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BIG YIELD OF GRAIN

Interesting Figures about
Last Season's Crop.

83 3-4 BU. OF OATS PER ACRE

Average Yield of Small Grain about 50
Bushels per Acre—Best Crops on
Irrigated Desert Land.

Charles H. Foster, of the firm of Foster & Myers of Powell Buttes, was in Bend the first of the week hauling lumber for a new house on his ranch. Foster & Myers are the owners of a threshing machine that did most of the threshing in this section last fall, and Mr. Foster reported some very interesting statistics to The Bulletin as to the amount of grain that their machine had threshed.

In the Powell Buttes neighborhood there were threshed 14,782 bushels; in the Sisters and Laidlaw sections, 14,103 bushels; in the Redmond settlement, 9,463 bushels; or a total of 38,348 bushels.

The best yield per acre was made by E. H. Lockyear, whose oats threshed 67 bushels to the acre. These oats were especially heavy and weighed 40 lb. per bushel measure. The legal weight for a bushel of oats is 32 lb. Hence, if you figure this out it shows that Mr. Lockyear's oats yielded, by weight, 83 3/4 bushels per acre. Mr. Foster says he feels positive that the average yield of the season's crop would be close to 50 bushels per acre. He also says that the best crops were grown on irrigated land on the desert. The best yield of all crops from any one ranch was made by the Cline Falls Power Co.'s ranch.

A good example of what can be done by dry farming in the Powell buttes section was furnished this year by D. A. Yates. He got a yield of 1520 bushels of barley from 45 acres, or nearly 34 bushels per acre. This crop was on first year land and did not have a drop of irrigation water.

Schuebel to Succeed Bristol.

On Tuesday President Roosevelt sent in the name of Christian Schuebel to the senate for United States district attorney for Oregon, to succeed W. C. Bristol, whose nomination has been withdrawn. Senator Bourne favored the appointment of Attorney Schuebel, but the other members of the Oregon delegation had agreed to recommend Attorney Bingham.

Captures Baby Cougar.

S. M. Scott, who has a homestead between here and Bly, has seen cougar tracks near his place for some time and one day week before last concluded to take his dogs out and capture Mr. and Mrs. Cougar. He hunted around for awhile but found no tracks, but soon the dogs began barking only a short distance away. Going to where the dogs were he found they had two young cougars killed. In looking around Mr. Scott saw another baby cougar, and having a rope with him, slipped it over the young cougars head, taking him home.—Silver Lake Leader.

University Correspondence Courses.
The December number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, a copy of which has just been received, gives a full description of the correspondence courses that are now being offered by the University. The courses are arranged especially for teachers, students preparing for college or university,

women's clubs, teachers' groups, granges, home makers. The University intends to add additional courses in economics, political science, history, English literature, mechanical drawing, civil engineering, education and others, as its resources permit. The correspondence work has met with a hearty reception in all parts of the state. More than 200 students enrolled for the various courses during the past month.

WILLIAMSON WINS APPEAL

United States Supreme Court Reverses Judgment of Lower Body.
Will Be Tried Again.

Ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson of Prineville has won in his appeal to the United States Supreme Court. That body holds that the judge before whom Williamson was tried erred in admitting certain evidence and in his instructions to the jury. The case was remanded for retrial. Francis J. Heney, who prosecuted Williamson in behalf of the Government, says that Williamson will be tried again.

In the trial of Williamson evidence was introduced to show that he had entered into contracts with parties for the purchase of their land after these parties had filed on the lands and before they had made final proof. The government's attorney claimed that such action was in violation of the timber and stone act and the trial judge sustained them in their contention. The supreme court says that was an error and interprets the timber and stone act to mean that an applicant must swear, at time of filing on land, that he has entered into no contract for sale of same, but that he is not required to swear to this provision at time of making final proof.

The higher court sustained the Government in every particular except as to the above, but ruled that that was error. It was shown in the trials that Williamson had induced men to file on land with the contract existing between them that the land should be turned over to Williamson for a stipulated sum. At time of filing these men swore that they had entered into no such contract. The Supreme Court held that such a contract is in violation of the timber and stone act.

In its report, the Oregonian says:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Because the judge before whom ex-Representative Williamson was tried erred in his instructions to the jury, the judgment of the lower court was today reversed by the United States Supreme Court and the case remanded for retrial. That the indictment was correct, that the admission of evidence was in accordance with law and that the rulings of the court were right and proper is affirmed, but because the trial judge erred in admitting certain testimony with regard to final proofs and because he erroneously instructed the jury with regard to this same evidence, the whole case must again go to trial or the indictment must be quashed.

The Supreme Court construes the timber and stone act specifically to require entrymen, at the time of making application for land, to submit an affidavit of good faith, showing that they have no agreement, actual or implied, to sell the land upon acquiring title, but there is no requirement that such an affidavit shall be made when final proof is submitted. The indictment of Williamson made specific reference to the affidavit required by law, and did not mention the similar affidavit which is exacted by the land office regulations at the time of final proof. Yet evidence was admitted to show that various entrymen had committed perjury in making such affidavits with their final proof, and the judge, in his instructions to the jury, specifically informed it that it could return a verdict of guilty if satisfied that the evidence showed such perjury had been committed at the time of making final proof. The admission of this evidence and the instructions relating thereto proved the undoing of the case against Williamson. In its opinion the Supreme Court ad-

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FINDS GOLD QUARTZ

Mineral Bearing Rock on
Powell Buttes.

INDICATIONS ARE PROMISING

Riley Brown, an Old-Time Prospector,
Discovers Two Veins that May
Prove Very Valuable.

Gold bearing rock has been found on Powell Buttes in two separate veins, and as far as can now be determined without an assay, everything indicates that mines of no mean value will be developed there. The find was made by Riley Brown, an old-time prospector, who was engaged by Eimer Niswonger and C. D. Brown to visit the buttes and examine some indications of mineral which Mr. Niswonger had noticed three or four years ago. Not knowing much about mining, he had paid but little attention to it until the opportunity presented itself to secure the services of the old prospector. Brown struck the lead a week ago last Saturday but The Bulletin was sworn to secrecy and could not give out the word until permission was given.

Messrs. Niswonger and Brown made arrangements to stake the old man and sent him to the buttes accompanied by George Hobbs, who was to show him over the ground. Hobbs first took the prospector to a vein which he and his brother Lee had noticed a few years ago. It was at once pronounced gold bearing and the old man said it was a second Oregon King, his son having discovered that mine. The vein is of porphyry and while no colors are visible to the naked eye and very few under the microscope, the old prospector says it is practically sure to be rich in gold. The vein is on the southwest end of Powell Buttes and is plainly visible from the top to the bottom of the butte. Hobbs and others at once got location blanks and staked out claims. An assay of this rock has been made, but the locaters are not saying just how much value the assay indicates.

After Brown had satisfied these people he quietly began work on the float which Niswonger had noticed, saying nothing to anyone. He found this float about two miles south and a half mile east of the station and about four miles from the first find. As soon as he located the float he dug down 2 1/2 feet and located the real vein. This is of granite formation, very hard and unbroken, and is about seven feet wide at this point. Two or three blasts have been shot off and some of the rock sent away for an assay, returns from which have not yet been received. However, the old man believes it is one of the most valuable finds of the whole country. He took a piece of the rock about a cubic inch in size and reduced it to powder, getting a spoonful of powdered rock. In that there were six colors visible to the naked eye. That promises very rich ore and is apparently much more valuable than the first find. The old prospector has visited the mines at Windy Hollow in the Lakeview country, and says the Powell Buttes rock is far superior to that at Windy Hollow. The vein runs from the northwest to the southeast.

Brown is now staking in other places to locate the extent of the vein and will cross-section in several places. The result of this work has not been reported. Messrs. Niswonger and Brown have staked out claims, as have also a number of their friends. The result of the assay will be awaited with interest, as the discovery of valuable mines

on Powell Buttes would add still another important industry to this section.

Rosland News.

Joe Taggart has been spending several days in Rosland since his return from Prineville and Bend.

The people of Rosland and vicinity enjoyed a fine dance at the Rosland Hotel on Christmas night and also one on New Year's eve. There was a good attendance and all had a good time.

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31, Rosland had a beef shoot, but three quarters of the beef went to Jim Carter of Bend. The other quarter was won by Tom Sly of Rosland.

Arrangements have just been completed for the sale of the Rosland store, E. G. Rourke, the former proprietor, selling to J. S. Bogue and Frank Bowles. Mr. Rourke will take to ranching and will soon move onto his homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Masten are visiting with John Masten. Mr. Masten, who is a timberman from the lower Columbia, says this country looks good to him after a trip through the Shaniko country.

E. G. Green just returned from a business trip to Prineville.

Powell Buttes Notes.

Charles Niswonger has left for Walla Walla. The illness of his daughter called him there.

A new settler for Powell Buttes from Spokane. He will build now and send for his family in the spring.

J. J. Jones is now building his house.

C. H. Foster is going to build nearer the canal.

James Turner lost a horse recently.

A petition has been sent to the land office in behalf of the Miller homestead.

E. R. Halterman and wife are going on a visit to Washington and the East. They have six or seven dozen chickens for sale.

Burt Davis and Cliff Ellis made a trip to Prineville, the former in search of a team.

The stove flume that has been the talk for several months, and the one that the knockers said would never be built, is now completed, which is greatly appreciated by many ranchers around the buttes. Many have been hauling water for several miles the last five or six years.

Some government land around the buttes yet. Why don't you look after it? Some day the other fellows will get all of it.

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, Jan. 6.—There was a grand picnic, feed and general blow-out at Forked Horn Hall on Friday night. Over 100 were present including large delegations from Bend, Laidlaw, Cline Falls, Redmond and other places. The crowd was too big for the building so fires were built outside for the accommodation of all. Did you ever see such a country for such gatherings?

As C. W. Muma was starting for Shaniko Thursday we noticed that he had on household goods for Walter Gillespie and family, also for Cal Richardson and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie aim to follow on Tuesday, but we did not succeed in learning when Mr. Richardson will go out.

Several of the good women of the neighborhood perpetrated a pleasant surprise on Mrs. Gillespie Thursday, the occasion being the nearness of her departure for the old home in North Dakota. The surprise was complete, but the ladies had their dinners with them and did not run out of anything except coffee. They spent a very enjoyable day and everyone left with best wishes for everybody else.

The Christmas Sunday school entertainment came off on New Year's eve and was just as successful as all those affairs are when handled by our local talent. That everyone enjoyed himself goes without saying.

J. E. Lamb left Thursday for a business trip to the old home in Nebraska. We would like to get down there to old Washington county ourselves to some of the old corn fields where we used to husk corn and see how they look now that they are changed to alfalfa fields.

Mrs. Best and son, mother and brother of Mrs. Hansen, arrived here in the storm on Christmas day for a visit.

Jimmie, general utility boy working for Hret Brothers, is one of the enter-

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