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All kinds of land filings and final proofs can now be made before Gilbert L. King, U. S. Commissioner. Office in Ontario National Bank building, Ontario, Ore.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Burns, Oregon, November 29, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Arthur P. Brooks, of Weiser, Idaho, who, on December 31, 1909, made homestead entry No. 2888, Serial No. 61861, for SW 1/4 Sec. 31, T. 14 S. R. 17 E., W. M. 34, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. L. King, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Ontario, Oregon, on the 12th day of January, 1910.
Claimant names as witnesses: Benjamin Joseph, John Green, Frank Undwood, Cordeila D. East, all of Weiser, Idaho.
WM. FARRE, Register.

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph A. Maher, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the above entitled court made on the 23rd day of July, 1909, the undersigned, administrator of the above entitled estate, was directed to sell at private sale for cash, all of the real property belonging to above estate and described as follows, to-wit:
The Southeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 28, South of Range 43 E. W. M. 34, in Malheur County, Oregon.
That in pursuance of said order, the undersigned will, on the 30th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 a. m., at the Court House of the County of Malheur, Oregon, offer for sale, subject to the approval of the Court the above described premises, in whole or in parcels, for cash, to the highest bidder in cash, and on and after said day no receipt private bid in writing, either sealed or unsealed, if said premises, in whole or in parcels, the administrator receiving the right to reject any and all bids by November 19, 1909.
Said KNOTT,
Administrator of above Estate.
W. H. FROCKE, Attorney for Administrator.
Wilson-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

SUMMONS.

L. Belle Lees, Plaintiff,
vs.
Samuel P. Spencer and Zoa Irene Spencer, Defendants.
To Samuel P. Spencer and Zoa Irene Spencer, Defendants:
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the expiration of the time prescribed in the order of publication herein, to-wit, On or before the eighth day of January, 1910. And if you fail to answer, or want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment as just you for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: for a judgment against you and each of you for the sum of \$247.23 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from March 24, 1909, and for a reasonable attorney's fee, the same to be determined by the rules of the court and her costs and disbursements, together with accruing costs, and a decree of foreclosure foreclosing a certain mortgage in said complaint described, and authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises, to-wit: All of block 124 in the City of Ontario, Oregon, and the application of the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said judgment, including such other and further relief as may to the court seem just and equitable.
This summons is published by order of the Hon. B. C. Richardson, Judge of the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, made and entered the 24th day of November, 1909, ordering and directing this summons to be published not less than once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being November 26, 1909.
W. E. LEES,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Nov. 29, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has filed in this office its application (Serial No. 63904) to select, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved August 24, 1898, and acts amendatory thereto, the E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 43 E., W. M. 34.
Any and all persons claiming a favorable title to the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the expiration of the period of publication.
WM. FARRE, Register,
First publication, November 19, 1909.
Last publication, December 24, 1909.

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Seven Rules of Life.
Live upstairs if you wish to be in good health! "Up how many flights?" Only one flight of seven steps. I will describe them.
First Step.—Eat wheat, oats, corn, fruits, beef, mutton, plainly cooked, in moderate quantity and but two meals a day.
Second Step.—Breathe good air day and night.
Third Step.—Exercise freely in the open air.
Fourth Step.—Retire early and rise early.
Fifth Step.—Wear flannel next your skin every day of the year and so dispose your dress that your limbs may be kept warm. Bathe frequently.
Sixth Step.—Live in the sunshine. Let your bedroom be one which receives a flood of light and spend your days either out in the sunlight or in a room which is well lighted.
Seventh Step.—Cultivate a cheerful temper. Seek the society of jolly people. Absolutely refuse to worry and, above all, don't be afraid to laugh. Live above. Sickness cannot crawl up there. Disease prowls about in the basement. Rarely does it get upstairs.
—Dr. F. G. Butler in Chicago Journal.

The Shade He Wanted.
Delacroix, the painter, was walking one day in Paris with a friend of his when he fell into a brown study.
"What is up with you now?" said the friend.
"I can't get a certain shade of yellow," replied the artist.
"What sort of yellow?"
"Just then a cab drove past.
"The very thing!" the painter gasped out. "Stop, stop!"
"I am engaged," the cabby replied without stopping.
Delacroix started in pursuit and at a steep place in the Rue des Martyrs overtook the cab. Opening the door, he said in tones of entreaty to the passenger inside:
"Do please tell your driver to stop. I want your complexion for a painting on which I am at work. There is a color merchant close at hand. I shall not detain you above five minutes, and in acknowledgment of the service you render me I will present you with a sketch of my picture."
The bargain was struck. Delacroix got his yellow, and a few moments later the "fare" received a sketch of his "Assassination of the Archbishop of Liege."
Truth In Jest.
According to historical tradition, the conquest of Finland was foretold in jest that soon became earnest by its conqueror, Peter the Great, to his jester, Balakireff.
Balakireff had vexed the czar by too impudent a joke and had been summarily banished with the menacing injunction never to appear on Russian soil again. He disappeared discreetly, but one day not long after the czar, glancing out of a window, saw his unmistakable figure and quizzed countenance jogging comfortably by, perched in a country car. Impulsively he ran down to him and demanded to know why he had disobeyed.
"I haven't disobeyed you," was the answer. "I am not on Russian soil now."
"Not on Russian soil?"
"No. This cart load of earth that I'm sitting on is Swedish soil. I dug it in Finland only the other day."
Peter laughed, but he said: "If Finland be Swedish soil now, it shall be Russian soil before long!" And he made good his words.
His Examination Concluded.
In the evidence before a parliamentary committee concerning the opposition to a railway bridge across a point which accentuates a certain legal fiction with reference to skilled witnesses.
A Scotch farmer was giving his testimony in favor of the bill.
"Is it true," said the wily K. C. in his most searching style, "that you, sir, said to Mr. Gaid that you were willing to give your evidence on the other side if they would pay you better?"
"Aye," said the pawky farmer, "and" after a pause "let me just put the same question to ye—if ye had been offered a bigger fee, wad ye no. hae been on t'ither side yersef?"
It is needless to say that the K. C. did not cross question the witness further.—Pavson's Weekly.

Pipes Frozen by Warm Spells.
It is a curious fact that water pipes under ground will often freeze during the warm spell that follows a cold snap. The explanation made for this interesting phenomenon is that after a cold wave a large quantity of heat is taken from the ground in the work of changing the frozen moisture into water, and thus, on the principle of ice cream freezer, the pipe is chilled, enough heat being taken from it to freeze it.
Cause For Thanks.
"Alas!" sighed the tramp dramatically. "No matter where I turn, there's a hand raised against me."
"Which shows you ought to be thankful for one thing," said the farmer.
"What's that?"
"That it ain't a foot that's raised."

Relief for Siletz Settlers.
Portland—Representative Hawley has conferred with members of the public lands committee with reference to his bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to issue patents to all settlers on the Siletz reservation who have resided upon and cultivated their lands and who have submitted final proof showing compliance with the law.
He secured a promise to have the bill referred immediately to the interior department for report, and received assurance that the bill will be taken up by the committee soon after the holiday recess. This applies to all settlers whose entries are still held up under Hitchcock's suspension order.
Salt Mine Is Stale.
Salem—That the title to the bed of Summer lake, in Lake county, in the state of Oregon, and that the state should assert its authority to control the bed of this lake, is the view of Attorney-General Crawford in a letter addressed to the state land board.
Summer lake is said to contain valuable deposits of salt and recently nearly all of the bed of the lake has been claimed by miners under the United States mineral laws.
It is suggested that the state land agent be sent to Lake county at once to assert the authority of the state.
Join Two State Boards Is Plan.
Portland—Abolition of the state board of health and the office of state dairy and food commissioner and a consolidation of the functions of the two organizations will be proposed in an initiative measure which the members of the state board of health will submit to the voters of the state at the next general election in November, 1910.
Old Case Reopened.
Salem—Judge Galloway decided the divorce case of L. Q. Bowers vs. Elizabeth Bowers by holding that Bowers must pay \$5 a month to each of two children for each month during the past 11 years and until each reaches majority. A divorce was granted to Bowers 11 years ago.

Walla Walla Goes "Wet."
Walla Walla, Dec. 21.—After a campaign notable for the intense partisanship displayed by the respective factions, Walla Walla yesterday voted "wet" by a majority of 622.

Rosclair Is Branded a Murderer.
Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 22.—After deliberating an hour and five minutes, the jury in the case of John Rosclair, charged with wife murder, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

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NEWS OF OREGON STATED IN BRIEF

TELEGRAPHIC CHRONICLE OF STATE HAPPENINGS.

SALEM'S EPIDEMIC GROWS

Fifty New Cases Are Reported in Three Weeks, Making a Total of 159.

Salem—Despite the fact that Dr. O. B. Miles, City Health Officer, declared that "but few new cases" are developing there has been an increase of 50 cases of typhoid fever in the last three weeks. Up to November 27 there had been 109 cases reported to the city health officer. Since that time there have been 27 cases reported from the city and one from the country south of town.

Dr. J. N. Smith has ten cases not yet reported to the health officer. Dr. W. H. Byrd six, and Dr. Frank E. Smith seven. This brings the total up to 159 since the beginning of the epidemic in October. It is probable there are many more cases in the hands of physicians, that have not yet been reported.
Up to the first of this month there had been nine deaths reported to the city health officer. Dr. Miles says he thinks there have been from ten to 14 deaths, but other well-informed and less reticent authorities place the number of deaths at from 18 to 25. The exact number of deaths will not be known until after the first of January, when the law requires the city health officer to make a monthly report to the county health officer.

Indians Are Amenable to Laws.
Salem—Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion at the request of the superintendent of the Siletz Indian reservation as to the status of Indians on the reservations who have been accused of crime.
The attorney-general takes the position that Indians residing on the reservations to whom lands have been allotted are citizens of the state in which the reservation is situated.
In 1910 the supreme court of this state held that for six certain crimes, such as murder, treason and other similar serious offenses, the federal court only had jurisdiction, but during 1902-3-4 the United States supreme court laid down the principle that the allottee on an Indian reservation is amenable to all the laws of the state in which the reservation is located.

The Family Pair.
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The Power of Snails.
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.
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Hot coffee and sandwiches served at the Bakery from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. each day.

How Sugar Melts.
If we drop a lump of sugar into a cup of tea we find it takes a considerable time to melt if allowed to remain at the bottom of the vessel, but if we hold it up in the spoon near the surface of the liquid it dissolves much more rapidly. This is owing to the sugar as it melts rendering the portion of the tea containing it heavier. The sweetened part, therefore, descends, leaving the sugar constantly in contact with unsweetened or only partially sweetened tea—in fact, a continual circulation of fluid is promoted until the whole is dissolved. When the sugar is placed or permitted to lie at the bottom of the cup it dissolves until the layer of fluid next it is thoroughly sweetened or saturated, when it practically ceases to dissolve any further, the sweetened and heavier stratum above it acting for a considerable time until the law of diffusion comes gradually into play, like an impervious covering, in keeping back the lighter, unsweetened fluid above, hence the reason also why stirring, in breaking up the saturated layer and allowing access to the unsweetened portion, is so effectual in bringing about the uniform sweetening of tea. Life is not infrequently sweetened by the same stirring up process.

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