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TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

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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. 926, for the purchase of the ne¹/₄ 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 ne¹/₄ 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 4, tp 26 s, r 11 e, w. m.
Alice M. Holder of Moro, county of Sherman, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 996, for the purchase of the sw¹/₄ sec 8, tp 25 s, r 11 e, w. m.
Nelly Z. Pike of Moro, county of Sherman, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 990, for the purchase of the lots 1, 2, 3, 4, sec 5, tp 26 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 Marceau, of Rosland, Oregon; Irwin D. Pike, Alice M. Holder, Nelly Z. Pike, of Moro, Oregon.
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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 6, 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 nw¹/₄ 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 sw¹/₄ 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.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day of Feb., 1903.
E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

Echoes Along the Deschutes.

John McTaggart is here from The Dalles attending to business matters.
Charlie Willey returned Wednesday from a business trip to Sisters and Prineville.
Ambrose O'Kelly, a prominent railroad contractor of Spokane, is here on a business trip.
The same residents of Deschutes who a few months ago were endeavoring to get the name of the place changed, are now the instigators (under cover, however) of a remonstrance against the change which has been made. It may be spite, or it may be contrariness, but over it all there is a strong indication that gray matter is entirely lacking.
Judge Travers and George Schlect, who have been here from Portland for several weeks looking over the country, left Thursday for the Willamette Valley.
Edwin Brock returned home from Prineville Monday.
A party of sixteen from different points in North Dakota and Minnesota arrived here Wednesday to locate on timber claims.

CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 12th 1902.—A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William E. Vandever, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 369, made October 4th, 1901, for S¹/₄ SW¹/₄ S¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ Sec. 23, T. 17 S. R. 12 E. by James C. S. Tat of Constance, 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 touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on 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.

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United States Land Office, Lakeview Oregon, Oct. 18, 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 persons have this day filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:
America I. Boone of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 412, for the purchase of the sw¹/₄ sec 33, tp 24 s, r 9 e, w. m.
Lizzie E. Hyde of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 451, for the purchase of the sw¹/₄ ne¹/₄, n¹/₂ sec¹/₄, sw¹/₄ sec¹/₄ sec 13, tp 25 s, r 10 e, w. m.
Walter S. Hyde of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 458, for the purchase of the ne¹/₄ sec 18, 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 nw¹/₄ sec 18, tp 25 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.

IRRIGATION NOW UNDER WAY

W. A. LAIDLAW HERE TO SUPERINTEND WORK OF COLUMBIA SOUTHERN COMPANY.

Clearing of Right of Way Has Begun, and Construction to Start Early in the Spring.

The first move toward the reclamation of a large body of arid land in the Deschutes Valley has been made, and a tract of 10,000 acres will be thrown open to settlement by the first of July.
W. A. Laidlaw, secretary and general manager of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, arrived in Deschutes the fore part of the week and will personally superintend the construction of the company's canals, work on which will begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Resume of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company.

The Columbia Southern Irrigation company, the first of two large companies with headquarters in the Deschutes Valley to begin work, was formerly the Three Sisters Irrigation company. The latter was incorporated about four years ago with a capital stock of \$10,000. C. Sam Smith, the present sheriff of Crook county, J. B. Cartwright and several others were the principal stockholders. Work was begun in the basin of the Tumello and about two and one half miles of the main canal were completed when the company changed hands and passed into the control of the present owners.
The name was then changed to the Columbia Southern Irrigation company with E. E. Lytle president; W. H. Moore, treasurer, and W. A. Laidlaw, secretary and general manager. The capital stock of the new organization was placed at \$100,000. The company assumed control in June and began work on its preliminary surveys about the first of August of last year. About four months from that date the surveys were completed and the contract for the irrigation of the tract under the canals received its approval from the state land board on December 4.

Clearing of the Right of Way Has Begun.

This tract of land under the company's canal embraces approximately 30,000 acres of sage-brush territory which is the richest of soils when brought under irrigation. A force of men is now at work clearing the right of way for the main canal which will be thirty feet wide at the bottom. Mr. Laidlaw stated the other day that the present force would be increased immediately, and as soon as the weather permits in the spring men and teams will be advertised for and construction work pushed to the limit.

What Mr. Laidlaw Says About the Project.

"We expect to get water on the land by the first of July," said Mr. Laidlaw, "and apply for patent on these lands as soon as five or eight thousand acres are irrigated. Tracts embracing about the same acreage will be patented as soon as brought under cultivation, and this method will be pursued until the entire body of 30,000 acres has been irrigated and settled. We feel confident that 10,000 acres of the tract will be in the hands of settlers by the first of July. Nine thousand acres have already been sold by the company and two years from now will probably see the entire tract disposed of and under irrigation; at least the work on the canals will be pushed through as rapidly as the demand justifies, and it is more than likely that with the advertising systems in vogue the demand for land will be greater than our supply.
"Our greatest gain in the way of advertising will come through the Harriman system which has been instituted in the east. The offices of the company there will constantly be sending out pamphlets and circulars, and illustrated stereopticon lectures will also come into play. The Deschutes Valley with its possibilities will be shown up in true colors and results in the immigration line are sure to come. It is our intention to get all the land we can under irrigation as early in the season as possible so as to catch the eastern homeseekers who will take advantage of the excursion rates in the spring.
"We think our terms for the land cannot be improved, and we will use our best endeavors to secure a well-to-do class in the Tumello basin. We are eager to get those who can make their first payments and who will be able to go upon the land at once and build homes and make improvements. We are also using our influence to persuade prospective settlers to take not over 80 acres, as past events in irrigated countries have proven that this amount when well irrigated is more productive and will yield better results to the settler than a quarter section. The latter amount is likely to be more than one man can handle in a satisfactory manner, especially in a new country, and it is our wish to have everyone who secures land under the company's canals make the best showing possible."

Some More Doin's of the Celebrities.

W. T. Stevens has finished sort-sorting the knot-holes in the P. B. D. Co's lumber yard. He is now engaged in straightening out some of the scantlings which have been warped by the sun. One of these, which is quite badly deformed, Mr. Stevens will use as a corkscrew to pull the crater out of Lava Butte.

Barney Lewis, the seven foot giant who came here recently from the Willamette Valley, is one of the strongest men in Crook county. Mr. Lewis gave a demonstration of his abilities in the muscular line Wednesday evening and elicited much applause when, without any apparent effort, he lifted his voice to the roof of his mouth.

Judge, a barred Plymouth rock hen belonging to W. H. Staats, which laid 364 eggs last year made a New Year's resolution and has gone to sitting. At present the owner has her sitting on a legal case and expects to hatch a lawsuit early in the spring.

All of the celebrities would like to ask the Dry Water and Time Irrigation company the following question: If it takes three lawyers to make a libel suit fit an editor how many attorneys will it take to make a suit of clothes fit a duck.

Portland's Eyes Are Opening.

In the report of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland on the various railroads throughout the state, it is recommended that in the event of the Harriman people refusing to advance money to extend the Columbia Southern the moneyed men of the city raise the amount necessary for that purpose.

It is gratifying to learn that at least one institution in Portland is alive to the possibilities of increasing trade from the Deschutes Valley, and the fact that irrigation has actually started on a sound basis and the district as a whole is developing without the aid of a railroad is likely to open still wider the eyes of the metropolis. In the meantime in the Deschutes Valley a long dormant undercurrent of activity is bursting forth, and growth and industry will struggle along as best they can, bolstered up with a wealth of resources, and separate and apart from either a railroad or the city which naturally should be the first to reach out for both its trade and influence.

It is rather difficult to define the character of a man who gets up at 3 o'clock in the morning and travels thirty miles to relinquish a claim in order to avoid a contest. But somewhere in that definition there's a C and an O and a W and an A and an R and a D.—Desunt catena.

J. J. Vandever fell on the ice near his home in Lava the first of the week and seriously injured his hip. Mr. Vandever is confined to his bed at present but will be around again in a few days.

P. B. Poindexter returned Thursday from a two weeks hunting trip on the upper Deschutes.