration in the city of Independence is an insignificant matter. A levy of ten mills would produce almost \$10,000 and would be a sum equal to the costs of the improvements in question. The extending of street paving, when once begun, would be continued year after year until all the principal streets of the city are improved. The enthusiasm is catching once the work is begun. The splendid five-story building on State and Commercial streets in Salem was the outgrowth of street work which established the belief in the future of the town.

It is not only a tacit expression of doubt in the city's future, failure to improve the streets, but is a discouragement to capital coming here to seek investment. It gives the impression that merchants are not doing a satisfactory business and that farmers prefer to give their trade to a city which displays more signs of prosperity.

## A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three months before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Sold by P. M. Kirkland.

## A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of winter and spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-grip-

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CLINCHING A POINT

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Welch & Smith have opened a new fish and poultry market in this city. They are located on C street.

## SALEM BOOSTER OFFERS ADVICE

GOOD STREETS FIRST IMPULSE TO RAPID GROWTH.

Salem Man Points to Street Paving for Answer to Advance Movement Witnessed in Unparalleled Growth of That City Last Year.

In an interview with a representative of the Enterprise last week John Mills of Salem had the following to say concerning the proposed pavement of the main business blocks of Independence:

"On account of the paving of the streets there has been more improvements in the city of Salem and in the increase of population and up-building of the city in general than from any other cause. During the last year there has been invested in new buildings and residences more than a million and a half dollars and there has been in a general way, through the influx of new people, new money brought into the city an amount exceeding a million and a half dollars. This is perhaps a million dollars more than came to Salem in 1908. The Cherry City Improvement League, recently formed and made up principally of the ladies' clubs of Salem, will take up the work of improving the university grounds, parks, and all public places and will put them into first-class condition so that we will have a City Beautiful. And

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## SALEM IS RECOGNIZED

as the most economical trading point in the Willamette valley, and you'll find immense assortments to select from in all lines of merchandise. One of the principal stores is

## BARNES' CASH STORE OF SALEM

where the "spot cash" plan of business enables them to undersell "credit stores."

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## Dry Goods, Clothing

SHOES, everything for the whole family at prices that "credit stores" can't match.



STREETS PROPOSED FOR PAVEMENTS