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NEW CONVENIENCE IN LAND OPENINGS

Within Twenty Days Prior to Restoration to Entry All Applications Made Will Be Considered Without Priority Advantage.

U. S. Commissioner H. C. Ellis has received the following information from the General Land Office, relative to the disposition of land applications, filings and selections:

"Hereafter when lands unsurveyed or withdrawn or reserved are to become subject to disposition under the laws applicable thereto by the filing of a township plat of survey or by restoration to entry from such withdrawals or reservations, all applications, filings or selections therefor may be executed in a manner required by law, with required fees and commissions, be presented to the proper local land office in person, by mail or otherwise, within the period of twenty days prior to the date of filing the township plat or of the restoration to entry, unless the law or the regulations governing the disposition of a particular application or the land affected otherwise provide. No priority will be secured nor right forfeited by presentation of such application, filing or selection in the manner and within the time prescribed prior to the filing of the township plat or the restoration of the land to entry, and all such applications, filings and selections shall, with those presented by persons present at the local office at the hour the land becomes subject to entry, be held and treated as simultaneously filed.

"Applications presented after the lands become subject to entry will be received and noted within the order of their filing.

"Any application, filing or selection not based on a prior settlement right will be subject to valid settlement claims asserted in the manner required by law.

"The Register and Receiver will carefully compare all applications simultaneously filed as aforesaid and will dispose of them as follows:

"1. Where there is no conflict the application shall be allowed irrespective of whether settlement is alleged.

"2. In the case of conflicting applications and only one of the applicants alleges prior settlement, his application shall be allowed and the others rejected.

"3. If two or more conflicting applications are received, each containing allegations of prior settlement, a hearing shall be ordered to determine the priority of right and it shall be restricted to those alleging such right.

"4. Where there are applications conflicting in whole or in part, in which no one of the several applicants claims prior settlement, the Register and Receiver will write on cards the names of the several applicants and each of these cards shall be placed in an envelope upon which there is no distinctive or identifying mark, and at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the date of opening of entry, if practicable, if not at the same hour one week later, after all the envelopes containing the names of the several applicants shall have been thoroughly mixed in the presence of such persons as may desire to be present, they shall be drawn and numbered in order.

"The cards as numbered and drawn will be securely fastened to the applications of the respective persons, and the applications shall be allowed in such order. Where any applicant fails to obtain all the land applied for by him he will be permitted to elect whether he will retain the land secured and amend his application to embrace other lands not affected by pending applications and otherwise subject thereto when such amended application is presented, or withdraw his original application without prejudice, and in the event of such withdrawal the fees and commissions will be returned by the Receiver. Applications conflicting in whole with those previously allowed will be rejected in the usual manner."

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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

A called meeting of the County Court of Crook County convened at 10:35 a. m. on Monday, June 1st, 1914, at the Courthouse, at Prineville, Crook County, Oregon. Present: Judge Springer, presiding, Willis Brown, Commissioner.

When was transacted the following business:

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$10 be issued in favor of John Stam, for clothes, etc.

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$9.75 be issued in favor of G. Springer, to reimburse him for money advanced for \$8 fare for Ellen Fuston, and \$1.75 for medicine for John Stam.

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$24.00 be issued to the Redmond Spokesman, for printing pamphlets and programs of declamation contest and tract meet, and also \$3.50 additional for printing teacher's programs.

Ordered that the sum of \$320.00 be set apart from the general fund to the library fund.

In the matter of the Baldwin Sheep Company, County road, viewers report presented to the court and read the first time.

Ordered that the bill of H. R. Welsh in the sum of \$121.19 for work on Gulch road be allowed and warrant issued.

Ordered that Crook County accept all the provisions of the workman's compensation law, of the State of Oregon.

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$2,000.00 on the road fund be issued in favor of Roy Newell, Supervisor at Hay Creek, for work to be done on the Baldwin Sheep Company road.

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$588.00 be issued in favor of Dave Grimes, to be used in road districts 13 and 14.

Court re-convened 7 a. m. June 2, 1914. Present same officer as yesterday.

In the matter of the Baldwin Sheep Company's county road; viewers report read second time and approved and road ordered to be opened.

In the matter of a change in the Beaver Creek road; County surveyor ordered to survey proposed change in Beaver Creek road from Post east, and if free right of way is found, over most direct route on the south side of the river, ordered that work begin immediately after the completion of the survey.

In the matter of the bridge over Trout Creek at Cross Keys; the Coast Bridge Company requested to take the construction crew from their present work at Deep canyon and Wilhotts and erect the bridge now on the ground at Cross Keys, over Trout creek.

Ordered that a warrant in the sum of \$500 on the Crook County Fair Fund, be issued in favor of J. E. Blanchard, President of the Fair Board. (Approved) G. Springer, Willis W. Brown.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 12, 1914.

To Carl L. Stockdale, of Madras, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Melvin A. Houghtaling, who gives Laidlaw, Crook County, Oregon, as his post office address, did on April 23, 1914, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No. —, Serial No. 08847, made May 4, 1911, for 8 1/2 NE 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 22, Township 14 S., Range 12 E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Carl L. Stockdale has failed to establish his residence on said tract; that he has failed to cultivate said tract or any part thereof; that said entryman has abandoned said tract for upwards of six months last past and that such failure and abandonment was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the U. S. in time of war or otherwise.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the post office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 5th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Mildred Bladearn, assignee of Tokil Swanson, deceased, of Bend, Oregon, who on June 6th, 1911, made Desert Land Entry No. 49080, for lots 1-2 and E 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 30, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final desert land proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S.

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Claimant names as witnesses: Jacob F. Thomas, Henry Starrs, Ralph A. Dunn, Earl J. Dunn, all of Bend, Oregon.
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register

NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 12, 1914.
To Clyde T. Graham care of Box 132, Bend, Oregon, Contestee:
You are hereby notified that James C. Smith, who gives Bend, Oregon, as his post office address, did on April 20, 1914, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No. —, Serial No. 611773, made June 9, 1913, for N 1/2 Section 23, Township 20 S., Range 16 E. W. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that Clyde T. Graham has failed to establish his residence on said tract; that he has failed to cultivate said tract or any part thereof; that said

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