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TIMBER TROUBLES

Difficulties Encountered in Making Final Proofs.

Trouble is again brewing for timber land claimants. During the past ten days the Register and Receiver at the Lakeview land office have rejected many final proofs on timber and stone entries on account of their irregularity and non-conformance with the rulings of the general land office. Timber locators here in the city have received numerous complaints from persons they have located, and word comes from Albany that a large number of claimants in that city have had their entries rejected.

The exact cause for the rejection of so many final proofs is set forth in a letter from the Register of the Lakeview office to an Albany claimant and is as follows:

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 19, 1902.—It is shown by the records of this office that you made timber and stone application No. — for the purchase of — and that the same was taken before H. W. Reed, U. S. Commissioner, whose office was at Bend, Or., outside of this land district.

Under the circular letter of the commissioner of the general land office of March 26, 1902 (31 L. D. 274) all affidavits, proof and oaths of any kind made by applicants under the timber and stone act, are required to be made before a qualified officer within the district where the land is situated.

Your sworn statement for the reasons stated, is illegal, and the proof is rejected.

You are allowed thirty days in which to appeal.

Very respectfully,

J. N. WARREN, Register,

C. E. SMITH, Receiver.

L. E. Allingham, of this city, is in receipt of letters from several parties whom he located in which it is stated that their claims have been rejected on the grounds that the filings on the land, which is situated in the Lakeview land district, were made in Prineville although final proof was made before a commissioner at Silver Lake.

If the officials hold strictly to the ruling which is now beginning to be enforced, it will cause scores of persons the loss of their claims, or else necessitate them appealing from the rejections, in which event, should the appeal be granted, the work of making final proof will undoubtedly have to be done over again.

SUE FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES

L. D. Wiest and S. H. Dorrance Think Their Names Have Been Injured to That Extent.

Good names are things of great value out at Bend. In fact the assets of that community apparently are reckoned by the monetary tone of an individual's cognomen.

At least one would so judge after reading the complaint which has been filed in the Circuit court by L. D. Wiest and S. H. Dorrance, of Bend, who have brought suit in the joint sum of \$30,000 against H. W. Reed, W. H. Staats, George Schlect, Patience Harshman and W. A. Pope. As grounds for the suit the arrest and trial of Mr. Wiest on the charge of stealing an organ are given.

The latter's complaint alleges that "prior to the acts hereinafter complained of he had a good reputation and was known as an honest man," but since then it appears that his reputation and honesty have been blown in divers directions.

The complaint further alleges that "the defendants envying the Plaintiff's good name and for the purpose of ruining his reputation and to break down his character and destroy his usefulness and bring his good name in repute did wickedly and without cause conspire together and did falsely accuse the plaintiff of being

a thief." As a result, and by reason of these wrongful acts the plaintiff states that he has been greatly humiliated, a stain placed upon his name, and that he has been caused to be talked about to his damage in the sum of \$20,000. S. H. Dorrance brings similar action in the sum of \$10,000, and Geo. W. Barnes is named as attorney for both plaintiffs.

L. D. Wiest is a prominent chicken raiser of Bend and has met a decided success in his line. S. H. Dorrance was engaged during the past summer sawing logs for the Pilot Butte Development Co., located at Bend.

VALUE OF "DEAD" LETTERS

Ten Million Pieces Handled During Past Year and \$50,000 in Money Taken from Them.

The great amount of mail matter that cannot be delivered or returned to the senders, says superintendent David P. Leibhardt in his annual report on the work of the Dead Letter Office, for the past year, is due chiefly to the failure of writers to give their names and addresses, and to the dispatch of advertising and other printed matter under seal, which must necessarily be destroyed. A large percentage of parcels, also, which are supposed to contain merchandise are found not to contain merchandise at all, but pamphlets, catalogues, medicines, fruit, and flowers, which must be destroyed.

Altogether during the year, 10,153,528 pieces of mail were handled by the Dead Letter Office. Of this matter 1,259,941 pieces were unopened, 8,921,770 were opened, and 28,188 pieces were on hand from the preceding year. Of the mail that was opened, 27,708 letters containing money order drafts, 224,715 with stamps, 58,555 with photographs, 110,328 parcels of merchandise, and 2,001,633 letters containing writing of value, were finally delivered.

Of the opened letters 51,416 contained money to the amount of \$48,635.04, including that found loose in the mails. Fifty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-four letters had in them drafts, checks, notes, money order, deeds wills, pension certificates, and insurance policies to the total value of \$1,403,563.65. All these latter letters have been delivered or are being held awaiting delivery.

During the year there were two sales of undelivered merchandise matter, at which 133,536 articles were sold for \$8,880. The net proceeds were \$7,146.38, and this was deposited in the Treasury; \$12,812.39 were taken out of letters which could not be restored, and this amount also went into the Treasury.

CHARGES ARE FIXED BY LAW

Last Session of Legislature Provides for County Clerks and Recorders Fees.

A bill passed by the recent session of the legislature, fixing fee charges of county clerks and recorders, is of general interest. In substance it is as follows:

That in every county having less than 50,000 population, the county clerk or recorder shall charge 25 cents for each folio of 100 words, contained in any deed, trust deed, mortgage, chattel mortgage, declaration, contract, bill of sale or any instrument in writing. For entering and attesting satisfaction, assignment or release on the margin of the record of any mechanic's lien, real or chattel mortgage, 50 cents. For entering a transcript of judgment, \$1. For furnishing private parties copies of records and files, 10 cents per folio, and for each official certificate, 25 cents. For entering of record an alien's citizenship declaration, \$1.50. For registering naturalization papers \$5.00.

The law further provides that in no case shall a person expect any service designated, except when he shall have paid the required fees.

TIME TO REGISTER

Voters Can Give In Names from Now Until May 15.

County Clerk, J. J. Smith, informs The Journal that he has received his complete set of registration blanks, and that voters can register at any time before him between January 1 and May 15 which is the time allotted by the statutes. Failure to register will require the swearing in process which is both bothersome and unsatisfactory.

Voters should know before applying for registration that it is necessary in case one lives in an incorporated town, to give the lot and block number, and establish conclusively his residence; or if he boards at a public hotel or boarding house he must also give the number of the room. Those living in outlying districts must give their section and township numbers. Citizens foreign born, holding naturalization papers, should present them so as to prove bona fide citizenship.

Precinct officers who are in need of registration blanks can have them at any time by applying to the County Clerk.

EGBERT HAS RELIGION

Well-Known Criminal Professes Penitence and Has Been Baptized by Chaplain.

Harry Egbert, alias Jack Frost, who will be executed at the state penitentiary in Salem on January 29th, has confessed religion to Rev. Pierre and was recently baptized by him in the death cell.

Egbert spent a short in this city last spring and was then a fugitive from justice, a fact not generally known at that time. While here he robbed a red light resident at the point of a gun, but proved an alibi when brought to trial. While being taken from Harney county, where he afterwards committed double murder, he made an unsuccessful attempt on the life of the deputy sheriff. The prison authorities who received him, state that he was as profane, degenerate and unruly a criminal as could be imagined in a person only 23 years of age. However, he claims that his conversion is complete, and that he will make no attempt at suicide, but will meet death bravely.

PROPOSED ELECTRIC ROAD

Parties Said to Be Working on a Line Between The Dalles and Prineville.

The Journal learns that preliminary preparations are being made towards getting an electric line between this city and The Dalles. How far they have progressed we have not been able to learn, but assurance comes from a prominent electrical engineer that such a project is thoroughly feasible.

The distance of 120 miles would be divided midway by a large central station, which would make the latter come some place on the Deschutes where abundant water power could be had for generating purposes. Four sub-stations would be all that is necessary for a strong circuit over the 120-mile route.

Such a road can be built and equipped cheaper than a steam road would cost. Other features in favor of the project are climatic and topographical conditions, and abundant water power. A competent authority informs us that the loss of energy from the electric circuits in this country is 25 per cent less than the average. This is due to the high and dry climate. The Journal hopes to hear further favorable news of the project,

which when completed would connect the queen city of the Columbia with the present and future metropolis of Central Oregon.

MUST TEAR DOWN FENCES

Miller & Lux Are Served With Notice to Remove 30 Miles on Government Land.

The Nevada agent of the Miller & Lux cattle firm has been notified by United States Marshal Emmitt to tear down the fences which it has constructed enclosing public domain. Prior to the last notice the company had been served with two or three others, but has paid no attention to them. Now the matter is on the verge of going into the United States courts for adjudgment, says the Carson City News.

The big cattle firm has been using 50,000 acres of public land for some years and did not go through the formality of purchasing it. It, however, kept others from getting any benefits from it, by fencing it in. A few months ago the government took up the matter with the result that it issued warning to all who had fenced in public domain, to tear down or remove their fences immediately.

The land is in Humboldt county and lies in a large rectangular tract, of which Miller & Lux own the four corners, and occasionally a few forties down one side or the other. They fenced in the whole tract, however, and apart from their legitimate holdings they included between 55,000 and 60,000 acres of Uncle Sam's land.

The fence which the government will undoubtedly order to be taken down is estimated to be about thirty miles in length. In similar cases, heretofore, the United States marshal has been ordered to not only remove the fence but destroy it. Should that be the order in the present case Marshall Emmitt will have on his hands the job of his life. Taking up thirty miles of fence posts is no before-breakfast undertaking; still when up they will burn, but to destroy from ninety to one hundred and twenty miles of barbed wire is a still more serious problem. It will require quite a force of men some time to accomplish such an order.

WAR FAVORS STOCKMEN

Difficulties in the Far East Will Make Good Market Prices for Cattle and Sheep.

If hostilities between Russia and Japan actually break out, as has already been reported, Eastern Oregon stockmen will be materially benefited by the advanced price of stock which will naturally result from warfare between these two nations. It is stated by those in authority that the United States is almost sure to have a hand in the trouble and that the Pacific coast soldiers will be the first to leave.

During the past fall stockmen have experienced considerable difficulty in disposing of their stock at living prices and most of them held over until spring. The mild winter weather, so far, has favored this action, and now should the Eastern trouble culminate in war, those who have stock on their ranges will be able to command good prices.

Last Saturday morning wheat advanced 4 cents per bushel around Baker City and other railroad points. Other cereals and pork also took a step higher, and the Chicago and New York Boards of Trade were in active operation, although they had closed Thursday, the day before New Year's intending to remain so until the first of this week. While no reason was given for breaking this time worn custom, it was assumed that the announcement of war having been declared by Japan was the cause. The Pacific coast will have an opportunity to profit by the situation in the East, and it is stated that speculators have already commenced to feather their nests.

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