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SISEMORE OUT OF IT

Sells His Ranch to Dr. W. S. Nichol.

WILL MAKE IT A FRUIT FARM

240 Acres for \$6,000--70 Acres Under Cultivation and Water-- Possession Given.

The historic old Sisemore place has at length changed hands. Uncle John Sisemore last Monday sold out completely to Dr. W. S. Nichol, who came to Bend about two weeks ago from Oklahoma. The sale includes 240 acres (excepting about an acre previously sold to T. W. Triplett and A. P. Bacon) and the consideration is \$6,000. Possession was given at once. The hotel and barn having been rented to A. L. Stephens a few days previously, for the term of a year, Dr. and Mrs. Nichol moved into the old Sisemore homestead cabin and they are enjoying quarters rustic enough to be quite romantic.

Dr. Nichol, since purchasing the ranch, has sold one acre for \$200 and another acre is bargained at the same price. Sixteen other acres are platted in one-acre lots and are held at \$150 each. They are a little back from the river on the bluff. The \$200-lots front on the river.

The purpose of Dr. Nichol in getting this ranch was to make a fruit farm of it. About 75 acres are on the flat on both sides of the river, the remainder is more or less upland valuable chiefly for timber and grazing. The timber has been sold by Dr. Nichol to the Pilot Butte Development Co.

Work to convert the property into a fruit ranch has already been begun by Dr. Nichol. Two thousand strawberry plants, two thousand berry bushes and a lot of apple and prune and other fruit trees have been ordered and will be got in the ground this fall. Part of the land will be devoted to vegetables, in which line it has already demonstrated its superiority.

All the land on the Deschutes flats is under ditch with water

rights secure under actual appropriation for years.

Twenty two years ago Mr. Sisemore came to this place on the river, where John Todd occupied a log cabin and viewed complacently the expanse of grassy bottom land. It just fitted the Sisemore eye and he opened negotiations to buy it. When Mr. Todd offered to sell his homestead relinquishment for \$1,400 Mr. Sisemore took the offer. He perfected his government title and held the place ever since, adding to it 80 acres a number of years later. That was quite a popular resort for travelers in the Deschutes country. The Farewell Bend hotel and the Staats place were brisk competitors for trade and Mr. Sisemore at his own expense a number of years ago built a bridge across the Deschutes at his place and presented it to the county in order to pull the county road and the bulk of travel his way. That bridge is 385 feet long and cost Mr. Sisemore just \$385.

Though Mr. Sisemore has two ranches in the Rogue river valley, he does not find it in his heart to leave the Deschutes, where he has spent so many years of his life. But he is now 60 and alone and feels the necessity for easing up a bit. He wants to buy back a small corner of his old homestead and stay with the associations of old Farewell Bend.

Water Spouts Uncover Coal.

Adam Kotzman has 160 acres of deeded land about 15 miles south of Fossil on which last summer's water spouts uncovered a lot of excellent coal. This is in the form of numerous fragments and also in one place in a measure more than 10 feet thick, covering a considerable area. Mr. Kotzman is about to undertake its development. He says there is no doubt about its merit as a steam producer, though it is not supposed to be a good cooking coal.

Bend Telephone Exchange.

The switchboard for the Bend telephone exchange has arrived and the work of installing the plant is under way. It will start out with 20 instruments. The local service will have full metallic circuit, though the long distance line is a single wire.

H. C. Ellis has charge of the getting out of poles for the local lines. These will be of peeled pine. In about a month the wires will be erected and the instruments installed for service.

Harness and Saddle Store.

G. S. Livingston of Portland, came to Bend this week to visit his cousin, Mrs. C. H. Erickson. It came to his notice that this would be a good place to put in a harness and saddle store and he has arranged to open an establishment of that character, next to the new livery stable of Porter & Wright, on Bond street. He expects to have it in operation by the middle of November.

In the case of C. E. Lytle against A. M. Drake for a \$3,000 commission for selling the irrigation interests of the Pilot Butte Development Company to the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company, attorney W. E. Guerin, Jr., appeared for the defense at Prineville, had parts of the complaint stricken out and the case, in the absence of Mr. Drake, continued for the term. The allegation that Mr. Drake was the principal stockholder of the Pilot Butte Company was stricken out and the motion to make more definite and certain respecting the character of the alleged contract—that a copy be set forth if it was in writing—was allowed.

A. L. Leiman, who works at the Steidl & Reed sawmill, returned Tuesday night with a bride who was a Miss Nettie Morris, of Haystack. Mr. and Mrs. Leiman have a cottage of their own about ready to occupy.

DIGS DITCH BIGGER

Water Shut Out of Pilot Butte Canal.

WILL BE DRY TWO WEEKS

In That Time Its Capacity Will be More Than Tripled-- Camps Shifted

Tuesday night water was turned out of the Pilot Butte canal and the work of enlarging that channel began next day. It will probably be completed down to Bend in two weeks, so the water service to the townsites may be resumed. The canal is to be made capable of carrying 250 cubic feet of water a second; now it carries about 80 cubic feet a second. A large part of the miscalculation in the first place is due to the surprising tenacity of the soil. The excavation that was expected to be done by the water table. The land holds up against it and must be dug away with scrapers, demolishing pretty effectually the old big bear that the Deschutes soil is so light and loose that it will not even give direction to streams of water.

The camp which has been working near Forked Horn butte has been moved this week and divided into two camps, one of which is located about 8 miles below Bend and the other about 12 miles below. About 80 men will be in each camp, engaged in enlarging the canal. It is expected to have all that work done by early spring, so the completed canal will serve next season all the segregated and to the northward.

Work on the Central Oregon canal is pushed with a heavy force of men near the foot of the flume. That work will not in any way be slackened for the enlargement of the Pilot Butte canal.

HOSPITAL FOR BEND.

Dr. Merrill to Erect One Soon Next His Drugstore.

Dr. C. W. Merrill is formulating plans for a hospital at Bend. He expects to have it in running order early next year.

The new structure will probably adjoin the drugstore on the south, there being 30 feet of space between the drugstore and the south edge of the lot. Upon that a two-story structure will be planned for hospital accommodations. It is possible that the lower part will be rented for some business not incompatible with the hospital above, but that is not settled yet.

The main idea is to provide a suitable place for surgical operations and serious cases of illness which are likely to call for special treatment. The size of the institution will depend much upon the growth of the community in the coming three months.

AUTO LINE NEARS BEND.

Grades Will be Through in Three Weeks More.

The grading crew for the automobile line (Central Oregon Transportation Co.) is at work this side of Forest's. It is expected that the grade for the entire line will be completed into Bend within the coming three weeks. This the news was brought by contractor Archie Mason who was in Bend the first part of the week.

That, however, does not mean that auto cars will begin running immediately. The road-machine work will be done but there will remain the construction of culverts and bridges and rolling the road bed, and the rolling cannot be done before the culverts and bridges are finished. So the line to Bend will not be in operation before December and the Prineville branch may be a little later.

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