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TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, Oct. 17, 1902.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, the following named persons have filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

Agnes Harris of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 928, for the purchase of the ne 1/4 sec 6, tp 29 s, r 10 e, w. m.

W. Louthan Harris of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 925, for the purchase of the ne 1/4 sec 6, tp 29 s, r 10 e, w. m. That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before A. C. Palmer, U. S. Commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1903.

They name as witnesses: W. Louthan Harris, Agnes Harris, John Combs of Prineville, Oregon; Francis J. Devine of Albany, Oregon; Donald F. Steffa, of Bend, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of Feb., 1903.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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Irwin D. Pike of Moro, county of Sherman, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 985, for the purchase of the lots 5, 6, 11, 12, sec 5, tp 25 s, r 11 e, w. m.

Alice M. Holder of Moro, county of Sherman, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 986, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 sec 5, tp 25 s, r 11 e, w. m.

Nelly Z. Pike of Moro, county of Sherman, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 989, for the purchase of the lots 1, 2, 3, 4, sec 5, tp 25 s, r 11 e, w. m.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before A. C. Palmer, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on Thursday the 26th day of February, 1903.

They name as witnesses: John Combs of Prineville, Oregon; Joseph Marcant, of Rosland, Oregon; Irwin D. Pike, Alice M. Holder, Nelly Z. Pike, of Moro, Oregon.

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E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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Eva Doak of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 470, for the purchase of the lots 3, 20, 21, 22, sec 5, tp 25 s, r 11 e, w. m.

Marie Spinning of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 674, for the purchase of the ne 1/4 sec 18, tp 26 s, r 13 e, w. m.

J. Frank Spinning of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 673, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 sec 18, tp 26 s, r 13 e, w. m.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before A. C. Palmer, U. S. Commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday, the 21st day of Feb., 1903.

They name as witnesses: Thomas H. Watkins, Francis J. Devine, of Albany, Oregon; Donald F. Steffa, William H. Brock, of Bend, Oregon; Parker Doak, Marie Spinning, J. Frank Spinning, of Prineville, Oregon.

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E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

Echoes Along the Deschutes.

Ferd McCallister was up from his Haystack ranch the first of the week with a load of apples. Mr. McCallister says practically all of the residents in his vicinity are opposed to the creation of a new county from the northern portion of Crook.

Alec Lehman was out from Prineville on a business trip Wednesday.

Charlie Willey has returned from a business trip to Prineville where he spent several days this week.

Morning and evening services will be held tomorrow in the school house. The new pastor of the Prineville Presbyterian church will conduct the services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

W. H. Staats was in Prineville the first of the week attending to business matters.

D. F. Stewart was over from Prineville Wednesday looking after some business interests in this locality.

George Schlecht left for Silver Lake Thursday.

CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 12th 1902.—A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William P. Vandeventer, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 189, made October 4th, 1901, for N 1/4 SW 1/4 S 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 33, T. 17 S. R. 12 E. by James, C. S. Taber Contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly failed to expend the amount of \$1 per acre on said tract from October 4th, 1901, date of said entry, and October 4th, 1902, or at any time thereafter. Said party is hereby notified to appear, and offer evidence tending to establish his claim, on or before February 6th 1903, before H. W. Reed, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, at his office and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 21st 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

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America I. Boone of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 412, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 sec 33, tp 24 s, r 9 e, w. m.

Lizzie E. Hyde of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 454, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 ne 1/4, n 1/4 sec 14, sw 1/4 sec 13, tp 25 s, r 10 e, w. m.

Walter S. Hyde of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 456, for the purchase of the ne 1/4 sec 13, tp 25 s, r 10 e, w. m.

Jacob W. Boone of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 457 for the purchase of the nw 1/4 sec 18, tp 23 s, r 10 e, w. m.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before A. C. Palmer, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Jacob W. Boone, Edwin O. Hyde, America I. Boone, Lizzie E. Hyde, Walter S. Hyde, all of Prineville, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of February, 1903.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

BEND NO MORE; NOW DESCHUTES.

POSTOFFICE DEPT ISSUES ORDER CHANGING THE NAME.

And a Bad Taste Is Removed from the Mouth of the Community.

BEND IS DEAD. The post-office on the Deschutes river which has borne that cramped-up name for so many years passed quietly into the sleep that knows no awakening last Monday in response to an order issued by the third assistant Post-master General. The man who sat on the bank of the river thirty years ago and, after enduring a severe attack of spasms, gave the place the hysterical name of Bend has not been heard from. It is thought that he, too, has joined his namesake in the realm of oblivion.

DESCHUTES! That sounds better, looks better, writes better, and, in fact, makes everyone, who has been compelled to endure the opprobrium attached to the name of Bend, feel better. Consequently everyone is satisfied. It is no longer BEND, BROKE or BUSTED, but plain and rhythmical DESCHUTES.

A Petition Brings About the Change in Name.

The change in name is the result of a petition circulated several weeks ago setting forth the facts that DESCHUTES is more distinctive of the town's location; that said town is located on the Deschutes river in the Deschutes Valley and in that portion of Crook county known as the Deschutes country. These facts, together with several others of local bearing, were formulated into a petition which, with a few exceptions, was signed by every patron of the post-office. Through the efforts of congressman Williamson and senator Mitchell it received prompt attention from the post-office department in Washington.

W. H. Staats Will Continue to Serve as Post-Master.

The order was issued from the Post-office department December 30, and the new name authorized to be used with the beginning of the next quarter which commenced on the first of January. W. H. Staats will continue to hold the office of post-master and his bonds have been signed and forwarded to Washington in compliance with the law.

Deschutes' Prospects Bright For the Ensuing Year.

The outlook for increased activity in all commercial lines along the Deschutes during the present year is promising—much more so than ever before. Building, especially, will be a prominent feature and one for which preparations are now being made.

The district around Deschutes is practically two years old, but the next two years will see a far more rapid growth and development than before. The past two years have been spent mainly in completing the preliminary work necessary to the opening of a new country, and now that this work is done nothing hinders a wide-spread settlement over every portion of this district with the concentration of most of the business interests in Deschutes.

Extensive lumbering, together with the establishment of saw-mills, shingle-mills and planers will mark the opening in the spring of a new industry—heretofore unknown in Crook county—which will augment not only the settlement of the country under irrigation, but will incite for years to come a permanency and growth in population. The lumbering interests will be of greater commercial value than all other industries combined, yet each will work in harmony with the other, for the common good of all.

Irrigation in the district lying west of the Deschutes is assured, and an area of nearly 30,000 acres will be brought under cultivation, the greater portion of it this year.

The fact that the irrigation company operating in this section is allied with the Columbia Southern railroad, the extension of the railroad from the north would be brought about ultimately by the investment of capital in the yellow pine belts of the Deschutes Valley. But conditions as they are—railroad and irrigation interests combined—will hasten the construction of the railroad, and the benefits will accrue both to the projects on foot and the settlers.

Altogether the future has a promising aspect. Business men are taking hold of business enterprises, industry is gradually but surely springing up in every avenue, and time alone will verify the assumption that the Deschutes Valley will have a population more than double the present population of Crook county.

Antelope's squeaky little voice is still being raised in favor of the proposed new county which she expects to dub "Stockman" county. "Backskin" county would be more appropriate, but with all her efforts and fresh venison arguments Antelope cantelope with such a large slice of Crook county's territory on so small a showing.

Timber Investigation Satisfactory.

The government's investigation of the timber land entries in Oregon is being pursued with a diligence that promises to disclose to Mr. Hitchcock and the Interior department nothing more, and probably not as much, as was known before the scrutiny began. The Chronicle of La Grande says:

"Hon. Thomas McNutt, special agent of the General Land office department of the Interior, who was sent here several days ago to inquire into and examine the alleged fraudulent entries made at the United States Land office in this city, is still with us. Mr. McNutt since his arrival here has made a thorough investigation of the entries made at this office, and has found everything perfectly satisfactory."

So much for one land district, out the work of Mr. Grygla, the special agent at Lakeview, will be watched with interest by the many claimants who have filed applications and made final proof on timber claims in Lake and Klamath counties during the past summer.

A charge of fraud in that district means a long, cold trip for the applicant, the legality of whose claim may be questioned.

Doings of the Celebrities in Deschutes.

W. T. Stevens, an expert lumberman from Albany, is sorting knot-holes in the P. B. D. Co's lumber yard. Mr. Stevens expects to begin grading saw-dust next week.

Dr. W. W. Taggart was a Prineville visitor several days during the week. The doctor, who is a noted oculist, was treating a cataract in the eye of a potato.

Judge Travers, who is a recent addition to society circles in Deschutes, is the composer of the following poem:

"I'd like to be a peanut.
The reason why I'll tell,
When the flies light on my bald head,
I'd crawl back in my shell."

Charlie Dennison the mining expert who assayed the cinders on Lava Butte last fall, says that fresh eggs can be kept nicely during the winter by encasing each one in a saw-dust pillow.

A. Kute Angle, chief engineer and general manager of the Dry Water and Time Irrigation company, says the company is determined to get water onto the desert if it has to wait sixty-seven years to begin. "We stand for progress and quick development," says he, "but like the hound we must locate the (scent before we start in."

The epidemic of typhoid fever which is assuming serious proportions in Prineville gives the residents of Deschutes cause to congratulate themselves on the pure and untainted supply of water which they use. The Deschutes river has long been noted for its purity, and it is only when impure drinking water is the underlying cause of much sickness in other communities that its real worth is fully appreciated.