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## 74,000 ACRES TO BE OPEN TO SETTLERS

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## TO AID POPULATION

Land in Benham Falls Segregation  
Will Easily Accommodate 200  
Families—6000 Acres May Be  
Watered by Arnold Ditch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—The Interior Department has approved Oregon's relinquishment of segregation list 29, covering 74,000 acres of land in Crook county, and announced opening of these lands under the homestead laws September 24. Applications will be received at The Dalles land office 20 days prior to the opening.

This means that the long fight waged for the opening of the so-called Benham Falls segregation, just south of Bend, has finally been won, and that shortly a large area of valuable land, long idle, will be placed in cultivation.

It also means that the efforts of The Bulletin and others striving for the upbuilding of this territory have won over the efforts of individuals and institutions who have affiliated with the Central Oregon Irrigation company in its losing fight to keep control of this tract.

### To Use Arnold Ditch.

The lands affected embrace 74,192 acres. It has been estimated that each 220 acres could readily accommodate a family, even with dry farming, meaning a population increase, all within a dozen miles of Bend, of some 200 families. However, much of the land will be watered under the Arnold ditch, so that an ever greater and more effective development can be expected.

The old Deschutes Irrigation and Power company, predecessors of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, entered into contract with the state for the reclamation of this segregation. The water was to come from a reservoir at Crane Prairie and the company was to receive 560 per acre. The company agreed to complete construction work before October 17, 1917.

### Project History Given.

The company never made good on this agreement, but under a supplemental agreement entered into November 28, 1910, it was given until January 1, 1912, to submit detailed plans and data, provided for in the original contract.

Again in 1912 the company was given another chance to make good, and failed. On November 18, 1913, the company petitioned the Desert Land Board to ask the Secretary of the Interior for a five year extension. This the board did, but the Department of the Interior came back with a demand for further showing on the part of the company sustaining such application. No further showing was made.

Subsequently, in March of this year representatives of the Bend Commercial club asked the Desert Land Board to petition the department to open some 2000 acres of the tract, retaining the rest intact for possible irrigation development. State Engineer Lewis favored some such plan. The irrigation company, from the first has endeavored to keep the tract sewed up as it now is, presumably with a view to the possibility of some time developing this segregation.

Now the department announces the opening of the entire tract for settlement, which means that the segregation is permanently taken away from the irrigation company. Details of methods of securing the land will be covered fully in The Bulletin.

## SPRINGER ASKS \$50,000 LIBEL

CHARACTER INJURED,  
SAYS JUDGE.

Prominent Crook County Men Made  
Defendants, With Editor of a  
Prineville Paper Alleged to  
Have Made Attack.

(From Saturday's Daily)

PRINEVILLE, Aug. 18.—The character of G. Springer, judge of Crook county, and central figure in many a political tempest, has been injured to the extent of \$50,000. At least the judge thinks so and has filed a libel suit for the recovery of that amount.

The defendants in this action are G. H. Russell, J. W. Stanton, B. F. Johnson, S. W. Yancey, J. H. Upton and A. M. Bryd. Russell, Stanton and Yancey are prominent ranchers and stockmen, Johnson is local representative of the Oregon & Western Colonizations Company, Upton a local attorney and Bryd is publisher of the Central Oregon Enterprise, which published the article last May in which the alleged libelous statements were made.

### Says Voters Influenced.

The publication of this "scandalous, libelous and defamatory article," to borrow the words of the complaint, "caused many persons and voters of Crook county, Oregon, to lose confidence in the plaintiff and in his official integrity, and to believe him to be corrupt, dishonest and incapable in the discharge of the duties and obligations of his office to such an extent that they have advocated and urged his recall, much to his chagrin, humiliation, and annoyance.

The complaint further sets forth that the defendants had entered upon a conspiracy against this plaintiff, which conspiracy had for its objects and purposes the recalling of the plaintiff from his said office of county judge and of depriving the plaintiff of the honors and emoluments of said office, as a part of said conspiracy and to enable them to more effectively carry out these said purposes, they agreed, conspired, conspired and confederated together to manufacture, compile, write, publish and circulate in said county and state false, scandalous, slanderous, libelous and defamatory reports and matter of and concerning the plaintiff with the intent and object of thereby to subject and expose plaintiff to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obliquity and to deprive him of the benefit of public confidence and social intercourse.

## FIRE IS BIGGEST OF THE SEASON

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Fire covering a tract a mile and one-half long, by at least half a mile in width, is burning in the vicinity of Square Lake, and a crew of 22 men is at work endeavoring to check the flames, a telephone message from H. E. Vincent, Sisters forest ranger, to Acting Supervisor V. V. Harpham, stated this morning. The fire is the biggest of any so far this season, and the rough, mountainous character of the country, coupled with a high wind which prevailed yesterday and the day before, has made the situation unusually difficult to handle.

Although the actual fire territory does not include timber of any value, it is close to high grade pine, and every effort is being made to subdue the conflagration on this account. Mr. Vincent believed that the fire might be brought under control by this evening.

Of the other seven fires reported yesterday, no word was received this morning, excepting from the three burning in the Crane Prairie section, where more men are being rushed. Those remaining are thought to be under control.

## FLAG RAISING A BRO



There is plenty of patriotism around Bend and plenty of trials to the respect in which the Stars and Stripes is held by the citizens of Deschutes county.

Among the recent events of a patriotic nature celebrated was the raising of the flag at the camps of the Brass-Scandinavian Company recently. The altitude is of the flag raising was at Camp One. More recently a flag, 10 by 20 feet, was raised at Camp Two. On each occasion many people from Bend were present and appropriate ceremonies were made. W. H. Inman reported Camp Two, and Jesse Camp One.

Following is the list of the people at the two camps at which the flags were installed:

G. P. Allison, G. Anderson, Andros, J. B. Austin, R. Bateman, B. Beeman, M. Baty, Gail B. S. A. Blakely, Frank Brobert, Brown, D. J. Brown, J. H. Bu J. Clark, C. E. Culler, Martin J. C. Culler, C. Douglas, Fred I. Capt. Jesse Fulton, T. Gerri Gillespie, J. Gottlieb, E. C. Gr

## Prize List i for the 1

Offering a wide latitude to exhibitors, the Ladies' Library club issued the prize list for the Flower Show, which will be held Bend one week from tomorrow. exact place in which the show is given, as well as the rules governing competition, will be announced. Prizes are being provided for solely by unassociated contributions year. Among those aiding in were: The City Beautiful League \$25; Harrison Latham, \$25; Deschutes County court, \$50. The named donation was made with stipulation that it be used in making up a prize list for vegetables grains.

The complete prize list is as follows:

Sweet Peas—best regardless of color, 50c; best bunch solid color, greatest variety, 50c. Astoria collection, 50c; Carnations, best collection, 40c; Peas, best collection, 50c; Panicles, artistic arrangement 50c; Sunflower, tallest, 40c; Pea Plants, Geraniums, 40c, pink red 40c, white 40c, ivy leaf 40c, the Washington 40c; Peonies, single 40c, double 40c; Ferns, 40c; gonias, 40c; Baby Fingers, 40c; Te Star Plant, 40c; Fuchsia, single double 40c; Best bunch of wild flowers, 40c; Best display of fruit, first \$1.50, second 75c; Best display sorted berries, first \$1.50, second 75c.

Vegetables—Best collection, with irrigation, first prize \$2, second, best collection without irrigation, second, 1; largest cabbage, first second 50c; beans, first \$1, second 50c; cauliflower, first \$1, second 50c.

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