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TO WET NEW LAND

Upper Country Examined By Engineers.

TO REPORT ON FEASIBILITY

Looking for Routes from Mountain Lakes to Arid Areas of the Plain.

Very good stories of the progress of government works toward the reclamation of large desert areas in Northern Klamath and Lake counties have come down the river in the past few days, one being so definite as to say a practicable route for a canal from Crescent lake to five arid townships in Lake county had been found. Another confirmed this and said the divide southeast of Rosland had been found crossable with an irrigation canal, with three feet to spare. That was getting it down to a pretty fine point and looked almost official. The report that 30 men were engaged in this government reconnaissance work made it seem like a pretty big enterprise.

Major John T. Wadler who is in charge of this examination as district engineer for Oregon, came down to Bend Wednesday and he failed to confirm the stories that had preceded him. He admitted that four men had been engaged for some time in gathering data bearing on reclamation possibilities in Klamath, Lake and Crook

counties but he had no results or conclusions to give out. He is to submit the results of his work to the head of the reclamation service in Washington, F. H. Newell. As to whether any action will be taken upon them or whether they shall even be made public remains with the Washington authorities.

Engineer Whistler smiled when told of the reports of his work that had gotten abroad. But he would not deny that irrigation on a large scale is feasible in the upper country, and the fact that the land is now withdrawn from entry gives the government opportunity for thorough examination with drawing speculators.

PELTON PLACE IS SOLD.

Fred A. Shunquest the Purchaser for \$2300--Timothy Ranch.

Fred A. Shunquest has bought the Pelton place at Big Meadows, 15 miles up the Deschutes. It consists of 200 acres, mostly natural meadow, and the price agreed upon is \$2,300. A payment has been made and the entire transaction is to be closed and all payments completed in 90 days. Jim Pelton, of Klamath Falls, was owner of the place.

This is one of the finest hay ranches on the river. More than 100 tons of wild hay were harvested there this season. Mr. Shunquest purposes to sow it to timothy and is confident it will yield two tons or more of that hay per acre regularly. Chance catches of timothy grow well there. For the sake of variety, and possibly to suit some parts of the ranch, clover will be sown. Other improvements may be made later.

Mr. Shunquest thinks of putting a steam launch on the river at the ranch, to use for hunting and fishing excursions. There are 40 miles of ideal boating and game is worth going after. A camping outfit will be maintained in connection with the boat.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled-for in the Bend postoffice September 19, 1904:

Baker, Arthur	Mertleth, J. W.
Beaumont, —	Michaels, Fred
Bixby, J. E.	Mosley, John
Blackerby, S. G.	Owsey, Leo
Brady, M.	Palmer, Hester
Bronaugh, E. C.	Palmer, Jim
Brown, Ethel	Parker, J. J.
Carlson, A. M.--2	Reed, Chas. E.--3
Cook, Bell Miss	Reynolds, Walter
Courier, A. D.	Richardson, Wm.
Cox, Eld	Riggs, Pearl Miss
Cramer, Jerric--2	Robbins, W. G.--3
Dalmore, Ernest--2	Ross, Charley--2
Haywood & McBean	Smith, Lattie Miss
Hill, Charles E.	Shell, Dr. James
Hoff, Joseph	Scott, Perry
Jackson, Clyde	Taylor, J. H.
Jackson, H. H.	Turner, A. I.
Jackson, Hugh	Underwood, Elmer
Jackson, M. M.--2	Van Buren, Harward
Jones, Wm. T.	Van Tassel, Prentiss
Logan, John F.	Vaughn, David
Landrie, Bud	Vap Doren, Carrie

Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

A. H. Grant, Postmaster.

John L. Kever returned Sunday from an expedition over in the Tumalo country in search of the big grizzly that crossed the Deschutes last week near the Dutch John bridge. Mr. Kever found plenty evidences of bears, some of them leaving mighty big tracks too, but none of the signs were fresh and there was no trace of the gigantic creature he was seeking. The bears are now going to fatten in the huckleberry patches. Later most of them will come down on the edge of the desert again and they will not go into winter quarters until well into December.

H. M. Street was up from the Matoles with a load of vegetables yesterday. He raises musk and water melons, beans, peas, tomatoes, cabbages etc, very successfully. But the melon season has now passed and hereafter Mr. Street will only bring tomatoes and cabbages to the Bend market.

PUSHING THE WORK

200 Men and 100 Teams Now Employed.

THIS FORCE TO BE DOUBLED

D. I. & P. Co. Finds It Necessary to Buy 50 Teams--Equipment and Supplies Arriving.

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. now has about 200 men and 100 teams at work and is trying to double this force as soon as possible. About 50 Italian laborers have been brought in for work on the upper ditch, and more will probably be engaged. Twenty Americans are clearing the right of way for that canal. More than 100 men are at the lower construction camp. Then two engineer parties are in the field making a topographical examination of the country.

The company is getting 50 teams of its own to put on the canal work. Half the horses have been bought in the past week. For this purpose wild range horse are taken, the company breaking and providing harnesses for them.

A large number of scrapers and great quantity of general supplies have been received by the company and the freighters are crowded to bring in more.

C. E. Ranous has been appointed to superintend the construction of the new flume.

Recent changes in the official roster of the company here make F. C. Rowlee superintendent instead of assistant general manager, C. W. Redfield chief engineer and P. L. Tompkins cashier with George Jones as his assistant.

DISASTER DIDN'T HAPPEN.

Heavy Rock Fell Where Giant Powder Had Just Been Removed.

Luck or providence appears to have become interested in Jim Overturf. It saved him from being blown to smithereens by a giant powder explosion last Monday.

One part of the warehouse of the Pilot Butte company at the mill yard is used for an office. The company is doing some blasting of rock at the edge of the river near by, where a wing dam is under construction. Jim Overturf who has charge of the mill yard, noticed a broken box of giant powder, from which but little had been taken, on the warehouse floor where somebody was likely to stumble against it, and as a measure of safety he set it up on a shelf in plain sight where its dangerous nature would be apparent to all. A few minutes later as Overturf was sitting in the office an unusually heavy blast was set off and a rock weighing a hundred pounds or more sailed into the sky and descended squarely upon the roof of the warehouse. It crashed through that roof and through the floor underneath, precisely in the spot from which the giant powder had been removed a few minutes before. Instead of the explosion that would have wrecked the structure and caused loss of life there is only the insignificant injury to the building, because of the providential carefulness of the young man in moving the giant powder at the right time.

Mrs. Ray Lovell and her sister, Miss Elliot, of Columbus, Ohio, who have been visiting in Bend, guests of Mrs. C. E. Lovell, left yesterday morning for Shaniko, being driven out by Harry Hunter. They go to Portland for a short visit and expect to journey through California before returning to their Columbus home. In their short visit here they became quite a part of the community and are as much missed as old residents would be.

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