

WIRE CONDITIONS BEING SCANNED

**QUARTET OF OFFICIALS OF
WESTERN UNION, CO. WHICH
WANTS TO KEEP ITS SERVICE
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B. Boening, district commercial superintendent, and G. D. Hood, district traffic commercial superintendent, of the Western Union Telegraph company are guests of the White Pelican hotel, registering from Seattle. They have been on a tour of their district, and are taking in Klamath Falls, which is the last leg of their journey, as well as the end of their territory. The officials called today on Manager E. C. Asstet, of the local office of the company, as well as some of the leading patrons of the corporation in the city. Their object is to see the local conditions and ascertain the efficiency of the service, adjust any matters that may come to their notice, and see that everything works up to the standard set by the company.

"We are getting acquainted and looking over the field in a general way," said Mr. Boening. "We desire to give Klamath Falls the service equal to that rendered in any other city. We can assure those who are dependent on the company for some service and who favor it with their business that we stand ready to see that their wants are attended to, and that we appreciate their kindness in turning traffic to us. You've got a growing territory here that promises to be very important in the telegraph business, which, fortunately, grows with the development of any community where the wires penetrate.

"The growth of Klamath Falls has been a source of considerable astonishment to the people who have been acquainted with its history. From all indications which we can see and the signs that are given us by talks with people more familiar with the local conditions than we, it appears that your city and the surrounding territory is just beginning to get its stride. The outlook for it from all we see and hear, seems to be most exceptional.

"The company has to keep pace with other conditions of progress in the communities which it serves, and it is up to us to keep in touch with conditions and meet the gait. One of the matters which we have under consideration is the removal of our local quarters, which are in charge of Mr. Austin, up into a more central part of the business district. We have been waiting to see what the telephone company would do in the matter of changing location, with a view to possibly being associated with them wherever they go. But in any event, we want quarters that will be more convenient to your business men as soon as it is possible and feasible to arrange them. The present location dates back some time before the city had grown to its present proportions, and would hardly be considered up to date. The company has not as yet decided on a move, however, and we cannot say just when it will. But as soon as we can get a more desirable and central location we will be glad to let you know of it."

Two other officials of the Western Union are also in the city today, J. L. Ord, division plant supervisor of San Francisco, and E. L. Ritter, district plant superintendent of Seattle.

These gentlemen are making inspection of conditions generally and familiarizing themselves with the company's new lines. On the Klamath-Natron cutoff, where the company follows the operations of the Southern Pacific, forty-one miles of telegraph line have been constructed from here northward to the Williamson River, while thirty-five miles have been constructed leading from Eugene along the line of the new right of way toward Klamath Falls.

GREATEST WHEAT YIELD IN THE HISTORY OF MONTANA

Predicted as Result of Copious Fall of Wet Snow and Warm Rain the Past Fortnight, Which is Soaking Soil Very Deep for So Early

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 30.—Most bountiful winter wheat yield in the history of Montana is predicted as a result of the copious fall of wet snow and warm rains the past two weeks, the dry farm bench lands throughout the state being well carpeted with a mantle of snow that is soaking the soil to a depth seldom obtained this early. With more snowfall assured and with the usual spring rains, every indication for a most abundant harvest.

Exceptionally flattering reports of the condition of the winter wheat growth come from Yellowstone, Rosebud, Custer, Dawson, Gallatin, Cascade and Fergus counties, the principal

wheat growing sections of Montana. In Madison county, which escaped the recent chilling blasts from the north, the winter wheat growth is probably the most advanced of any in Montana. The dry farmers' efforts are in evidence on every bench within reasonable distance from a shipping point in this county, and the yield of wheat from this section, it is estimated, will exceed that of last year by about 30 per cent.

By reason of the unprecedented influx of settlers last year into Dawson, Custer and Yellowstone counties, in Eastern Montana, the acreage brought under cultivation will approximate 25 per cent, the greater portion of which is devoted to wheat raising.

CHEATING HUSBAND OF ACRES, WIFE'S

ALLEGATION IN SUIT OF MRS. LOTTIE CRANCE, ET AL, VERSUS HER HUSBAND, HIS DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW

Mrs. Lottie Rosecrans Crance, wife of Alfred E. Crance, and Bessie Rosecrans and Della Hinman, his daughters and heirs at law, have entered suit against Crance, his daughter, Grace Dixon, and her husband, Walter Dixon, alleging that the Dixons planned and executed a design to get away from Crance all his property, so that his young wife might be cheated from any share or enjoyment in it. The papers were filed today in the office of County Clerk Charles R. De Lap by Attorneys C. B. Watson and Thomas Drake, representing the plaintiffs.

Mrs. Crance sets out in the complaint that she married Crance August 25, 1909, he being 49 years old and she 20, there being a ten-month-old baby boy as the fruit of the union. She avers that before the marriage Crance talked to her of lands near Fort Klamath that he owned, improvements on it, stock, and his generally good situation and financial condition. He talked of leaving the care of the ranch to someone else, so that they could move to Ashland and live there, she says. Under these representations she was induced, she says, to marry him, believing that he was reasonably worth \$25,000, although he was physically feeble and often mentally incapable. The Dixons, she says, by deceit, undue influence, promise and fraud, induced Mr. Crance, just before the marriage, on August 9, 1911, to deed to Mrs. Dixon all the Fort Klamath 640 acre ranch, consisting of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $E\frac{1}{2}$ and $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$, section 20; $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $NE\frac{1}{2}$, $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $NW\frac{1}{4}$ $SW\frac{1}{4}$ and $N\frac{1}{2}$ $SW\frac{1}{4}$, section 29, and $NE\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$, section 30, township 33 S., range 7 E., Willamette meridian. The complaint sets forth that said belief was the understanding that Crance on demand was to have the land deeded back to him. The Ashland house and lot also, it is claimed, was deeded by Crance to the Dixons, the supposition, she sets forth in the complaint, being that the Dixons, if the marriage proved unsatisfactory, did not wish her to have the property, and after a separation it could be deeded back to Crance. She sets forth that Crance mortgaged the Fort Klamath ranch, worth \$16,800, for \$5,000, for the purpose of buying sheep for Dixon, whose handling he was to account for to Crance. She says the money was deposited in Crance's name in the First National bank at Ashland, that 1,454 sheep were bought for Dixon, who sold 1,425 of them and made no accounting of the \$4,631.25 proceeds of the sale. She alleges that he also got \$2,000 from wool, not accounted for; that he harvested about 350 tons of hay, worth \$7 per ton, unaccounted for; and also agreed to pay \$700 a year to Crance as rental for the ranch, the money being unpaid.

She says the demands of Crance to have the property re-deeded to him have been ignored, save for 160 acres that was given back to him, and that on December 4, 1911, Attorney Thos. Drake made a demand for such a transfer of the remaining acreage, which was refused. Mrs. Crance claims that as a result of the straits to which Crance and she have been reduced they have had to mortgage the 160 acres for money with which to buy the necessities of life, and that they have lost the home in Ashland.

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Washington Commercial Apple Box Triumphs Over Eastern Bushel Basket

After the close of the Northwest Land Products Show in St. Paul, Relf wrote a letter to the St. Paul Dispatch, saying that through a bright idea of the Western apple growers they had decided to get the same price for less apples by reducing the size of bushels to hold less than four pecks.

F. D. Culver of Carlton, Wash., whose company won the sweepstakes cup at the land show for the best ten boxes of apples grown in the Ameri-

can Northwest, took up the gauntlet for the Westerners, and secured from the state commissioner of weights and measures, got a sealed bushel basket. In the presence of that officer and representatives of the Great Northern railway he emptied a box of apples, which had been packed in a standard box under rules of the Apple Grower's Association. The above cut shows the result, which speaks for itself. The bushel basket of apples has since remained on exhibition at the Great Northern ticket office in St. Paul.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Not Coal Lands)
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 11, 1911.
Notice is hereby given that John J. Cunningham of Box 646, Tacoma, Washington, who, on April 18, 1910, made timber and stone application No. 03329, for E $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 5, Township 37 S., Range 10 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. R. De Lap, county clerk of Klamath county, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 16th day of February, 1912.
Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas O'Connell, Thomas Shannon, William McMillan, Nestor Marchand, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.
A. W. ORTON, Register.
12-21-2-15 r

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Lakeview List No. 05226
United States Land Office at Lakeview, Ore., Dec. 23, 1911.
Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railroad company, whose postoffice address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 23d day of December, 1911, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the act of congress approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, and $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 34, township 37 south, range 9 east, Willamette meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest on or before the 23d day of February, 1912.
A. W. ORTON, Register.
1-11-2-22 r

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Not Coal Lands)
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 19, 1911.
Notice is hereby given that David L. Rightmeyer of Olene, Oregon, who, on December 4, 1906, made homestead entry No. 3688, serial No. 01380, for $SW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}$, section 13; $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}$, section 14, township 39 S., range 10 E., Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. R. De Lap, county clerk of Klamath county, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 27th day of January, 1912.
Claimant names as witnesses: Sam Dixon, Esau Kiek, Emil Berling, John Slade, all of Olene, Oregon.
A. W. ORTON, Register.
12-28-2-25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Klamath County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Otto Greer, Deceased.
To whom it may concern—Notice is hereby given that J. W. Siemens, administrator of the estate of Otto Greer, deceased, has rendered and filed with the clerk of the above entitled court, his final account in said estate, asking for settlement of said account and distribution of the residue of said estate and the discharge of the said J. W. Siemens, as administrator of said estate, together with all his doings herein. Said account and report showing the receipts and disbursements of this estate, and notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 23d day of February, A. D. 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, in the county court room at the county court house, in the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, state of Oregon, has been set as the time and place fixed by an order of the county court as the time when and the place where said application of settlement and final account and petition for discharge shall be heard and notice is hereby further given that at said time and place any person or persons legally interested and entitled thereto may file exceptions or objections to said account and contest the same.

Notice is further given that said account is for final settlement and distribution of said estate, and for the confirmation of said final account and for the discharge of said administrator from the trust in said estate.

Given under my hand and the seal of the county court in the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, state of Oregon, on this, the 24th day of January, 1912.

C. R. DE LAP,
Clerk of the County Court.
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