

A DEPUTY ASSESSOR

F. E. Dayton Is Appointed for Western Crook.

NEW POSTOFFICE AT GIST'S

Tumalo Correspondent Reports That Much New Land Will Be Seeded This Spring—Other Notes.

Tumalo, March 20.—F. E. Dayton of Laidlaw has been appointed deputy assessor for the west side of Crook county and has begun the regular yearly canvass.

G. B. Pulliam was in Tumalo today.

W. D. Clark has purchased the Neill desert claim one mile north of here.

The P. B. D. Co.'s big four-horse team passed through here one day last week with two loads of hay.

The equinoctial storm is surely a good one. A hard rain visited us all day Sunday and it has been raining considerable since.

The new postoffice of Gist is soon to be established. It will be served by a continuation of the Bend and Tumalo mail route.

Misses Reed and West of Bend visited with Mrs. Smith and Pearl Hightower at the Hightower & Smith mill Saturday and Sunday.

Roy and Dryden Rannels returned Sunday from a business trip to Prineville. They are working on a contract grubbing on the Star Ranch.

T. A. Jensen returned Saturday from a trip through Washington. He will begin preparations soon to put in a good many acres of new ground this year.

Considerable farming is being done

now. Some are clearing and some plowing and the whole vicinity takes on an appearance of great faith in a bumper crop this year.

Redmond Items.

Redmond, March 18.—News seems scarce this week principally on account probably of the fine rain that fell yesterday.

Mr. Heneger and family have moved on their homestead.

A good many chickens are beginning to peep in this section of the country.

G. W. Moore of Prineville, was in our neighborhood for a few days looking after his 40 acres west of the river.

A. W. Morgan and Geo. Wood were business visitors in Prineville. Mr. Wood brought back another team of horses.

Among others who were in last week were A. O. Walker, Loveland, Colo., E. M. Dams, Condon; Mose Myers, Portland and J. E. Lonagan of Everett, Washington. Mr. Walker, who is a Presbyterian minister, was accompanied by his wife and they are located in the Johnson ranch neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trisler, who have spent the winter with us, start today for their home in Ottumwa, Iowa. They will make several stops on the road, taking about two weeks for the trip. They have both enjoyed much better health this winter than usual and are loud in their praises of Oregon climate. The undersigned will see them as far as Madras and will return with wheat.

E. C. Park.

Phone Line Reaches Sisters.

The extension of the 'phone line into Sisters will be completed this week. The wire reached that place yesterday and will soon be connected with the local exchange, which is in the Alex. Smith store. Sisters people say it's fine and dandy to have telephonic connection with the outside world.

ORDER IS STRINGENT

Must Fulfill Stipulations of Its Contract.

SETTLERS' INTERESTS SAFE

Suit Will Be Brought by the State against the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company.

The Columbia Southern Irrigating Company is apparently up against the real thing at last. The trouble that has existed between that company and the state land board and the settlers has come to a head, and Attorney-General Crawford has been instructed to bring proceedings against the company to force it to fulfill its contract, failure to do which will result in a forfeiture of the contract. A dispatch in the Telegram tells the story as follows:

"SALEM, Or., March 14.—What gave promise of a peaceful and harmonious meeting of the state land board yesterday afternoon terminated in Governor Chamberlain furnishing the pyrotechnics while State Treasurer Steel pressed the button which set the display off. The upshot of the upheaval is that the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company will either have to take immediate steps to live up to its contract with the state by furnishing sufficient water to reclaim its entire segregation of 27,000 acres of arid land in the Deschutes country, or Attorney-General Crawford will institute

proceedings to compel it to do so, upon penalty of forfeiture of its contract.

"The Governor's outburst was precipitated when the board had under consideration a letter from the Attorney-General, asking the board's pleasure in the disposition of an order of last December, instructing the state's chief counsel to proceed against the alleged delinquent irrigation corporation. After the Governor had explained the conditions and negotiations with the Columbia Southern company leading up to the present status of affairs, the complaints of the settlers, etc., Treasurer Steel interposed a mild plea on behalf of the stockholders of the company, expressing the desire to grant them some concessions in order that they may be given a chance to realize on their investments.

"This suggestion was the spark which touched off the Governor's magazine of pent-up impatience, and he launched forth against the company until the atmosphere fairly reeked with sulphurous fumes.

"The history of the Columbia Southern's operation in Crook county has been published so frequently during the past few years that it is necessary to recall only the developments which have led up to the present situation. In brief, the company, after contracting to reclaim 27,000 acres of arid land tributary to the Deschutes, in Crook county, selling about 18,000 acres of the segregation, securing patent to only 12,000 acres and having water enough to supply only about 10,000 acres at most, finds itself up against a very serious problem.

"Having refused to adopt the rules and regulations exacted by the old board a year ago, governing the distribution of water, by which it was to furnish 1.8 acre feet during the growing season, the company appeared before the board by its attorney, Seneca Smith, of Portland, and asked for a reapportionment of liens from \$10 to \$25 per acre. The board agreed to this, upon condition that the company enter into a new contract and agree to provide means for furnishing sufficient water to reclaim the entire segregation. Judge Smith finally agreed to this and repaired to the State Engineer's office to draw up the instrument, but when he got there insisted upon keeping the old contract and inserting the reapportionment clause, to which Engineer Lewis would not consent.

"The old order of the board, instructing the Attorney-General to proceed against the company to enforce fulfillment of contract, had not been followed out by that official on account of the rush of business in his office incident to the legislature, and the question was brought up yesterday afternoon over a communication from the Attorney-General, asking if it was still the pleasure of the board to enforce the order. It was, and now it is up to the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company to build a reservoir and make good its agreement with the settlers or step aside."

President Wilson, of the irrigating company, publishes a statement in which he says the company is not at fault, and claims they are acting in good faith. He says in part:

"The contention of the board that the company should provide storage reservoirs is well taken, and in the fall of 1905 our company made known to the board its plans for such a system at an estimated cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000, but it was then the governor's pleasure that we be put out of business, and that seems to have been the policy since.

"Since my connection with the company we have not tried to dispose of any lands in the unpatented part of the segregation, nor did we attempt to sell any water as is inferred in the land board report. Any provisions our predecessors may have attempted to inject into contracts if not authorized by law will certainly not hold as we always consult with competent lawyers and will not be a party to anything not legally proper."

The consensus of opinion among the settlers on the company's segregation is that the company has been woefully lacking in good management and that there are suffi-

THOUSANDS COMING

Colonist Travel to Oregon Unprecedented.

MANY WILL SETTLE HERE

Influx of Spring Visitors to the State Breaks all Previous Records—A Great Publicity Campaign.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—The campaign of advertising which has been conducted during the past 90 days by the commercial bodies of Oregon composing the Oregon Development League, is bearing fruit. Much credit for the success of this campaign is due to the press throughout the state, which has rendered valuable assistance in exploiting the colonist rates which became effective March 1 and which will continue until April 30.

The rates are the lowest ever made by the transcontinental railroads, and homeseekers, quick to take advantage of them, are pouring into Oregon in constantly increasing numbers. While many of these have come through to Portland, larger numbers have scattered to various parts of the state. It is now the duty of our citizens to make these strangers within our gates feel entirely at home. We should show them every attention; give them all necessary information; the effect of a little encouragement, a little neighborliness, during the first few days or weeks, will be marvelous, and as the newcomers become better acquainted at close range with what Oregon has in store for them, they will be thoroughly glad they are here, and will wonder why they did not come before.

However, it must not be forgotten that these low rates will continue for six weeks more, and that great work may be done in that time. It has been said that "Persistent Publicity Pays." Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland have become firm believers in this doctrine; only last week the commercial clubs of those cities, assisted by Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, inaugurated vigorous publicity campaigns and raised good sums of money for advertising purposes.

If other communities, not already active, will but follow the examples being set for them from week to week, and advertise to all the world what they have to offer to homeseekers and investors, the population of the Beaver State will surely double within a very few years.

A goodly number of these homeseekers are coming to Crook county and more will undoubtedly follow. Everyone should make it his business to welcome these strangers and show to them the advantages of life in Crook county, especially in Western Crook with its fertile soil, irrigation projects, great pine forests, running streams and clear lakes full of trout.

Horrible Accident.

A most distressing accident befell the little 17 months old baby of Sam Sippy who lives on the McKay.

Monday Mrs. Sippy was scrubbing the floor and had just poured some scalding hot suds in a tub to begin operations when the little toddler in an unguarded moment fell into it. A scream notified the

mother of what had happened but before the little unfortunate could be rescued its right side and shoulder were fearfully burned. Dr. Belknap was sent for immediately but he hardly thinks it possible for the child to live. A piece of skin the size of a dinner plate came off and one convulsion is succeeded by another so that the chances of recovery are slight.—Prineville Journal.

NEW IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Plan to Reclaim Land Near Paisley in Lane County.

Another large irrigation enterprise in Central Oregon has been launched. Contracts have been entered into between the state land board and the Portland Irrigation Company for the reclamation of a large tract of land near Paisley in Lane county, the contract involving the expenditure of \$121,000. It is estimated that the cost per acre of the irrigation of this tract will be in the neighborhood of \$25, as the proposed plans include the construction of a large dam 80 feet high, for a reservoir, 15 miles above the lands to be reclaimed. Water will be taken from the Chewaucan river, and the company agrees to maintain all dams, ditches, main canals, laterals, flumes and other works, which are to remain their property. No land can be sold until the ditches are built and the company has been notified that they can sell land. This land is entered and will be reclaimed under the Carey Act, and the interests of the settlers are safe-guarded by the contracts.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ITEMS.

Rev. Father Hickey's Coming Visit to Bend.

Protracted sickness and the unusually severe winter have kept Father Hickey from making his Bend circuit this year as he had promised. The reverend gentleman has been suffering from pneumonia and aggravated bronchitis for two months past, and is still in extremely poor health. He has written to some of his Bend people, however, to say that he will be with them the second Sunday after Easter and will remain a week or more teaching the children and giving a series of discourses for adults in the little church building which the Altar Society ladies have fixed up very tastefully. In a later issue of The Bulletin will be fuller details of the clergyman's visit and the religious exercises to be held during his stay here. Father Hickey has already sent on ahead several large boxes of church goods and ornaments and will take with him some more when coming. His visit is looked forward to with pleasure by all and especially the little children.

A Freak Egg.

Mrs. Murk brought us a freak egg this week which is most peculiar. The egg, before being broken, appeared to be normal but upon being broken there appeared an egg within the egg. Instead of a yolk there was a second egg, just about the size of a yolk, but soft shelled. Mrs. Murk says that in all her experience with chickens and eggs she never saw the like before. It certainly was a curiosity. —Laidlaw Chronicle.

Appreciation.

A subscriber writes to The Bulletin and says:

"I have read every copy of your paper with great interest and consider it a first-class country paper. Am sorry you failed in getting your new county established as you certainly were entitled to it."

We announced last week a
**Contemplated Change in
...Business...**

WE ARE
**BUYING FOR CASH and
ARE SELLING FOR CASH**

And giving our trade the benefit of
Liberal Discounts from former retail prices
on Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishings, Hardware,
Shoes, Groceries, and all other lines.

**WE MUST HAVE CASH and MUST reduce our
stock in order to get it. Come in and let us show
you that we mean just what we say for we know
we can save you money.**

- Bend Mercantile Company -