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LAND OFFICE.

PRINEVILLE, OREGON.

Branch Office,

BEND, OREGON.

Government Lands.

I keep a full line of all necessary blanks for the purchase or government lands under the Timber and Stone Act, as well as any other law of the United States, and having had many years experience am entirely familiar with the mode of procedure to acquire title to same, and also to all classes of State land; will make all original applications and proofs. Special attention given to Homestead entries and the purchase of Desert, School and other lands.

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Mines and mining stock bought and sold. Facilities unexcelled for handling same.

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Prineville Office.

My office in Prineville is the best equipped Law, Land and Real Estate office in Eastern Oregon, and consists of a suite of four large rooms that have been specially furnished and fitted for the comfort of patrons and for the convenient transaction of business. Persons intending to locate on lands in Crook county are invited to call and examine my maps and plats—the latest and best. Strangers coming to Crook county to locate will be cordially welcomed and any assistance necessary always cheerfully rendered.

Bend Office.

This office is the nearest Land Office to the timber belts of Crook and Klamath counties. Locaters and others coming to Bend always make this office their headquarters—an invitation is superfluous.

Proof Positive.

That the above-named offices are the places where the LAND BUSINESS of Crook county is transacted may readily be demonstrated by one glance at the newspapers of Crook county.

A. C. PALMER,

U. S. Commissioner and Attorney-at Law.

LAND OFFICE REPORT.

Classified List of the Enormous Business Transacted at The Dalles.

The statement of business for the quarter ended September 30, 1902, at The Dalles land office is as follows:

323 homestead entries; 18 original desert land entries; 23 excess homesteads; 1 mineral land entry; 1 coal declaratory statement; 1 adverse mining claim; 1 Dalles Military Wagon Road Co. List; 1 amended state desert land selection; 23 sales of isolated tracts. Thus 53,959.10 acres have been appropriated from the public domain.

Final proof was made on 51 homesteads, 8 timber-culture entries, 1 preemption, 2' desert land entries, 1 commuted timber-culture entry, 92 commuted homesteads and 165 timber and stone claims.

Number of acres on which final proof was offered, 49,203.96.

Total number acres sold, 44,578.79, amounting to \$85,430.16.

Received from testimony fees, \$410.08, making the total fees and commissions \$7,408.06.

The receipts of the office in fees and commissions and the sales of public lands amounted to \$92,838.22, being \$7,481.82 over maximum for one quarter alone.

During the three months 573 timber and stone sworn statements were filed; 32 contests initiated and over 200 applications of various kinds rejected and suspended.

This is the heaviest quarter's work in the history of the office, the months during which lands forfeited by the Northern Pacific Railway Co. were being purchased from the government not excepted, and is largely due to the rush for timber lands lying in Crook county which began early in January, the time for payment after due publication having arrived.

During the first thirteen days of October, 96 homesteads have been filed and 134 timber and stone applications.

WONDER OF WONDERS! !

Being the Recital of the Honey-moon Trip of a Telegram From Bend to Silver Lake.

Of all the sad things which have happened in the universe, (which is approximately Bend, Oregon,) please take note of this:

One day last week Mr. B—, who has been stopping in Bend for the past three months, received an important letter from a business associate in San Francisco which demanded a message being sent with all dispatch possible to another associate in Silver Lake—a town about 66 miles south of this point. Mr. B—, being unable to borrow a saddle horse, purchased one and rode to Prineville, a distance of 31 miles where he telephoned his message to Shaniko. It was there put on the telegraph wires and after being transferred several

times reached Portland undamaged.

From there it was sent the entire length of the Willamette Valley, and into California where it was anchored for a short time at Redding. At the latter place the message was transcribed to paper, put into an envelope and carried by stage to Beiber where it received the post office mark and was forwarded to Adin. At Adin the message in the envelope was thrown into the Klamath Falls mail sack and finally reached that point still undamaged.

Here the postmaster rang up Lakeview and transmitted the message as he read it from the slip of paper. The government official at Lakeview likewise telephoned the man in Silver Lake who was waiting in a state of nervous apprehension and heart-rending patience.

The message to reach a point 66 miles south of Bend had traveled north-east, north, west, south, south-west, south-east and east for a distance of 1185 miles and had gone by carrier, telephone, telegraph and stage!

Time of transmittal: Mr. B— says a Plymouth Rock hen of his sprouted three molars in the interim between the sending and receiving of the dispatch.

Ay, verily, do we live in a wonderful age of improvement!

First class in ancient history please stand up now and recite!

Echoes Along the Deschutes.

W. F. Best has gone to his ranch near Lava to make some improvements.

W. H. Brock and D. F. Steffa left Tuesday to attend circuit court in Prineville.

George Bogue was down from Rosland the last of the week to make final proof on his timber claim.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Claypool and Mrs. S. C. Claypool were over from Sisters Saturday to make final proof on timber claims.

M. H. Lestina, of Spokane, was a business visitor the last of the week.

Frank R. Buell was here from Fernwood, Idaho, the last of the week to make final proof. Irrigation as the land watered by the Sunnyside canal.

S. M. Hair was a visitor from Ritzville, Washington. He came to locate on a timber claim.

Mrs. W. H. Butts was here Monday from The Dalles to file on a timber claim.

G. Burlingame was a visitor from Spokane, Washington, the first of the week.

Surveyor Newsome was a business visitor from Prineville a few days this week.

A township plat of the town of Bend, was filed in the county clerk's office a few days ago showing the survey and lay of the streets as planned by the Pilot Butte Development company which owns the land. The plat as filed shows only eighty acres laid off into town lots, but more is to be added as soon as the necessary surveys are completed.

A. M. Drake is expected home the first of the week from a business trip to Portland and Colorado Springs.

Joseph Spencer and Marion Ernest are here from Cottage Grove to take timber claims.

David Hill passed through Bend Friday with a load of hogs which he marketed in Prineville.

George Bates and Henry Staffle went out to their homesteads the first of the week.

Messrs Spencer of Cottage Grove were here Tuesday to locate on timber claims.

John Sizemore went to Prineville Monday to attend circuit court.

Charles Dennison is here from Prineville superintending the construction of a building being erected by W. H. Staats.

C. Snipes, a prominent man of The Dalles, spent several days at Bend this week. Mr. Snipes registered at the Hotel de Sizemore.

L. L. Nelson paid Prineville a business visit this week.

Capt. Craig of Pittsburg, Penn., was in Bend and vicinity a few days this week looking over the timber prospects.

Messrs. Sly and Anderson of Lava were on "our streets" the first of the week.

S. P. Donkel was down from Lava Wednesday.

Invitations are out for a "Hallowe'en" party given by Miss Marion Wiest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Wiest.

W. H. Hollinshead and family were here Saturday on their way to Prineville. Mr. Hollinshead and his wife proved up on their timber claims while here.

C. G. Kingsley and wife of Ritzville, Washington, were here the first of the week to locate on timber claims.

J. H. Hansen and Peter Loveland of Goldendale, Washington, are in Bend looking over the country with a view to locating here. Mr. Hansen is familiar with the Yakima country and says he believes Crook county's desert will be nearly as productive under irrigation.

Miss Jennie Jenks, Miss Carrie Jenks, and Miss Jessie Probet are here from Pennsylvania to become possessors of some of Oregon's yellow pine.

Miss Jackie Brock has returned from a visit with friends in Prineville.

John McTaggart returned from The Dalles with a party of timber locaters Monday.

Will Vandeventer was down from Lava the first of the week attending to business matters. His sons, Will and Clinton, came with him to attend the district school at Bend.

Editor Fogle, of the Crook County Journal, informed an Echo reporter last week that he is going to start a paper at Lava, a neck-o'-the-woods a few miles from Bend, where the face of the white man not often is seen, but where pines big and "yellow" sigh softly, so "green"—But if Editor Fogle is looking for a nice, quiet, secluded spot where he can "go 'w-a-y back and sit down," he has certainly found the right place.