

THE HARNEY COUNTRY

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But soon after leaving the Soda House I had discovered that much money had at sometime been spent in drainage canals and irrigation ditches, and that formerly most of this valley was overflow land, and had been reclaimed by the original owners.

The Dunder and Blitzen is a turbulent stream as it comes down from the melting snows of Stein's mountains. (By the way the reader will do well to learn the local pronunciation and call them "Steen's" mountains and not "Stine's." No matter why. That is the local way of speaking of them, and consequently the proper way.)

As the Dunder and Blitzen enters the valley some thirty miles south of the sagebrush field it spreads out at its flood over the entire valley, although it has for a short distance a pronounced bed or channel. But a few miles further down it loses its channel, so to speak, and covers the valley from hill to hill.

But years ago the owners began at its mouth and widened and deepened the channel, put in mile after mile of drainage canals, and a vast system of irrigating ditches was established, and gradually this work was extended up the river, and gradually the tule swamp has given away to arable land. And every summer a great steam dredge cuts its channel 9 feet deep and 20 feet wide a mile or two farther up—year by year the drainage canal system is enlarged, the irrigation ditches are extended, the tule swamp becomes dry, the plows are put to work and other acres of the richest land in the world are added to the wealth of Oregon.

This land is the color and texture of peat. It allowed to get on fire sections of it would burn to a depth of 8 to 15 feet—or it would burn until flooded by the spring freshets.

From Malheur lake to the head of Dunder and Blitzen valley is a distance of about 40 miles by the windings of the wagon road and about 32 miles by section lines.

The valley is from one mile to probably four miles in width, and from a cursory examination of the map should say it contains 80 square miles.

When you consider that many in reclaiming this land, a sum which no single settler could have spent, it will be seen that the French-Glen company in this instance added a very large sum to the taxable property of Oregon.

I arrived at the P ranch about 5 o'clock last night, and am now encamped before an open grate fire in the great house, which was for many years the home of Peter French.

I am the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Byrd and at the same time under the guiding wing of "Tom" Allen, who has a sort of supervision over the entire ranch system of the old French-Glen company. "Tom" was for two terms sheriff of this county, and he is one of the sort of men the information seeker is lucky to meet.

I will spend the day here and tomorrow will leave for Diamond some thirty miles to the north-east.

"Tex" is out shooting ducks. There are millions of them and lots of geese, now here, and as I hear his gun popping occasionally I am thinking we will have

either roast duck or roast goose for dinner.

In my next letter I will tell your readers something about the P ranch and about the next stops in my journey.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the DECHUTES NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1909, must be filed in my office at Prineville, Ore., on or before February 18, 1909. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request. A. S. IRELAND, Supervisor.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County.
James H. Oard, plaintiff
vs
John Mahon and James F. Mahon, defendants.

To John Mahon, 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 suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order of the publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the 27th day of March 1909, unless from the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to wit: for a decree adjudging plaintiff to be the owner of the SW^{1/4} of SW^{1/4}, the N^{1/4} of SW^{1/4} and SW^{1/4} of SW^{1/4} of section 2 in Twp 23 S., R. 34 E., W. M., Harney County, Oregon, and that the defendants hold the same in trust for plaintiff and requiring them to execute and deliver to plaintiff deed conveying said legal title to plaintiff, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements, and such other relief as may be proper.

This summons is published by order of Hon. J. P. Rector, County Judge of the County of Harney, Oregon, made and entered on February 9th, 1909, and the date of the first publication hereof is February 13th, 1909.

G. A. REMBOLD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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