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Irish Chipmunks.

John Bloss reports that the chipmunks out in 15-11 are Irish; at least they have a great liking for potatoes and dig the tubers out of the ground with great thoroughness. The small rodents like the potatoes young and tender and do not wait for them to mature. Mr. Bloss planted on his homestead this

season potatoes, carrots and turnips. All grew well but the harvest of potatoes went to the chipmunks. They didn't seem to fancy the other vegetables. However, it is presumed that with larger clearings the chipmunks will cease to trouble the vegetables. This is Mr. Bloss's first year on his homestead and he has only about two acres tilled. He will have about five acres in crop next season. He says he has the best homesteader's cabin in Crook county, of hewn logs put together so tight that they baffle even mice. This makes a warm and comfortable house.

Mr. Bloss has great faith in the agricultural productivity of this country. He says it has not had a fair show yet and nobody knows what it will do. The fine crops of grain raised on farms a few miles northwest of Bend this year show that proper cultivation of the soil will bring results. Of course water is essential in some places but it may be had. To stir the soil and take care of the crop is the main thing, however, for many localities that are not popularly regarded as promising. Nature will do its part if the farmer will do his.

The School Rhetoricals.

For the rhetorical exercises at the Bend school last Friday the following programme was followed and it was in all respects creditable: Nellie Barnes, "Mary's Bird"; John Dorrance, "The Happy Family"; Cecelia Cottor, "The Sunbeam"; Anneta Cottor, "The Snowstorm"; Margaret Wiest, "The Bird"; Lynn Marsh, "Pictures of Memory"; Fred Lucas, "The Last Day".

The next exercises of this character will be next Friday afternoon, and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Harry Broker spent half the week in Prineville. He now wears glasses to help his eyesight.

CLEVE DONKEL ACQUITTED.

Circumstantial Evidence Did not Convince the Jury.

As was forecast by The Bulletin last week, Cleve Donkel was acquitted of the murder of his father, the jury being out eight hours before agreeing upon a verdict. There was no direct evidence to connect the son with the murder of the father. The circumstantial evidence, though strong, was greatly discounted by the well-known character of the old man, which was brought out in the testimony at this trial. The possible doubt as to the main fact, coupled with the probability of justification if the main charge were true, seemed eventually to carry the day with the jury, and a verdict of acquittal was finally agreed upon.

The verdict was rendered Friday night. Accompanied by his brothers and sisters, Cleve Donkel came out from Prineville Saturday and Monday he went up the river. It is said that the young folks will soon build a house and establish their home on their claim a short distance below Bend.

Indian Who Values His Time.

Jackson Kulps, a prosperous Indian from the Warm Springs agency, spent Saturday and Sunday in Bend on his way back from a hop-picking visit to Lane county. He was accompanied by his wife and two young sons. They had 14 horses along with them and found it not an easy matter to rustle forage for the animals, and they were duly grateful for free pasturage in the Drake field on the west side of the river.

Kulps says his visit to the valley this year was a waste of time. Too many persons were engaged in hop-picking. The pay per box was good enough, but the term of picking was too short. Kulps got in but four days, a 100-acre hop yard being cleaned up in that time. His earnings were \$11. He says he could have stayed at home and sold \$100 worth of stuff from his ranch in the time wasted by going to the Willamette valley.

It is a decided novelty to find an Indian regretting the waste of his time.

Kulps has a ranch of 300 acres a dozen miles to the northward of the Warm Springs agency. He has 100 acres under cultivation and good building. He intends to get a lot of cattle and graze the land not actually under plow. He raises hay, grain and vegetables and sells chiefly to the agency. He likes farming and says he can make much money by it. However, his frugal spouse had gloves to sell here.

Improving Snow Creek Ditch.

The Snow Creek Irrigation Company, of which M. C. Awbrey is president, Thomas Arnold secretary and William Fryrear treasurer, is about to make considerable improvements in its irrigation plant. The lake at the head of the Three Creeks ditch, which originally covered 160 acres and has been given an additional area of about 30 acres by a dam eight feet tall, will probably be added to and the head-gates will be rebuilt and improved. A good deal of general repair work along the course of the ditch will also be done this fall. This irrigation enterprise serves an important district that is as yet not much developed, but there is a notable movement that way.

Bend-Prineville Road Change.

It has practically been decided, subject to the approval of the county court next week, that the Prineville-Bend county road will be changed so as to run west into

Broadway, in the Lytle townsite. Then from the vicinity of C. J. Cotter's house, it will pass southward into the present county road along the river. Instead of ascending the hill to Wall street, in the Bend townsite, on the present route between the Pilot Butte Inn and the livery barn, it will pass up near where "Dad" West's cottage is and join Wall street a little to the northward of the schoolhouse. This will give the desired room for the Pilot Butte Development Company's irrigating ditch.

LOCAL NEWS

John Bloss is down from his claim for a few days.

Mrs. A. M. Drake and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and Marion were in Prineville Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Glen Marsh left Tuesday morning for Weblake, Wisconsin, her husband joining her at Spokane.

The coldest of the season was last night, when the mercury went down to 18 above zero. But the air is dry and there is no discomfort.

Horses that put up at the Pilot Butte livery barn now have their choice of timothy, clover or oats hay, each the best of its kind and plenty of it.

J. N. and Harry Hunter returned Wednesday night from their week's trip up the river. They report that Forestry Agent Kent is now camped near Rosland.

Work on the Pilot Butte Development Company's flume progresses satisfactorily and it promises to be completed by Thanksgiving day. That will get the water to Bend before Christmas.

J. F. Moore, the land attorney of The Dalles, registered at the Pilot Butte Inn Monday. He came in to look at some land out south but was misled by his guide and did not get to see it.

"Dad" West now runs a delivery rig in connection with his market. He also takes orders and delivers for the Bend Mercantile Company and he finds the growing trade keeps him pretty busy.

Mr. Drake will reach home tomorrow after an absence of over two months, most of which time was spent in Portland. He went to Ogden to attend the irrigation congress and ran up to Seattle to visit a cousin a day or two.

R. E. Warner, of Brownsville, who spent some time as a guest of the Lucases a few weeks ago, is likely to return and take a ranch in the Sisters neighborhood next summer and he will probably go into the sheep business.

Charles A. Stanburrough left Wednesday morning for Portland, where he will spend about two weeks with relatives. He goes at this time to be present at the wedding of his sister, which will take place next Wednesday.

Misses Nola and Grace Kever, daughters of John L. Kever, arrived Wednesday from Bakersville, N. C., to join the family here. They had a pleasant journey, though they were 11 days on the road. All the members of the family are now here.

The three Roberts boys, Thomas, Elwood and Millson, expect to leave in a few days for up-river points. Millson and Elwood have claims they wish to prepare for winter. Cyrus J. Sweet and Nels Rasmussen will also go on a similar mission. All will return in a week or two and stay with the P. B. D. Co.'s flume work until it shall be completed. Then they will go up to their claims for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dustan, of Clarkston, Wash., arrived Tuesday night to look after some land interests in this section. The Dustans are old friends of John Bloss, both having come West from Northern Wisconsin.

Miss Maud Vandeventer, who has been visiting with her friend Miss Bertha Jory, during the past two weeks, left Thursday on her return to her home at Lava. She will stop on Willow creek to visit friends a few days on her way home.—Ashwood Prospector.

Barney Lewis and Ed Brock left Tuesday morning, the former for a month's visit with his people in Portland, and the latter for The Dalles, where he expects to get work. They went out with Freighters Bates and Lytle and formed a sociable company.

The Duluth News Tribune of October 4 published a portrait of Neil Smith, of Superior, as one of the pioneer curlers of this country. Mr. Smith visited Bend last summer and is interested in land claims in the Deschutes valley. He is a brother-in-law of James Hunter. He will soon return here to go on his homestead.

Mrs. Harshman's residence at the Lytle townsite is nearing completion. It is 20x24 feet on the ground and two stories high. Rena West and Charles Brock have the foundation laid for their saloon building. Steidl & Reed are putting up an office building 30x60, which will also be used for storeroom. John Tingman is preparing to open a feed yard there.

Chauncey P. Becker says the second surveyer of Great Northern railway antecedents has been examining the country on the west side of the Deschutes recently. He did not intimate that any railroad significance attached to his visit but he admitted that he was looking for desirable property to buy.

George and Frank Bogue came down the river Tuesday and left next day for a load of winter supplies. They were accompanied by their uncle, William Bogue, who recently came over from the Willamette valley to spend the winter on the Deschutes, where there is good health to burn.

J. N. Moore and his nephew, of Long Creek, arrived in Bend Monday night with 30 horses, which they herded at Pilot Butte. In the morning the horses were gone, having taken the back track to Prineville. They were mostly mares bearing the box x and J 4 brands. They had been started for Southern Oregon but it had been concluded to take them across to the Willamette valley for market.

Last night immediately after arriving at the Bend Mercantile store and while the driver and others were engaged in unloading the stage of its express and freight, the stage team suddenly started on the run at break-neck speed down Wall street. It did not stop its gait until it had come squarely against a small pine about a quarter of a mile south of Mr. Wiest's. Here it was caught up with by the driver and prevented from doing further damage.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
U. S. Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon,
September 25, 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,

Albert S. Parsons, of Buckley, county of Pierce, state of Washington, has filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1361, for the purchase of the sw qr sec 31, tp 22 s, r 15 e, w 3 m.

And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. J. Smith, County Clerk, at Prineville, Oregon on Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Robert L. McMurry, Byron Cady, I. B. Allingham and Ora Poindexter, 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 the said 16th day of December, 1903.
E. M. BRATTAIN Register.
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