

# California Firm Buys Big Ranch

**Deal Involves  
400,000 Acres  
In Harney County**

One of the largest properties in Oregon, the Roaring Springs ranch in Harney county, has been purchased by a California cattle company for \$1,250,000.

Robert Odell, president of Allied Properties, San Francisco, announced Friday his firm had bought the ranch from the Gill Cattle company which had operated the spread since 1944.

Included in the deal, in addition to the 116,777 acres of deeded land held by the Roaring Springs, were 9600 acres of Oregon state land and 25,000 acres of Harney county land under lease. Also taken over by the California firm were all the grazing permits from the U. S. department of the interior, pushing the total number of acres involved to about 400,000, according to Don Dryer of H. A. Dryer company, ranch broker who handled the sale.

#### Allied Company Operator

Odell said the Roaring Springs will be operated by Allied Land & Livestock company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Properties. Joseph B. Fine, superintendent of the ranch nearly 30 years, will be retained as superintendent. His son, Clifford Fine, will be cattle boss.

The new owners of the Steens mountain area ranch operate some 15 ranches with headquarters at Tuscarora, Nev. Allied ranches run approximately 10,000 head of cattle and 12,500 head of sheep.

Roaring Springs, which gets its name from a string of springs breaking around the ranch house, was operated by L. F. Swift & Co., Chicago, from 1928 to 1944 when it was sold to the Gill company.

## Roaring Springs Ranch Ownership Goes to Allied

The ownership of the Roaring Springs ranch in Harney county passed from the Gill Cattle company to Allied Properties of San Francisco last Friday.

Robert Odell, president of Allied, announced the sale price at \$1,250,000. The property includes 116,777 acres of deeded land plus leases on 9600 acres of Oregon state land and 25,000 acres of Harney county land. It also included grazing rights on federal lands which brought the acreage up to a total of 400,000 acres.

Joseph B. Fine, who has been supervisor of Roaring Springs ranch for nearly 30 years will continue on with Allied. His son Clifford, will be cattle boss.

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