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Real Estate.

Lexington town property—\$550 will buy a six-room house, four lots, small barn, young fruit trees. Can be irrigated. Enquire of S. E. Notson, Lexington.

WILL NOT ABANDON

The Butter Creek Irrigation Scheme Not Given up.

TO MAKE OTHER SURVEYS

The First Reservoir Site Not Being Feasible, Crews Are Searching and Prospecting for Others—A Thorough Investigation will be Made.

T. G. Hailey, a member of the Oregon Irrigation commission, returned last Friday from Walla Walla, where he was in attendance upon the conference held by the commissions of Oregon and Washington with F. H. Newell, head of the government reclamation bureau, says the Pendleton Tribune. The meeting was held Thursday and Mr. Hailey says it was a most enthusiastic one, a large number of persons interested in irrigation being present.

Mr. Hailey said it was his opinion that the Walla Walla interviewers had misconstrued Mr. Newell's meaning regarding the Butter creek irrigation project and inadvertently announced that the scheme had been abandoned. In reality, Mr. Newell said that owing to the small force of competent men now employed by the department it is impossible to complete all the projects in the various states as soon as some people wish for, or to begin actual work on them at the same time. Preliminary steps are taken in some localities in order to ascertain the feasibility of the undertaking, while in other localities the projects, having been found practicable, are carried on to completion according to the plans specified by the bureau. For instance, the Malheur project has been found satisfactory and accordingly the department has decided to complete the irrigation scheme there as rapidly as conditions will permit. As to the Butter creek proposition, however, it has been found that the work cannot be completed at the present time or possibly in a number of years as the department will devote its energies to other projects which were exploited previously and which had proven to be feasible ones. It is almost certain that the government will install an irrigation system in this county, but how soon depends entirely on the progress in other localities. Accordingly to say that the Butter creek scheme has been entirely abandoned is an error.

John T. Whistler, chief engineer of the Oregon division, has been instructed by Mr. Newell to complete the preliminary work in this county and to locate suitable sights for reservoirs. When this work is once completed the department will be able to begin the work of installing the system at any time in the future when it is found practical to do so.

Mr. Hailey said that the members of the two commissions had considered the idea of suggesting to the respective legislatures of the two states the importance of passing identical laws to cure the imperfections and defects of the irrigation laws now in force in both states. The commissions requested Maurice Bien, legal advisor of the government bureau, to draft a law in the rough, such as desired to regulate the existent conditions. Mr. Bien consented to do this and after he has completed the task will forward each member of the two commissions a copy of the proposed law. With the good will of the government back of them and the unanimity of the commissioners themselves, there is every reason to believe that the legislatures of the two states will be quite ready to pass the laws which will be proposed.

The State Fair.

This year is going to be a record-breaker in more ways than one. The races are going to be very rapid for there are in training now more horses than

have ever been on the track at this time of the year and in the Greater Salem stake for 2:15 pacers \$2000 purse. There are 31 entries in the \$2000 2:17 trot. The Lewis & Clark stake there are 17 entries. In the Rural Spirit stake 2:11 pace for \$1000 there are 18 entries. In the Inland Empire stake for three-year-old pacers for \$500 there are 11 entries and there are besides 11 other pacing and trotting races to say nothing of the running races of which there will be at least two each day.

The camping ground has been fixed up and streets laid out and named, camps numbered and in charge of a camp grand marshal, who will look after the matters there day and night. Water has been piped into the grounds and other improvements made making it one of the best camping grounds in the state. Take your family and a tent and enjoy a week of solid comfort to say nothing of the educational advantages that you and the children will get at the Fair that they never could get any place else in the same time.

All trains of the S. P. R. Co. stop at the grounds during the week. The street railway system into Salem has been thoroughly overhauled, new cars purchased, the track widened to standard gauge, and the roadbed improved, allowing the company to make a six-minute service and possibly shorter. The pavilion and grounds will be lighted by incandescent electric lights thus giving a much improved light service.

Warner Lake Produces Salt.

It is not generally known that Lake county has large salt deposits in the northern part of Warner valley. After high water each season large quantities of it are deposited as the water recedes. Many years ago this land was purchased from the state by David Jones, now deceased, the first settler of Warner valley. At the point where the salt was deposited, he built a large building, with a strong floor, perforated with auger holes. Over this floor the water would run in the spring, and after going down there would be many tons of pure salt, which had only to be shoveled up and sacked to be ready for market.

For the past five years up to last winter there was no salt, owing in part to the light winters, in part to the conversion of Warner lake, which is fifteen miles above the salt beds, into a reservoir for irrigation purposes, and in part to dry seasons. The floods of last winter broke the dam and the waters of the lake flowed thirty miles, filling up the dry beds of several old lakes and depositing another body of salt, which the present owners are sacking. They estimate they have 400 tons and it is worth \$15 per ton on the ground as soon as sacked.

Mandamus proceedings are talked of to compel the permanent removal of the dam and allow a salt deposit to be made by the floods each year. Settlers at the foot of the lake also claim the dam overflows their land during the spring and in a very wet season injures their hay crops.

Harney Scheme Abandoned.

Because there is not enough water in the Silves river to warrant the government in beginning an irrigation project under the national irrigation act, it is reported from Washington that the Harney county scheme has been abandoned by the reclamation department, but will probably be irrigated in part by private parties.

The reclamation service has thoroughly investigated the project and after a second investigation by the department, it was decided that it was not feasible.

The project contemplated a dam on the Silves river, to reclaim a large area in the basin of the Silves, but upon thorough surveys, and measurements of the stream, it was determined that sufficient water could not be secured by any means at hand, to irrigate the land properly.

The people of Harney county had placed great faith in the Silves valley scheme, and its abandonment will be a bitter disappointment.

WILL RESTORE LANDS

Eastern Oregon Reserve Lands Open for Entry

345,000 ACRES TO GO BACK

Governor Writes Letter Which Stirs Official to Action—Asks Forestry Bureau to Designate Unsuitable Tracts.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Washington, August 13, says:

The Interior Department has suddenly decided to restore to entry about 345,000 acres of land in Eastern Oregon, now included within forest reserve withdrawals. About 325,000 lies around the exterior boundaries of the Blue Mountain withdrawal; the remaining 20,000 along the borders of the Wallows withdrawal.

This decided change in the policy of the Department is largely ascribed to a very pointed letter from Governor Chamberlain, which was received only yesterday. In this letter Oregon's chief executive takes issue with the department for its indecision, or its aversion to act on forestry matters, and insists that one of two things be done, either that forest reserves be immediately created, and the surplus lands restored to entry, or that the lands so far found unfit for forestry purposes be thrown open to entry, leaving the actual creation of reserves to a later day. His protest made it plain that, in his opinion, the department's policy of delay is injuring the state, interfering with settlement, and is, all in all, indefensible.

Immediately upon receipt of Governor Chamberlain's note the Forestry bureau, which definitely recommended the creation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve last May, was called upon to state what lands in the Blue Mountain and Wallows withdrawals had been found unfit for reserve purposes. The bureau promptly replied that about 325,000 acres in the Blue Mountain withdrawal were deemed unsuitable for permanent reservation, and 20,000 acres in the Wallows withdrawal. Some of this land is good only for grazing; other tracts are barren and could not produce trees, while still other tracts lying in the valleys along streams which penetrate the proposed reserves are distinctively agricultural lands, and not desirable in a reserve. In other words, the forestry bureau recommended that all public lands included in these two withdrawals which are in any way desirable for settlement or entry—except under the timberland laws—be restored to the public domain, retaining under withdrawal only those lands that are valuable for their timber and essential in the preservation of the water supply.

Bridges Burned.

The burning of two small bridges on the Heppner branch line Monday, delayed the train about 12 hours. One of the bridges was located two and a half miles this side of Lexington, and the other three miles below Heppner. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from sparks from a light engine which came over the road Monday to fill water barrels on the various bridges of the branch line. While the bridges were small affairs and easily repaired there was considerable delay in getting a bridge gang, which had to come from Pendleton.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that on the last Monday in August 1904. The Board of equalization of Morrow county State of Oregon will meet at the office of the county clerk and continue in session one week for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll of said county for the year 1904.

All taxpayers wishing to make any change in their assessments for the year 1904 should appear before the said board at the above named date.

HOWARD GOVE,
Assessor of Morrow Co., State of Oregon