

DECISION REVERSED

Secretary Takes Hand in Famous 37-10 Litigation

MESERVY WINS BYRNE CONTEST

Commissioner Reversed Decision of Register of Lakeview Office and Secretary Garfield Reverses Him and Sustains the Lakeview Office

That the land included in the famous "37-10" territory is doomed to startling reverses and surprises to respective litigants, is again evidenced by the decision of the Secretary of the Interior in the case of Mason C. Meservy vs. William F. Byrne, just received by C. F. Stone, attorney for Meservy. The readers of this paper will remember the decision of the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office, under date of January 28, 1908, in which the decision of the Register of the local land office was reversed and the decision of the then receiver, affirmed, and the contest decided in favor of the homesteader, Mr. Byrne. An appeal was taken to the Secretary of the Interior and that official has reversed the decision of the Commissioner, ordered the homestead entry canceled and allows Mr. Meservy the privilege of filing on the land.

The contest involves homestead entry No. 24321, for Tot 1, Sec. 2, in township 27 South of Range 10, E. W.M., and is one of the most valuable claims included in the "37-10" territory. The Commissioner found from the evidence that the claim contained between three and four million feet of merchantable timber, and that while the contestee had not done all that the law required in the way of cultivation and improvement, that he had done the best he could under the circumstances and that he was entitled to the homestead. The Secretary holds that the residence and cultivation were not sufficient to comply with the law and that the contestee's home on the land was merely nominal.

Mr. Byrne has also been fighting the Daniels scrip with the hope that

the decision of the Commissioner would be affirmed.

May Raise Assessments.

Thomas B. Walker, the Minnesota timber king, owns 88,824 acres of timber land in Siskiyou county. The McCloud River Lumber company owns 66,669 acres. Both of the companies have been ordered before the board of equalization to show why their assessments should not be raised \$1 per acre. If the assessed valuation of the timber lands are increased it will add a considerable amount to the taxable property of the county.

LOCOMOTIVE ON FIRE.

Blaze Extinguished With Sand Before Much Damage is Done.

Dorris had a narrow escape from a serious conflagration yesterday. One of the Southern Pacific locomotives got ablaze and it was only through the strenuous efforts of the railroad employes that the engine and a number of cars were saved. Two cars were quite badly scorched and the locomotive was slightly damaged.

Dorris has no fire protection and if the fire had not been discovered before it had a good start the town would have been at the mercy of the flames which would have spread rapidly as one of the big company oil tanks was already in danger.

The little son of Mrs. M. E. Jones who had his face severely burned a few days ago is getting along very nicely and there is a probability that he will not lose his sight.

Will Be Main Line of S. P. Railway

There is no doubt but it is the intention of Harriman to make the Oregon Eastern the main line of his Oregon & California road. This is evidenced by the fact that the roadbed now being constructed between Weed, California, and Klamath Falls, Oregon, is one of the most substantial ever built on the coast. Not only this, but a seventy-car passing track is being put in every eight miles, an innovation in Western railroad construction which tends to show that it is expected to handle a great volume of traffic over the new road.

Railroad men inform us that the distance from Eugene to Weed, California, by the new road will be but one mile and two hundred feet greater than that between the two points via the present route, while the new road will eliminate the Siskiyou mountain grades that are very expensive to the company, especially in handling its heavy freight trains.—Eugene Guard.

Louis Gerber has purchased 45 head of beef cattle from Linkey Bros. and J. D. Dejekman, residing in Swan lake valley. He expects to start about 300 head for the Sacramento market on the 28th.

Excursionists Enjoy Sunday Trip

Captain Totten and a goodly sized crowd of excursionists on the new Winema went to Odessa and Pelican Bay yesterday, and those who attended pronounce the trip one of the most delightful ever made on the Upper lake. The remodeled Winema is fitted up in a comfortable manner, the parlor is dressed in new furnishings, rugs and cushions in abundance are provided, and there is a nursery for the little ones. New and comfortable chairs are scattered over the decks and promenades and Mrs. Totten's kitchen is fitted up with all of the modern conveniences, and, we believe that, when our people learn what a delightful and comfortable day's outing can be had on the new boat, the captain's excursions will be enjoyed by crowds that will tax the capacity of the new Winema.

Yesterday Captain and Mrs. Totten had for their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. William V. Mong and their company and the Lakeview solo orchestra. All were unanimous in their high praise of Captain Totten's hospitality. Mrs. Totten served an excellent dinner to her guests and the excursionists and the orchestra rendered music that was highly enjoyed by all.

OBJECTS OF SURVEY

Classification of Klamath Soils Will Benefit Producers

EXPERIENCED MEN NOW AT WORK

Scope of Soil Work is Practical and is Made by Field Tests, Borings and Careful Observations—Use Maps to Show Various Kinds of Soils

The people of the Klamath Basin are materially fortunate in getting United States Agricultural Department to take up the matter of soil studies in this locality.

The Bureau of Soils a few days since assigned one field party into this section to study and prepare maps describing the various soils of the Klamath valleys. This party is at present actively at work in the field and will likely remain until the snow flies at least.

Naturally everyone is not informed regarding the scope or use of special soil investigations. We are fast learning, however, that various kinds or types of soil are adapted to special kinds of crops and require also special cultivation. In a general sense we have all known the differences between soils of widely different types, as for example, sands compared to swamp mucks, though this same principle of adaptation we are learning can be applied to types of soil which to the layman appear much alike in texture and other general physical properties. The various types of soil we find are specially adapted to certain kinds of crops, and while no close lines can be drawn there nevertheless is sufficient in the subject to interest the government in the matter of systematically studying soil bodies, and, in pointing out striking soil features which bear an economical relation to agricultural growth and development. In a district comparatively new such as ours, it is likely that a rational study of soil conditions will be of material value to the farmer in matters relating to successful tillage and the kinds of crops to grow.

Character of the work. The scope of the soil work is, in a general sense, practical. The soil parties making the survey go into the field, and, by the use of field tests, borings and careful observations, actually plot on base or field maps the various kinds or types of soils. The work when completed produces finally a soil map of an entire district. On this map are shown in colors the outline of each type of soil encountered. A study of this map in connection with field crops

and other conditions, such as climate drainage, alkali and the various determining influences, enables finally the preparation of a report which discusses the various soils and their rational agricultural values.

Observation. The secret of all advancement in almost every line of work, professional or otherwise, is based very largely on the ability of the individual to observe correctly what comes into his field of work. In soil studies the observation principle is especially necessary and the value of the work to any locality depends very largely on the individual to whom the details are assigned. The soil experts who do survey work such as is being carried on in our midst must be men of material experience and intelligence, otherwise the results of the work may be of much detriment to the welfare of the people.

Value of a Soil Survey. Taken as a whole a soil investigation here should primarily help to establish the worth of our soils for crop production; should help to bring us into a better understanding of our soil problems; should, also, bring out some of the special values which may exist in certain types of soil not yet properly tried or in fact understood. The work also should help the prospective farmer in the selection of lands for special crops; should help to establish rational land values based on proper interpretation of crop possibilities and development; and should help finally to give us a basis for comparison between this section of the country and others similarly situated in matters of soil and natural environment, including, of course, climate.

The tendency is always to make capital of every feature which can even remotely be heralded as exclusive or attractive. Some, no doubt, may think that a soil survey must net returns on a speculative venture, or must help the movement and disposal of second class holdings. We are too often inclined to desire color in the results, or look for a boom prospectus in a scientific public document.

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THE PASMORE MUSICAL TRIO



In Concert at the Opera House Tomorrow Night

MEDFORD IS IN SIMILAR WAY.

Financial Condition Bad Despite Municipal Ownership of Water

Klamath Falls is not the only city that is wrestling with the financial problem. Medford too has its troubles and, while they are not exactly the same as those in this city, they are of a similar nature. Medford owns its own water plant, but it has been a losing proposition ever since it was started and now some of the officials of that city are on record as advocating that the plant be leased to some individual.

It seems that Klamath Falls, not owning its own water system, is dissatisfied, and Medford, with its municipal ownership of the water system, is in the same fix. The greatest difference in the two places appears to be in the fact that Medford, when a mass meeting was called to discuss the situation, a large number of the business men turned out, while in this city when a similar meeting was called everyone remained at home.

Council Meets Tonight.

The city council meets in regular session tonight. It is very probable that the passing of the poll tax ordinance will come up again, and it is the intention of the council to take up the matter of extending the corporate limits of the city. It is not likely that the question of better fire protection will be considered.

TAKING OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

Lake County People Believe Transportation Relief Near at Hand

"It is said that coming events cast their shadows before" and in this light it would seem that the stirring events of the last few weeks indicate "something doing" in railroad circles. Several charters for railroad lines centering in Lakeview, were recently filed at Salem, the state capital. One of them was for a railroad the Oregon Eastern Railway, mentioned last week, 15 miles long, extending from Lakeview to New Pine Creek, situated immediately on the California Oregon state line. It is hard, of course, to give any reason for such a move on the part of a railway magnate. It may be a bluff or a feeler to force some one else's hand in the railroad game, or it may be a move to cover Pandango Pass, reputed to be the best and lowest pass existing from eastern approaches to either Portland or San Francisco.

In addition to these moves a number of surveying parties are at work in this region all close mouthed, but very industrious; but at the same time this work means that ere long expected railway age so far as this region is concerned is now only a question of a few months at most.—Lake County Examiner.

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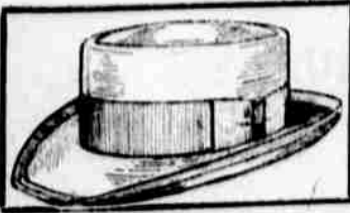
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