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SELL INDIAN LANDS

First Sale of Allotted Lands on Klamath Reservation Will Be Made at Expiration of 60 Days.

The first sale of allotted lands on the Klamath Indian reservation will be made at the expiration of 60 days. Under the regulations governing the allotments the heirs of an allottee have the privilege of selling the inherited lands. Three quarter sections are now being advertised. The law requires that before the lands can be transferred they must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation for a period of 60 days. At the end of this period the sealed bids are opened and if they are up to the estimate placed on the land by the Indian agent and if the bid is satisfactory to the heirs, then a deed can be issued. However, several affidavits must first be made that the parties to the transaction are not conspiring to defraud the government.

The lands to be sold are said to be good for raising stock. Much of the Klamath reservation is especially adapted to raising cattle and horses. During the past week the Indian agent has received 100 full blood Hereford and Shorthorn bulls from Nebraska. These will be distributed among the Indians free of charge. Last year 4000 young heifers were distributed among the Indians. Their herds are being brought up to the standard by the importation of this fine stock. The Indians are given full possession but cannot sell the cattle given them. It is believed that next year the Klamath reservation will be opened to settlement. The Indians are now using a very small portion of the 49 townships included in the reserve. The allotments made cover a very small portion of the whole area. When this vast area is opened to settlement it will add greatly to the wealth of Klamath county.

New Furniture Manager at Davis-Kasers, Walla Walla.

The Davis-Kaser Co., Home Furnishers of Walla Walla, have recently secured Mr. L. T. Perkins to manage their furniture department. Mr. Perkins was recently furniture manager for one of the largest coast firms, and is known as one of the very best posted furniture men of the West, and an authority on high grade furniture.

The Davis-Kaser Co. now carries a larger stock of Home Furnishings than the combined stock of any three stores in their line within a hundred miles of Walla Walla. They report that this does not mean that they have reached their goal, but will continue to improve their store in every way that will benefit their patrons. The "always welcome" spirit at their big store has won them a large trade which they value very highly.

Churches May Consolidate.

The consolidation of the First Methodist and the Wilbur Memorial churches in Walla Walla will probably be the result of a meeting which was held in that city Sunday evening which was attended by members and pastors of both congregations. The reason for the proposed consolidation is that the churches by joining would form a more solid and more important body of church workers. Rev. M. H. Marvin, who has been pastor of the Wilbur Memorial church recently tendered his resignation on account of ill health.

The District Fair.

Preparations are being made at Pendleton for one of the most successful fairs in the history of the Umatilla-Morrow county district. The first day of the fair, Monday, September 26, is to be known as "Home coming Day." Tuesday will be "Pioneer Day." Wednesday "Farmers' Union Day." Thursday "Political Day and Portland Day." Friday, "Public School Day," and Saturday, "Baby

Day." The committee having in charge the exhibits are making every effort to have all parts of Umatilla and Morrow counties represented. Prominent speakers from all parts of the state will be present to address the crowds.

Automatic Chicken Feeder.

Frank Thomas, a Hermiston barber, who is said to be one of the busiest men in the Inland Empire, has invented an automatic device to feed his hens. The feeder has a clock work attachment which raises at any time desired. It is said when the slide raises an alarm bell tingles and the hens come running from all quarters of the ranch for their feed. Mr. Thomas has given the name of "Alarm Feeder" to his invention, and when shaves (he doesn't talk while shaving) he boasts the merits of his hen machine.

Minister Homesteads Ranch.

Rev. Hammond, pastor of the M. E. church in this city, has homesteaded a ranch in the Horseheaven country, near Kenniwick, Wash., and after attending conference at Spokane this week, will return to Athena to make preparations to leave for his homestead. He will not give up preaching and will probably be assigned to a church in the Kenniwick district.

WILSON MAKES GOOD IN WEST

Old Home Paper Speaks in Flattering Terms of Athena Lawyer.

The following is from the "Eagle," published in Burnsville, N. C., the home of S. F. Wilson, of this city:

"Regardless of politics, the many friends of S. F. Wilson, formerly of this place but now of Athena, Oregon, will be delighted to know that he is a candidate on the republican ticket for state senator in the Nineteenth Senatorial district of the state of Oregon. It is said this district comprises three large and wealthy counties. While the Eagle differs from him politically, it voices the sentiment of hundreds of people in Yanocoy county when it wishes him success. He was born and raised here; was educated at the high school and academy in Burnsville, and at Wake Forest College where he graduated with honors. He taught for some time, as associate principal in the Yanocoy Collegiate Institute, with marked success. He has always been known as a clean, sober, upright and active young man. After being admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of North Carolina he went to Oregon and formed a partnership with Will M. Peterson, another one of Yanocoy county's born and bred boys—his old schoolmate and friend—with offices at Athena and Pendleton—and we are glad to learn that the people of Eastern Oregon have so quickly recognized his splendid ability and true worth, and placed him on the ticket for such a responsible office. Here's hoping he'll win."

Shoots Arm Off.

George Kemp, a Milton boy, accidentally shot his left arm off with a shotgun Friday evening. The accident happened near Toll Gate, and the fortunate presence at that resort of Dr. Thomas of Milton, doubtless saved the boy's life. The doctor was at the side of the injured lad shortly after and his prompt attendance kept young Kemp from bleeding to death. He was taken to a hospital in Walla Walla where the arm was amputated just below the elbow. The accident happened while on a hunting trip, and took place when the boy drew the loaded gun from under the wagon seat, drawing the firearm out with the muzzle toward him.

Adams Woman Lost Arm.

Mrs. Matt Denning of Adams, has been in a precarious condition for some time, being afflicted with gangrene in one of her arms. It was at first hoped the arm could be saved, but last week it was found that to save the lady's life an operation would be necessary. Sunday she was removed to the hospital at Pendleton where her arm was amputated, since which time the patient has been getting along nicely.

Drouthstricken Alberta.

Twenty to 25 bushels on a few fields at Nanton, Alberta, is the best yield reported by Ed Potts, who recently returned from an extended visit in Canada. Only a few fields will make this yield and thousands of acres will not be out at all, so poor is the crop. When Mr. Potts left Alberta over a week ago, no rain had fallen since last August, and feed was so scarce that people were selling off their stock.

Rain Falls in Mountains.

Sunday evening a heavy shower of rain, the first in many weeks passed over the mountains east of this city. But little rain fell here, but on the mountains the heavy showers wet the ground and dry grass, greatly lessening the danger of spreading forest fires. The fire at Dobie's old sawmill site is still smouldering, but it is thought all danger of its breaking out again is passed.

SMITH FOR SENATOR

Well Known Pendleton Physician Announces Candidacy to Succeed Himself in Legislature.

Dr. C. J. Smith, state senator from Umatilla county has announced his candidacy for reelection to the senate and he will go before the people for their endorsement in November. The announcement of his candidacy, says the East Oregonian, was made by Dr. Smith after he had been urged for weeks to seek the reelection.

According to Senator Smith he was averse to running for the senate again but has consented to do so because of the insistent requests of friends of all political parties and residing in all sections of the country. For a long time Dr. Smith was prominently mentioned as a prospective candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. By friends in various parts of the state he was urged to try for the gubernatorial job and it is possible he might have done so had there not been a multiplicity of democratic candidates. Had he entered the race it is the prediction of his local friends that he could have easily secured the democratic nomination.

Because of his long public service few residents of Umatilla county are more widely and more favorably known than Senator Smith. During the past eight years he has served this county in the state senate and served it with credit. Numerous measures are now upon the statute books as a result of his work. In the last legislative session he was the leader of the fight for the Eastern Oregon normal school and for many measures affecting the welfare of eastern Oregon.

Notice to Prospective High School Students.

To facilitate classification and organization, the undersigned, principal of the Athena Schools, hereby requests all prospective high school students to report to the principal at his office for purposes of registration on Friday, September 9, between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m.

Unless the arrangement of a working schedule of recitations makes necessary some modification in the course of study, the following will be offered for the ensuing year of 1910-11: (Subjects marked "r" are required by state course of study or by college entrance requirements.)

FIRST YEAR.

First Semester. Second Semester.
r English. (Rhet.) r English. (Rhet.)
r Algebra. r Algebra.
r Book-keeping. r Botany.
European History. European History.
German. German.

SECOND YEAR.

r English. (Rhet.) r English. (Rhet.)
r Algebra, Adv. r Plane Geometry.
r Physiology. r Physiography.
European History. European History.
German. German.

THIRD YEAR.

r English Lit. r English Lit.
r Geometry, Plane. r Geometry, Solid.
r Physics. r Physics.
r Latin. r Latin.

FOURTH YEAR.

r American Lit. r American Lit.
r U. S. History. r U. S. History.
r Caesar. r Caesar.
Chemistry. Chemistry.
Economics. Commercial Law.
C. C. Baker, Prin

Gasoline Flames.

A fire alarm was turned in shortly before noon Tuesday. The cause for the alarm was a burning tub of gasoline at Conley's tailor shop. Mr. Conley was taking a woolen coat through the regular process of cleaning, when the gasoline suddenly burst into flame. Fortunately he was not standing directly over the tub and escaped without burns. After the fire boys arrived on the scene, Mr. Conley threw a rug over the tub and smothered the fire. The woolen garment was turned somewhat, and other garments in the room were scorched. The tub when the fire occurred, was in a small side room which perhaps did not have sufficient ventilation and it is thought that the friction of the woolen cloth started the blaze.

Loss 60 Per Cent.

The total number of allottees on the reservation examined by the competency commission to date is 175. There are but 400 allottees living on the reservation at present, 60 per cent having died since the allotments were made in 1891. Of this number there are 300 minors who are interested in heirship lands, 200 minors not interested in heirship lands and about 175 Indians to whom final patents to lands have been issued.

Strings of Refrigerator Cars.

Long strings of refrigerator cars have been passing through (this city during the week, over the O. R. & N. consigned to the fruit warehouses in the towns of Walla Walla valley. From the fruit packing houses at Milton and Freewater 150 carloads of

fruit were shipped last week. In the course of one day's shipments, 25 cars were loaded and sent out. It is estimated that the Milton prune crop will require 150 cars and the apple crop of that section as any more. The price paid the grower for prunes this year is \$30 per ton. The packing houses are paying good wages for packers, and laborers are needed in the orchards.

New Principal Here.

Professor Baker, the new principal of the Athena High school, accompanied by his family, arrived in the city Saturday evening from Gresham, Oregon. Since his arrival Professor Baker has met many of the pupils and patrons of the school, and says he has formed a good impression of the town, and is pleased with the prospects for a successful school year. Professor Baker was principal of the Gresham schools for three years before coming to Athena.

Campers Leaving.

The cold nights are driving the summer campers out of the mountains and away from the pleasure resorts. The comforts of home just now appeal to the recreator who has found pleasure during the warm weather in outdoor life.

FIRE DESTROYS PEACOCK MILL

Milton Has Dismal Conflagration With \$150,000 Loss

In the turning of the flooring mills of the Peacock Mills Co., two warehouses of the Farmers' Warehouse company and two dwellings, Milton suffered a \$150,000 loss Saturday night between 7 and 10 o'clock. About 7 o'clock fire was discovered in the west side of the office of the Peacock Mills though some claim that it was first seen in the driveway between the buildings. In five minutes the mill was a solid mass of flames. From it the fire was carried to the dwelling owned by the mill company and occupied by the head miller, Alec Maudsle, which was a total loss. The furniture was saved. The next to catch fire was the residence of A. E. Troyer, which was quickly buried to the ground. These residences were valued at \$3,000 each. Three warehouses stood a few yards to the southwest of the mill, and two of them caught fire and burned in spite of the valiant efforts of the fire department.

The third, which stood less than 20 feet from the others, was saved, the firemen turning all their attention to it. It was badly scorched, and several times burst into flames in places, but the efforts of the department prevailed, saving its contents of something like 15,000 sacks of wheat. An O. R. & N. car loaded with grain was burned.

According to the estimate of Editor D. C. Sanderson, of the Freewater Times who placed the loss at \$150,000, the wheat destroyed aggregates 100,000 bushels. The entire amount is a total loss so far as the milling value is concerned, though several thousand dollars worth will be saved for feed.

The value of the mill is placed at \$75,000 with possibly \$30,000 insurance. The greater part of the grain has been piled in the warehouses with in the past two weeks, and was largely insured. Some of it was holdover wheat from last year. The heaviest single loss is Robert McEwan, who is said to have had 50,000 bushels in the warehouse. Other heavy losers reported are: Joseph West, Will Frasier, and M. Herrington. The principal owners of the Peacock Mills are W. W. Raymond and Mr. Harris, though it is understood that others have interests in it.

For a time the town of Freewater was in danger of destruction. Walla Walla was called on for assistance and a special train brought a fire engine and hose cart which arrived at the scene of the fire after the buildings had burned to the ground. The engine was used to drown out the smouldering flames in the burning piles of wheat.

Coppeck for Commissioner.

The friends of Robert Coppeck, the well known Athena farmer, are urging him to make the race for county commissioner. Mr. Coppeck is gifted with qualifications that make him an ideal man for this office, and should be consent to become a candidate and receive the nomination, democrats and republicans alike would welcome the opportunity to vote for him.

The Norris Garden.

The prolifically productive garden of Mrs. Charles Norris is still furnishing quantities of both vegetable and floral products. This week beautiful roses, string beans and ripe tomatoes have been the specialty. The tomatoes were perfect in formation and of excellent flavor, and are the first we have heard of being produced in Athena this year.

A Good Rain.

A soaking rain fell Wednesday night and drenched out the dust and quenched the forest fires. A very heavy downpour drenched the mountain section east of town, the first rain of any consequence to fall for many weeks.

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