

Law Governing Mining On O. & C. Lands Clarified By Issuance of Regulations

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—Confusion and uncertainty regarding the proper filing of mining claims on O. & C. re-vested lands was removed yesterday by the Department of Interior of regulations governing mineral locations on those lands. Closed to mineral entry since 1937, more than 2,500,000 acres of Western Oregon lands were again opened to entry by Congress this year. Senator Gordon and Congressman Ellsworth were authors of companion bills in Congress which became law April 8.

"The new Act and regulations," Congressman Ellsworth points out, "contain a provision new to U. S. mining laws. Any owner of a claim on O. & C. or Coos Bay Wagon Road lands is required to file a copy of notice of claim with the District Land Office of the filing in which the claim is located. This is in addition to the filing with the County Recorder required by state law."

Claims located on these lands prior to April 8, 1948, must be filed for record within 60 days after April 8, 1948, must be filed for record within 60 days of such location.

If the location is on surveyed lands, the regulations state, the notice of claim must contain either a full legal description of the location or a copy of a statement by the owner describing the legal subdivisions affected. If on unsurveyed lands, the notice filed should show the land described, connected by course and distance to the nearest corner of public land surveys or the probable legal subdivision if the lands were surveyed. Where the above information is not filed with the claims on unsurveyed lands, the owner must file a statement giving satisfactory reasons for not doing so. The applicant may not cut any timber prior to approval of an application to the District Forester of the O. & C. Administration.

Owners of unpatented claims must file for record within 60 days after the expiration of an assessment year a statement under oath as to the assessment work done or improvements made or in compliance with any relief act that applies. Ellsworth also pointed out that while Congress extended the moratorium on assessment work, all claim owners must file sworn statements claiming exemption under Public Law 663 of the 80th Congress not later than August 30, 1948.

Since the Department of Interior is presently consolidating land offices in Oregon under one office in Portland, applications can be sent to the Portland office, though those sent to the old land office addresses will be forwarded.

Congressman Ellsworth indicated that there may be some confusion where claim owners cannot determine whether their claims are located on the reopened lands because of certain "controversial lands" and exchange lands. No filing with the

District Land Office is necessary if the claim is not on reopened lands. If the claim owner is in doubt and is unable to verify the location because of the land office consolidation, his only protection may be to file with the Portland office in addition to filing with the County Recorder.

The new law and regulations validate any mineral claims, if otherwise valid, located on the reopened lands from August 28, 1937, to April 8, 1948.

Oregon Reserve Units To Be Prepared for Action

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(AP)—About 40 Oregon units of the Oregon Reserve Corps are to be prepared for immediate action in case of a war emergency. Col. George D. Wahl said.

Wahl, senior ORC instructor, said the Oregon units have been recommended as part of the 347 units in eight Western states to be included in the Army's 15-division mobile striking force.

Units in that force would be called to immediate duty in an emergency. They will have priority in allotment of inactive duty pay for drills and training assembly.

Reds Peril Slaves' Lives To Obtain Uranium

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Reporting on a one-man investigation trip to Europe, Rep. Stefan (R-Neb.) said the Russians "are robbing the uranium mines of Jackov, Czechoslovakia, in their desperate effort to develop an atomic bomb."

And, he added in a prepared statement, the Russians are using live ammunition and bombs in their Austrian military maneuvers "much to the discomfort of the Austrian civilians."

Soviet exploitation of the Czech uranium mines, Stefan claimed, is being conducted "with wanton disregard for the lives of the slave laborers being used in the mines."

Stefan is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

IN ABSENCE

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia.—(AP)—Roy P. Ball, Marshalltown, has filed suit in district court here asking that his marriage be annulled.

Ball alleged that he had not seen his wife since their wedding 14 years ago.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Candidates' Slate In Oregon Filed By Progressives

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 9.—(AP)—The Progressive Party of Oregon, which is backing Henry A. Wallace for president, filed its slate of candidates today for presidential electors and for state and district offices.

The candidates were nominated at recent conventions.

In addition, the party endorsed several Democratic candidates. The party candidates for U. S. representative in the First and Third Districts are Theodore Wolcott, Yamhill, and Peggy T. Carlson, Brightwood. The party endorsed William F. Tanton, Jasper, Democrat, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth District.

The state elections division said it did not know if it would accept Mrs. Carlson's Third District candidacy, since she lives in the First District.

The candidates for presidential electors are A. M. Church, Salem; and Nick Chavoe, James Fantz, Thomas G. Moore, Vaughn S. Albertson and Nels Peterson, all of Portland.

The only other Progressive Party candidates are for the legislature from Multnomah County.

Truman Sees Chance For Woman President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—President Truman believes there's a good chance the United States eventually will have a woman president.

He told a group of girls yesterday to get ready because "the lightning may strike you." When he was a boy, Mr. Truman said, he had no thought of being president, but the "lightning struck me."

The girls had asked him at the White House if he thought there was a "possibility" of a woman becoming president some day.

"It's not only a possibility, but a great probability," Mr. Truman replied.

The group, representing "The Girls' Nation," responded, singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Gondoliers Have Competition



The gondoliers of Venice, Italy, are up in arms. They see a threat to their ancient business in the popularity of new-fangled water skis. These two Venetians exhibit the latest fad, as they glide down the Venice Canal, using long sticks to push their specially-designed hollow wooden sleds along.

ern California as a whole cut 900,000,000 board feet, 180 per cent above its 1946 production. Wyckoff said that some 46,000,000 board feet of timber still stands in Humboldt county; of this nine billion is publicly owned.

Heavy Confederate Flag Demand Brings Worry

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 10.—(AP)—A Dallas store owner is unhappy because of a "3,000 per cent" increase in sales of confederate flags.

Store owner J. Hugh Campbell attributes the demand to the Dixiecrat movement against President Truman.

"We used to get maybe 25 or 30 calls a year for confederate flags," Campbell said sadly. "Now we get several a day, and the people get worked up because we can't fill their orders right away."

He added: "It doesn't make me happy. I think we should treasure our memories of the war between the states, but I think the memory of it should be dedicated to strengthening the union."

Humboldt County Lumber Output in '47 Sets Record

EUREKA, Calif., (AP)—Humboldt County produced a record 600,000,000 board feet of lumber in 1947.

S. Forester Stephen Wyckoff said a survey showed the value of that production as \$35,000,000. To produce this total, the lumber industry hired 7,000 men, compared to 4,000 in 1940; ran 160 mills; employed 27 independent logging contractors.

The redwood industry in north-

Movies' Slump May Prove Blessing To Writers With Stultified Genius

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The financial troubles of the movies may force the writing man back upon his own genius.

It could be a good thing for the art of letters and the men who make their living by putting one word after another for dollars.

Of course, it's a terrible blow to the intellectuals who for the last hundred years have been harvesting the richest pay crop in literary history. They might have to give up their country estates in the San Fernando Valley, Calif., and Bucks County, Penn., and go back to the hamburger life in the gutter.

Today there are more men with small talent making money out of writing than at any time since the earth cooled, and Brooklyn began to flourish. Only dullest winners on radio give-away programs bet so much for so little.

But scribbling was a down-at-the-heels business in modern history until a gent called Sam Johnson came along.

Dr. Johnson, "the Great Champ" of 18th century literature, put the English language in chains with the first popular-selling dictionary. Before him writers lived on the favor and pocketbook of an aristocratic patron. Johnson kicked that system to smithereens in an immortal letter to Lord Chesterfield saying, in effect, "No thanks, Chesty, old boy. I don't need your help—my dictionary is selling faster than nickel pork chops. I don't need you."

Shakespeare—still having his trouble in Boston—had to cavil both to the censorship of a capricious court and an illiterate mob. But he died in his own bed at 52, a good businessman with his head still intact.

Margaret Mitchell made more out of writing about the Civil War in "Gone With the Wind" than Stonewall Jackson did out of fighting it. Two current friends of the proletariat—John Steinbeck and Erskine Caldwell—don't have to sleep under one blanket if the weather requires two.

Prices are down in Hollywood.

Flier Killed in Crash, Two Others Sought

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 9.—(AP)—A student pilot was killed yesterday in the crash of a rented plane near here, and the CAA reported air and ground search continues for trace of another possible small plane mishap.

Donald L. Partridge, 29, of Klamath Falls, died after his plane struck a power line.

Army planes were scheduled to resume search today for a plane missing with two men aboard since Aug. 4 on a flight from Klamath Falls to Portland and Boise. Occupants were Earl Williams, 30, and Ed Suppes, 22, both of Shoshone, Wyo.

Dr. Johnson said "he who pleases many must have some species of merit" and "no man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money."

He didn't mention the odd people who write for money and pretend they don't.

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