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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 29, 1904

"Salary Grabbing"

It is doubtful if Senator Stewart's bill for an increase in salaries of the president, vice president and members of congress will be received with great favor than has been accorded other measures framed for a similar purpose. Although there have been repeated changes in the pay schedule of these offices since 1789, few if any of them were made without a protest from the public.

The first congress voted that its members be paid \$6 a day and \$6 for each 20 miles traveled coming and going. This remained in force until 1815 when the salary was made \$1500 a year. From 1817 to 1855 it was \$8 a day, from 1855 to 1865 \$3000 a year, from 1865 to 1871 \$5000 a year, from 1871 to 1874 \$7500 a year, and since 1874 \$5000 a year.

The vice president the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house receive \$8000 a year.

The change in 1816 from \$6 per day to \$1500 a year was received with great disfavor but the pretext was mild compared with the storm of indignation that swept the country when provision was made in 1873 for a general increase in federal salaries. The act of March 3, 1873, provided that the president's salary be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000 that of the chief justice from \$8500 to \$10,000, those of the vice president cabinet officers, associate justices and speaker of the house from \$8000 to \$10,500 and of senators and representatives from \$5000 to \$7500. Another act of March 4, 1873, was retroactive as effecting the salaries of members of congress during the previous two years and this which gave rise to the term of "salary grab" excited so much indignation that the laws were repealed excepting those affecting the president the president and justices—Spokane Review.

Readers of the Observer should read the advertisements carefully. They are put there for your careful attention. The merchants who use Observer space do so because they find that it pays them to do so, and in order to make them paying investments for them they must also be of advantage to you. They must and do contain statements of fact. This is the time of the year when the wide-awake merchant wishes to clean up stock preparatory to getting in his fall stock, therefore he is willing to sell his present stock at a reduction. It is simply a business proposition to read Observer ads.

It is among the possibilities that 1905 will demonstrate the feasibility of La Grande being heated by natural hot water. If hot water can be secured just east of us there seems to be no reason why it can be secured right at home.

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128 cubic feet to the cord. 16-inch dry chain wood \$3 per cord. This is cheaper than by the load. You pay for what you get and get what you pay for.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore. October 18, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timberlands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, William H. Brown, of Perry, county of Union, State of Oregon has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 228, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of S 1/4 of Section No. 2 and N 1/4 N W 1/4 of Section No. 10 in Township No. 1 S., Range No. 27 E. And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 7th day of January, 1905.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon December 12, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timberlands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Richard A. Crawford, of La Grande, county of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 228, for the purchase of the S 1/4, S 1/4, N 1/4, S 1/4 of Sec. No. 30, T. 1 N., R. 27 E. And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1905.

Notice to Creditors

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that letters of administration have been issued by the Court of Union County, Oregon, to Mary C. Swauger upon the estate of Seymour Swauger, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, with proper vouchers to the said administratrix at her residence at Kameta, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has filed the final account of her doings as executrix of the last will and testament of Martha J. Watson, deceased; and that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the said account is correct and true. All persons having any claims to the same, will appear at said time and place, and offer said objections thereto.

ESRAY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that there came to my place about July 1st, 1904, two calves north of Perry, Idaho. Flat the following described animal: One dark brown heifer, part Jersey, coming two year old, without visible brands or ear marks. Said animal has been taken up by me and is now with my cattle on the Draper place about 4 miles northwest of Island City, and owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern:—That Nellie G. Neill, administratrix of the estate of Alfred T. Neill, deceased, has filed her final report in the administration of said estate, and the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has set the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1905, at two o'clock, p. m. for the hearing of said report and any objections thereto.

Rector of St. Luke's

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903. "I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think so able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours, E. A. Langfield, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church. This remedy is for sale by All Drug-

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