

Deschutes Ranger for August

(Continued from last week.)

The Secretary of Agriculture has classified 49,167.51 acres of land, known as the Sisters Land Classification Project, as chiefly valuable for forestry purposes, and non-liable under the Act of June 11, 1906. This tract is located west of the town of Sisters along the eastern slope of the Cascade mountains in Township 14 S., Range 8 East, and in Townships 13, 14 and 15 S., Range 9 East. The classification is the final result of intensive field work done in 1912 and 1913 by officers of the Forest Service and of the Bureau of Soils. The field work included an estimate of the standing timber, a detailed soil survey and an intensive study of the forest and agricultural values of the area. The climatic conditions were found to be adverse, the soil of low agricultural value and no water available for irrigation. The stand of timber was estimated to be over three-fourths of a billion feet B. M., ninety-four percent of which is Western yellow pine of a good quality. This is the first area on the Deschutes or Paulina Forests finally classified by the Secretary of Agriculture after an intensive field study.

Both Mr. Sherman and Mr. Ames, on their recent trip through the Sisters and Metolius country, commented favorably on the excellent manner in which the district was posted with sign-boards. It is gratifying to know that such improvements are appreciated, as indeed they always are, especially by those not familiar with the region. It is hoped that all of the Forest may be completely posted by another summer, although there is a great deal of work still to be done. All District Rangers are urged to keep notes of places where sign-boards are needed, together with the proper wording for them, and next winter when work is slack prepare enough to finish posting the entire Forest. Not only are cross road signs desirable, but also mile signs along the main roads indicating the distance to objective point. Funds are available for the purchase of lumber and other necessary material to complete this work this year. Let us make the Deschutes the best posted Forest in the District.

The pasture fence at the Davis Lake Ranger Station has been enlarged so that it now encloses approximately sixty acres.

Ranger Drinkley went to Paulina Lake on September 2 to spend several days working with Ranger Curl on extensive land classification.

By co-operative agreement the Klamath County Fire Patrol Association and the Central Oregon Fire Patrol Association are each placing one patrolman at Beaver Marsh in Township 18 S., Range 8 East, to work with the Forest guards stationed at that place.

The following changes have been made in personnel since the date of issuing our June number: Miss Florence Barnhart has been detailed

from the Portland office to assist Mr. Long in doing the clerical work at Bend. In Districts 1 and 2 Lynn Wilson has been employed as an additional patrolman. In District 3 James Childers is employed and in Districts 4 and 5 Messrs. George Gottlieb and Mr. Crum, Chas. M. Neff is taking the place of G. F. Parker on Paulina Peak lookout, Mr. Parker having been forced to resign on account of his wife's illness. Sam Welch and E. D. Tyler have been stationed at the Willow Ranger Station in Township 28 S., Range 8 E., to assist on fire patrol.

Forest Guard Usher has been building a new road along the east side of Crane Prairie, which when completed will shorten the distance from the south end of the prairie to the ranger station, as well as avoid many of the rocky and wet places on the present road.

NEW OFFER MADE ON NORTH CANAL

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settlers of the project and to the State of Oregon.

Upon our previous offer a report was made by the U. S. Reclamation Engineers. This report did not ques-

tion the "accuracy or legitimacy" of our statement of costs of the properties we propose to deliver, which was submitted in detail to them and which is available to you. This statement shows a cost of \$426,990.00. But the Reclamation Engineers considered only the cost of reproduction of a part of the work and recommended that we be paid \$50,000.00. They did not provide for the delivery of water to the Powell Buttes district, nor did Mr. Lewis, who filed a dissenting report in which he recommended that we be paid \$165,409.00, do so.

"In considering this matter it is only fair to consider our total cost.

"Taking the estimate of our Engineer as a basis, the following statement will show that we are entitled to much more than we ask. If the estimate of cost should be increased, it would probably increase proportionately the amount we should receive.

Cost of completion of project \$428,014.00
To be paid to C. O. I. Co. 155,000.00

Total cost \$583,014.00
26,723 irrigable acres less 2200 previously sold \$23 cost per acre.

	Cu. feet	Per sec.	Pct.
Total water diverted			
Pilot Butte Canal	355	33.8	
Lands	445	42.4	
North Canal Lands	130	12.4	
Powell Butte Lands	120	11.4	
Reserve			
Total capacity North			

Canal 1050 100
We use the capacity figures of the Reclamation Engineers.

Deductions to be made from cost of C. O. I. Co. on account of deliveries in accordance with method of the U. S. Reclamation Engineers. 220 acres previously sold at \$23 per acre \$50,500.00

For the Powell Butte lands proportion of amount paid Co. 12.4 to 135,000 12.4 of 35,000 Lining 170,800 \$21,179

130:550
23.6 per ct. of Canal M. P. 1.4 to M. P. 6.77,918 \$18,417

130:300
M. P. 6 and M. P. 14, 43.3 per ct. of \$1,715 ... 35,410
M. P. 14 to M. P. 18 12,000 \$87,006.09

For Pilot Butte Canal 33.8 per ct. of 125,000 35,500

170,800
170,800 57,730.03

\$185,336.00
Deducting \$195,336.00 from \$426,990 our cost, gives \$231,654.00 for which we ask \$135,000.00

"The above method is the least favorable to this company and the matter could be presented to show a much greater difference in the company's favor, but sufficient difference between the company's cost and what is asked is shown to prove our claim to be very moderate.

"In an ordinary transaction of sale and purchase the purchaser is not interested in the application of the proceeds of the sale, nor is the question of profit ignored, as in the present case.

"The State contemplating its paternal relationship cannot ignore the interests of all parties. The price asked by us is the least amount with which we can complete the existing system and pay our indebtedness already incurred on the North Canal and dam.

"If deemed advisable, the Company would allow \$35,000.00 to remain in the State's hands in lieu of the present bond for \$25,000.00 to guarantee the rebuilding of the main flume. Very respectfully,

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The West Unit.

Answering messages from the Commercial Club in respect to the West Unit Congressman Blonoff has written that he has been informed at the Interior Department that Secretary Lane's authority over the \$450,000 appropriation does not expire until June 30, 1915. Under these circumstances the campaign for the immediate allotment of this sum has been slowed up to await the receipt of the Reclamation Survey report on the West Unit.

It is possible that the power of allotment will be returned to the Secretary of the Interior and that then a more general campaign can be begun for the expenditure of reclamation moneys here and in other parts of Oregon. The possibility comes

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through the action of Senator Borah on Saturday in getting attached to the Alaska coal leasing bill a provision restoring the authority which Congress took away a few months ago. The leasing bill is now in the House for action.

DAVEY SELLS TO BYRD.

The current issue of the Harney County News contains the announcement of the sale to C. A. Byrd of the interest in the paper held by Frank

Davey. Mr. Davey expects to devote himself to his other business interests.

The Portland Ad Club, during its stay in Bend, visited many points of interest. It became very necessary after the eruption at Lava Butte to look for the leading barber shop. They found it here. Were they right? D—right. An example worthy of imitation. The Metropolitan.—Adv.

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