

300,000 ENTRIES IN LAND OFFICE NOW

Department Head Says 50,000 Final Proofs Will Be Submitted by Homesteaders.

BORAH BILL IS POPULAR

Fred Bennett Pleased With Substantial Growth of Portland and Sees Increased Prosperity With Opening of Canal.

"It is my opinion that under the operation of the Borah three-year homestead law the number of final proofs that will be offered in the next 12 months will increase fully 50,000," said Fred Bennett, Commissioner of the General Land Office, who passed yesterday in Portland, proceeding last night to California.

There are now pending before the General Land Office about 300,000 homestead entries. In these cases the entrymen can avail themselves of the Borah law in making final proof. Notices of intention to make final proof are coming in rapidly from all sections of the country.

"The law is immensely popular with the settlers, and it means a great deal to those states in which public land is located. By reducing from five to three years the length of residence required before final proof can be made, thousands of entrymen will be in a position immediately to proceed with completing final proof. The benefit to the different states comes in the consideration that these lands will all the sooner be developed and add to the country's resources."

TAFT INDORSES WORK

NEW BOOK APPROVED BY MOST EMINENT AUTHORITIES.

"The American Government," by Frederick J. Haskin, Gives Details of Various Departments.

The accuracy of no book has ever been better attested than that of "The American Government," by Frederick J. Haskin, which is now being offered to the readers of The Oregonian. The 30 chapters were read and approved by the 30 most eminent authorities of the Government before the book was allowed to go to the printer.

The author finished his work just about the time the extra session of the 63rd Congress was adjourning. Every official of the Government was busy as a bee getting ready for adjournment day and the long deferred vacation.

President Taft was overwhelmed by Cabinet and congressional affairs, and by the calls of Senators, Representatives and other officials. He simply could not take the time, under such stress, to read the chapter on the Presidency, so in a minute's talk with Mr. Haskin, he said he would put it in his pocket and read it on the way to Beverly Hills. He wrote the author an autograph letter, pronouncing it interesting and accurate.

Vice-President Sherman called his corps of Senate employees around him on Sunday afternoon, and read aloud to them the chapter on the Senate, making pencil notations on the margin. He then wrote the author an autograph letter, pronouncing it interesting and accurate.

"It has been three years since I last visited Portland," said Mr. Bennett, "and I am pleased to note on all sides substantial evidence of Portland's continued growth. In fact, the entire Pacific Coast has advanced remarkably since I was last here. The completion of the Panama Canal will mean much to the Pacific Coast, and the market for your lumber and other products and insure for your people an unprecedented era of prosperity."

PREMIUM LISTS ISSUED

Products Show Announces First Array of Prizes Totalling \$30,000.

The management of the Northwest Products Show, to be held in Portland November 18 to 23, are mailing to prospective exhibitors preliminary premium lists which outline the conditions of premium awards aggregating nearly \$30,000. A final and complete list will be ready by October 1. The show is to be conducted under the auspices of the Oregon State Horticultural Society.

The following are listed among the displays: Commercial canned fruits and by-products; artistic apple displays; special prize, four and one-half apple contents; special prize, plate displays; three-box, one-box and single plate awards for pears; district agricultural display and awards for potatoes, nut and threaded grain, hops, dried fruits, jellies and preserves.

Rules governing the entries and exhibits are attached to the printed circular. Full particulars may be had upon application to G. E. A. Bond, the secretary-manager of the show.

Subscribers to the coming exposition and all the members of committees soliciting subscriptions will meet at 12:15 today at the Multnomah Hotel. The Portland Realty Board has arranged the programme.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. E. Chase, a Seattle contractor, is at the Multnomah.
H. Topping, a merchant of Culver, is at the Perkins.
Roy T. Bishop, a business man of Pendleton, is at the Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Pratt, of Union, are registered at the Oregon.
Dr. R. E. Schmidt and bride, of Rainier, are registered at the Imperial.
Robert Lane, a merchant of Boston, Mass., is registered at the Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. F. G. G. Schmitt, of Eugene, are registered at the Cornwell.
J. P. Howe, a real estate dealer of Eugene, is registered at the Imperial.
W. E. Frederick, an insurance man of Spokane, is registered at the Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason, of Astoria, were registered at the Imperial yesterday.
F. E. Cabell, a Grant County pioneer, is registered at the Imperial, from Canyon City.
D. L. Wyde, a merchant of Prineville, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.
Mrs. D. West and Mrs. A. R. Congdon, of Cashmere, Wash., are at the Cornwell.
Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Pendleton, are at the Cornwell.
W. S. Davidson, a prominent manufacturer, is registered at the Portland, from Chicago.
A. A. Bush, of Pittsfield, Mass., a wealthy manufacturer, is stopping at the Portland Hotel.
T. A. Crawford, pioneer lawyer of

Eastern Oregon, is registered at the Imperial, from La Grande.
C. G. Hoffman, a fruitgrower of Wenatchee, Wash., was at the Perkins yesterday.
Clyde Kiddle, a milling man of Island City, accompanied by Mrs. Kiddle, is registered at the Imperial.
Roscoe Howard, a heavy land owner of Deschutes, Or., accompanied by his wife, is a guest of the Portland.
Lincoln Steffens, who is largely interested in National reform movements, is a guest of the Hotel Portland.
J. M. Hill, of Seattle, Northwestern agent for the Northern Life Insurance Company, is registered at the Portland.
Hugh Sneddon, a merchant of Marshfield, accompanied by Mrs. Sneddon, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.
John H. Smith, lawyer and Democratic politician of Astoria, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, was registered at the Multnomah yesterday.
Mrs. S. R. Thompson, Miss Edna Thompson and Miss Crane Shea, of Pendleton, were registered yesterday at the Oregon.
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Are you boosting for your favorite? A little concerted effort on the part of you and your friends may be the means of securing one of the twenty-one handsome cash prizes for some worthy institution. An extraordinary opportunity for the charitably inclined to help in the distribution of \$6000 in gold without cost to them. Ballots given with purchases in denominations of 25 votes, 50 votes, 75 votes, 100 votes, 200 votes, 300 votes, 500 votes, 1000 votes, 2000 votes, which will be given with all purchases here of 18 cents and upward.

Woman's Fleece Union Suit 49c

A splendid Friday special in women's fine fleece-lined Union Suits; just the proper weight for present wear; beautifully finished and perfect fitting garments. Come with high neck, long sleeves and ankle length. Sizes 4, 5 and 6. It will surely pay you well to secure your present and future needs at this unusual low price. Garment 49c

Fleeced Vests and Pants at 33c

On sale in the women's underwear section, on the first floor, the Morrison-street way—An extraordinary offering of women's fine fleeced Vests and Pants, in pure white; good medium weights for early Fall wear. Superbly finished and perfect in fit. Come in sizes 4, 5 and 6. These garments are specially priced at only 33c

60c Satin Ribbon at 37c

5 1/2 inches wide, extra heavy quality, best satin Ribbon; very newest corded edge effect; a complete stock of every wanted Fall shade; ribbons that are worth all of 60c a yard. 37c

50c Embroideries at 25c

Thousands of yards of these dainty Embroideries on sale tomorrow; edges, bands, galloons and insertions in a wide selection of the newest designs; fine Swisses, nain-sooks and cambrics; superior quality. 50c val. 25c

65c Ribbon, Special, 47c

Extra quality gros grain Ribbon, Dame Fashion's newest demand for millinery purposes, also for sash and belt use. This splendid ribbon is 6 1/2 in. wide, and every 47c

\$1 Laces and Nets at 37c

Odds and ends in pretty Laces and Nets which we wish to close out quickly; lengths range from 3/4 of a yard to 3 1/2 yards. White, cream, ecrú, black, in Venice, Oriental net, filet, etc. \$2.50 vals., 89c; \$1.25, 58c; \$1, 37c

Women's 75c Neckwear 48c

For today, your choice of our entire stock of women's fancy Neckwear; all the newest novelties in Venice, Robespierre stocks, Gibson Jabots, Fichus, etc., in fluff, lacey effects and tailored styles. Regular 75c vals. 48c

Women's \$6.50 Handbag \$3.89

A great special offering today of women's high-grade Hand Bags; seal, walrus and many other novelty leather effects; very latest shapes and sizes; gold, silver \$3.89 and gummetal finish; all guaranteed. \$6.50 vals.

\$40 Tailored Suits \$18.95

On Sale in Women's Wear Section, 2d Floor

A very special offering of Women's high-grade Suits for today's selling. Materials are serges, diagonals, broadcloths, chevots and fancy mixture. Coat in straight front style in one, two and three-button cutaways, strictly plain tailored. Skirts made with panel front and back and kick plaits. A few Norfolk styles in the lot \$18.95

\$8.50 Dresses for \$2.49

Dainty Styles for House or Street Wear

A final clean-up of Women's Pretty Wash Dresses today suitable for either street or house wear. There are dozens of stylish models to choose from in percales, linens, lawns and gingham, trimmed with lace insertions, allover embroideries, etc. Some with large collars and cuffs of plain linen and embroidery. Wide range of colors to suit every taste. Regular values in the lot up to \$8.50. Match less values at this low price. Today at only \$2.49

Silk Petticoats at \$3.49

Plain or Dresden—Great Range of Colors

Be one of the first to choose from these rich, silk Petticoats today. A great assortment of styles in extra quality Messaline silk in plain or Dresden effects; some with Jersey tops. Come with accordion plaited, knife plaited or plain tucked flounces. Every one of these petticoats are new and desirable and the assortment represents all the very best colorings for Fall wear, including plain and changeable effects. Unusual bargain at \$3.49

Children's 'No Mend' Hose 25c

School days are near at hand. Here's the opportunity to solve that ever-puzzling problem of good-wearing for the children. We want every mother who reads this ad. to come here today and we'll prove to her entire satisfaction that the "No Mend" stockings for boys and girls have no equal. The knees, heels and toes are spliced with genuine Irish linen, making them doubly strong. 25c