

## FROHMADER WINS CONTEST FOR HOMESTEAD

The Morning Register has the following special regarding the homestead case of Bert Frohmader who lives on Big Creek North of Florence.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative W. C. Hawley was yesterday advised of the final disposition by the office of the secretary of the interior of the homestead entry of Bert Frohmader, who was a member of the Salem company of the Second Oregon Volunteers during the war with Spain. The secretary's office reversed the decision of the commissioner of the general land office adverse to the entryman and approved his entry remanding the case to the general land office for final action looking to the granting of patent in due course.

The Frohmader case is an interesting one and has been stubbornly contested. Mr. Frohmader settled upon land near Seceta Head in the western part of Lane county, Oregon, in June, 1907, but was unable to secure a filing upon it until May 9, 1910, when he made his formal entry claiming the benefits of the soldier's rights in making entry on public lands. Before he made his formal entry, but subsequent to the time he made his original settlement the land covered by his entry, together with other lands had been included in the Siuslaw National Forest, and the government brought adverse pro-

ceedings for the purpose of securing a cancellation of the entry.

Mr. Frohmader defended his rights, but the commissioner of the general land office took adverse action and held the entry for cancellation. An appeal was taken to the office of the secretary of the interior, and a mutual friend of the entryman and Representative Hawley asked him to take up the rights of the entryman. Mr. Hawley made an investigation of the case and believing the entryman had acted in good faith and complied with the law he urged favorable action with the above results.

## SPECIAL ELECTION POSSIBLE

State Capital, Salem, Ore., Jan. 14.—Possibility that there will be six or more constitutional amendments submitted to the voters by the present legislature is given impetus to the proposal that a special referendum election be called again this year in terms somewhat similar to those of the special election bill of the last session. If the special election is called it is likely that the amendments and bills referred by the legislature will go to vote next fall instead of waiting until November of the following year.

Governor Withycombe has appointed R. A. Booth as his personal representative at the Panama Exposition.

Lane county has an area of 2,951,680 acres all told; of this the forest service has 1,567,124 acres, or more than one half of the county. It requires \$760,000.00 to pay the running expenses of the county one year; we receive \$6,199.52 from the forest service, or 25 per cent of the gross receipts of the National forest; we pay in taxes on less than one half of the total area of Lane county \$753,800.48, more than the National forest. Is this a business proposition? Is the forest service paying its proportionate share of the tax?

Let a young man of twenty years of age put twenty dollars at interest, instead of expending it for tobacco. Then, at the beginning of the next year repeat it, and include also the principal and interest of the preceding year, and thus continue to do so from year to year until he reaches the age of seventy, the amount he would realize would exceed thirty thousand dollars. How many of you young men will try it?

Co-operation among farmers in gathering, grading and marketing their products will enable them to secure better prices.

## DR. WITHYCOMBE NOW GOVERNOR

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Governor-elect James Withycombe became Governor Withycombe shortly after 2 o'clock today, in



DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE

the presence of a notable company of jurists, statesmen and prominent citizens. Chief Justice Moore and the entire membership of the supreme bench occupied seats on the speaker's

platform in the house of representatives, and members of Mr. Withycombe's family had special places to the left of the chair.

When the house was called to order the senators filed in from the other end of the capitol and a roll call showed every member present.

After Speaker Selling had turned the gavel over to President Thompson of the senate. Senator Langguth moved that a committee of two be appointed to invite retiring Governor West to the hall.

A committee was appointed to escort Dr. Withycombe and a committee of five was sent to invite the justices.

Then President Thompson turned over to Speaker Selling the official returns of Secretary of State Olcott that the new state officers were duly elected, and the oath of office was administered to Mr. Withycombe by Chief Justice Moore.

The entire ceremony was expeditious and simple. An orchestra from the asylum for the insane played during the waits.

## TERRIFIC EARTHQUAKE VISITS ITALY

Rome, Jan. 13.—Italy has again been visited by an earthquake of wide extent which, according to the late advices, has resulted in the death of 12,000 persons and injury to possibly 20,000 more in the towns and villages destroyed.

The shock was the strongest Rome has felt in more than a 100 years. The town of Avezano, in the Abruzzi department, 63 miles east of Rome has been levelled to the ground; here 8,000 persons are reported to have been killed. In many small towns surrounding Rome buildings were partially wrecked, while at Naples a panic occurred and houses fell at Caserta, a short distance to the east.

Owing to the wide extent of the disturbance and its evident terrible consequences the actual effects of the earthquake are not at present known, owing to the cutting off of communications. The fortified city of Aquila has

in this way been cut off but it is reported several villages in that region were destroyed. Likewise Potenz, capital of the province of the same name, on the eastern declivity of the Apennines, with 20,000 people, has been isolated. In 1857 this town was almost destroyed by an earthquake.

Rome, Jan. 14.—The disastrous nature of yesterday's seismic upheaval is becoming painfully clearer every hour in the territorial divisions of Latium, Campania and the Bruzzi.

Il Secolo estimates the number of victims at 20,000, despite fears earlier in the day that it would reach, if not exceed, 50,000. More than half the victims were killed outright.

## OREGON SCHOOL CHILDREN TO RAISE HOGS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—A conference of far-reaching importance to the livestock industry of the Pacific Northwest was

held at the Portland Union Stock Yards a few days ago. As a result of this conference, arrangements have been made whereby it will be possible to send out a thousand or more brood sows to the boys and girls of Oregon, these animals being treated for and guaranteed against cholera. The sows are not to be given away, but are to be sold at prices ranging from eighteen to twenty-five dollars each, and in payment the stock yards people will accept a note running from eight to ten months at six per cent interest. The note to be indorsed by the father or guardian of the boy or girl and approved by the county school superintendent.

The family of infant porkers will appear in four or five weeks after shipment of the sow, and the boy or girl will have plenty of time before their notes matures to bring the pigs to a marketable age and dispose of them to the best advantage, paying off the note with the proceeds of the sale. In the work done by the hog clubs of the Northwest last year, an eleven year old girl at Washougal, Wash., made a clear profit of seventy-nine dollars on one brood sow. In this instance two litters, 24 pigs in all, were produced. Local educators have expressed the opinion that this is the most important step ever taken in this line of work and, as far as known, the first movement of the kind ever started in the United States.

## SENATE CONFIRMS P. M. APPOINTMENT

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Senate today confirmed among other nominations for postmasters, the appointment of C. C. Buchanan as postmaster at Florence, Oregon.

## MRS. BAILEY GREAT-GREAT GRADMOTHER

The Sunday Journal had a picture showing five generations of one family, stating that Mrs. M. R. Bailey, of Gold Beach, who lived in Florence for some time was a great-great-grandmother. The article follows:

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 9.—Having celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday anniversary three days before Christmas, Mrs. M. R. Bailey, of Gold Beach, Or., joined with a daughter, a granddaughter, a great granddaughter and a great-great-granddaughter in a holiday gathering in Olympia at the home of Mrs. Laura M. Canfield, her granddaughter. The members of the five generation group were: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Amanada J. Foul, of St. Johns, Or.; Mrs. Canfield, of Olympia; Mrs. Wilda B. Kirkendall, of Seattle, and little Laura Cassendra Kirkendall, aged 15 months.

Mrs. Bailey, the great-great-grandmother, is a native of New York state and a blood descendent of Prince William the Second of Orange. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Washburn, she went to Portland in 1852 as one of a party in a train of prairie schooners. Soon afterward the family moved to Monticello (now Freeport), Cowlitz county; Washington, later coming to Olympia.

"When I went out in an automobile the other day and rode around Portland, I could hardly believe that it was the same little trading post that I found over 60 years ago," said the mother of the four generations.

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