

THE WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION MAY CLOSE ITS STOCK-SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS

There has been much speculation as to the probable attitude of the Government and the Water Users' Association respecting lands that remain unsubscribed when construction work begins.

The Association can close its stock-subscription books at any time. It can also compound each month the penalty for non-payment of assessments and require belated subscribers to pay all assessments with accumulated penalties.

Much baseless and worthless advice has been given to the effect that the non-subscribers can get water at their pleasure on the same terms as present stockholders of the Association, on the theory that the owners of the system are common carriers and legally bound to deliver water to all applicants at the same cost.

When, if at all, the management passes entirely into the hands of the Association, that corporation may, if it has a surplus in its ditches, which is not at all probable, sell water from season to season to non-stockholders.

A few have evolved the theory that favorably situated lands will be sub-irrigated, and can receive the benefits without paying the cost. Such theorists, of course, know nothing of irrigation or its effects.

Railroad Stock Yards and Feeding Grounds

It is reported that the location for the freight and stock yards for the Weed Railroad has been definitely located.

Forty acres of the Reame ranch, which is less than three miles below town, has been reserved for this purpose.

All of this land, with the exception of the portion reserved for depot grounds, is now being surveyed and platted and will be laid out in 40 acre tracts.

The Weed Railroad will pass through this tract and as it will eventually become the shipping station and feeding grounds for Southern Oregon, we may look for a settlement of forty or forty-five new families in the near future.

Swan Lake Land Claimed By State

Salem, Or.—The State of Oregon has asserted title to 4000 acres of land in the vicinity of Swan Lake, Klamath County, and questions the right of about a dozen settlers to acquire the land from the Government under the homestead laws.

Through the state's claim is adverse to the settlers, there is no intention on the part of the State Land Board to oust the settlers from their homes.

There is room for dispute as to the character of the land. It is low and for a considerable part of the year is covered with water.

In the case of the Warner Valley lands the state sold the swamp lands to men other than the settlers, and litigation has thus far resulted adversely to the settlers.

Mr. West will go to inspect the lands early next week.

Judge W. W. Cotton.

W. W. Cotton of Portland has been appointed by President Roosevelt to succeed the late Judge Bellinger as United States district judge for Oregon.

Major Worden, when seen by a representative of the Republican, stated that he was not ready to publish the matter, but later admitted that the above account was true.

Don't forget for one week only a big reduction in hats for Ladies and Children at the La Mode.

Bonus All Raised For Weed Railroad

The \$100,000 railroad bonus has been raised. Woodbury & Wilkins have the honor of contributing the last amount which makes the bonus complete.

The Weed railroad people have not been officially notified of the raising of the bonus, as it will first be necessary for the Board of Appraisers to pass on the value of the lands contributed.

Previously reported: \$96,600 San Francisco John Breuner Company..... 50

Teachers Engaged For City Schools

Twenty-six applications were presented to the city school board for positions as teachers in the Klamath Falls Schools. The school board met Tuesday to select teachers for the coming year.

The school will have nearly all new teachers next year. Professor Slough has engaged in other business, Miss Galloway has accepted a position in Alaska, and Miss Cogswell is in Portland.

Big Increase in Population

The Town of Klamath Falls has nearly doubled in population in the past two years. According to the census of the county assessor our city now has a population of 1102 and is still growing rapidly.

Fire in Goeller's Mill.

Shortly after six Thursday evening fire was discovered in Goeller's Planing Mill. Work had just stopped for the day and the men had gone home, when passers-by noticed smoke issuing from the engine room.

Spring Creek Fish Reserve

Washington.—President Roosevelt has interested himself in the establishment of a fish preserve along Spring Creek and Williamson River, on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Build Another New City.

Worden City is the name of the new city to be started in Butte Creek Valley about three miles this side of Picard.

Grand Jury Finds Few Indictments

From present indications the June term of the Circuit Court will be a short one. On account of the fight against the saloons and a few other cases of a local nature, the prosecution of which is being urged, it was decided to call a Grand Jury.

A true bill was found against Al Fitch, charged with assault with intent to kill.

Al J. Sears Dead.

Al J. Sears, a well-known man about town, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his niece, Mrs. J. D. Hayes, 547 1/2 Sixth street, from the effects of tuberculosis, after a serious illness of about three months, although he had been a sufferer from the disease for years.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate sales have been reported this week: J. W. Siemens to E. S. Grigsby, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 85, for \$450.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The library and reading room will soon be open to the people of Klamath Falls and vicinity. Books, papers and magazines will be gladly received.

Five Women Are Injured in Runaway

Quite a serious runaway accident occurred Sunday evening between Keno and Klamath Falls. A private conveyance from Walter Straw's stables was sent to Pokegama after Mrs. Stella Watson and two companions.

At the second or third shot the horses became frightened and started to run. Bagby caught the bridle of one of the horses but the bit broke and he was thrown under the wagon.

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