

Homes for thousands---876,000 acres of land withdrawn by the Government for irrigation purposes in Harney Valley.

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PEOPLE GETTING IMPATIENT

EVERY LAND OWNER UNEER THE TWO PROJECTS ANXIOUS.

Largest Body of Land in West Awaiting Final Action of Government--Home Seekers Clamoring for Land.

With nearly a million acres of some of the finest land laying outdoors tied up by the government awaiting investigation of our water supply and the feasibility of two big reservoir sites, is it any wonder that men who are interested in this section are chafing over the apparent inaction of the reclamation officials? Where else in the whole United States can be found such conditions as exist in the great Harney Valley? Where else on the face of God's foot stool can be found one million acres of land in one body that has such prospects and possibilities in one county?

Practically every land owner under the two proposed reservoir sites is anxious that something be done immediately toward reclaiming this section. A great majority of these need such aid and even those who have some water for irrigation purposes are awaiting the final action of the government as they feel much better service can be secured under the government system. Those who have irrigation systems of their own hesitate to make any improvements on account of the present conditions, not knowing the exact status of affairs. They do not desire to make big outlays to improve their present water systems, because of the government's possible work.

Every mail brings inquiries from prospective settlers from various sections who want land, not only individuals, but scores who would be glad to take up land in this section and make homes. Does the government officials realize the delay is retarding the development of one of the most promising fields for irrigation works in the west.

The people of Harney Valley are willing to assist in any manner if only given the opportunity. The question now is what can we do? Our land is tied up in such a manner that we can offer no encouragement to people desiring to locate. Of course, the government will finally take the big irrigation propositions up—it cannot be otherwise. There is no better opportunity offered anywhere for such an undertaking. It is the delay and uncertainty that is interfering and holding back enterprises that would otherwise be of great benefit to the country. We should get together and provide some way that we may possibly hasten matters.

The Times-Herald has been impeded by many to make an effort and has been doing what it could, but needs the assistance of these same influential people to obtain the desired result quickly. Self interest must be lost sight of in this enterprise that means so much for the general public. It is not possible to accomplish what we desire without some little sacrifice at present which would be regained twenty fold in the future if the plan is successful.

It is possible that individuals can help in this matter if they would but put their shoulder to the wheel. There is no need of sacrificing the friendship of people who have the best interest of the country at heart. We cannot afford to sit idle and have the development of the valley at a standstill. We should find the cause of the delay and remedy it if possible.

Carey Act Expires August 18

August 18 the act of congress of August 18, 1894, will expire by limitation, this being the act passed for the development of the arid states of the West to allow the states to offer inducements for settlers to come West. It provides that the desert land states of the West can each select not more than 1,000,000 acres of desert land, irrigate and reclaim the same and then secure a patent from the government. The

state, in turn, is to dispose of the land to actual settlers at the rate of not more than 160 acres to each person. The surplus of money received by any state from the sale of this land is to be expended in the irrigation of other tracts. Oregon and Idaho have taken advantage of the above act to a considerable extent.

In Oregon the largest selections have been made in the southern part of Crook county and the northern part of Lake, two counties well adapted to the irrigation projects as many of the arid districts are level and slope gently from the head of the rivers where water is taken. Oregon appointed state agents to do the selecting, who in turn did the irrigating through large corporations. During the last week the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company has filed an additional list of over 70,000 acres in the United States land office at The Dalles. This last selection covers several townships in the southern part of Crook county and adjoins the lands formerly selected by the same and other companies. This last tract will probably be irrigated from the same canals as the former selection.—Prineville Review.

Apple Trees are Doomed.

The citizen who recently complained of being swindled by being sold a box of worthless green apples which were not fit for sauce for either the goose or the gander, took some pains to investigate the matter. He reports that he found that the apples were in a "dry rot." He was told that of late several varieties of apples had been rendered practically worthless by this disease. Among these, the old favorite, Baldwin, is pushing in. No cause nor any cure for the trouble has been discovered. Pruning, spraying, washing or treatment of any kind has proved futile.

The trouble is supposed to come from something wrong in the tree or roots thereof, and even cultivation and fertilization has been tried without any benefit accruing, and it will probably be necessary to totally destroy the trees of the varieties affected as 62,000 varieties of the apple was classified and described by Downing ten years ago, and the list is now said to reach 82,000 the loss of a few or even a great many varieties would never be missed. The disease has extended to several varieties of pears, which will also have to be exterminated, the sooner the better, in order to prevent contagion.

In the course of his investigations the inquirer was told by a commission-man that the infected apples he exhibited as samples were not Astrachans, as had been represented, but were the Honest Farmer, a rather scarce variety. Another commission-man said the variety was the "Honest Farmer," or "Oregon Farmer," and intimated that either of the names represented a scarce variety. Good green apples fit for cooking or apple sauce will soon be plentiful in the market.—Oregonian.

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A band of 225 head of horses and mules belonging to Cecil of Harney county passed through Lakeview last Saturday enroute to California where they will be marketed.—Lakeview Examiner.

Don't delay getting a good supply of alfalfa seed, Geer and Cummins have it for sale.

ADAPTED TO SUGAR BEETS

HARNEY VALLEY BEETS CONTAINS A HIGH PER CENT.

Suggestion to Form Farmers' Association For Purpose of Advancing Interests --Beets to be Analyzed.

Acting upon the suggestion of Prof. J. B. Horner, outlined in an interview in the last issue of The Times-Herald, an effort will be made by several of our enterprising citizens to get tests made of the various soils of this valley and a quantity of sugar beets will be sent out to be analyzed. At present The Times-Herald knows of but one lot of this variety being raised this year in this particular vicinity, but no doubt samples could be secured from various parts of the valley.

People do not seem to attach enough importance to the fact that this soil is adapted to the growing of sugar beets and that those that have been analyzed have been found to contain a higher per cent of saccharine matter than the German or Holland beet.

The sugar beet industry is one that will bring quick and lasting benefit to this section if brought to the attention of capital. A sugar beet factory is one of the possibilities of Harney valley and one to be desired, as it will bring capital and transportation—the two most important factors in building up this inland empire.

It has been suggested that an organization of farmers should be formed for the purpose of advancing the farming interests of Harney county and we suggest this in connection with the fair association. Farmer's institutes have proven very beneficial all over this state and are always attended by representatives from the Government Experiment Station at Corvallis. A visit from such prominent men and others who make it a point to attend—Col Judson, of the O. R. & N. and others—would be of great benefit to the farmers of this county and would result not only in a local way, but bring up to the attention of men who have heretofore known nothing of our possibilities in an agricultural and horticultural line.

By securing the attention and visits of men who make it a business of examining soil and products we will have the advantage of suggestions from a scientific standpoint. Such a meeting is certainly desired. People now farming could ask the advice of these men. They could settle many questions that are now puzzling our farmers and which would take much time and experience to work out otherwise.

Why not organize a grange or farmer's association and get the benefit of such meetings. The Times-Herald is informed by one gentleman who has had the good fortune to attend several such meetings that they are very instructive and always result in great good to farming communities. The taxpayers of this county help to support such institutions as the Corvallis experiment station and why not reap some direct benefit from it? The work of this station is not confined to farming alone, but also stock. We are informed that such good could be done in that particular by a visit from these men who make it a study. Now is the time to act on these suggestions.

Every farmer and stockman in Harney county would be benefited by such a meeting and it would be time well spent for them to arrange for such.

Why spend two or more season experimenting when it is possible to find out all about such matters at once? The Times-Herald wishes to advance the best interests of this section and its people and its columns are at their service at all times to push these matters to the front.

Please consider this matter and see if something cannot be done to get such a meeting at the earliest possible date.

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FOOND MINERAL PROSPECTS EXCELLENT.

Chicago Capitalists Return From a Trip to Alkali Lake Well Pleasid.

Col. Carnahan, B. C. Hawkers and E. B. Hill returned from their trip to Alkali lake last Monday evening and report they are well pleased with the mineral prospects found in that region, but did not state positively whether they would take the matter up or not.

The whole party of Chicago people have gone to the southern part of the county, accompanied by Mr. Hill and J. W. Biggs, to look at some very desirable ranches in that section with a view to buying.

They believe this county is on the verge of a boom and will soon be settled up by a good class of people who will develop its resources and bring it to the front. They were surprised to find such a valley in the interior of Oregon that has always been considered by the outside world as a desert.

It is hoped that more such people will become interested in this great section, as it will mean much in the way of its development and capital is what is needed to make it the best section of the west. We have the land, climate, water and everything desired to do this provided we get the right people interested to push it.

Rev G. W. Black writes the Lakeview Herald from Fallon, Nev., under a recent date stating he has at last found an ideal country. He says that section has a great future and the government is putting in an irrigation system to reclaim a big tract of land. He predicts that the land will be worth \$150 per acre as soon as water is put on it. Ranchers now located there have been offered \$100 per acre for land under ditch and in alfalfa.

C. M. Sain, of the Paisley Post, who is also interested in the salt and soda deposits of Abert and Summer Lakes, was in Bend Monday on his way out to negotiate for a railroad.—Bend Bulletin.

Billy Trisch, a prominent business man of Burns, was in Lakeview last Saturday. He is taking a trip into California with the Cecil horses.—Lakeview Examiner.

If you don't think horses are bringing good prices, try to buy some. The American Farmer was "up against it" the other day when looking for a strong team to assist in clearing up its recently purchased experimental farm in northern Michigan. It was found that the basic price for a good, substantial draft horse was \$125 on up to \$150. A few years ago the same horse could have been bought for \$75 or less. It does not seem from this that "the horse is passing" as so many predicted, as the result of electrically propelled vehicles of various kinds.

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MALHEUR PEOPLE IN LINE

CHIEF NEWELL WIRED THAT FARMERS ARE READY TO AID.

If All the Property-Owners Are Prompt in Pledging Co-Operation, Work can Soon be Under Way.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, July 23.—It now appears that the Malheur Irrigation project in Eastern Oregon will become a reality, and not have to be abandoned, as was feared. Advice were received by Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, today to the effect that the farmers living along Malheur river have aroused themselves and intend to submit to the government their written promise to co-operate with the government in constructing this irrigation work. Mr. Newell's criticism of these farmers, expressed through these dispatches a short time ago, and his threat to remove his engineers from Malheur County unless the farmers acted on his suggestion, has had the desired effect, and the local engineers are now convinced that before long the farmers along the Malheur River will comply with the government's requirements. If farmers co operate, they will have to pay but \$3 per acre per year for 10 years, in order to get water from the government reservoir onto their lands, and at the end of that time the entire works will be turned over to the users of the water. The government will merely retain control of the work of construction until the cost has been repaid by settlers who are benefited.

Work along the Malheur river is in such shape that as soon as the farmers owning lands within the proposed irrigated area pledge themselves to pay the required amount, the Government will be ready to make final surveys and plans preparatory to letting contracts. In the eyes of the engineers this project is no longer questionable, but one that promises complete success.

It remains with the farmers to say when work shall commence. It is explained in this connection that the government will not accept a partial promise of co-operation, or promise of co operation, or promises from only a part of the farmers within the irrigation district. Every man who will be benefited by this work must pledge himself to contribute his share of the cost before the Government will adopt the project.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of David Cary, Deceased—Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, heirs and other persons interested in the estate of David Cary, Deceased, that I, the under-administrator of said estate, did, on July 6 1904, file my final account therein; and the 8th day of August, 1904 at the hour of 10 o'clock A M at the county court office, in the Court House in the city of Burns Oregon, has been set, by order of the Hon. H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account. All persons having objections to said final account are required to present them on or before said day. Date of first publication July 9th 1904.

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