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### TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

#### RE-ADVERTISEMENT

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, April, 29, 1903.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress 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, Line M. Hale of Arlington, county of Gilliam, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 709 for the purchase of the Lots 7-8-9 & 10 sec. 11 p. 21 s. r. 12 e. w. m. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber and stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W.A. Bell U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday the 18th day of July, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Francis J. Devine, Thomas H. Watkins of Albany Oregon; Benjamin F. Morris of Prineville, Oregon; Donald F. Staats of Deschutes, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of July, 1903.

E. M. Brattain Register.

### TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Lakeview, Oregon, Jan. 30, 1903.—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:

George Schlecht

of 281 Fourth St., Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1708 for the purchase of the SE 1/4, Sec. 20 T. 24 S. R. 13 E. w. m.

Frances C. Swartwood,

of Moscow, county of Latah, State of Idaho, sworn statement No. 1709 for the purchase of the NE 1/4, Sec. 21 T. 24 S. R. 13 E. w. m.

Ethel M. Swartwood,

of Palouse, county of Whitman, State of Washington, sworn statement No. 1770 for the purchase of the NW 1/4, Sec. 21 T. 24 S. R. 13 E. w. m.

John W. Olson,

of Moscow, county of Latah, State of Idaho, sworn statement No. 1771 for the purchase of the SW 1/4, Sec. 21 T. 24 S. R. 13 E. w. m.

Arthur R. Patton,

of Palouse, county of Whitman, State of Washington, sworn statement No. 1772 for the purchase of the SE 1/4 Sec. 21 T. 24 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 M. R. Biggs U. S. Commissioner at Prineville, Oregon, on Wednesday the 3rd day of June 1903.

They name as witnesses: George Schlecht of Portland, Oregon; Frances C. Swartwood, John W. Olson of Moscow Idaho; Ethel M. Swartwood, and Arthur R. Patton of Palouse Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3, day of June 1903.

E. M. Brattain, Register.

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Department of the Interior,  
General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C., May 6, 1903.  
Mr. A. C. Palmer,  
Prineville, Oregon.

Sir: This office is in receipt of your sworn communication conveying the information that after the date of the expiration of your commission as United States Commissioner, you continued to act as such commissioner by administering oaths to parties making filings and their witnesses making final proofs.

You ask this office to take such action as may be proper for the relief of the parties affected.

You are informed that this office has by its letter of this date to the local officers at Lakeview and The Dalles, Oregon, directed said officers as follows:

"You are directed that in each and every instance where an affidavit executed before the said A. C. Palmer, as commissioner aforesaid after October 4, 1902, has heretofore or may hereafter be presented to, or filed in your office, you will notify the party making such affidavit, where the affidavit is made and presented in support of his own interest (such as filings), and also in all cases where parties may have tendered such affidavits executed by others, in support of the rights or interests of the party filing them (such as the affidavits of final proof witnesses), that all such affidavits will be allowed to make affidavits before some officer duly authorized to administer such oaths to the effect that each and every statement such affiant or affiants may have made in the affidavit or affidavits to which they were sworn by the said Palmer after October 4 1902, were true, when made; that said affiant or affiants when making oath to the truth of said affidavits supposed that said Palmer had legal authority to administer such oaths, and that they, (said affiant or affiants) intended to bind their consciences accordingly.

"And when such affidavit or affidavits as hereby allowed are duly filed in your office, the original affidavits so fortified by the supporting affidavits will, in the absence of any adverse claim, be considered by you as if the said Palmer, Commissioner aforesaid, had legal authority to administer the oath at the time when the original affidavits were sworn to.

"This order and direction is not however intended to prejudice any adverse right that may have intervened or attached because of the lack of technical legal authority in said Palmer to administer the oaths hereinbefore alluded to after October 4, 1902, but each case, wherein such adverse rights may on such account have attached, shall be considered separately and as it may arise upon its individual merits as shown by the attending circumstances.

You are informed of this action because it is presumed that you will, of course, render such assistance as may be in your power to those parties who, assuming you to be what you represented yourself to be, ( an officer having authority

to administer such oaths), took such oaths before you honestly and in good faith.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. Fimple,

Acting Commissioner.

The foregoing is a copy of the letter received by A. C. Palmer in regard to the timber and stone and other land filings and proofs made before him after October 4th, 1902. And is in line with the work already done by him to validate said work through affidavits.

## SAME OLDSONG.

A short time ago it was reported that Harriman had promised to build a railroad into Central Oregon with out delay, but he has since informed the public through Mr. Mohler and T. B. Wilcox that they assure him from personal observation that such a road would pay. This is the "baby act". Harriman knows the resources of central Oregon as well as any man in it. He knew it well enough to guarantee the bonds of the Columbia Southern and since that time his stock of information has not diminished and his present demand for further information is only an excuse for not keeping his pledge. The fact is that building the road or allowing one to be built does not suit the present plans and purposes of the syndicate of which Harriman is the head. The Columbia Southern says that it will build its extension whether Harriman consents or not. This is the same old song that has been sung into the ears of the people interested for the past twenty years and they are extremely liable to hear it repeated many times before they hear the whistle of a locomotive. Mr. Lytle wants to build the road but is unable to do so and must wait the consent of the powers that control the financing of the railroads.

The Health board of Lake County has adopted drastic measures to avoid the spreading of smallpox in that county, about three weeks ago they ordered the Postmaster at Silver Lake to refuse all mail from this section, and last Friday they stretched ropes across all the roads from Crook into Lake county and set guards to prevent the entrance of any person or persons from Crook into Lake county, and even stopped the stage and held it under quarantine. This appears to us as a measure quite uncalled for as the mail matter could easily be treated by proper methods, to disinfect it and then be forwarded to its proper destination. A delay could be easily overlooked but the actual stopping of the U. S. Mail for three weeks is an outrage, and especially so since we have not had a single case of the smallpox nearer than 27 miles of this place.

Preparations for a royal welcome to president Roosevelt are being made in Portland where he will be on the 21st. At the laying of the corner-stone of the Portland Fair he will appear in a bed of flowers covering the stand, the machinery for handling the corner-stone and the approaches to the stand, streets are being repaired, flowers will be in bloom in great abundance and the city will in every respect be at its best.

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