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With this issue there occurs a change in the ownership and management of The Deschutes Echo. H. J. and A. C. Palmer, who have jointly managed and edited it for a year past, have disposed of the property and business to The Deschutes Publishing Company of which George Schiecht is the controlling factor.

Today we are celebrating the nation's birthday. This date comes to the nation as the memories of childhood come back to men.

Public Land Fraud Cases in Court. Miss Marie Ware, Ex-U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, and Horace G. McKinley, a timber dealer, at their preliminary examination before Commissioner Sladen in Portland last Saturday were held to appear before the next U. S. Grand Jury on a charge of having conspired to defraud the government in land cases, their bonds being fixed at \$2000 each.

According to the opinion of Attorney General Stratton, of the State of Washington, county clerks are not entitled to the fees received by them for making proofs and filings on land, as the law there provides that clerks shall turn over to the county all money coming into their hands by virtue of their office.

Decision Against Hutchinson.

Judge Bradshaw has decided the case of C. C. Hutchinson against A. M. Drake, in favor of the defendant. Mr. Hutchinson's suit was for a half interest in the holdings of the Pilot Butte Development Company.

A Lively Day in Bend.

July 1st was a banner day for changes in Deschutes and Bend. All three of the local hotels experienced changes of management. Mr. Ed. Boyd, who has successfully conducted the Sizemore hotel during the past month, has leased and taken charge of the Staats hotel, while the Sizemore hotel found a new manager in Mrs. Baldwin who has rented it for a term of several months.

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A Big Boom in Sight.

Mr. J. W. Morrow, agent for the Columbia Southern Trust Company, arrived here this week in company with W. A. Laidlaw who is pushing the U. S. ditch to early completion.

The Fourth of July opening dance at West's hall last night was an enjoyable affair and the following programme arranged for today's celebration is being successfully carried out.

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