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EDITORIALS

Monument-Spray
Mail Route.

The Postal Department having notified the Post Masters that they will charge third zone rates on parcels, on account of the actual distance traveled in reaching their destination, which by line measurement is within the second zone, it becomes necessary for the people to get busy and have routes established that will shorten the distance between these offices. Therefore, the proposition to petition for a route between Spray and Monument, mentioned in a former issue, will be the beginning of a movement to that end. This route is sadly needed, not only because it will shorten the distance between these points, but because it will serve the people along the river who have to go a long distance to get their mail. More than thirty settlers along the river would appreciate this service, besides the advantage of increased business facilities between the two towns. Second in importance to a highway along the John Day river, this mail line would be the next great advantage in the development of this section.

Monument is within less than 30 miles of Spray, but according to actual measurement the distance mail has to travel between these points is more than 400 miles. According to line measurement, Monument is within the first zone, but on parcels going from here to Monument the Post Master is instructed to charge third zone rates. If Monument and Heppner succeed in having the mail line re-established from Hardman to the former place, it will shorten the distance about 200 miles, but Monument will still be in the third zone from Spray.

Now we believe that if the matter is properly placed before the Postal department at Washington, there will be very little trouble in obtaining this route. We believe the better plan would be to ask for an extension of the present route from Fossil via. of Spray to Monument. At any rate this is a matter that merits investigation by the Commercial organizations of these two towns. Therefore, let us get busy and see what can be done.

George Arthur Brown, formerly state chairman of the Progressive party in Oregon, participated in the organization of a state Republican Club a few days ago, and made a speech in which he said; "Under conditions at this time, the only means to permanent prosperity is through the good old Republican party. I believe in Progressive principles as much as I ever did, but it will now be my purpose to fight in the ranks of the Republican party to make those principles the principles of the Republican party."

Changed his Mind

Another of Woodrow Wilson's lightning changes of mind has taken place with reference to a tariff commission.

Last January the President went out to Indianapolis and told his astonished hearers that a tariff commission already existed through a "joker" in the bill establishing a Federal Trade Commission. Last September he wrote to ex-Governor Cox of Ohio that he did not favor an independent tariff board and that the machinery for such a board was already in existence. He now tells Congressman Kitchin that he has changed his mind because "the circumstances of the world have changed."

He takes pains to add that he has "no thought whatever of a change of attitude toward the so-called protection question. That is neither here nor there. A commission such as I have suggested would have nothing to do with theories of policy."

The so-called protection question may not be "here," but Mr. Wilson may be very sure that when election day comes the "so called protection question" will be "there"—and after the following Fourth of March Mr. Wilson will no longer be "there." The people of the country have not changed their attitude on the "so-called protection question." The united opposition to the Democratic party are protectionists. They will vote together next November and whatever Mr. Wilson may do in the meantime is of slight consequence except as indicating the desperation of mind as he sees the downfall of his political hopes and casts hither and yon to bolster up his failing cause. He is no more sincere in this bout-face on the matter of a tariff board than he is in the reversal of himself in regard to national defense. Whatever attitude he now assumes on any question is actuated by the hope that votes are in it.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Hon. County Court of Wheeler County Oregon, as administratrix of the estate of Thomas M. Price deceased; and all persons having claims against the said estate hereby notified to present the same, properly verified, as by law required, to the undersigned, at the office of H. H. & Ford Hendricks, her attorneys, at Fossil in Wheeler County, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Minnie E. Price,
Administratrix.
Date of the first publication of this notice is January 27th 1916. Last publication Feb 24th 1916.

Political Announcements.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized and paid to announce F. A. Hale as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Wheeler County Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming primary.

He proposes, if elected, to enforce the laws, strictly, and give to each and every citizen a square deal and will handle the office on the stipulated salary, furnishing his own deputy at his own expense.

Notice For Publication,
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
Dec. 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Lena Kaaser whose post-office address is Antelope, Oregon, did on the 13th day of April, 1914, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 012876 to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$410 the timber estimated 340,000 board feet at \$1 per M. and the land \$70.00, hat said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 9th day of March, 1916 before H. C. Rooper, U. S. Commissioner at Antelope, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
January 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Roy B. Shoun of Spray, Oregon, who on February 18th 1911 made Homestead Entry No. 08150 and on March 12th 1914 made additional Homestead Entry No. 012954 for NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 19, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 20, Township 8 South Range 25 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray, Oregon, on the 26th day of Feb, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses; Fred A. Hale, Frank Robison, Ira F. Reed, Daniel A. Hawes, all of Spray, Oregon, Frank H. Woodcock, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Isolated tract,
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
Dec. 4, 1915

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the General Land office, under provisions of Sec. 3455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Jane K. Donnelly, Serial No. 014450, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.25 per acre, at 10-15 o'clock A. M. on the 8th day of February, next, at this office, the following tract of land: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32, Township 9, South Range 23, East Willamette Meridian (80 Acres).

"This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation."

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making this highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

L. A. Booth, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior
United States Land Office, The Dalles,
Oregon, January 14th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Eula Wills, whose post-office address is Richmond, Oregon, did on the 5th day of April 1915 file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 014696 to purchase the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the Timber and Stone Law, at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$400.00, the timber estimated 195 000 \$195.00 board feet at \$1.00 per M, 600 posts 5 cts at \$30, and the land \$175.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th day of March 1916, before Scott Sasser, County Clerk, at Fossil, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest, at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.

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