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O. & C. LANDS FOR ENTRY Applications For Agricultural Land Open From June 22, To July 17

Acting Secretary of the Interior Vogelsang has approved regulations opening to entry under the homestead laws, as modified by the act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), about 150,000 acres of land classified as agricultural, situated in the Portland land district, Oregon. These lands are a portion of what are commonly known as the Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, title to which was resumed by the Government under the act of June 9, 1916. The agricultural lands opened to entry at this time are practically all of the agricultural lands in the Portland district. Additional agricultural lands in the grant will be restored to entry from time to time as the classifications are completed.

The classifications as agricultural does not necessarily imply that the lands are suitable for the plow. The law under which the classification was made directed that such lands be separated into three classes, first, those valuable for power sites; second, timber lands, including those containing 300,000 feet, board measure, of timber, to a tract of forty acres; third, agricultural lands, those not falling within either of the other two classes. Large areas so restored are covered with brush or varying quantities of timber less than 300,000 feet, board measure, to the forty acre subdivisions and some are valuable only for grazing.

Applications to enter any of the lands thus restored may be filed by any duly qualified person for a unit of 160 acres or less, in the United States land office at Portland, Oregon, at any time during the period beginning June 22 and ending July 17, 1918. All applications filed during this period will be considered as filed simultaneously. Persons filing at or near the end of the period will have the same opportunity as those who file at the beginning. In case of conflicting applications for the same land, a drawing will be held on July 17, to determine the successful applicants.

Applications to enter must be submitted before the register or receiver of the United States land office at Portland, Oregon, or before a United States Commissioner, or judge, or clerk of court of records within the county in which the land is situated. Each application must be accompanied by the required land office fees, together with an amount equal to fifty cents per acre to apply on the total purchase price of \$2.50 per acre, the balance of \$2.00 to be paid at time of final proof. Applicants must personally examine the land.

Any person who served for more than ninety days in the United States army or navy during the Civil War, Spanish-American War or the Philippine Insurrection, and was honorably discharged, may file a soldier's or sailor's declaratory statement of attorney in fact on the ground, and make his application to enter within six months thereafter, but such declaratory statement must be accompanied by the fee of \$3.00 and the installment of purchase price required of other applicants.

A pamphlet containing the regulations and a list of the lands with a brief description thereof will be

County Championship Hopes Vanished

If it had not been for nine real ball players from the Molalla high school, the baseball team of the Estacada high school would have been the undisputed champions of Clackamas County on Friday afternoon last, on the home grounds.

But as it happened, Molalla was there with balls, bats and gloves and seemed familiar with the uses of all three adjuncts of the game, as testified by the score of 8 to 0, with the visitors taking home the two-thirds of a dozen runs.

A second game was played at Molalla on Tuesday, with E. H. S. again losing by a score of 8 to 16.

School Board Election June 17th

The annual meeting of the taxpayers of the Estacada school district No. 108 will take place at the school auditorium on the evening of June 17th.

At this meeting one member of the board will be elected, as the term of Chairman J. W. Reed expires and it is also expected that Fred Jorg, who for the past six months has been in Portland, will tender his resignation, so that a second vacancy will probably have to be filled.

Mr. Reed, whose good work on the board for years past, has been in a large part responsible for the high standard of the Estacada schools, has not announced as yet whether he will be a candidate for re-election.

To date, little interest is being taken in this coming election, but an effort is being made to elect a woman to a place on the board for many feel that one of the three directors should be of the feminine gender.

June Draft To Call 83 Clackamas Men

Oregon's net remaining quota to be raised in the second draft is 5458 men. Official announcement of this figure has been made from the War Department at Washington.

In the first draft, Oregon's net quota was 717 men. Since the filling of this quota, the state has furnished in various draft calls a total of 3861 men. The announcement from Washington states that all these men will be credited against the state's gross quota on the second draft of 9,319 men, leaving a net quota still to be raised of 5,458 men.

These men will not be called out all at one time, but will be inducted into service as calls are received from Washington for draft increments of various sizes. At the rate inductions are now being made, however, it will not be long before they are all inducted into the service.

The net quota to be called from Clackamas county under the second draft is 228, of which 83 are expected to be ready for entraining to Camp Lewis between June 24th and 29th.

This county will also furnish twelve men of grammar school education, to be specially trained in mechanical lines at the Benson Polytechnical School of Portland. These twelve vacancies should easily be filled from volunteers, but if not filled by June 7th, the local board will designate men.

mailed after June 1st to those requesting same from the register and receiver of the United States land office at Portland, Oregon.

Wounded Aviator To Speak In Estacada

The people of this community will have an opportunity next Friday evening, June 7th, at the Estacada school auditorium, to listen to the experiences of Sergeant Dave Wells, of the American Aviation service, who recently returned from active service in France, where he was severely wounded.

Mr. Wells, who is almost helpless from his wounds, does not claim to be a public speaker, but what he has to say is from first hand information and should be of extreme interest to his listeners.

On this program will also appear Miss Milam, head of the Home Economics Department of the O. A. C., who will speak on other phases of the war situation. Miss Milam has twice been called by the government to attend conferences at Washington, so her message promises to be an interesting one.

This meeting has been arranged through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Ewing, of Viola, who is one of the leading workers of the Clackamas County Council of Defense.

County Agriculturalist Not Exempted

Despite the efforts of members of the county court and officials of the Oregon Agricultural College, the county draft board of Hood River has steadfastly refused to grant exemption from military service of R. W. Arens, Clackamas County's Agricultural Agent, and it is probable he will be inducted shortly.

Mr. Arens' friends felt that he could be of more value to the country in his present capacity than acting as a soldier, but the draft board of his home county refused to recognize the protest.

Graduation Exercises Ended Wednesday

The several programs and features of the graduation exercises of the Estacada high and grammar schools were all successfully handled during the past few days and with large audiences in attendance at all affairs.

The annual high school picnic at Fern Camp on Saturday, was for once attended by fair weather, with the young folks making their trip in all manner of conveyances.

The wind-up of the week was the Alumni Banquet at the Hotel Estacada, when the 1918 "grads" were welcomed into the fold of the alumni by former E. H. S. graduates.

Annual Guernsey Breeders Picnic

The annual meeting and picnic of the Clackamas County Guernsey Cattle Club will be held Saturday, June 8th, at the farm of J. A. and J. T. Richey of Boring.

An interesting program is promised, also an inspection of an excellent herd of pure bred Guernseys, among them being the cow, Auricula's Hilda, that won first in the milking contest at the Multnomah County Fair last year.

Autos will meet the noon train at Boring, taking the picnickers to the farm about a mile and a half distant. All farmers and others interested are invited and urged to bring their picnic dinners.

ELK LIBERATION COMPLETED

Part Of Animals Reach Mountains Some Arrive At Heavenly Pastures

If there is an animal heaven, at least four elk of the band of a dozen or more that last week were destined for liberation in the nearby mountains, duly arrived in the eternal pastures, with the balance of their companions finally being turned loose to continue their existences on this mundane sphere.

If the four that went to the animal heaven were to be interviewed, they would advise all future bands of domesticated brethren to either remain in the zoological gardens of the cities or accept the offer of the meat men to put them out of their misery in a humane manner and sell their steaks, chops, and cutlets to help reduce the high cost of living.

The liberation was in charge of Government Packer, Dee Wright, of Wapinitia, starting from the Estacada stock yards on Monday, with three animals dead before the next morning. A fourth elk, being the big bull of the herd, cashed in his checks a day or two later on the banks of the North Fork, but this old patriarch is reported to have been in ill health at the time of departure.

State Biologist Finley was on hand to take moving pictures of the liberation, but is reported to have taken no pictures, probably for fear that explanations would have to be made of some of the scenes depicted.

Some people might object to the term cruelty being used in connection with this work, especially those actually aiding in the liberation, but the fact that four of the eight adult animals that had to be led, or rather dragged, succumbed to the treatment, speaks for itself.

Auto Sales Agent Breaks Shoulder

About two weeks ago, John C. Peterson of the Cascade Garage of Estacada, while instructing a beginner in the operation of a machine near Boring, ended the lesson by being thrown from the car into a ditch and breaking the bones of his left shoulder.

Believing that the injury was not a serious one, Mr. Peterson did not consult a physician until last Saturday, with the result that he spent Sunday and part of Monday in a Portland hospital, where the broken bones were set and wired into place, with the patient now at home and recuperating.

Red Cross Donations Still Coming In

Since the close last Saturday of the official Second Red Cross drive, when only every Eastern Clackamas district over-subscribed its quota, many contributions have since been received at the News office, which is the headquarters of the Estacada auxiliary.

Many inquiries have also come, asking about the disposition of the election judges' and clerks' warrants, which had been assigned over to the Red Cross, for all insist that their respective districts be credited with their donations. But to date no answer has been received from the Oregon City authorities.