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## DETAILS OF THE 640-ACRE LAW

(In a brief period since the enactment of this law the Interior Department has not had time to compile rules and regulations governing the entry of lands under the provisions of this legislation. Pending the completion of official rules and regulations the following general comments and explanations have been prepared for the benefit of those seeking information on this subject.)

1. The provisions of the law permit the entry of 640 acres of semiarid grazing land by any qualified entryman. The bill does not apply to all public lands, but only to such areas as are suited largely for stock raising and grazing purposes. The Interior Department will later designate the areas that may be entered under this act.

2. At the present time it is impossible to give specific information as to the location of the areas that will subsequently be designated for entry. In general it may be stated that designations will be made in the Rocky Mountain States and westward. A personal inspection of the lands sought to be entered is the only satisfactory manner in which a prospective entryman can fully inform himself as to the relative worth of the land.

3. To acquire title to a homestead under this act an entryman must reside upon the land not less than three years and make permanent improvements thereon tending to increase its value for stockraising purposes, of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, one-half of which must be placed on the land within three years after the date of entry. Cultivation of the land is not required. Commutation of entry is not allowed.

4. If a homestead entryman has heretofore exhausted his homestead right by securing title to 160 acres of land in the humid regions, this 640 acre homestead tract does not restore his rights nor permit him to enter an additional homestead. The theory of the law is that only one homestead may be taken by an individual entryman. Of course, if the homestead was lost and title never acquired, or if the land entered heretofore was grazing land of the character covered by this act, then and in that event a second entry could be made as per section 4 and 5 of the act. Legislation, known as "the Ferris bill" (H. R. 8492,) is now pending looking to the restoration of the homestead rights of those who have heretofore bought Indian land. This bill has already passed the House and is now pending in the United States Senate. It is hoped the measure will become a law before the present session of Congress adjourns.

5. Previous to the time the Interior Department designates the areas that may be entered under this law a prospective entryman may file affidavit showing that the land he desires to enter is grazing land and make application to the local land office for suspension of the entry until the character of the land is designated. The entry may then be suspended until the land is designated, at which time, if the land has been designated as grazing land, the application to actually make the entry will be received. Of course, if the department should hold that particular tract of land sought to be entered under this procedure is not grazing lands no rights would accrue to the prospective entryman.

6. As each applicant is required to swear that he is well acquainted with the character of the land described in his application and all entries are made subject to the rights of prior settlers, the application can not make the affidavit that he is acquainted with the character of the land or be sure that the land is not already appropriated by a settler until after he has actually inspected it.

7. All proceedings connected with the entering and filing on a homestead are conducted by the officials of the local land offices in the States where the land is located. The General Land Office at Washington does not issue maps showing the location of vacant public land subject to entry. This information can be reliably obtained only from the records of the various United States district land offices, which are located as follows:

Arizona.—Phoenix.  
California.—Eureka, Independence, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, Susanville, and Visalia.  
Colorado.—Del Norte, Denver, Durango, Glenwood, Hugo, Lamar, Leadville, Montrose, Pueblo, and Sterling.  
Idaho.—Blackfoot, Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Halley, and Lewiston.  
Montana.—Billings, Bozeman, Kalispell, Glasgow, Great Falls, Harve,

## HEPPNER HIGH WINS FROM IONE-16 TO 10

The Heppner High School basketball team defeated the Ione high school at the rink in this city last Saturday night in one of the fastest contests ever witnessed here. The score at the end of the game was 16 to 10.

It was a game wherein every player was in the contest at all times. The excellent guard work of Hughes the big Heppner center, was a feature. Hughes held down his opponent Howell to one basket. Hughes is given credit for winning the game for Heppner, but the shifty foot work of Nickelson, the Heppner forward, was a contributing factor in deciding the victory. Time and again Nickelson got away for long dribbles and on a few occasions brought the crowd to its feet with his spectacular goal throwing. He missed but one try for goal from the foul line position.

Lee Howell is easily the mainstay of the Ione team, but coach Coasman has built around this husky center, an aggregation of able assistants. Cochran and Sperry as guards broke up the play of their opponents time and again and were responsible to a large degree in keeping the Heppner score from soaring to a much higher point.

John Blake of Ione, through his prompt and able decisions gave satisfaction as referee. Gay Anderson also officiated.

In the girls' game preceeding, Ione was victorious by a score of 5 to 2. Merle Blake officiated for this game.

Harvie Young was in the city from Eight Mile Wednesday.

Helena, Lewistown, Miles City, Missoula.

Nebraska—Allance, Broken Bow, Lincoln, North Platte, O'Neill, and Valentine.

Nevada—Carson City and Elko.  
New Mexico—Clayton, Fort Sumner, Las Cruces, Roswell, Santa Fe, and Tucuman.

North Dakota—Bismark, Dickinson, Minot and Williston.  
Oregon—Burns, LaGrande, Lakeview, Portland, Roseburg, The Dalles and Vale.

South Dakota—Bellefourche, Gregory, Lemmon, Pierre, Rapid City and Timber Lake.  
Utah—Salt Lake City, and Vernal, Washington—North Yakima, Seattle, Vancouver, Walla Walla, and Waterville.

Wyoming—Buffalo, Cheyenne, Lander, Douglas, Evanston and Sundance.

8. Persons who desire to make homestead entry should first decide where they wish to locate, then go or write to the local land office of the district in which the lands are situated and obtain from the records diagrams of vacant lands.

9. A personal inspection of the lands should be made to ascertain if they are suitable, and, when satisfied on this point, entry can be made at the local office in the manner prescribed by the law, under the direction of the local land office, who will give the applicant full information. Should a person desire to obtain information in regard to vacant lands in any district before going there for personal inspection he should address the register and receiver of the particular local land office, who will give such information as is available.

10. Person desiring to make homestead entries should first fully inform themselves as to the character and quality of the lands they desire to enter, and should in no case apply to enter until they have visited and fully examined each legal subdivision for which they make application as satisfactory information as to the character and occupancy of public lands can not be obtained in any other way.

11. All blank forms of affidavits and other papers needed in making application to enter or in making final proofs can be obtained by applicants and entryman from the local office for the district in which the land lies.

Following is a copy of the 640-acre homestead act:

H. R. 407. An act to provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate, etc. That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws of the United States to make a stock-raising homestead entry for not exceeding six hundred and forty acres of unappropriated unreserved public land in reasonably compact form: Provided, however, That the land so entered shall theretofore have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as "stock-raising land."

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK HOLDS 29TH ANNUAL MEETING--WILL ENLARGE BUILDING SOON

The 29th annual meeting of the First National Bank of Heppner was held at the bank's quarters on Tuesday afternoon. The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected the only change being the addition of W. P. Mahoney, vice president of the First State Bank of Bonners Ferry Idaho and a brother of T. J. Mahoney, who has acquired an interest in the local institution. The following officers were chosen for the ensu-

ing year: M. S. Corrigan, president, J. B. Natter, vice president; T. J. Mahoney vice president and cashier; S. W. Spencer, assistant cashier and Hugh E. Bras assistant cashier. The bank expects to remodel its quarters shortly, taking in the Hughes store and thus occupying the entire building. The bank's business for 1916 has been the greatest in the 29 years of its experience as a national institution, and the outlook for 1917 is very favorable.

### Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Benedict left Saturday for Kennewick, Wash., where they will visit Mr. Benedict's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan and family returned Sunday from Moro, where they were visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Elva Troedson, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, returned to Monmouth where she is attending Normal School.

Miss Jaunita Gibson returned to Eugene after spending several days with her father. She is a student at the University of Oregon.

Geo. B. Whitcomb returned to Morgan Sunday with his tractor.

The Morgan Literary Society met at the school house last Friday and spent a very pleasant evening. The chief features of the program were a paper entitled "Morgan News" written and read by George Ely and a debate, "resolved that capital punishment be abolished." The affirmative side won. The next meeting will be held January 19.

Miss Flora Robinson of Columbus, Washington spent the week at the home of Alfred Troedson.

Word has been received of the death of George Ely's little baby at Salem. The body will be buried at the Morgan cemetery.

Don Sargent, popular La Grande young man, was visiting with Heppner friends this week.

### FANNIE L. SMITH.

Mrs. Fannie L. Smith was born in Vermont, November 10 1836 and was 81 years old her last birthday. She made the trip across the plains by ox team to California and after a few years the family again crossed the plains to Oregon where they have since resided. Her husband died several years ago and six children survive.

Mrs. Smith has been for many years a member of the M. E. church South and also of the Rebekah lodge. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Federated church on the 8th inst., and interment was made in Masonic cemetery. Another of the old pioneers is thus removed from our midst, leaving the memory of a well spent life.

### That Elevator.

(By Spencer Akers.)

Of all the bills the farmer pays, The one he hates the most, Is that big sack bill every fall, Which eyes him like a ghost. He sure would never make complaint If 'twasn't for the fact. That grain is worth as much in bulk, As 'tis when it is sacked. He pleaded with the warehouse men, To build some elevators, That he might store his grain in bulk And beat the speculators. The warehouse men did not respond, And so the story goes. The F. E. and C. U. of A., Was launched against the foes. And thus the farmer came to know, His all prevailing might, And learned the one and only way, In which to win a fight. The sack has been a constant drain, Upon the farmers purse, And all their wallings did not help To eliminate the curse. They bought the sacks with hard earned cash, And gave them to the mill; Indeed the weight was figured off, To sweeten well the pill. Three-quarters of a pound indeed, They weigh, and nothing more, Although a pound is taken off, Amid their constant roar. Now let the tillers of the soil, Who will not be a traitor, Just please come forward with the dough, And build an elevator.

### Break Even On Trip.

The Heppner High basketball team returned Friday evening after their trip into Sherman county and told a tale of one defeat and one victory. The defeat was met at the hands of Grass Valley, whose team the boys report, was not a high school team, but rather represented the best talent in the basketball line the town could produce. The score was 23 to 14 and the boys are very well satisfied with the results. The next evening, after the game with Moro the score card showed a different result, for the Heppner team had managed to nose out a victory over the Moro High School team. The result was 18 to 13. The boys have much praise for the treatment they received at the hands of the Morites and say the Sherman county lads are "real fellows."

### Card of Thanks.

This is published in the hope that it may come to the notice of those friends who so willingly performed the last service for Mrs. Morrow, all of whom it is not possible for me to thank in person.

To the members of the Eastern Star, to the many old-time friends who met to pay her last tribute, and to all those who by their kindly and sympathetic expressions have helped me to carry my great sorrow, I extend my very sincere thanks,  
J. W. MORROW.

### Boardman

W. E. Harper is moving over on Boardman Island where he will put in an extensive truck garden in the spring.

S. A. Barnes is busy hauling a car load of baled hay out to his dairy ranch.

Ferdinand EMBERGER will finish his shop this week.

Chas. Nizer of Portland filed on a homestead Thursday of this week. He left for a visit to Chicago before returning here to take up his residence.

Mr. Attebury and brother of Hermiston were looking over the project Friday.

C. G. Blayden went to Hermiston on business Tuesday.  
Next Friday evening everyone is invited to attend a house warming in the new building just finished by C. C. Palne.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to His Eternal home, our dearly beloved sister, Katherine Morrow, who was a charter member of Ruth Chapter, and during her residence here, one of its most devoted and active members.

Resolved that while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Omnipotent, we deeply deplore the loss we have sustained.

To the bereaved family, whose loss is such an irreparable one, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and trust our Heavenly Father may watch over and comfort them in their sad affliction.

Be it further Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Chapter, a copy sent to the family of our deceased sister and to both papers for publication.

Signed  
HENRIETTA COHN,  
ANNA SPENCER,  
BLANCHE PATTERSON.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE EGG CITY

Frank Wilson suffered the loss of a lot of piping in his deep well this week, a portion having broke loose and gone to the bottom. He will have to await the arrival of a well "machine" in his neighborhood before the pipe can be recovered, as it is impossible to drag it out by hand.

Joshua Ambler has been up from Portland the past week looking after his interests here. He owns the Sperry place just to the west of town and is arranging to place a new tenant thereon. The place is occupied at present by the family of H. Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cochran came up from Grand Dalles, Wash., on Monday for a visit of a few days with their Ione people. Johnnie has been working in that vicinity during the past few months, trapping for the government and sates that he has met with fair success. He will return in a few days to resume his labors.

S. I. Stratton, formerly a resident of this county, with his home at Ione, came up from Lyle on Monday and has been spending the week visiting old acquaintances and friends here. Mr. Stratton was School Superintendent of this county some several years ago, but has been living at Lyle for the past six or seven years where he has built himself a nice home.

Smith & Hoss, big wheat farmers of this section, are getting a Holt caterpillar engine which they will use in doing their farm work. They expect to spread out some this season and will each put in a large amount of grain. As all grain will have to be put in in the Spring, it will be necessary to be in position to do the work fast, and these gentlemen are figuring that they will be able to get away with it more rapidly by using the machine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kincaid returned on Friday last from a visit of two weeks at Pendleton. While there Mr. Kincaid suffered a severe attack of grippe which spoiled his visit in a large measure and he was not fully recovered when he got home, being now about well again, however. Mr. Kincaid is a strong believer in Spring sowing of grain, and has been very successful in sowing bulwheat and red chaff club, as these two varieties of wheat are the best producers. He puts the grain in good and his ground is thoroughly worked and free from weeds. Poor farming does not pay at any time, and Mr. Kincaid has demonstrated that good crops can be produced most any kind of a season by spring sowing under the proper conditions. His neighbors are beginning to take note of the fact that he has never had a failure from Spring-sown grain, and he has been farming in Morrow county for the past thirty-four years.

### The Federated Church.

You are cordially invited to attend our services next Sunday morning and all through the day.  
Sunday School at 9:45.  
Regular morning service 11 a. m.  
Our theme will be, "What Is The Mission of The Church."  
C. E. at 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Service 7:30  
Come out and shake hands and let us get acquainted.  
H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

I. O. O. F. Install Officers of Willow Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master, Hanson Hughes, installed the officers of Willow Lodge No. 66 I. O. O. F., last Wednesday evening. The officers installed were George McDuffee, N. G.; W. E. Mikesell, V. G.; A. M. Phelps, secretary; W. O. Hill, treasurer; O. O. Edwards, Warden; T. E. Chidsey, conductor; J. L. Yeager, chaplain; Jeff Jones, R. S. S.; W. B. Tucker, L. S. S.; J. C. Kirk, R. S. N. G.; F. N. Frye, L. S. N. G.; L. W. Briggs, B. S. V. G.; Mr. Brooks, L. S. V. G.; E. E. Beaman, I. G.; J. O. Hager, O. G.

### Marriage Was Surprise

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends, was the marriage on Sunday afternoon of Miss Ceclie Sylvia of Oakland California, to Arthur R. Crawford of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. Howard Fagan at his temporary home in the Mrs. J. V. Crawford residence.

Mrs. Crawford is a talented young lady, being a graduate of the Oakland Technical high school and a former student of the University of California. She made her first visit to Morrow county last summer, at which time she met Mr. Crawford. The young people will continue to make their home in this city.

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