

With the kind assistance of Dr. Marsden considerable more information has been sent the Portland chamber of commerce from this office showing the effects of land leasing. The matter sent shows the amount of land held by the big corporations in this county in proportion to the small stockmen and farmers. It also shows what effect proposed law would have on the further development of this section, how it would practically prevent further selections of land under the U. S. land laws and work a hardship on the residents who are here. The fact that more homestead and desert entries have been made in the local land office the past year than ever before in its history and that by the provisions of the Chico bill all these settlers would be debarred from taking advantage of such a law on account of not holding a patent to their land is one of the strong arguments against such a law being passed.

If Harney county had transportation facilities and had a market for produce it would not work such a hardship. But as conditions now exist, with a homestead taken, it is with the intention of running stock. Not one out of every hundred depends wholly on the products of a farm for support. Even though it was possible to produce immense crops there would be no market for it. Such being the case it is imperatively necessary that range privileges accompany a homestead right in order to live. Under a lease law that provides that one must own deeded land in order to be benefited, hundreds of our settlers would be left in the cold with nothing to do but give up their rights and migrate to the Lord only knows where.

Where there are hundreds of applications now for lands under the U. S. land laws, there would not be one after such a law was put into force, as the land would be almost worthless without range privileges. After all the range has been leased for a term of years what inducement is there for a prospective settler in a stock country? The small man who leases enough land to pasture his flocks at the beginning of 10 or 20 years must plod along in the same old rut with no opportunity to increase as there is no range. The natural increase would necessitate twice the amount of range in that length of time.

The Oregonian of Jan. 23 publishes the petition sent to the chamber of commerce of that city. It has the following comment:

Citizens of Burns, Harney county, have sent to the Portland chamber of commerce a request for cooperative effort against leasing of public lands. The communication was received at Portland yesterday. It has about 70 signatures, and is signed by every business firm in Burns except one.

The communication avers that the proposed bill in congress for land-leasing is in the interest of the large livestock companies, would ruin stockmen of moderate means if enacted, and would be a great detriment to the development of Eastern Oregon. It declares that the proposed law would put the livestock-growers of Harney county at the mercy of two California corporations.

This endeavor to enlist the assistance of Portland against land leasing was encouraged by the action of the Portland chamber of commerce, taken several weeks ago. Two years ago that body went on record as opposed to leasing of public lands, and last month the resolution was renewed and sent to the Oregon delegation in congress. A few weeks before livestock men in Harney county had framed strong resolutions against the proposed system of disposing of the public lands. The secretary of the Portland chamber

of commerce wrote to Burns asking for definite information concerning the status of the public domain in that part of the state. This inquiry was answered by the communication received yesterday and extensive information will be forwarded to this city very soon.

The leading editorial in the Oregonian of Jan 28 in regards to railroads and that Portland was able to help herself in the matter of bettering her condition in transportation facilities bringing the trade of Eastern and Southern Oregon and Idaho to that point where it rightfully belongs, has the right kind of a sound. Portland cannot sit with folded hands and get all this to come to her. A railroad into the heart of Eastern Oregon, as the Oregonian suggests, would bring the big business that is now lost to that city.

She cannot get all the trade of the Eastern part of the state until something in that line is done. For instance, the very lowest freight we can get is \$2.75 per hundred from Portland to Burns, while some costs \$4.00 and over. San Francisco people are putting freight into this county from the Stein Mountain south via Winnecca for \$2 per hundred. Push your railroad along Portland. We will help at this at this end and welcome you with open arms.

The pamphlet gotten up by J. B. Huntington against leasing the public lands of the West will be printed at his own expense. We have tried to get the stock association of this county to take hold of the matter and help Mr. Huntington out, but without success. Since he is having the work done, and as it is of such importance to the people of this section, we think that a little financial aid from the small stock men and those interested could not be better spent. A small amount has already been contributed and sent through this office. We have not been asked to solicit funds for this purpose but any desiring to help J. B. out and will hand the amount to us we will see that he receives it.

A copy of the resolutions passed by the Harney county stock association last September was sent to the Portland chamber of commerce this week from this office.

LACEY IRRIGATION BILL MOST FAVORED.

(Concluded from First Page.) single experimental plan and system of national irrigation and for that purpose discretion is vested in him to formulate prepare and carry out such plan within the limitations and restrictions of this act.

Sec. 6. That the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes hereof out of any moneys that may be received from the proceeds of the public lands, to be a continuing appropriation until said works are completed and in operation.

Such a bill as given heretofore will receive the votes of all who are willing to allow an appropriation of money from the national treasury for the irrigation of the public domain. It relieves the more timid of the responsibility of committing the government to a new policy, and it will be looked upon by the extreme advocates as only the first of a series of such appropriations. No member of commerce from the arid or semi-arid states, no matter how insincere his support of previous irrigation measures may have been, will dare, for political reasons, dissent from the passage of such a bill in default of something more far-reaching in its effects.

The many friends of S. S. Williams, the pioneer stage man of Drewsey, will be glad to learn that he has been awarded the contract on the O-B line for four years beginning July 1st next. Yes, is one of the most accommodating fellows in Eastern Oregon and during his former contract gave excellent satisfaction. We wish him the same generous patronage of former years.

CHICO LAND LEASING BILL FAVORED.

The following Washington dispatch of recent date shows that the people who are advocating land leasing still very much awake:

It is expected that the public lands committee of the house will soon take up for consideration the several bills providing for the leasing of the public lands of the several Western states. The two most prominent bills now before the committee are the Stephens bill, conveying the Texas idea of what a leasing law should be, and the Bowersock bill, which is said to have been drawn and approved by the National Livestock Association. Inasmuch as the committee declined, during the last congress, to consider the former measure, it is expected that interest will center around the second proposition.

Briefly stated the Bowersock bill provides that all vacant public land west of the 100th meridian shall be leased for stockgrazing purposes, subject to the right of homestead and mineral entry. Leases shall be made at the rate of two cents per acre per annum, payable in advance, and preference for such leases shall be given to owners of cultivated agricultural land for leaseable lands abutting upon their freeholds, in proportion of 10 acres of leasehold to one of freehold. A like proportion of 10 to 1 shall be given to stockgrowers who are also freeholders, but this preference shall apply only to lands within the counties in which their stock habitually range. If in case of either of these preferences there shall not be sufficient leaseable lands in the county to give each person the maximum proportion of 10 to 1, then the lands shall be prorated between the persons entitled to such preference. The bill grants a further preference to lands not leased under the above conditions to stockgrowers who were in actual use and occupancy of the lands during the past calendar year, to be leased by them in proportion to respective interests in and use thereof. Holders of state lands, under lease, shall be beneficiaries of the preference given to stockgrowers who are also freeholders, provided their leaseholds do not cover more than 640 acres in one body. Freehold rights are not to apply to townsite property, nor to any lands deriving title from Spanish or Mexican grants.

Leases under the Bowersock bill are to run for 10 years, with the privilege of renewal. The revenue derived from these leases, after deducting the expense of administering the law, shall be used as a reclamation fund in providing such water storage and irrigation works in arid and semi-arid regions as are necessary for preparing the arid and semi arid lands for settlement under the homestead act. The secretary of the interior is empowered to cancel leases when holders become ineligible.

Business College Notes.

The students of the commercial department are taking their third written examination. So far, the standing in these examinations has been very high, and the work accomplished very satisfactory to both teacher and pupils. The normal students are just completing their general review preparatory to the February examination. Those studying short hand are making rapid progress. The social feature of the school makes us all remember, most sensitively, the time when we were around our own home firesides, enjoying the associations of brothers, sisters and parents. The politeness, respect and general behavior of students presents a most pleasing picture of true manhood and womanhood happily associated in school work. New student this week is D. W. Campbell, who enters the commercial department. So many pupils have entered of late that our rooms begin to feel small. Ray Smith will place an addition to the rooms in the early spring. This will give us plenty of room. Two new teachers are arranged for to assist in the work and a good school is expected for the coming year.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County. Charles J. Johnson and Sam Bailey, composing the firm of Johnson & Bailey, Plaintiffs, vs. John I. Newman, Defendant.

To John I. Newman, the above-named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the date of the last publication of this summons to-wit: the 1st day of March 1902; and if you fail to answer for want thereof plaintiff will take judgment against you for the following sums as demanded in their complaint, for \$72.50 with the interest thereon at the rate of ten percent per annum from November 14, 1900 and \$7.25 attorneys fees; for \$185.00 with interest thereon at 6 per cent per annum from Dec 27, 1900; for \$23.10 with interest at ten per cent per annum from January 1st, 1901; for \$40.85 with interest at six per cent per annum from January 1st, 1901; for \$259.00 with ten per cent interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1901 and \$25.00 attorneys fees; for \$10.40; for 44.05 with interest at six per cent per annum from July 27th, 1899; for \$54.75 with interest at six per cent per annum from September 12th 1900; for \$8.09; for \$20.00 with 6 per cent interest thereon from February 8th 1900; for the sum of \$112.00 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from January 1st 1901; and for the further sum of \$145.00 with ten per cent interest thereon from January 1st, 1901 together with their costs and disbursements herein;

This summons is published by order of the Hon. James A. Sparrow, Judge of the County Court of Harney County Oregon, dated January 18th 1902, which order requires this publication to be made in The Times-Herald for six successive weeks.

The date of this first publication hereof is January 18th 1902. BIGGS & BIGGS, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

Dissolution Notice.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Geo. W. Hayes and John G. Saxton has been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the aforesaid firm will settle with John G. Saxton. Dated this 11 day of January 1902, GEO. W. HAYES, JOHN G. SAXTON.

Petition For Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney county, State of Oregon. We the undersigned legal voters of the precinct of Lawen, said county and state, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to N. J. Lewis & Co. to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors at their place of business in said precinct, in less quantities than one gallon, for a period of six months, commencing on the 9th day of February 1902: M B Hayes, Albert Cawfield, C W Drinkwater, Geo W Clark, Walter Gray, Robert Drinkwater, P L Oard, J T Oard, L B Hayes, J L Sitz, A C Spurlock, Joe Rector, J P Cochran, Wm E Gray, M V Smith, E D Jordan, Wm L Clark, I B Clark, P F Heinz, G E Parker, N O Oard.

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1902, we will apply to the above entitled court for said license as specified in this petition. N. J. LEWIS & Co.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

It the matter of the Estate of William Marrs, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix with will annexed, of the estate of William Marrs, deceased, by order of the County Court, for Harney county, State of Oregon, made the 7th day of January 1902. All persons having claims against the said estate shall present their claims with the proper vouchers at the office of Biggs and Biggs in the city of Burns, within six months after the date of this notice.

Date of first issue January 18th 1902. R. H. Brown, Administrator of estate of Ralph Brown, dec'd.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of J. B. Craig, deceased: Notice is hereby given to the heirs of J. B. Craig, deceased, and to all persons having an interest in the estate, that the administrator has filed his final account, and the court by order made and entered January 3d, 1902, fixed Saturday, February 15, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the county court room, in Burns, Oregon, as the time and place of having such objections as may be made or filed thereto, and for the consideration and settlement of the administrator's account. Dated January 4, 1902. A. L. VANDERPOOL, Administrator.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given to whom it may concern that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon made and entered July 6th 1902 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of Janie Shepard dead, and all persons having claims against her estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the residence of Walter Cross on Trout Creek in this county within six month of the date of this notice. Dated at Burns, Oregon January 11th 1902. L. W. SHEPARD, Administrator.

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