

THE WITNESS BALKED.

He Had Conscientious Scruples About Signing the Affidavit.

It is more difficult now than it used to be to secure a piece of government land. As the public domain has been shrinking in area the government has grown more vigilant in compelling observance of the law relating to the manner in which such land may be secured. There was a time, however, when it was comparatively easy for land grabbers to get title to as much land as they wanted with the aid of a few accommodating witnesses.

The commissioner of the general land office tells a story illustrating how this was sometimes done and showing incidentally that there are men who have a fine sense of technicalities of the law.

Under the desert land act it is necessary, in order to prove up a claim, to produce evidence that the claimant has taken water on to every legal subdivision of his entry. A certain claimant, says the commissioner, took a party of witnesses in a buckboard to drive over his claim so that they would be able to testify regarding his compliance with the requirements of the law. He was a conscientious man and wanted no one to swear to anything but the actual truth. He accordingly tied a bottle of water behind the buckboard and then he punctiliously drove over the land and every legal subdivision thereof. This being accomplished, the witnesses were given blank forms to fill out, and they were about to make affidavit to the allegations therein set forth when one of them stopped and, pointing to the bottle, showed his comrades that the cork had come out of it and that all the water had escaped.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I can't sign this affidavit. How do I know that there was any water in the bottle when we drove over the claim?" —Washington Star.

The Tables Turned.

A story is told of a high East Indian officer who was in the habit of soundly thrashing his servants when they displeased him. One day he ordered his khansamah to go to a summer house in the compound and wait for him there, presently turning up with a heavy horsewhip. He then addressed the offender:

"Now, you scoundrel, I've got you in a place where no one can hear, and I'll just thrash you within an inch of your life!"

The servant, though a man of powerful physique, squirmed, native-like. "Sah, you sure no one can hear?"

"Yes, you scoundrel; I've brought you here on purpose!"

"Then, sah, I think I thrash you!" And he did it so thoroughly that his master was not visible for a week.

Bees Before Prayers.

An Episcopal missionary, says Lippincott's, visited one of the outlying districts in his territory for the purpose of conducting prayer in the home of a large family not conspicuous for its piety. He made known his intentions to the woman of the house, and she murmured vaguely that she would go out and "see." She was long in returning, and after a tiresome wait the missionary went to the door and called, with some impatience:

"Aren't you coming in? Don't you care anything about your souls?"

"Souls!" yelled the head of the family from the orchard. "We haven't got time to fool with our souls when the bees are swarmin'."

He Will Reform.

A young man was standing at the gate waiting for his sweetheart, and when at last she appeared he remarked kindly:

"What a time you have kept me waiting!"

"Oh, dear me, how fussy you are!" she observed. "Why, I didn't promise to meet you until a quarter of 8, and it's only two minutes after 8 now."

"Ah, Margie dear," replied the young man, "but you have made a slight mistake. You were to have been here at a quarter of 8 last evening. I have been waiting ever since." —Philadelphia Times.

Vacations For Cattle.

In Western Australia one farmer may be heard to inquire of another whether he has as yet sent his cattle on their vacation, and what is meant is just what is asked. Those farmers who live anywhere near the coast—and in Australia "near" might mean a distance that would startle dwellers in other lands—send their cattle for a month or six weeks' holiday at the seashore each summer. The change of air and food is said to be extremely beneficial. The grass on the coast is impregnated with salt and has the effect of a tonic on the animals. —Harper's Weekly.

SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH.

Character of the Rank and File of the Confederate Army.

A glance at the personnel of the Confederate army in the years 1861-5 will perhaps be instructive. In its ranks are serving side by side the sons of the plain farmer and the sons of the great landowners—the southern aristocrat. Not a few of the men who are carrying muskets or serving as troopers are classical scholars, the flower of the southern universities. In an interval of the suspension of hostilities at the battle of Cold Harbor a private soldier lies on the ground poring over an Arabic grammar—it is Crawford H. Toy, who is destined to become the famous professor of oriental languages at Harvard university.

In one of the battles in the valley of Virginia a volunteer aid of General John B. Gordon is severely wounded—it is Basil L. Gilderleeve, who has left his professor's chair at the University of Virginia to serve in the field. He still lives, wearing the laurel of distinction as the greatest Grecian in the English speaking world. At the siege of Fort Donelson in 1862 one of the heroic captains who yield up their lives in the trenches is the Rev. Dabney C. Harrison, who raised a company in his own Virginia parish and entered the army at its head. In the southwest a lieutenant general falls in battle—it is General Leonidas Polk, who laid aside his bishop's robes to become a soldier in the field, having been educated to arms at West Point.

It is a striking fact that when Virginia threw in her lot with her southern sisters in April, 1861, practically the whole body of students at her state university, 515 out of 530 who were registered from the southern states, enlisted in the Confederate army. That army thus represented the whole southern people. It was a self levy en masse of the male population in all save certain mountain regions in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

One gets a possibly new and surprising conception of the character of the rank and file of the southern army in such incidents as the following: Here are mock trials going on in the moot court of a certain artillery company, and the discussions are pronounced by a competent authority "brilliant and powerful." Here is a group of privates in a Maryland infantry regiment in winter quarter huts near Fairfax, Va., and among the subjects discussed are these: Vattel and Philmore on international law; Humboldt's works and travels; the African explorations of Barth; the influence of climate on the human features; the culture of cotton; the laws relating to property. Here are some Virginia privates in a howitzer company solemnly officiating at the burial of a tame crow, and the exercises include an English speech, a Latin oration and a Greek ode!—Randolph H. McKim in American Review of Reviews.

England's Union Jack.

The original flag of England was the banner of St. George (white with a red cross). This in 1606 was incorporated with the banner of Scotland (blue with a white diagonal cross). This combination obtained the name of the "union jack" in allusion to the union with Scotland. This arrangement continued till the union with Ireland in 1801, when the banner of St. Patrick (white with a diagonal red cross) was amalgamated with it and forms the present union flag. It is generally understood that the word "jack" is a corruption of James. —New York American.

Marines and Sailors.

Marines are really soldiers serving on shipboard, and not sailors. They are a part of the armament of the ship, not a part of its crew. The marine system began in the British navy about the year 1665, when an order in council authorized the raising of 1,200 soldiers for sea service. The system, however, of having soldiers exclusively for service at sea was not carried into effect until 1698, when two marine regiments were formed.

Well Behaved.

Mother—I don't like the looks of that boy I saw you playing with on the street. You must not play with bad little boys, you know.

Son—Oh, he ain't a bad little boy, mamma. He's a good little boy. He's been to the reform school two times, and they've let him out each time on account of good behavior.

New Game.

"What was that tiresome old explorer talking about?" inquired the languid lady.

"Progressive Patagonia." "And how do you play it?" —Louisville Courier-Journal.

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L. F. RICE,
5tf Lower Bridge, Ore.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOST—White English Setter dog, about 11 months old goiter on left side of neck. Strayed or stolen from Bend about July 6th. Reward for return or information causing return. Communicate with Bend Bulletin, Bend, Ore. 4tf

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Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between C. A. Adams and J. C. Swayze in the Redmond Transfer Co. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. C. A. Adams will pay all bills against the company, and collect all accounts due the company. Dated July 25, 1911.

C. A. Adams,
J. C. Swayze.

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Dated, Redmond, Aug. 1, 1911
4tf J. O. Wolf.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 21, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Etta F. Howard of Lower Bridge, Oregon, who on August 28th, 1907, made desert land entry No. 706, serial No. 02435, for nei sw¹/₄, n¹/₂ sec. and sw¹/₄ sec. section 7, township 14 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final desert land proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before I. P. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner at his office, at Redmond, Oregon, on the 28th day of August, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: A. J. Fuller, G. W. Fuller, Fred Walters, Axel Olson, all of Lower Bridge, Oregon.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 24th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Paul, whose postoffice address is Sisters, Oregon, did, on the 8th day of March, 1911, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 08285, to purchase the sei¹/₄, e¹/₂ sec. Sec. 33 and sw¹/₄ sec. Section 34, township 12 south, range 11 east, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, \$441.00 the timber estimated 583,000 board feet at 50 cents per M, and the land \$149.50; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 12th day of October, 1911, before I. P. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Redmond, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

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