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MISFIT LAND LAWS

That's What Mr. Williamson Calls 'Em.

SHOULD BE REVISED SOON

Graduated Homestead Law Suggested
--No Timber and Stone Repeal
Till Scrip is Done For.

Congressman Williamson was out to Bend Wednesday, looking over the country and calling on friends hereabouts. He was accompanied by Sheriff Smith and by Miss Williamson and Miss Smith. They returned to Prineville yesterday.

Relative to the public land situation, Mr. Williamson said he was convinced there should be a revision of the laws to meet present conditions but not merely for the sake of change. "We all know," said he "that the present land laws are to a great extent a misfit. Take for example the homestead law, which was devised for conditions in the Northwest of a generation ago—Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, etc.—It suits well the circumstances and demands of that section and time, but does not apply at all to the present time and to lands now vacant. A family can rarely make a living on 160 acres of land now available. It is now necessary to farm on a larger scale than was the practice 40 years ago. One hundred sixty acres being insuffic-

ient in most cases to maintain a family, the present law operates to depopulate the country rather than settle it—the settler being forced to dispose of the insufficient land to those who can handle it in large bodies.

"I have an idea that a sort of graduated homestead arrangement would be practicable, allowing an applicant to take 160 acres or a full section, or even 1000 acres, according to the character of the land applied for. The classification of lands should be made by the geological survey and not left to the judgment of individual applicants. This idea is entirely in the rough yet, but a number of congressmen are working on it and I hope it will be got into practical shape.

"I am opposed to repeal of the present timber and stone law as long as the timber lands are open to scripping. When the scrippers are out of business it may be well to repeal the other law, but to do so now would work against the citizen of small means and in favor of the rich, and it is the rich who are the chief timber hogs.

"As to the withdrawal of the large tract of land south of Bend for forest reserve purposes, I think if a definite, specific showing were to be made that any township is not of suitable character for forest reserve it would not be difficult to get that township restored to entry. But any indefinite or general protest will have no effect."

Mr. Williamson expresses gratification at the growth he observes in this part of the country. He is not, however, very hopeful of a practicable winter wagon road across the Cascade range at Minto pass.

Agency Plains Progress.

T. J. Malloy, of Madras, accompanied by his wife and family, arrived in town Tuesday and are taking an outing in this vicinity. Mr. Malloy says crops are looking fine in the Agency Plains country and many fields of oats are expected to yield 50 to 100 bushels per acre. Wheat, rye and barley will do correspondingly well. Vegetables are a success and some of the ranchers make periodical trips to Prineville to dispose of their surplus.

Mr. Malloy conducts a general merchandise and implement store at Madras and says he sold 12 self binders this summer in the Haystack country. Threshing commenced in that neighborhood the first of this week.

A representative of the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co., which has warehouses and flour mills in different portions of Wasco and Sherman counties, has made a visit to the Agency Plains and Haystack vicinities and has spoken favorably of building a warehouse at Madras for the farmers to store their grain in. As there will be a large amount of grain produced about that used for home consumption it is probable this company will also erect a flouring mill at Madras.

The rapid development of that country with the large yields of grain will be an important factor in inducing a railroad to build there.

New Plumbers Here.

S. C. Caldwell, of Albany, and H. R. Satchwell, of Newberg, reached Bend Wednesday night and have begun preparations for a general plumbing, tinning and hardware business. They have the corner lot on Wall street next the Sather store and will erect a large two-story building. Mr. Satchwell's family came with him and are in temporary quarters on the lot where the store will be built. Mr. Caldwell's family will not come over from Albany until his business there is disposed of. Messrs. Caldwell and Satchwell will immediately begin teaming by their stock and materials, which are already at Shaniko.

Miss Veda Williams, of Oregon City, arrived on Sunday evening's stage for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence.

HELLO, PRINEVILLE!

Telephone Line Opened for Business Wednesday

FREE MESSAGES FIRST DAY

Line Worked Perfectly and Carried Talk to Union, Portland and Intermediate Places.

The 30 miles of telephone between Bend and Prineville was completed Wednesday morning. The public was invited to make free use of the line Wednesday afternoon, after which time the 50-cent toll took effect. Messages were sent to Portland, Union and intermediate points and everything worked satisfactorily.

The first business message to be handled over the new line came Tuesday afternoon—a telegram to W. E. Guerin, jr. Superintendent Summers carried the message out from Prineville about three miles to the end of the completed line, rang up Bend and transmitted the message.

A little later it is proposed to install party lines between Bend and Prineville for the use of country residents. A local exchange will also be put in at Bend.

Present toll to Prineville is fixed at 50 cents. From Prineville the usual rates will prevail. For instruments in the local exchange, with full metallic circuit, each line a main, the monthly rental will be about \$3.50.

The officers of the telephone company are as follows:

President, W. E. Guerin, jr.
Vice president, secretary and treasurer—A. L. Goodwillie.
Manager—Gerald Grosbeck.

Progress of Building in Bend.

The office building of the Central Oregon Banking & Trust Co. is so far along towards completion that Guerin & Steinemann moved in yesterday and the telephone office is also located there. Mr. Stickel is giving the stone vault the finishing touches. Part of the bank furniture has arrived. The big safe and vault doors are expected in a day or two and the bank is expected to be ready for business the latter part of next week. O. A. Minor, of Portland, has been engaged as cashier.

The new barn of the Deschutes Improvement Company, 42x50 feet, was completed this week.

R. B. Mutzig will begin construction of his store building at the corner of Oregon and Wall streets next week. Postmaster Grant's building is also to be under way the coming week. Contractor Nale has the job.

The D. I. & P. Co. commenced the erection this morning of two frame granaries, each 12x65 feet, with driveway between them.

The Pilot Butte company has commenced the erection of a drying shed 20x100 feet in its yard, which will be used for seasoning lumber.

Assistant General Manager F. C. Rowlee returned yesterday from his man-hunting trip to the Willamette valley. He brought in 19 workmen for the ditch. Harry Hunter is expected in tonight or tomorrow with 20 more. These will increase the construction force to 80 men, the ranks having previously become depleted by calls from the harvest fields.

The new counter at the Pilot Butte Inn put up by C. E. Ranous is a model of artistic workmanship, and adds much to the beauty of the office.

A. H. Lippman, the Prineville furniture man, was in Bend the first of the week, looking after his business here.

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The mill of the Pilot Butte Development Company has begun sawing and hereafter will be ready to supply all kinds of surfaced and rough LUMBER and SHINGLES

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