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Letting the contract for a bridge at Forest's is tardy justice to this end of the county.

California has added to the bead-roll of her political infamies by endorsing the rotten Hearst presidential boom.

About 130 voters for Bend precinct are registered this year. Two years ago the total registration for this precinct was 32.

If you don't believe a political campaign is on in Crook county look at the list of political meetings posted on Sundry trees and dead walls.

A man named Simmons, down in Multnomah county, is Congressman Williamson's democratic opponent for election next month. We mildly venture the observation that Mr. Williamson will get there per Simmons.

The unusually high water in the Deschutes this spring is explained by the presence of so many fine fish—trout and grayling. Fishermen are doing their best to reduce the volume and results will probably be apparent in a week or two.

From a wad of clippings just received from a press clipping bureau we observe that The Dalles Chronicle has been pitching into The Bulletin in most heartless fashion. Nobody expects The Dalles Chronicle to be fair and we are now pained to note that it also lacks the intelligence to quote printed matter correctly. As the Holy Roller of Oregon journalism that paper has even lost its power to amuse.

Having been found guilty of conduct unbecoming a postmaster and intolerable in a federal officer, Postmaster Bancroft, of Portland, thinks to mend his offenses by firing his deputy, whom he holds responsible for the light that has been beating upon the office for some time. This is a common practice with evil doers. Unable to make a good defense for themselves they attack those who show up the skulduggery. It is one form of pleading guilty.

At first the Japanese won because they struck before the Russians were ready, we were told, and there were strong intimations that such action was very reprehensible. Having beaten Russia on the sea, Japan goes steadily forward with the same record on land, and the Russians are finding position after position untenable and are worsted in every contact with the active little brown men. Japan's course appears to be to sweep Russia out of Manchuria and then invite the Chinese Tartars to reoccupy the province. This will make common cause between the Japanese and Chinese against Russia and is likely to determine the issues of the war.

One need not be a sheep owner to recognize the fact that anarchy prevails on the ranges of Lake county. The wanton killing by a pack of brigands, of 4000 sheep, whose offence was that they lived and occupied a part of the open range which somebody else wanted, stamps the community with a character that will be hard to live down. The most open disregard of personal and property rights goes without an attempt at punishment. All the strife between sheep men and cattle men is over something that belongs

to neither. And, not infrequently happens in other walks of life also, the bitterest animosities spring from undemonstrable theories regarding our rights and those of our neighbors.

Mr. Bell's discussion of the road policy of this county is very much to the point. Why, indeed, should the county be accumulating a large road fund from the taxpayers and then require citizens to go into their private pockets for road improvements? Why should the county treasury be piled full of the taxpayers' money and kept full by high levies? It is not a proper function of government to accumulate money in the treasury beyond the reasonable requirements of the public service. It is to be observed that the vigorous republican campaign on these lines is wringing immediate results from a democratic administration and funds are now going out with prodigal liberality to the several districts. Can it be that the money has been hoarded so long in order to serve as a democratic campaign device?

The legal sharps who express the opinion that public land is subject to taxation after final certificate is issued are getting into a field that is thick with difficulties. Suppose the county levies tax against a timber claim on which final receipt has issued and the holder of the certificate lives in another state, as is the case with two-thirds of the claims in Crook county. If the equity is taxed as personal property Oregon cannot collect from citizens of other states. If the claim is taxed as real estate how is the tax lien to be enforced? The county cannot sell and get tax title as in other cases, because the land still belongs to the government. And suppose, after a year or two of this work, the final receipt should be canceled: The county would be cumbered with liens against land that never passed from the government. The theory that land claimants have taxable interests in property to which they have no title is one that is likely to bring more worry than profit in the long run.

## WATER TO SILT BASINS.

**New Pilot Butte Canal Behaves Well --All Go to Front.**

Water in the new Pilot Butte canal has been flowing into the first silt basin, about four miles below Bend, since last Saturday. That basin is about filled and the current will soon move on down the line to the next basin. The volume turned into the canal is gradually being increased and everything works satisfactorily. The water is enlarging the channel where that service was needed and it is not proving at all unruly on any part of the line.

Most of the force that was employed at headquarters until the water was turned into the canal, has gone out to the front. Mr. Wiest has gone out to the vanguard engineer camp, established this week at the Tetherow bridge, 20 miles down the river, and Chief Engineer Kelley also went out to the front. Much of his time hereafter will be spent in the field, between the advance camp of engineers and the construction camp that was moved forward a few days ago to a point about 15 miles below Bend.

Assessor B. F. Johnson came in from Prineville on Monday night's stage and spent three days listing property for taxation here. He says the Crook county roll this year will show an increase of about \$500,000 over last year's valuation of taxable property.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon.  
April 25, 1904.

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, 1894, the following named persons have filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

Harriet S. Martin of San Jose, county of Santa Clara, state of California (507 south 10th street), sworn statement No. 220, filed Sept. 18, 1903, for the purchase of the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4 sec 2, and NW 1/4 sec 2, T. 12 S., R. 10 E., W. 3.

Thomas Meagher of The Dalles, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 205, filed August 1, 1903, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 sec 34, T. 13 S., R. 10 E., W. 3.

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 claims to said land before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on July 26th, 1904.

They name as witnesses: L. E. Allingham of Prineville, Oregon; R. J. Gordon and Michael O'Connor of The Dalles, Ore.; J. D. West of San Francisco, California; Frank West of St. Paul, Minnesota; George Gage of Park Rapids, Minnesota; J. A. Martin of San Jose, California; Frank Groundwater of Elms, Washington; Martin Groundwater and Nevin McIntyre of The Dalles, 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 26th day of July, 1904.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.  
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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon.  
April 25, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Smith, County Clerk, at Prineville, Oregon, on June 11, 1904, viz:

Harrison A. Melvin of Sisters, Oregon, H. R. No. 1241, for the SW 1/4, SW 1/4 sec 4 and NW 1/4 sec 9, T. 12 S., R. 10 E., W. 3.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Thomas Arnold, Warren Farthing, Herbert Gazier and William E. Fryrear, all of Sisters, Oregon.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.  
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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Halvor Christenson of Ballard, county of King, state of Washington (P. O. Box 126), sworn statement No. 198, filed September 25, 1903, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of section 13, T. 12 S., R. 12 E., W. 3.

Theophile St. Michel of Bend, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 120, filed September 23, 1902, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of sec. 22, T. 12 S., R. 10 E., W. 3.

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 claims to said land before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on August 9th, 1904.

They name as witnesses: Christian P. Jensen, Christian Halper, Otto B. Olson, Levis Puorviolet, Nils O. Olson and Halvor Christenson of Ballard, Washington; James Alexander, Maxem LePage, Henry Rath, George Bates, Joseph Mitchell, A. N. Bremner, W. H. Slaats, D. P. Steffen, Frank Rodson, John Smith, Louis Nelson, Charles J. Cottor and W. H. Brock of Bend, Oregon.

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