

County Surveyor's Record, Douglas County, Oregon

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General Description

T. 22 S., R. 10 W.

CHAINS

hardy underbrush on the S. slopes and very dense thimbleberry and other brush on the northern slopes. The thimbleberry here attains its maximum size reaching 10 ft. in length in places and so thick that it is impossible to go through without first cutting or breaking a road or trail.

The timber has long since been (though once dense and of fine quality as the millions of charred stumps testify) destroyed by fire, much of it before the white man came to this locality. A young second growth in places is very thick, some 6 to 20 ins. diam. The principal timber is this and in some place where fire has not done its work of destruction some fine fir timber is found. This pertains to secs. 22 & 35 and the whole of the S. Eastern part has more timber than the remaining parts and very little is in this part of the township of any considerable present value, the best timber land being secs. 36, 24 & 25 long since surveyed and all the best handiest timber cut and taken down Mill Creek.

The whole of this township is underlaid with sandstone of a first rate quality of building stone and some places along the river are of easy access by vessels of considerable draught but it is not sufficiently stratified to be easily quarried. This feature whereas there has been in a geological sense vast erosions renders the surface very rough and mountainous and in many places declivitous. The mountains are as a rule very steep and though not high follow one after another in rapid succession with deep precipitous canyons between as a rule.

Along Mill Creek there is a very limited amount of good land, Mr. Glass having a homestead in sec. 22, Mr. Hacker some land in 22 & 15 on both sides of Mill Creek, (Indian) Bill Johnson has a house in the NW. part of sec. 26, Mr. Wade occupies some land in secs.