

NO MORE CHEAP TIMBER CLAIMS

Secretary of the Interior Makes
a New Ruling.

MUST PAY APPRAISED VALUE

Timber Lands Will No Longer Be Sold
at \$2.50 an Acre—New System
Puts Them Beyond the Poor
Man's Pocketbook

The cheap timber claim is a thing of the past. Heretofore it has been possible to secure 1700 acres of timber land at the flat rate of \$2.50 per acre or \$400 for a quarter section. This price prevailed regardless of the value of the timber on the claim, and the tract that was worth several thousand dollars went for the same price as a poor claim. But that condition of affairs no longer exists, as Secretary Garfield has ruled that the timber must be appraised before sold and then sold by the government according to that appraisal, none of it going for less than the "minimum price," \$2.50 per acre.

A dispatch from Washington says that beginning December 1, unreserved public timber lands entered under the timber and stone act must be paid for at its appraised value and will no longer be sold for a flat rate of \$2.50 per acre. Secretary Garfield has promulgated a regulation to this effect, basing it upon the language of the law, which says that timber land shall be sold "for minimum price of \$2.50 per acre." Garfield holds that if \$2.50 is the minimum price, a greater amount can legally be charged for valuable timber lands.

Under the new regulation a person desiring to make a timber entry must file his application, accompanying it by an affidavit stating that he has been personally upon the land and must submit his own estimate as to the amount of timber and its value and value of land when cleared. These filings will give him a preference right to the land.

Within nine months the government will undertake to make its own appraisal and, when this is done, the applicant can have the land at the government's price, but his preference right will be forfeited if he fails to make payment within 30 days after the Interior Department completes its appraisal. Whenever the government fails to complete appraisal within nine months, the applicant can secure the land by making payment at his own appraised valuation. Where the government's appraisal is considered too high the land can be appraised at the expense of the applicant.

In no instance will timber land be sold for less than \$2.50 per acre. No entryman can cut timber during the time appraisal is being made, nor before he receives a patent from the government.

Last winter Secretary Garfield endeavored to persuade congress to amend the timber and stone act so as to provide for the disposal of timber land at appraised value. When congress failed to act it was announced that the secretary would do by regulation what congress had failed to do by legislation. The recent order is the carrying out of that threat. Garfield's order is not retroactive. It does not effect any entry heretofore made.

Pleased With the Change.

Speaking of the reconveyance of the Bend townsite to A. M. Drake, the Laidlaw Chronicle says:

"While it is to be regretted that the purchasing company was financially embarrassed yet many will hail the retransfer with considerable

pleasure. Mr. Drake is known as a man of keen business judgment and foresight and as a man who does things when he undertakes to put them through. He has always had great faith in Bend and the Deschutes country and we more than half suspect that he is not sorry to again take back his former holdings."

A SCIENTIFIC WONDER.

Oregon Conservation Commission Pays
Tribute to Wonderful Deschutes.

The Oregon Conservation Commission, appointed by Governor Chamberlain, has submitted a most valuable report on the natural resources of the state, with recommendations as to proper laws to be passed and measures to be taken to conserve and develop these resources. The report is published in the form of a booklet of 123 pages, and is full of interesting and valuable information.

Speaking of the water power possibilities of the state, the commission pays a glowing tribute to the Deschutes river, as follows:

"The Deschutes river of Oregon is a marvel, a scientific wonder. A favorable topography, abundant precipitation, and a peculiar porosity of soil and substrata all combine to maintain a uniformity of flow that is most remarkable. A hundred and forty miles of canyon with precipitous sides and bed of basaltic rock. Along the bottom dashes and roars the accumulations from nine thousand square miles of drainage area. Yet this enormous volume of water is so well maintained and so uniformly distributed throughout the seasons that neither the protracted drouths that drive the waters of other streams far below their beds, nor the persistent rains and snows that drive other rivers out of their banks, have any appreciable effect upon this remarkable stream. The river that never changes," say those who live on its banks.

"If necessity demanded, it would be possible to develop over a million horsepower from this river—over forty times that at present developed at Niagara Falls. Dams and power plants could be built to follow each other in succession for a hundred and forty miles of this river canyon without fear of damage by flood or shortage of water."

Rosland Items.

There will be a dance in the new school house near the sawmill on Friday evening, Dec. 11. Everybody invited to come, bring their lunch basket and have a good time. It is to be a free for all dance.

The dance given in the hall of J. S. Bogue & Co. on Thanksgiving evening was very well attended and everyone acknowledges an excellent time.

Lately the Rosland sawmill has been hustled considerably in order to meet the heavy demand for lumber. Everyone is building and the hauling of lumber goes on at a merry clip.

Doc Collier has about completed a house on his homestead.

A couple of inches of snow fell in the upper Deschutes country last Friday morning.

Mr. Stevenson is building a house in Fairplay.

D. A. Windley has returned from Bend and is somewhat improved in health, we hear.

John Elder is building quite a substantial house, for a bachelor, on his Long Prairie homestead.

W. J. Hightower is making shingles at the Hightower-Smith mill at Tangle.

A. S. Ireland was in this vicinity for several days last week settling several important matters in the forest service.

Bert Caldwell is building quite a large barn on his place.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well.—C. W. MURKILL, Druggist.

We want your subscription.

J. D. DAVIDSON IS THE NEW MAYOR

Chosen to That Office at Tuesday's
Election.

WATER PROPOSITION LOSES

Plan to Buy Source of Spring River
Turned Down by Taxpayers—New
Council Composed of Representative
Business Men.

For Mayor—
James D. Davidson, 49
C. S. Benson, 39
For Aldermen, two years—
J. N. Hunter, 57
M. J. Kelley, 59
Thos. W. Triplett, 49
Geo. Brosterhous, 48
For Aldermen, one year—
S. C. Caldwell, 47
Geo. Brosterhous, 48
Thos. W. Triplett, 49
Jeff Bilyeu, 47
Hugh O'Keefe, 47
For Marshal—
Homer Boggest, 44
E. A. Sather, 42
Henry Whitsett, 41
Geo. Brosterhous, 48
To purchase source of Spring river—
Yes, 21
No, 37

The above figures tell about all there is to be told regarding the city election held yesterday, Tuesday, Dec. 8. As usual, there were two tickets in the field, but there was no contest except for the office of mayor and between T. W. Triplett and Geo. Brosterhous for long-term alderman. There were 59 votes cast.

The vote on the proposition to buy the source of Spring river as a water supply for the future use of the city, shows that the people were not in favor of such a move. The vote was closer than was expected, as it has been evident for some time that the proposition would be defeated.

The council for the ensuing year will be as follows: J. D. Davidson, mayor; C. M. Redfield, Anton Anne, J. N. Hunter, M. J. Kelley, T. W. Triplett, S. C. Caldwell.

Powall Buttes Notes.

Moses Niswonger was kicked by a horse last week. Mr. Niswonger was passing behind the horse when it let drive with both feet, knocking him

Who's the Town Booster? Why, Here He Is!



The citizen who praises his own town.

The citizen who encourages local enterprises.

The citizen who helps along home improvements.

The citizen who patronizes the home merchants.

The citizen who gets his job printing done in his own town.

That man's THE TOWN BOOSTER.

against the side of the barn, the horse jumping forward at the same time and knocking down another man. Just like a broncho.

Word has been received from C. R. Shattuck. He is at White Salmon, Wash.

The entertainment at the school house was a grand success. Lasted about two hours.

Here is a tale of a pretty tough rooster. A certain man in this vicinity tells how he missed a chicken dinner. He caught a rooster, wring his neck for some time, but not off, and, supposing him dead, threw him down. The rooster's head spun back the other way, and he ran off cackling.

Charles Niswonger made a trip to Prineville Monday.

Mr. Myers of Bear Creek Buttes was over to the station Sunday. He tells about losing a valuable mare by choking to death. She was tied with a rope around the neck, got her hind foot through the rope, and choked to death.

Pleasant Ridge Items.

PLEASANT RIDGE, December 7.—Owing to a scarcity of items last week your reporter failed to respond with his usual batch of notes.

Daniel Greenhalgh has not been feeling so well this week.

During the past week the weather has been very favorable for the farmers with their plowing.

Saturday was devoted to a wood chopping bee by the patrons of this district for the benefit of the school Sunday school, etc.

Mrs. E. R. Riley and her two sisters, Mrs. Iva Steadman and Miss Ruth Brockert, and Mr. Wm. Johnson spent Thanksgiving day with the former's daughter, Mrs. R. E. Shurwood.

Chad Irvin, who, has been employed on ditch work east of Bend for some weeks, has retired from ditch duties, since the recent arrival of his mother from the far eastern state of Ohio. Chad says he now feels spry as a fighting cock since he now has one of the best housekeepers in the land.

David Miller is now comfortably situated on his 30 acre tract of ditch land. Mr. Miller has erected a fine house and barn thereon.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Dec. 6.—We have been having some very foggy weather here lately. J. N. Quiberg of Sisters passed through here today going to Bend with beef.

F. F. Smith of Gist passed through here yesterday going to Bend.

W. J. Hightower of Rosland is sawing shingles at the H. & S. mill near Gist at present.

Wm. Baker and wife were Bend visitors yesterday.

We are informed that J. H. Edwards is about to trade his place four miles northwest of here for property in Washington.

C. L. Gist and Mr. Wright of Gist passed here Wednesday with lumber for the new bridge at Laidlaw.

Geo. Simmons and Mr. Wheatley were hauling lumber through here from the H. & S. mill last week. Mr. Simmons is going to build a new house.

F. E. Dayton and G. W. Uplike of Laidlaw were in Tumalo last Wednesday on business.

There is some talk of a Christmas tree in the new school house west of here. We hope it may materialize and a good time may be had by all.

Inklings at Gist.

GIST, Dec. 4.—A light fall of snow here in the last few days.

C. L. Gist and Macky Wright took the first load of lumber over on the Deschutes for the new bridge a mile or so above Laidlaw the day this week.

Someone asked, "what is that blasting over the way?" "Is it possible that Harriman has started to work on his road?" No! It's just a little road work being done by the county over on the Deschutes.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house at Gist on Christmas Eve. All are invited.

The Cloverdale Card Club is about to look out for them. They are liable to surprise you any night. They are a jolly crowd.

Mr. Carson's new barn will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arnold went to the county seat yesterday on business. Walter Graham and wife spent Sunday at Gist's.

A FINE ANIMAL FOR CROOK COUNTY

Imported Stallion Purchased by
Ten Laidlaw Farmers.

PRICE PAID WAS \$3,000.00

A Steel Gray Percheron and Weighs
1,800 Lbs.—Prineville Not on The
Railroad Map—Other Items of
Unusual Interest to All.

Ten of the leading farmers in the vicinity of Laidlaw have just purchased of A. C. Ruby & Company of Portland, a fine imported Percheron stallion at a cost of \$3,000. The horse is one of the best ever brought to the Northwest, and took the blue ribbon in his class at the state fair at Salem this year. He is a steel gray, three years old, and weighs 1,800 pounds. He is a horse of magnificent proportion and fine action and will be a valuable adjunct to the farmers and breeders of this county. The Chronicle is of the opinion that the raising of good horses in this part of Central Oregon promises to be one of the leading enterprises, as horses do exceedingly well and the cost of raising a colt is slight.

Prineville Must Get Busy.

According to a recent dispatch that appeared in the city dailies, the people of Prineville have been endeavoring to persuade the Harriman interests to build the Deschutes railroad through their city, but have failed. Now the only thing for them to do is to build a branch line to connect with the main line running through Madras, Redmond and Bend.

The right of way, as decided upon, will establish the main line about 20 odd miles west of Prineville, the company feeling that the topographical conditions, as well as the business that might originate by diverting the road from its natural trend southward, would not warrant the additional expenditure that would be entailed.

When Prineville learned this, some of the leading business men decided to start a movement for building a branch line of their own, to be financed exclusively by home capital, and this will probably be done.

"I haven't heard that the Prineville people have any such intentions in mind," said J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines of the Northwest. "They haven't taken the matter up with me, but we do not contemplate running a line into Prineville."

From this it is inferred that if the metropolis of Crook county is to have a place on the railroad map of Oregon, its own people must put it there.

Railroad Surveyors Still Busy.

The party of Harriman engineers under H. J. Roberts, who have been camped at Madras for a month or more while working in that locality, moved their camp south Tuesday of last week. Their new camp will be located near Culver while they are continuing the location of the line south. The Pioneer says the line has been located south from Madras for a distance of about 10 miles, following practically the same route taken by the Central Oregon, which follows around Juniper Butte, with a crossing over Crooked river near Trail Crossing.

The party under Mr. Mills, which was also camped at Madras for some time, is now camped at Redmond and is working toward Madras to connect with the line being run by the Roberts party. When that connection is made the location of the Harriman line will be complete from the mouth of the

Deschutes to Redmond. From there it is understood the location will be made on south through Bend as far as Klamath Falls.

Killed Large Timber Wolf.

George Windom killed a large grey timber wolf at his ranch near Culver last Sunday, the animal measuring 71 inches from tip to tip. When killed by Mr. Windom the grey wolf was trotting down the road in front of the Windom home and a shot from a rifle brought him down.

The timber wolf is very rare in the prairie sections, his home being in the mountains, and this is the first one known to have been killed in this immediate section. The coyote, or prairie wolf as he is called, belongs to the wolf species, but is very much smaller than the timber wolf, and is quite common in this section.—Madras Pioneer.

Shorter Items of Interest.

A lot of worthless, vagabond dogs are causing much trouble at Moro.

The Ladies' Annex of Prineville will soon put on the home talent comedy-drama, "Valley Farm."

John L. Spoo & Sons of Lebanon will install a sawmill soon just west of Laidlaw, with yards in that city.

Ruth Luelling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luelling of Prineville, died recently of typhoid pneumonia after an illness of 15 days.

A 40-acre strawberry patch will be set out at Condon, 87,000 Clark Seedling plants being used. A pumping plant will be installed to pump water to irrigate the tract.

Walter Luckey, a young man about 30 years of age who formerly lived at Prineville, committed suicide recently at Ogden, Utah, by blowing out his brains with a Winchester rifle.

According to the Journal, the city finances of Prineville are in very good condition. The indebtedness is only \$2,500 and the levy for the next year will be only five mills. And this in spite of the fact that the revenue from the saloons has been cut off.

M. C. Awbrey had a bad runaway last Sunday morning as he was driving his black team along the Swalley ditch. When the team started they jerked the buggy top off and threw it forward on the seat, pinning Mr. Awbrey fast. By hard work he threw the top off and checked the team without any serious results.—Chronicle.

A CHURCH BAZAAR.

The "Whatsoevers" Will Have Many
Useful Articles for Sale.

The ladies of the town who are interested in church work have banded together and formed an undenominational society which will work to defray the common expenses of the church and to make those improvements in the church in which all are interested. They call the new organization the "Whatsoevers." Their officers are: President, Mrs. H. C. Ellis; vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Mutzig; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Griffin; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Lucas.

One of the first improvements that will be made is the purchase and installation of gas lights for the church. Enough was realized from the "game dinner" to defray this expense and the gas plant has already been ordered. The ladies are planning on building a wood shed, buying new song books, and several other improvements.

The Whatsoevers will soon give a bazaar, where they will have on sale a large variety of fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. Everyone who has ever attended one of these bazaars knows what the ladies will have on sale, without an extended description from The Bulletin. Suffice it to say that the articles will be numerous, pretty and useful.

For Sale.

Improved desert claim with paid up water right, under the Arnok ditch. For further information inquire at Bulletin office.