

CRANE PRAIRIE PETITION FILED

ASKS DEPARTMENT TO GRANT HEARING

Mohler Wants Area Restored to
Homestead Entry—Says Use of
Prairie for Stock Grazing Is Eco-
nomic Waste—Irrigation Sham

(The Oregonian.)

A petition bearing the names of more than 50 prominent citizens of Portland and adjacent communities was mailed to the Secretary of the Interior yesterday in support of the plea of S. S. Mohler and others, that certain lands known as Crane Prairie, located about 40 miles south west of Bend, Crook county, be eliminated from the National forest, freed from existing reclamation with-drawals and opened to settlement and entry.

As early as October 22, 1915, Mr. Mohler filed a petition with the officials at Washington requesting that the Crane Prairie lands, now a part of the Deschutes National Forest, and also withdrawn in connection with the Deschutes Reclamation project, be restored to homestead entry. At that time Mr. Mohler asked that a time and place be designated by the Interior Department in order that Mr. Mohler might, at his own expense, submit evidence in support of his contention that the lands are suitable for agricultural purposes.

As yet that request has not been complied with and the petition which went forward yesterday asks again that a hearing be granted Mr. Mohler. The final appeal bears the names of three score of Oregon's most prominent citizens and business men.

At the invitation of the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Mohler, on February 11, 1916, filed nine pages of typewritten evidence with the department setting forth evidence to prove his claim that the land should be opened for homesteads instead of being reserved in the forest and reclamation limits.

Knows Land Thoroughly.

"For the past 20 years I have been familiar and personally acquainted with the Deschutes watershed and in particular with Crane Prairie, being on the property during 15 or 16 years of that time," said Mr. Mohler yesterday. "While in the employ of the Oregon State Fish Commission, I stocked 123 lakes in that region with fish.

"To my thorough knowledge, Crane Prairie is not suitable or feasible as a reservoir site for holding and impounding water, and I have explained this fact to the department in accurate and sufficient detail."

In contending that Crane Prairie is land valuable for agricultural purposes, Mr. Mohler charges that the "withdrawal and present use of these lands is an indefensible loss."

"While the forest service issues licenses for 1250 head of cattle, there is in fact a very large number of yearlings and alleged yearlings running on the Crane Prairie country free of charge," continued Mr. Mohler. "The charge for season grazing is 20 cents a head and produces a total revenue to the Government of \$125.00. That sum will not pay for the Government's annual expenses incident to the 'conservation' of these lands and the annual grasses.

"On the other hand, if this land were actually farmed, a single 40 acre tract would produce more annual cash agricultural value than the whole present proceeds coming to the Government and a section of the land would produce as much value as the stockmen now realize from the whole valley.

Irrigation Project a Sham.

"The Central Oregon Irrigation Company, some five years ago, initiated the withdrawal of these lands by a pretended irrigation project filling upon water, and a fraudulent expression of an intent to build a reservoir upon the prairie. I do not believe this company has any intention of building at Crane Prairie.

In his petition, Mr. Mohler charges that F. R. Stanley, one of the incorporators of the irrigation company, is president of the Davenport-Stanley Ranch Company, which has a grazing lease from the Forest Service to run 340 head of cattle on the prairie. He also points out that Ben W. Olcott is secretary-treasurer of the Pilot Butte Ranch Company, which has a lease to run 200 head of cattle on the prairie, and that Mr. Olcott is a member of the State Land Board, which has recommended that the irrigation company's time to construct be extended for five years.

Mr. Mohler also contends that the joint report of the United States reclamation Service and the co-operating officers of the state of Oregon of date December, 1914, while in form and recital favoring Crane Prairie as a reservoir site, in its findings of fact shows the site to be unfeasible.

For sign painting see Edwards.—Adv.

For farm land loans see J. Ryan service.—Adv.

KLAMATH TO VOTE BONDS

Enters Into Contract With Keeler Bros. to Prepare Papers.

(Klamath Falls Herald.)

By a vote of three to one, the city council last evening ratified the contract employing Keeler Brothers of Denver, through their attorneys, to handle all the legal matters connected with the election this fall on a \$200,000 bond issue for the Strahorn railroad. This means that the election positively will be called just as soon as the expert bond attorneys can prepare the papers and the necessary time between calling the election and the day of voting elapses.

The motion to accept the contract and authorize Mayor Crisler to sign it on behalf of the city was made by Councilman Doty, and was carried by the votes of Councilmen Sheets, Struble and Doty. Councilman Mathews voted no. Miller was absent.

When the vote was announced by Mayor Crisler the crowd attending the meeting cheered enthusiastically. It was plain that the council had acted in accordance with the overwhelming sentiment of the people.

MOVE TO SILVER LAKE

Strahorn Surveyors Finish In Fort Rock Valley.

(Fort Rock Times.)

The Strahorn surveying crew moved to Silver Lake last Saturday afternoon and evening. They have completed their work in this valley and after a few more miles of line are run in the Silver Lake Valley will be entirely through with their preliminary survey.

The line crosses the road a mile and a quarter east of Fort Rock. The survey enters the valley between China Hat mountain and East Butte and then runs to a point near the Valley View school house. It then runs in a southwesterly direction and passes about a quarter mile to the west of the Rose and Cannon buildings, then passes about fifty yards to the west of the Brink, Haines, Geiger and Chambers places, and crosses the stage road south of Fort Rock at the south east corner of Sam Findley's place. It then gradually passes up over the lowest part of the divide and into the Silver Lake Valley.

ROUND-UP TICKETS SOLD.

PENDLETON, Sept. 11.—Seat sale for the Round-Up, September 21, 22, and 23, which opened September 2, is double that of the past two years, bigger than 1913 and almost equal to 1912. This will be the biggest Round-Up since 1912. There will be special trains from Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Boise and even San Francisco. There will be 100 head of relay horses on the grounds, 10 strings in the cowboy's relay and at least five strings in the cowgirl's race. There will be 100 contestants in the bucking; twenty-five steer ropers, 50 bulldoggers, four stage coach racers and 20 each day in the wild horse race. The city public school grounds have been given over to the Round-Up for use of automobile parties desiring to camp while here. The total attendance will pass the 60,000 mark.

CISTERS TO BE BUILT.

That the rangers on several of the lookout points may be supplied with water the year around, Forest Supervisor W. G. Hastings has made arrangements for the digging of cisterns on Black Butte, Maiden Peak, Walker Mountain and Paulina Peak. The cisterns will be lined with cement and during the spring will be packed with snow. Melting will be permitted only as the water is needed.

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Crook county produced gold to the value of \$5,872 in 1915, according to a report just made by the U. S. Geological Survey. Their reater portion of this, or \$5,500, came from placer mines. In the same year silver production in the county amounted to 42 ounces valued at \$22.

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Lincoln defeated George B. McClellan of New Jersey in 1864. (Watch for the election of Grant in 1868 in our next issue.)

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