

**THE BEND BULLETIN**

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**THE FREE LANDS.**

The windy wailers from the East, who live where land is reckoned in front feet and not in acres, are vigorously howling "no more free lands"—a sort of diseased echo of the "conservation" craze that is sweeping over the trans-Mississippi states.

What these folks need who would do away with the "free" land inducement to settlers, is a good forty-eight-hour stage ride through Central Oregon, with its accompanying view of the millions of acres of untouched land, richly endowed in natural resources and only waiting the coming of the settler to blossom into fertility. Let the conservo-manics have their way, and these millions of acres will remain for many years with their only yield the present profitless crop of sage brush. Crook county alone has a million and a half acres of un-taken government land. Today the new 320-acre homestead law is the inducement that is bringing hundreds of settlers in to develop the long latent possibilities of this vast territory; within two years hundreds of ranches will be adding their quota of wealth to the state and the nation, and the stock ranges of Central Oregon will have been transformed into a far-reaching wheat country. Without "free" lands this certain development would be as impossible as that long since attained, in exactly parallel manners, by the very Eastern states whose citizens would now curtail the development of the new counties of the West for what they shortsightedly imagine is their own profit.

The pioneers who carve out wealth-producing communities from the untamed lands, and those who follow on their heels, are entitled to every legitimate aid their government can give them. It is for them, who win the land at the expense of their own toil and hardship, to profit by its "free" acquisition, and in no wise for the men of other distant states to claim a superior, or even an equal share in any profit-making possibilities the last of the national lands might be made to hold for them—at the expense of the actual settler.

**PRESS CENSORSHIP.**

A cartoon in Sunday's Oregonian gives an appropriate picture of the Press as muzzled in accordance with Ex-Congressman Williamson's prediction made recently at a Prineville banquet.

The present status of the "freedom of the press," we are told, is a national danger; its material curbing, within a brief term of years, an assured certainty. And yet how diametrically opposed to this dark forecast is the outcome of the recent Indianapolis-News-Panamama purchase libel suit.

The Government, it will be remembered, brought action for libel against the proprietors of the "News," the sensational charges brought by that paper in connection with alleged wholesale "graft" at the time of the Panama Canal purchase having proved unfounded, at least in so far as definite evidence was concerned. The case was dismissed by Judge Anderson, who, in rendering his decision, said, in effect, that in as much as the paper's charges were made in good faith, it was but executing its normal duty—that of public watch dog, whose function is to direct public attention towards that which

may smack of the suspicious.

So, it seems, the threatened press has not only escaped immediate "muzzling," but even has received an officially complimentary slap on the back. Indeed, it may well be that existing conditions of press freedom of speech will not only continue unhampered by Russian-like censorship, but will develop into even broader fields—notwithstanding the opinion of our eminent fellow citizen to the contrary.

**MORE PUBLICITY.**

When that Oregonian photographer comes to Bend it's up to Bend to look pleasant. Also it would help Bend advertising not a little if we could get him out over that new automobile road for a peep at the "high desert" country. A few facts and a few photos in the big New Year's number of the Oregonian will tend to awaken the public to an understanding of the enormous future that lies before this vast tributary territory.

**Advice to Homesteaders.**

No patent to a homestead is now issued until after the homestead has been examined as to the amount of work, etc., done on it by a field man in the employ of the general land office.

The man on a homestead should keep a daily diary so he can tell what days he was away from the homestead and what he was doing while away. He should keep a memorandum so when the time comes to prove up his homestead and get a patent for it from the government, he can show what he was doing the five years necessary for him to live on the homestead to secure his patent, how long he was away and what he was doing.

It is difficult for most homesteaders to make a living on the homestead during the period he is required to live on the land, and it becomes necessary for most of them to earn money elsewhere in order to maintain themselves and buy bread and other food supplies, clothing, horses, etc.

When the time comes to make final proof before securing his patent, a homesteader must have two witnesses to vouch for him. These witnesses are required to answer a long list of questions bearing on the homestead, the amount of work done on it, etc.

It is quite important that a homesteader keep in touch with his neighbors so they will know what he is doing. It is usually a very difficult thing to find a witness who is able to give satisfactory answers concerning a homestead covering a period of five years.

It is at once apparent to every homesteader to realize the importance of keeping a diary of his doings and to keep in touch with his neighbors and let them know from time to time what he is doing.

The government is more particular now than formerly about a homesteader making his home on his homestead. It is very necessary for him to make his home there and to have no other residence.

As a general thing homesteaders are making an honest effort to acquire homes. In a few instances through ignorance or otherwise, homesteaders fail to come up to the requirements and thus lose the chance of getting a home out of the public domain.—Ex.

**PRIZE WINNERS.**

**Girls Win Prizes in Lara's Ad. Writing Contest.**

- 1st prize—Miss Elna Schultz, 97 votes. \$5.00
- 2nd prize—Miss Margaret Wiest, 59 votes. \$2.50
- 3rd prize—Miss Bessie Main, 27 votes. \$1.00

In addition to the above prize winners, ads were written by Gladys Brandenburg, Lizzie Wormstaff, Ethel Spinning and Howard Young.

I want to personally thank each one of you for the interest you took in the contest. Every ad. published was a credit to the writer and worthy of a place in any paper. I don't know what is the matter with the boys of Bend as only one of them had nerve enough to even try for the prizes. The girls certainly carried off the honors. The prizes are waiting for the winners at my store.

A. M. LARA.

**Clearing and Plowing Done.**

By responsible party. For further information call at The Bulletin office. 33-36

**Notice.**

If you wish to have your express and light freight come in along with your letters and daily papers, have it come in on the mail line.—THE CORNETT STAGE & STABLE CO. 25tf

**LOCAL NEWS NOTES.**

A. M. Lara tells about his "rest room" in his ad. this week. Especially interesting.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer, of Bend, twin boys, on the afternoon of Nov. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wenandy left Saturday for a two weeks' visit in Phillipsburg, Mont., their old home.

J. J. Hecker is having a sidewalk 140 feet long built along in front of his property east of the D. I. & P. Co. office on Ohio street.

Barney Lewis had the misfortune to break an arm Friday. He fell off a load of wood which he was hauling down the hill to the pumping station of the city water works.

For Sale:—160 acres good land under Swalley ditch, 100 irrigable acres, two shares maintenance, just help keep up repairs cheap; it will pay to look this up. Call at this office.

Wm. Arnold sold an assignment on his desert claim under the Arnold Irrigation Co. last Friday to E. A. Knotts of Bend, for \$8,000. The tract is located about 4 miles from Bend and comprises 200 acres.

Henry Linster raised a fine garden at his home in Bend this year. Last week the Linster boys brought to The Bulletin office some monster carrots and rutabagas and a cabbage head weighing 17½ lbs. Millard Triplett also brought in a cabbage head which weighed 26 pounds.

G. P. Putnam has another full page article in the Sunday Oregonian, this time descriptive of the Crook County Fair at Prineville. Besides describing the picturesque features of the fair, the article has much to say regarding the economic possibilities of the county—more good advertising.

Frank Basl brought to The Bulletin office this morning an extra fine specimen of the rutabaga family. It measured 22½ inches in circumference, was smooth and of excellent quality. Mr. Basl has a homestead north of town and gets water for irrigation from the Swalley ditch. He claims to have the prize ranch in his neighborhood.

A. A. Aldridge, Dr. I. L. Schofield and Armand Shearer returned Sunday from their bear hunt on the Upper Deschutes, bringing with them two brown bear, a heavy crop of whiskers and three of the dirtiest physiognomies that ever ambled into the corner confectionery on six legs and asked for three glasses of lemonade to wet three over-dry gozzles. The boys report a good time.

Frank Powers of Christmas Lake, on the lower end of the High Desert, passed through Bend the first of the week with an engine and a deep well boring machine which will be used in his locality to bore for artesian water. The machine is capable of boring to a depth of 2,500 feet and the Christmas Lake settlers who are interested in the scheme are fully confident they will strike an artesian flow before that depth is reached.

A public reception was given in honor of Bishop Paddock last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake, at which a goodly number were in attendance. The evening was very pleasantly spent in a social way by those present, light refreshments were served and the time passed altogether too rapidly. It was one of those events that are altogether too rare in Bend. Mrs. Drake was assisted by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Smith, and the Misses Kershaw, Coleman, Reid, Wiest, Vandeventer and Markel.

Bishop Paddock, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Eastern Oregon,

held services in Bend Friday evening, Sunday and Monday. The bishop is an intensely interesting speaker, has had a wide experience in his work, and his discourses—devoted almost wholly to reaching men—were full of virile manhood and alive with the very strongest kind of argument that would convince a man that he should lead a clean life. It's well worth any man's time to attend the bishop's services. While the congregations that greeted Bishop Paddock were of a fair size, yet they were not so large as they should have been. It is hoped that when he visits us again, the people will turn out en masse to hear him.

**Laidlaw News Letter.**

LAIDLAW, Nov. 1.—The new bell for the Presbyterian church arrived last Wednesday and was put in place Saturday. The bell was given to the church by Mrs. Ella M. Ives, formerly of this place, but now residing in Seattle.

The Farmers' telephone line of Laidlaw has made arrangements to connect with the long distance lines to Bend and Sisters.

The ladies of the aid societies of the Presbyterian and Christian churches met with Mrs. J. W. Brown, and considerable work was accomplished.

Miss Hazel Caldwell entertained a company of young people at a Halloween party Saturday evening. A very pleasant time was reported by all.

Supervisor L. H. Root has a crew of men at work opening up a new road between Laidlaw and Cline Falls, which will be a great convenience to the traveling public.

F. E. Dayton is hauling his lumber from the Tumalo sawmill, into town.

**I CAN SELL YOUR LAND**

Parties in the Powell Buttes section, or anywhere in the Bend country, who have tracts of land wholly free from rock, or nearly so, and who desire to sell the same should list them with me.

I have a large number of people around North Yakima, Wash., who want land in this section and I will be able to sell your property. Large tracts a specialty.

DR. F. M. VAN SNYDER

Either at Bend, Or., or North Yakima, Wash.

**WOOD FOR SALE**

**BLOCK WOOD**  
\$4.50 Per Cord, Delivered.

**LIMB WOOD**  
\$3.50 Per Cord, Delivered.

Phone Me.  
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**MISSION FURNITURE**

Kitchen Cabinets  
ALL KINDS OF HOME  
MADE FURNITURE

Call at my shop and inspect my Mission Furniture. Chairs, Tables, Cabinets, etc., etc. All work GUARANTEED FIRST-CLASS.

**A. A. ANTHONY.**



**JOHN LEGAT**

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**Harness and Saddlery**  
Trunks and Valises  
Repaired

Bring your job printing to The Bulletin office. Our work pleases.

**? QUESTION ?**

It has been asked us several times, "How can you afford to give away beautiful \$300 Upton Parlor Grand Piano, as you advertise you will do?"

**OUR ANSWER**

We prefer to sell 100 articles at a profit of 10 cents each, rather than 10 articles at a profit of one dollar each. It means just ninety more people patronizing our store. The only reason for our being in business is to do business. This means that we must bring the people to our store. Low prices and good values will bring us customers always. Our giving away of this piano is simply to bring additional business to our store and it is doing it, every day. It pays you and us.

**MERRILL DRUG CO.**

**320-ACRE HOMESTEADS**

WE HAVE THE BEST

**FREE AUTOMOBILE TRIP**

To and From the Lands to Every One Who Locates.

**Merrill & Wilkinson Company**  
BEND, OREGON.

**The Pine Tree Store**

IS STILL IN BUSINESS, CONTRARY TO REPORTS OTHERWISE. I have just received part of my FALL DRY GOODS and am going to give you

**Bargains Every Day**

NO SPECIAL DAYS—EVERY DAY ALIKE. Come in and convince yourself. A handsome framed picture given away with every \$5 cash purchase in dry goods. I also have a full line of Groceries, Building Material, Paints and Oils of all kinds, Farm Machinery and Binding Twine.

**E. A. Sather.**

**St. James Hotel** Silver Lake Oregon

J. S. Wakefield, Proprietor

When in Silver Lake, stop at this well known house. Guests can be assured that every attention will be paid to make them comfortable. Special attention to travelers. Good home cooking. Terms reasonable.

Our Hobby:  
Best Meals  
in Town for  
**35c**

**WHEN IN BEND STOP AT THE PILOT BUTTE INN**

Table always supplied with the best that the town affords.

Neat and Comfortable Rooms.

BEND, OREGON

**WANTED:** I am ready to buy for winter: 500 sacks of Spuds and 3,000 pounds of Onions—must be in good condition to keep for winter. **A. M. LARA.**