

Carey Segregation of the Harney Valley Improvement Company.

Under date of May 2 Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock addressed a letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, asking that a hearing be ordered in the matter of the Carey segregation of the Harney Valley Improvement Co.

Sir—By departmental decision of August 5, 1904, the protest of the Pacific Live Stock Company against the application of the State of Oregon under the act of August 18, 1894 (28 Stats., 372) for the segregation of 58,344.57 acres of public land in the Burns Land District, Oregon, was dismissed, but because of a suggestion in said protest that some of the lands embraced in said list are non-desert in character, your office was directed to carefully consider that phase of the case from all available sources of information and "if in your judgment the great body of these lands are desert lands within the meaning of the act of August 18, 1894, supra, to resubmit with your recommendations upon this question the States' map and tentative contract for my approval."

Your office communication of September 30, 1905, in response to said direction finds from sundry ex parte affidavits, executed by numerous persons, which have been filed with the record since it was considered by this Department, that of the lands involved 19,000 acres, or nearly one-third of the whole area, are permanently non-desert, suggests that the fact as to this can not be determined by a hearing ordered for that purpose, and asks to be advised "whether the remaining 39,000 acres, which are probably desert lands, constitute the great body of the land as contemplated in the instructions."

This Department has no hesitancy in saying that if there is any considerable body of the lands involved non-desert, the list in question as such can not be approved. But this question can not be tried on ex parte affidavits, and as the State does not admit the truth of the matters therein stated, I have to direct that your office order a hearing herein, at the district land office, Burns, Oregon, after thirty days' notice, by publication in a newspaper published nearest the land involved, the date of the hearing to be fixed beyond such reasonable time as will permit a thorough examination of said lands by a special agent to be detailed by your office for that purpose, who should be directed to appear at said hearing and testify as to the results of his investigation.

In view of reports of engineers of the United States reclamation service to the Director of the Geological Survey, and the recommendations of that officer to this department upon the subject of available water supplies, which strongly question the feasibility of the State's scheme for the reclamation of these lands, the State should be advised that it will be allowed to introduce at the hearing testimony upon this subject and also upon any other matter bearing upon the feasibility of its proposed scheme.

The papers are herewith returned. Very respectfully, K. A. HITCHCOCK, Secretary.

Choice Surprise Valley dry land alfalfa seed can now be obtained of Simon Lewis at the Burns Livery and Feed Barn, or at N. Brown & Sons in this city.

CONTEST NOTICE

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Ore., June 6, 1906. A settlement notice advised having been filed in this office by Eliza Lee Perry, contestant against homestead entry No. 1907, made December 13, 1905, for Lots 1 and 2, section 20, Township 33 S., Range 21 E., by Fred C. Cook, in which it is alleged that said Fred C. Cook never established a residence upon said tract never creating any title thereon and has not resided on said tract within the time specified in said notice.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, April 30, 1906. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 5, 1897, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," an extension of the Public Land States act of August 18, 1894, in the Territory of Oregon, county of Harney, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office certain statements No. 226, for the purchase of the W. 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 28 N., R. 22 E., and the S. 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 28 N., R. 22 E., W. 2, in Township No. 28 N., Range No. 22 E., W. 2, and all other lands in said township for agricultural purposes, and to establish the agricultural character of the lands and the claims of this office at Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1906.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, May 2, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim to the Public Land States act of August 18, 1894, in the Territory of Oregon, county of Harney, state of Oregon, on the following described land, to-wit: The S. 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 28 N., R. 22 E., W. 2, in Township No. 28 N., Range No. 22 E., W. 2, and all other lands in said township for agricultural purposes, and to establish the agricultural character of the lands and the claims of this office at Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1906.

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The Times-Herald. SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1906. SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One Year \$3.00, Six Months \$1.50, Three Months \$1.00. JULIAN BYRD, Manager.

The decision of Secretary Hitchcock in directing a hearing to determine the real character of the big Carey act segregation of the Harney Valley Improvement Co. will be hailed with much satisfaction by the people of this section. This body of land has been tied up in litigation since 1902 and has seriously retarded the development of the Harney country.

When Mr. Hanley handed the Secretary's letter to The Times-Herald he remarked that he would be on hand to look after the interests of his company and that it would finally be determined whether he or the P. L. S. Co. would succeed, or rather the people or a big corporation.

The Times-Herald does not consider either Mr. Hanley or the P. L. S. Co. in this matter. The personality of individuals and corporations should be entirely eliminated in settling a question that is of such vast importance to this great inland empire.

and farmed successfully. A thrifty people would find ways and means to irrigate such portions as would require water.

Even if Mr. Hanley's people should be given the contract as it now stands, it would be a question whether the land could be reclaimed. In the first place the P. L. S. Co. would fight against taking water from Silvies river. Second, should the water be secured, the Carey act people could not fulfill the requirements of the rules sufficient to get patent.

The great amount of precipitation so far this season has had its advantages and disadvantages to growing crops in this section. The cool weather has had a tendency to retard the growth yet the unusual moisture has had good effect.

DREWSEY RACE PROGRAM.

July 4—Quarter-mile dash for saddle horses that have never run for public money, purse \$15. Quarter-mile dash, free for all, purse \$100. July 5—Six hundred yard dash, free for all saddle horses, purse \$25. Six hundred yard dash, free for all, purse \$100. One hundred yard foot race, free for all, purse \$40.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Martin Bros. & Co., J. E. Martin, E. J. Martin and Archie McGowan, has dissolved, Mr. McGowan retiring from the firm, any outstanding indebtedness of the firm will be paid by Martin Bros. J. E. MARTIN, E. J. MARTIN, ARCHIE MCGOWAN.

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