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SETTLEMENT OF SUIT INSTITUTED BY STATE AGAINST P. L. S. CO.

Fraud in Obtaining Land
Was Charged.

9857 ACRES THROWN UPON MARKET

Discharged Service Men Given
First Choice in Purchase
of Land.

Settlement of the suit instituted by the state against the Pacific Livestock company in 1914, which charged fraud in obtaining possession of approximately 18,000 acres of land in Harney and Grant counties, was effected Wednesday through a compromise by which the company pays the state the sum of \$125,000 and agrees to throw open to settlement 9857 acres of land at a price to be fixed by a representative of the state, a representative of the company and a third member to be named by the first two.

The following official statement of the settlement is made by Edward F. Treadwell, attorney for the company:

For some time we have been negotiating with the officials of the state for a settlement of the pending land suit with the company. A satisfactory basis of settlement has finally been arrived at, which has been submitted to the state land board and been approved by it.

The substance of the settlement is that the company shall pay the state one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars and shall at once place on the market and sell about ten thousand acres of land in the neighborhood of Burns.

This land is to be sold in small parcels of not more than 320 acres, payable in installments in ten years. Discharged soldiers, sailors and marines are to be given the preference in the purchase of the land.

The land to be sold is among the best of the company's land in the vicinity of Burns. It includes the company's land in section 26, 22-30, sections 26 and 36, 22-32, section 36, 22-30, sections 16, 26, 33, 34 and 36, 22-31, sections 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 24-31, sections 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 24, 24-31, sections 12 and 13, 24-30 and section 6 and 7, 24-32.

The land is to be subdivided, mapped and ditched at once and a vigorous effort made to sell the land at once. The fact that the matter has the approval of the state officials and will no doubt have the approval of the people of Burns insures the success of the venture.

The thing which has actuated us in agreeing to this settlement is the fact that a careful investigation has convinced us that years before the company had anything to do with the property, certain irregularities occurred in connection with the acquisition of the property from the state. Most of the persons concerned are dead and no good would come from going into details in the matter. While we felt that we should not be punished for the faults of others and that we had a good defense as bona fide purchasers of the property, still much of the satisfaction of owning the property would be lost if the title was in anyway tainted. We preferred therefore to make a settlement which

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IRRIGATION DISTRICTS TO HAVE CONSIDERATION

Petition for District Number
One Ordered Re-Advertised.

At the last session of the county court the mandate of the supreme court in its decision on Irrigation Dist. No. 1, was placed on record and later through the request of C. B. McConnell it was ordered that the petition for this district be re-advertised and the matter by taken up before the court on January 7, 1920, being the regular term of that month.

The petitions for the big district and also the Lawen district will be up before the court on next Monday morning at which time the attorneys will ask for their consideration.

Contractor Leases Quarters in Burns

Captain Morris, of the Pacific Bridge Company, contractors on the highway between Burns and Lawen, has abandoned the camp just east of town and leased the Oregon Hotel building where he will house his men and make his headquarters during the time of construction. Captain Morris stated to a representative of this paper the other day that the company would likely make this their headquarters during the entire time of operating in this country.

The building leased will house a large number of men and is equipped with kitchen and dining room, as well as sleeping quarters. It is convenient and an improvement upon tent life at this season of the year, besides being near the garage where repairs to trucks and other machinery may be had.

Masonic Lodge Has Big Eats

Local Masons were agreeably surprised at the regular communication last Monday night. The stewards served roast pork sandwiches, mashed potatoes, gravy, and coffee and doughnuts, instead of the usual menu at lodge feeds.

Several of the old-timers were present to assist in the work of giving Frank W. Thompson, of Lawen the Master Mason degree.

Good eats are to be a feature of lodge meetings during the winter.

It's a Poor Rule That Don't Work Both Ways.



Local Man Buys Big Stock Ranch

Archie McGowan returned the fore part of this week from a visit to the Owyhee section of Malheur county where he has purchased a stock ranch. There are 300 acres of deeded land in the tract and it is well developed, cutting 500 tons of alfalfa hay each season. It is an irrigated ranch in the heart of a big range country where Archie is sure to make a success of the stock business.

Mr. McGowan bought the stock with the place and is this week starting his bunch of some 150 head of cattle for the ranch where they will be wintered. He had been looking for a larger ranch for his stock operations ever since he disposed of his garage business at Crane. This purchase will add to his plant and give him room to grow. Mr. McGowan spent several years on a ranch and knows the game.

Timber Men Wire Intention to Come

A. C. Welcome of the First National Bank, yesterday received a telegram from E. W. Barnes stating he would be here about next Monday with interested parties to make an inspection of the timber adjacent to Burns provided the weather conditions were favorable. Mr. Welcome sent a reply that the timber territory is still clear of snow and everything favorable to looking over the tracts.

It will be remembered that Mr. Barnes was here recently and took options on a considerable amount of timber land near this city and stated at the time that if he secured a sufficient amount to justify he would have men of means establish a saw mill. It is hoped the man will be favorably impressed and that our hopes will be realized.

H. THIES ACCEPTS EVANS' CHALLENGE

Will Meet in Six Round Bout
Thanksgiving Afternoon
at Tonawama.

Dutch Thies and Young Evans will meet in a six round boxing exhibition at Tonawama on Thanksgiving afternoon. The matinee is held in response to Evans' challenge given after the Armistice Day bout.

Instead of being displeased with the Armistice Day bout or its aftermath, Dutch's sentiments seem to be quite the contrary, for he came to American Legion officials to get them to stage this meet. A negative vote by the Legion's executive committee prevented them from putting on the show. Two members of the Post who had an active part in the last program have consented to personally take hold of the coming event.

J. A. Krumboltz and F. A. Fessler, the boys in question, have signed a contract with the boxers much the same as the last one, in which a deposit has been required, guaranteeing the appearance of the boxers.

In addition to the main event, the boys have planned series pillow fight, blindfold boxing match, and four-man-free-for-all. A small purse is to be given for each of these events. The free-for-all is a popular stunt in the navy. Each man wears but one glove, and must keep the knee and toes of one foot on the floor, as well as the bare hand. Navy men say no one can get hurt, but there is plenty of fun in watching—even if the referee does have his hands full.

A guard ring is to be placed around the boxing ring, and no one but the boxers and seconds will be permitted inside.

File Messages Early at Phone Office

James Raycraft, of the Inter-Mountain Tel. & Tel. Co., is in receipt of a letter from the Western Union Tel. office agent at Juntura, advising the local telephone office that it will be necessary to have all night letters delivered at Juntura before 6 o'clock in the evening to have them sent on that date. It appears the office there is closed at 6 o'clock in the evening and is not opened until 9 o'clock or later the following morning. Night letters filed with the phone office at Burns later than 6 o'clock do not go out of Juntura until after the opening date the following day.

Local patrons have wondered why their messages are delayed and this accounts for it. The fault is with the Western Union and not the local telephone people.

A. R. C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS; ELECTS OFFICERS

Community Nurse Will Be Secured.

HOME SERVICE BRANCH MOST ACTIVE

Urge Reinstatement Lapsed
Government Insurance by
Service Men.

County Manager Don M. Taylor reports that country returns in the Red Cross membership drive are slow coming in. To date, \$689.50 has been reported from the county, with several districts still out.

Returns should be sent without delay to Don M. Taylor, Red Cross secretary, Burns, Oregon.

A meeting of the executive committee of Harney County Chapter, American Red Cross, was held at The Times-Herald office Thursday evening when the officers of the organization were elected for the ensuing year. It is the intention to secure the services of a Red Cross community nurse as soon as possible and do some active work in the schools and several communities of this county.

The home service department of the organization will be the most active and ex-service men and their families are to receive first consideration. With this in view the selection of the head of the home service committee was made an American Legion member. The work for the next six weeks in that connection will be to urge the reinstatement of lapsed government insurance among the service men who have allowed it to lapse and the conversion into other insurance as provided by the government. An interesting story in connection with this may be found elsewhere in this issue under the heading of "Important Treasury Decisions Regarding Government Insurance."

The officers of the Chapter are: Chairman, E. H. Conser; first vice chairman, Mrs. Julia Smith; second vice chairman, Mrs. I. H. Holland; third vice chairman, Capt. Robt. M. Duncan; secretary, Donald M. Taylor; treasurer, A. C. Welcome.

The executive committee consists of Julian Byrd, chairman, Joe Thompson, Mrs. Julia Smith, Sam Mothershead, Rev. Father Francis, E. H. Conser, Mrs. Grace B. Lamphire, Mr. I. H. Holland, Charles W. Ellis, Mrs. Helene Biggs, Robt. M. Duncan, C. W. Drinkwater, Sidney McNeil, John Graves, Joe Morris, J. C. Coel, M. Horton, M. J. O'Connor, Geo. Smyth, Fred Haines, F. G. Kelly.

Capt. R. M. Duncan was made chairman of the home service committee and he will select the committeemen to serve with him.

To Take Motion Pictures of Our Resources Is Plan

P. Seligman, the photographer, arrived here from Portland Wednesday to continue business in his line. Mr. Seligman has a moving picture camera with him and intends taking some pictures showing the resources of this section. One portion of the picture will show the activities on the highway, another portion will be devoted to views of several of the big stock ranches with the herds, also the sheep industry will no doubt have a part and also the timber resources. The Pathe people will release this film when it is completed.

Mothers Club Ball

Advertising is out for the Mothers Club annual Thanksgiving ball. These ladies have been giving this function for a number of years, and have made it one of the looked-forward-to events of the season.

Plans this year include appropriate decorations, and serving punch and supper, as usual. A bustling floor committee will be on the job, whose duty will be to see that everyone gets acquainted and has a good time.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN APPRAISER IN COUNTY

The fore part of this week the Federal Land Loan appraiser arrived in this city, and accompanied by V. G. Cozad, who is secretary of the local organization, and other members of the appraising board, left for the south part of the county to inspect some land upon which loan applications have been made.

Do Your Christmas Buying at Home

A Town that is Good Enough
to Live in is Good Enough to
BUY in.