

MILLION ACRES WITHDRAWN

A SECOND GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION PROJECT IN HARNEY COUNTY.

Additional Withdrawal of 300,000 Acres last Thursday on Silver Creek—Only a Small Portion of It Settled.

Register Farrer of the local land office in this city on Thursday received a telegram from the Department at Washington, D. C., instructing him to withdraw 15 townships on Silver creek from entry, except restricted homesteads and an additional amount from entry of all kinds which will be used for reservoir purposes.

The lands withdrawn are as follows: Townships 26 in ranges 27, 28, 29; townships 25 in ranges 27, 28, 29; townships 24, ranges 26, 27, 28; townships 23, ranges 25, 26, 27; townships 22, ranges 25 and 26. An additional amount of land is also withdrawn in township 21, range 25 for reservoir purposes.

The area of this second withdrawal in round numbers is 300,000 acres and an examination of the records in the local land office discloses the fact that not to exceed 30,000, exclusive of the Wagon Road land, has been appropriated—the rest is all vacant government land.

This particular project is one that has ever appealed to those who have taken the pains to examine it and has many advantages, chief among them is the fact that only a small strip along the creek has been appropriated and is devoid of many complications that are a drawback to other localities. There are no conflicting water rights to interfere with the government taking up the proposition at once and proceed with all possible speed to completion. The land is just what the irrigation act applies to—practically all vacant land.

The water supply is adequate, according to those who are familiar with it and there is more actual vacant government land susceptible under the proposed reservoir site, considering the size, than any other in the state.

It will be taken up at once. This makes a total of 840,000 acres of land withdrawn within a radius of 36 miles of Burns. That distance will cover the outside lines of the withdrawal, including the two reservoir sites. The land susceptible to irrigation under the Silvie reservoir site being 540,000 acres, the Silver creek site 300,000. The latter takes practically all the land from Upper Silver creek to Harney lake adjacent to the stream.

Those figures would certainly stagger any one not familiar with this section and in fact there are many living in our midst that do not seem to realize the enormity of it or to consider what it would mean to have it all under an irrigation system and put in condition for cultivation. Think of the number of homes it would make!

The Silvie valley project has been pushed to the foreground only on account of its largeness and because more land was susceptible to irrigation under it. The Silver creek project has not been neglected through lack of merit, but because it was not thought the government would act favorably upon the two projects in this county.

Think of 1,000,000 acres of level land in one body within the borders of one county being withdrawn for irrigation purposes by the government. Do people on the outside and in the crowded states of the east realize what we have here? It is an empire within itself. It is destined to be the greatest and most productive valley in the west.

The fact that the government has made this second and additional withdrawal shows that the officers in charge of the reclamation department have confidence in it and it is not reasonable to suppose that this vast area of land will be held up for any length of time without quick results.

Both reservoir sites are in close proximity and can be used together. Water from either can be run into the territory of the other. The two projects cover all the streams that feed the big lakes on the north and with the conservation of the surplus water these lakes, which have no outlet, will soon recede, leaving many more townships now covered by water, to be brought under cultivation.

Harney valley is just now getting before the world and it will only take a short time to make it the most famous section in all the west where there can be made homes for thousands. It needs developing: it needs advertising, and push and enterprise to push it to the front. It has no rivals in magnitude, resources or possibilities.

SOME CHICAGO CAPITALISTS HERE.

Looking Over This Section with View of Investing in Land.

E. B. Hill arrived in this city Thursday night with a party of Chicago capitalists who are here to invest money and will spend some time looking over various parts of the county. A part of them have gone to the Alkali lake section to look at some borax deposits and later the whole party will make an extended tour of the southern part of the county.

They will in all probability invest considerable money in real estate in Harney county. The party consists of R. C. Hawkes, Col. C. C. Carnahan, C. E. Thomas and H. W. McAlister.

BIG GRAIN YIELD.

Along with other counties of the state Harney will have one of the largest grain yields in her history. It will be even better than in many portions of the state where frost has materially injured what was very promising crops. The season has been very peculiar for this section but has been a benefit to growing crops. People who have been making a study of farming are learning by experience and are now well enough acquainted with climatic conditions that in future there will be no such thing as failure of crops. Grain now is looking fine and with the present weather is making a rapid growth.

HE WAS TOO LATE.

W. E. Burke, of the Portland Co., which has a 10,000 acre tract in the Harney section of this valley, Carey act, spent several days the past week in the Silver creek section with a surveyor looking over the field with a view to asking for a second contract.

Mr. Burke found an excellent project and several very desirable tracts. He was quite enthusiastic over the proposition and would likely have applied for a withdrawal but finds the government has headed him off and withdrawn 15 townships in that vicinity. Mr. Burke says there is no question of water there and that there are numerous reservoir sites where water can be stored.

Examining Our Fish and Streams.

A party of young men consisting of J. O. Snyder, E. C. Starks and E. L. Morris, from Sanford University, are at present in this vicinity in the capacity of assistants to the U. S. Fish Commission, looking after the fish of these upper streams.

Mr. Snyder informs a reporter of this great religious that they are securing data and specimens from all the streams of this section. The fish taken from the streams are preserved in alcohol and are in perfect condition when wanted for examination at the laboratories. Even the food, etc. is preserved so that every nature of the specimen may be determined.

These assistants make accurate examination of the streams and lakes, determine the temperature, volume and general character of the streams. They also take photographs of the various streams, investigate all vegetation surrounding them and get specimens of everything connected with the water such as frogs, snakes, etc.

The young men are at present along the banks of Silvie river adjacent to Burns and it is possible The Times-Herald will have the privilege of giving its readers some interesting data regarding the local fish in its next issue.

Piles Upon Top of Piles.

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LIQUOR LICENSE PETITION.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney County, State of Oregon. We, the undersigned petitioners residents, taxpayers and legal voters of Diamond precinct, said county and state most respectfully petition your honorable court to grant a license to Augustine Gilbert to sell Spirituous, Malt and Vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in said precinct for a period of three (3) months, beginning on August 20th 1904.

NAMES.

Thos Sullivan, M Horton, W M Wyatt, A Short, Joe Jensen, James M McKissick B Lewis, C R Davisson, E A Henry, John McLean Jas. Devor, J Trobb, D C Moore, Dalla Turner, John Hoss, W V Maupin, J B Ivy, G A Smyth, A Davis, J E Smith.

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day August 1904, the undersigned will apply to the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County for the license mentioned in the foregoing petition.

AUGUSTINE GILBERT.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

To all whom it may concern: Take notice that by an order of the Hon. the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County of date the 19th day of July 1904 the Last Will and Testament of W. N. Jorgensen was admitted to Probate and Letters Testamentary issued to the undersigned Executor of said Will. All persons having claims against the deceased will present the same to me at my office in the City of Burns, Oregon, duly verified as by law provided within 6 months from the expiration of the publication of this Notice viz 4 weeks from the date hereof Dated July 23rd 1904.

W. L. Marsden, Executor.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A. H. Brown was a business visitor from Diamond.

L. W. Sheppard was among our business visitors yesterday.

Ed Laughlin and family were over from their home in Crook county this week.

B. F. Ausmus and Sam Graves were up from Lawen this week on land business.

Mrs. C. A. Byrd will take orders for Tailor Made suits. Call at the millinery store and see sample.

R. M. Everett, one of the substantial citizens of Harney, was a business visitor to our city one day this week.

Just received a nice lot of applique Trimmings and Madalions Laces and Ribbons—Lunaburg & Dalton.

Roy Bunyard and wife were in the city one day this week. Roy says he is into the hay field knee deep just at present.

Geo. Mickey, agent for the Oregon Nursery Co., has returned from a canvassing trip to the northern part of the county.

FOR RENT OR SALE—A saloon and fixtures for rent or sale at a reasonable price and terms. For further particulars apply to L. N. Olson, Drewsey, Ore.

Mrs. G. W. Waters has been quite seriously ill for some time past. The lady is reported improving at this time which is good news to her many friends.

Geo. Maupin is here from his home on the Owyhee, having brought in a load of freight for our merchants. He will spend a few days here looking after some business affairs.

Ed Howard is over from his home near Drewsey under the care of a physician. Ed is looking quite bad, but Dr. Marsden says it is only a scheme to get out of putting up hay.

Grover Jameson arrived home this week from Crook county. He had been touring the interior towns as a member of the Meade-Harvey theatrical company. They played Bend last week and decided to camp there for the balance of this month and Grover decided to run home on a visit to his mother. He says they have been playing to good houses.

Call For County Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all warrants drawn on the Road, Building and General Funds and registered prior March 1, 1904. Interest on the same will cease from this date, July 16, 1904.

J. M. DALTON, Treasurer Harney County, Oregon.

Notice of Assignment.

To the public: In order to close up our general merchandise business in Burns as speedily as possible, we the undersigned have made an assignment to David Miller, who will collect all accounts due the firm and pay all debts.

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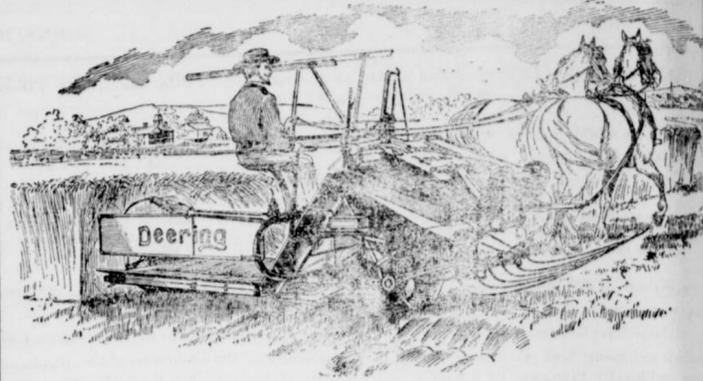
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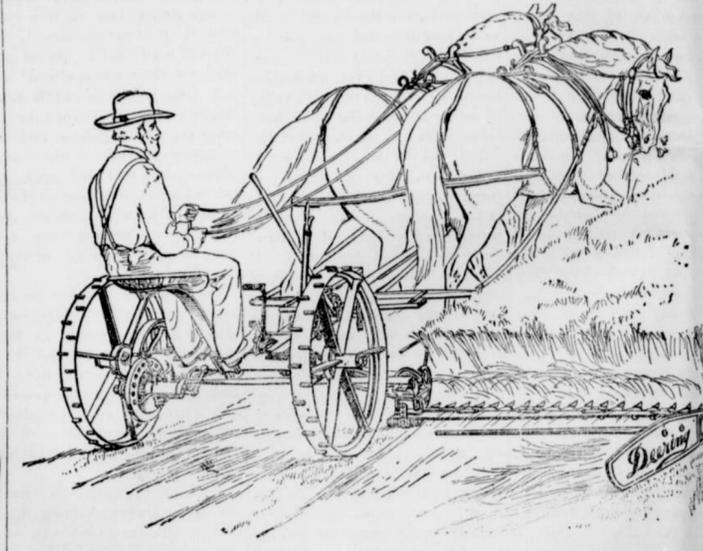
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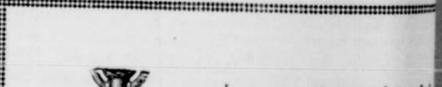
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