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LAND CASES DECIDED

Recent Rulings of Secretary of the Interior.

CASES REVERSED AND AFFIRMED

Status of Real Property in Oregon, Washington and Idaho Affected.

Washington, June 26.—The secretary of the interior has rendered decisions on several cases on appeal from the general land office. Among them are cases involving land in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. The lower ruling in the case of the United States against Alexander Lewis is affirmed. This action cancels the homestead entry of Lewis in the Roseburg land district, in Oregon.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company loses its case against Thomas J. Farris, involving land in the Walls Walla land district, Washington. The company's selection as to the land will be canceled and Farris' application to make homestead entry allowed. The Northern Pacific also loses its case against Alvan Torrey. The secretary in this case affirms the findings of the general land office in favor of Torrey. The land in controversy is in the Walls Walla land district.

The application of John C. Smith for entry of land in the Spokane land district, in Washington, in contest of the claims of the Northern Pacific has been rejected. This reverses the decision of the land office; and in the contest between George W. Brown against the Northern Pacific the secretary affirmed the lower decision, holding for cancellation Brown's cash entry of land in North Yakima land district.

The struggle between the Northern Pacific and John Sherrer has resulted in the affirmation of the decision of the general land office, holding for cancellation the selection of the company as to land in the Waterville land district, Washington. Sidney E. Finch has scored a victory over the same road, and the secretary has affirmed the decision of the land office holding for cancellation the company's selection in the Spokane land district. The case of the Northern Pacific against Jasper Roundtree, involving land in the Olympia land district, has resulted in a victory for Roundtree, the secretary affirming the decision of the land office.

The controversy between the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and William Lindsay has resulted in a decision of the secretary, holding for Lindsay the right to make homestead entry of the land.

Secretary Hoke Smith, also, in the course of the batch of decisions disposes of the case of the Northern Pacific railroad against George W. Stout. He affirms the decision of the land office allowing the application of Stout for entry of land in Lewiston land district, Idaho.

Spain's Expenditures.

Santiago de Cuba, June 26.—The failure of Spain to conquer Cuban patriots, besides being proved by the continuous defeats of the troops in the field of battle, the lack of money in her treasury and public credit she enjoys, is also as plainly seen by the supreme effort made in sending money, men and war material to Cuba since the beginning of the struggle, with such poor success. In March, 1895, Spain sent to Cuba \$500,000; in April, \$400,000; in May, \$1,521,000; in June, \$1,800,000; in July, \$700,000; in August, \$1,600,000; in September, \$1,400,000; in October, \$700,000; in November, \$1,700,000; in December, \$4,000,000; in January, 1896, \$3,000,000; in February, \$3,000,000; a total of \$19,321,000. From March, 1895, to April 10, 1896, Spain had sent to Cuba forty generals, 692 chiefs, 4,768 captains and lieutenants, 3,396 sub-lieutenants, 112,560 corporals and soldiers, 148 cannon, 150,111 rifles, 5,000 bayonets, 28,124 cases of canister shot, 61,878-368 cartridges, and 72,326 kilograms of powder. These figures are taken from El Liberal, one of the first newspapers of Madrid.

A Diver's Leap.

St. Louis, June 23.—J. Albert Baker, aged 19, today made the first dive into the Mississippi river ever taken from the Eads bridge. He is a pupil of Professor Bill Clarke, who turned out many good divers. For weeks young Baker has been fired with an ambition to jump off the bridge, and has been practicing almost daily at the natatorium. He was particularly anxious to jump head first, not feet first, as all jumpers before him had done. This he did this morning. The distance from the top of the bridge to the water is 125 feet. Baker struck the water head first, and soon came up. He swam about 250 feet to a waiting tug, and was taken on board, without having received any hurt.

The eyes of birds that fly by night are generally about double the size of day birds.

Dr. Fredman Acquitted.
Berlin, June 26.—Dr. Fredman, formerly the foremost criminal lawyer in Berlin, was acquitted today on a charge of embezzlement, on which he had been extradited from France.

Burnham Distinguishing Himself.

Buluwayo, June 26.—Burnham, the American scout, has killed the native "god," Milimo, in a cave in the Matopo hills. It was impossible to capture him alive, owing to the numbers of Kafirs in the vicinity. Burnham is now burning all the kraals in the hills.

RESCUE IMPOSSIBLE.

Unavailing Efforts to Bring Up the Entombed Miners.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 1.—It is a settled fact tonight that, of the small army of men who entered the ill-fated Twin shaft at Pittston on Monday, not one survives. Not only is every approach to their dark tomb barricaded by enormous masses of rock and debris, but it is known that in the mine there is a large quantity of water, which is increasing in volume every minute. Thus the chances of recovering the bodies are more remote than ever.

Prominent officials say that weeks or months may be consumed in clearing away the fallen coal in order to reach the bodies of the victims. A mine superintendent of thirty-five years' experience thinks the unfortunate men have met the same fate that befell the twenty-six miners who perished in No. 3 slope of the Susquehanna Coal Company in December, 1889. The men were caught in a "rush" of culm and water from the surface. The bodies were buried under a mountain of coal refuse. Three hundred men labored for more than two weeks to rescue them, but the more debris they took out the more rushed in from the surface opening. As the task was a hopeless one, it was finally abandoned, and the portion of the mine where the men died was closed.

Excitement at the Twin shaft in Pittston, where nearly 100 miners are entombed, continues today. At the mouth of the shaft, beside the wives and children of the entombed men, there are hundreds of persons, not residents of Pittston alone, but visitors from Scranton and Wilkesbarre. The wives and children of the entombed men stand near the opening of the death chamber urging the rescuers to greater efforts.

Practically nothing has been accomplished toward the recovery of the men. There is scarcely an old miner about the opening of the mine who does not believe the men are all dead. The rescuing party which went into the mine at 1 o'clock came out at 7. The foreman reports that the timbering is going on as rapidly as possible. The work is necessarily slow, owing to the danger of falling rocks loosened by the explosion. It is hardly possible that the actual digging will begin before late this afternoon. If the slope is not completely choked with debris, the rescuers may possibly be able to reach the men within twenty-four hours. Otherwise it may be two or three days.

FELL INTO HOT WATER.

A Child Scalded in Astoria—Two Fishermen Reported Drowned.

Astoria, Or., July 1.—The infant son of T. Raackonen a fisherman of this city, met with a shocking death this morning. Shortly after the breakfast hour, the child's mother made preparations to give him a bath and half filled the bath tub with boiling water after which she left the room temporarily. A few minutes later the shrieks of the child were heard and hastening to the bathroom the mother found her child had fallen into the tub and scalded himself in a terrible manner. His injuries were such that medical aid was of no avail and he expired a few hours later.

A boat belonging to the Scandinavian Packing Company was reported to have been capsized in the breakers today at Peacock spit and the occupants lost. The accident was witnessed by the men in another boat but before the life-saving crew could be notified the breakers had added two more to their list of victims.

This afternoon, Roy Ferguson, a 12-year-old boy, fell from Exchange street to the beach, a distance of twenty feet, and had a miraculous escape from death. In falling the boy turned a complete somersault alighting upon his feet and escaping with a badly sprained ankle.

Jefferson's Granddaughter Married.

Bozard's Bay, Mass., July 1.—Aunt showers of flowers and under the spreading canopy of a large marquee erected on the most prominent and beautiful elevation of land on the shore of Buttermilk bay, Miss Josephine, daughter of Charles B. Jefferson, actor, and granddaughter of Joseph Jefferson, actor, and Charles J. Rolfe, son of William Rolfe, a Shakespearean scholar of Cambridge, were married today. There were about sixty guests, including Joseph Jefferson and Mrs. Cleveland.

Sawmill Boiler Burst.

Placerville, Cal., July 1.—A boiler explosion occurred at the sawmills of Snow Bros., about four miles from this city. The mill building was torn to pieces, but miraculously only one man of the four in the building at the time was seriously hurt. Daniel Kenirk, of this place, sustained injuries about the head, a broken jaw and a fractured hand.

A Pier Collapsed.

Boston, July 1.—The pier at Marine Park, used as a landing for ferry-boats that ply between City Point and Governor's island, was overcrowded today, and collapsed. There were more than 100 persons on the pier. Twenty were thrown into the water; thirty-eight were rescued, and two were drowned.

Christian Scientists Convicted.

Toronto, July 1.—Mrs. Beer, a Christian scientist, and David Goodson and his wife were tonight found guilty by a jury of feloniously neglecting and thereby causing the death of Adelaide Goodson, a daughter of the Goodsons. She died of diphtheria, having been under the care of Mrs. Beer.

General Amnesty for Cretans.

New York, July 1.—A special from Constantinople says that the sultan has accorded a general amnesty to the Cretans.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States—Oregon.

The Dalles Chronicle says that a settlement has been effected with the McCoy ditch laborers for 50 cents on the dollar.

The Southern Pacific Company has put in electric lights at its plant at Latham, and now runs the creosoting works day and night.

The bicycle track north of the town of Coquille City has just been completed. The track is five laps to the mile, and is an excellent racing course.

There are two companies engaged in egg gathering near Port Orford, and the rocks are being hunted very closely, over 1,000 dozen having already been gathered.

Millions of young grasshoppers have made their appearance on Tygh ridge, and farmers in that section fear they will do considerable damage to growing crops before the "critters" wings are sufficiently large to carry them out of the country.

Joseph Adams, a son of John Adams, an Indian living on the Siletz, was one of the graduates of the Carlisle Indian school this spring. Mr. Adams has graduated as a full-fledged doctor of medicine, and will practice his profession in the East.

An old soldier tramped through The Dalles last week, bound for the Soldiers' Home at Kansas City. He was old and feeble, but was neatly dressed, and wore a pair of new, but cheap shoes. He proposes to walk the entire distance, unless invited to ride.

The lessees of the plant and placer mines of the Siskiyou Gold Mining Company, on Elliott creek, commonly called the "Joe Bar diggings," have fully completed the opening and equipment of them, and are piping day and night with assurances of an uninterrupted water supply.

The sales of cattle from the Eagle valley range have been quite active recently, and upwards of 1,300 head will be delivered in Baker City during the next few days for shipment to Montana and Wyoming. The sales amount to about \$15,000, a very neat sum in the hands of the stockraisers of one locality.

Assessor Cowan, of Union county, is assessing all property in the county belonging to religious organizations and not used exclusively for worship; that is, only church buildings and the lots upon which they stand are exempt. Heretofore all property belonging to the church, including houses, school buildings, town buildings, town lots and farms, have been exempt. Private school buildings and property will also be assessed.

Washington.

President Cleveland has been asked to pardon Mrs. Morrison, convicted of smuggling opium in the federal court at Seattle.

At Barlow Pass, the buildings are being put in order as rapidly as possible to accommodate the traffic to the Great Lake mines, and supplies are coming by every train.

The diploma and medals awarded the Seattle school exhibit at the world's fair have been received. The exhibit is now at the Philadelphia educational museum, and has led to many inquiries for information of the city superintendent.

Elder Van Dusen, of Spokane, who has been visiting Lewiston, says that in driving along any road out of Lewiston to the reservation, prairie schooners and other vehicles can be passed, all loaded to the guards, and all bound for the reservation.

Mr. Wooten, of Starbuck, says that he has discovered a new variety of winter apple in his orchard, which he thinks is going to take the lead in the Northwest. It is a large, red apple, fine flavored and a good keeper. He planted the seed five years ago. Last year the tree bore 150 pounds of apples.

A conference of commercial bodies, at Tacoma, accepted the offer of a Philadelphia museum for a display of the state's resources. A committee of three, one from Seattle, another from Tacoma, and a third from Gray's harbor, will be appointed by President Motter to prepare a lumber exhibit. Another committee will be appointed to prepare a general exhibit.

The injunction which was asked was denied and the work on the reservation ditch near North Yakima will now go forward. In denying the application, Judge Hanford stated that the petitioners were not entitled to come into court, inasmuch as no one of them showed a claim of \$2,000. Judge Hanford also said that he knew of no case in which an Indian had been allowed to bring suit against the government, which was his guardian.

Commissioner of the General Land Office Lamoreaux says that the north half of the Colville reservation will be thrown open to settlement within forty days. It is probable that a force of surveyors will be put to work on the reservation within a few days.

The lowering of the waters in the Davenport creek discloses the fact that a large number of big trout found their way up the stream during high-tide, which find the waters too shallow for comfort now, and the town boys are fishing after them with sticks with pretty good success.

BALDWIN'S TESTIMONY.

Compelled to Tell of the Visit to Coronado.

San Francisco, June 29.—E. J. Baldwin, who is on trial in a breach of promise suit brought by Lillian Ashley, was on the witness stand today, and for several hours did not have a particularly enjoyable time, as the plaintiff's counsel, upon cross-examination, probed into the millionaire horseman's private life and used his best endeavors to release the defendant's family skeletons from their closets. Baldwin denied most emphatically that he had ever offered or promised to adopt the plaintiff, legally or any other way, either orally or in writing. He denied that the scene alleged to have occurred at the Boston depot was enacted there, but admitted that, upon bidding the fair Lillian adieu, he drew her up to him with the intention of kissing her, but as she demurred, he did not insist. His version of the scene at the Baldwin hotel, upon the night of Miss Ashley's arrival from the East, was totally at variance with that related so dramatically by the plaintiff. Baldwin said he had been married four times and divorced once.

Attorney Crittenden compelled the defendant to reiterate every detail of the scene in Miss Ashley's room at the Baldwin hotel. Then the visit to Coronado was gone into, and Attorney Crittenden compelled the defendant to admit that he had deliberately gone to a respectable hotel and falsely registered, with the express purpose of acting dishonestly.

He was also compelled to admit that, although 68 years of age, and the proprietor of one of the largest hotels in this city, he had deliberately violated the rules of another establishment. He admitted that, to the best of his recollection, he had introduced Miss Ashley to E. S. Babcock, the proprietor of the Coronado hotel, as his daughter. The defendant stated that he did not intend to take Miss Ashley to Coronado, but, upon going to the train, found her awaiting him on the cars. He was then asked, if that was the case, to explain what he meant by writing to the plaintiff that he would take her to San Diego, prior to March, 1893. He denied that he had done so, but was confronted with one of his letters to her, and admitted that he had written to that effect.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION.

Thirtieth National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Paul, Minn.—In order to more fully and quickly reply to inquiries relating to the thirtieth national encampment G. A. R., to be held in St. Paul during the first week in September next, the following general information has been prepared and sent out from headquarters, signed by Edwin C. Mason, U. S. A., president, and John S. Pinney, general secretary:

The question of railway rates to the encampment has been settled by the Western Passenger Association, giving the one-cent-a-mile rate and the usual limitation, and the St. Paul transportation committee feels confident that satisfactory rates will be allowed by all passenger associations. Definite information and report upon this matter will be forthcoming soon.

Veterans will be provided with free quarters in the school buildings. Cots or mattresses will be furnished in these free quarters, but no blankets. Hotel rates will not be changed, and will vary from \$1 to \$5 per day. The accommodations will furnish a list of hotels and boarding houses on request. Early and definite information is desired as to the number of comrades from each department who will expect free quarters during the encampment.

A veterans' camp will be established at University avenue and St. Albans street, near four lines of street cars. It will be equipped with water service and other conveniences, and good meals will be served at reasonable rates. Space will be provided adjacent to the veterans' camp, for those who desire to bring tents, etc., for private camping parties.

Mr. C. W. Horr is chairman of the accommodations committee, and Joe L. Brigham is secretary. Their mail address is room 520, Endicott building.

National headquarters will be at Hotel Ryan, corner of Robert and Sixth streets.

Mrs. R. M. Newport is president of the ladies' committee. Ladies' headquarters are located in the large mansion overlooking the city, corner of Summit and Dayton avenues.

The route of the G. A. R. parade September 2 is fixed. It embraces portions of the best residence and business streets, is less than two miles long, all down grade, on asphalt pavements, and free from street car tracks except at two or three street crossings. Divisions will form on shaded residence streets.

Bids for Battle-Ships.

Washington, June 29.—The navy department has issued advertisements calling for proposals for constructing three battle-ships of about 11,000 tons displacement. The bids are required to be submitted by Monday, September 14. The features of the new ships have been made public already.

Portland Mills Buying Heavily.

Garfield, Wash., June 29.—The farmers' warehouse negotiated a sale of between 20,000 and 25,000 bushels of wheat this week. The price received was 40 cents a bushel f. o. b., which is several cents better than the general market. The Portland Milling Company was the buyer. This was about half of the wheat remaining in the warehouses of Whitman county.

Secrecy of the Confessional.

Montreal, June 29.—The superior court decided today to uphold the secrecy of the confessional.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Business for the past few days has been very good, especially in a few lines. The termination of the fishermen's strike on the lower Columbia has been by no means a small factor in the improvement. Wool is beginning to move slowly, but this far has not in figure in trade improvement. Potatoes, which have been the standby for many Oregon farmers for the past two or three months, are about marketed, and the price is daily declining. Strawberries and other small fruit now coming in freely are offsetting the vegetables, and placing considerable money in circulation among the growers.

Wheat Market.

The local wheat market is quiet and unchanged. A few carloads roll in each day from the Willamette valley or east of the mountains, but the bulk of recent receipts has been composed of grain purchased some time ago. Quotations are: Walls Walla, 50 to 51; Valley, 58 to 54c per bushel.

Produce Market.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, \$2.85; Benton county and White Lily, \$2.85; Graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.35 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 25@28c per bushel; choice gray, 24@25c. Rolled oats are quoted as follows: Bags, \$4.25@5.25; barrels, \$4.50@7; cases, \$3.75.
Hay—Timothy, \$11.00 per ton; cheat, \$6.00; clover, \$6@7; oat, \$5@6.50; wheat, \$5.50@6.50.
Barley—Feed barley, \$13.50 per ton; brewing, \$14@16.
Millet—Bran, \$14.50; shorts, \$15.50; middlings, \$18@20; rye, 90c per cental.

Butter—Fancy creamery is quoted at 25c; fancy dairy, 20c; fair to good, 15c; common, 12c per roll.
Potatoes—Burbanks, 40@40c per sack; Garnet Chiles, 40@50c; Early Rose, 50c; new, \$1.40 per sack; sweets, best, 4 1/2@5 1/2c per pound.
Onions—New, 75c per sack.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3.00; broilers, \$1.50@3; geese, \$5@6; turkeys, live, 12 1/2c; dressed 15@17 1/2c; ducks, \$4.00@5.50 per dozen.
Eggs—Oregon, 11c per dozen.
Onions—Oregon, 10c; California 9c; Young America, 10c per pound.
Tropical Fruits—California lemons, \$3.00@4.00; choice, \$3.00@3.50; Bixley, \$5.50; bananas, \$1.75@3.00 per bunch; California navela, \$3.25@3.50 per box; pineapples, \$3.50@5.00 per dozen.

Onion Vegetables—Garlic, new, 10c per pound; artichokes, 35c; green onions, 10c; hot-house lettuce, 2c per dozen; Oregon peas, 2c; new cabbage, 1c per lb; tomatoes, \$1.75@2c per crate; rhubarb, 1 1/2@2c; asparagus, 6c; string beans, 9@10c per lb; radishes, 15c per dozen; cauliflower, 70@75c per sack; Oregon, do, \$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 75c@1 per dozen.

Fresh Fruit—Tasmania apples, \$2.50@2.75; California, do, \$1.75; Oregon cherries, 50c@1 per box; gooseberries, 2@2 1/2c per pound; currants, 6c per pound; peaches, 75c@1 per box; apricots, \$1.
Dried Fruits—Apples, evaporated, bleached, 4@4 1/2c; sun-dried, 3 1/2@4c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitted, 3@4c; prunes, 3@5c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 6c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 5@7c.
Horns—Choice, Oregon 2@3c per pound; medium, neglected.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanut, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 12 1/2@14c; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 8@10c; chestnuts, 17c; Brazil, 12c; pecans, large, 14c; Jumbo, 16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; fancy, large, 14c; hard-shell, 8c; paper-shell, 10@12c.
Provisions—Portland pack: Smoked hams are quoted at 10@10 1/2c per lb; picnic hams, 7c; boneless hams, 7 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 10c; bacon, 7c; dry salt sides, 6c; large, 5-pound pails, 7 1/2c; 10s, 7 1/2c; 50s, 7 1/2c; ticeps, 7c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, butcher, sound, per pound, 11@12c; dry kip and calf, 10@11c; culls, 3c less; salted, 80 lb and over, 5c; 50 to 60 lb, 4 1/2@4 1/4c; 40 and 50, 4c; kip and veal skins, 10 to 30 lbs, 4c; calfskin, sound, \$ to 10 lbs, 6c; green, unsalted, 1c less; culls, 1-2c less; sheepskins, shearing, 10@15c; short wool, 20@30c; medium, 30@40c; long wool, 60@70c.

Merchandise Market.

SALMON—Columbia, river No. 1, talls, \$1.25@1.50; No. 2, talls, \$2.25@2.50; fancy, No. 1, flats, \$1.75@1.85; Alaska, No. 1, talls, \$1.20@1.30; No. 2, talls, \$1.50@1.60.
Beans—Small white, No. 1, 2c per pound; butter, 3c; bayon, 1 1/2c; Lima, 3 1/2@4c.
CORDAGE—Manilla rope, 1 1/2-inch, is quoted at 8 1/2c, and Sisal, 6 1/2c per pound.
SUGAR—Golden C, 5c; extra C, 5 1/2c; dry granulated, 5 1/2c; cube crushed and powdered, 6 1/2c per pound; 1/2c per pound discount on all grades for prompt cash; half barrels, 3/4c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.
COFFEES—Costa Rica, 20@23c; Rio, 20@22c; Salvador, 19@22c; Mocha, 27@31c; Padang Java, 30c; Palembang Java, 28@29c; Lahat Java, 23@25c; Arabuck's Mokka and Lion, \$20.30 per 100-pound case; Columbia, \$20.30 per 100-pound case.
RICE—Island, \$3.50@4 per sack; Japan, \$3.75@4.
COAL—Steady; domestic, \$5.00@5.75 per ton; foreign, \$8.50@11.00.

Meat Market.

BEEF—Gross, top steers, \$3.25; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound.
MUTTON—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$3.00; ewes, \$1.50@2.75; dressed mutton, 5c per pound.
VEAL—Gross, small, 4 1/2c; large, 3@3 1/2c per pound.
HOGS—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.00@3.25; light and feeders, \$2.50@2.75; dressed, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

Flour—Net cash prices: Family extras, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; bakers' extras, \$3.55@3.65; superfine, \$2.85@3.00.
BARLEY—Feed, fair to good, 7 1/2c; choice, 7 3/4c; brewing, 8 1/2c.
WHEAT—Shipping, No. 1, \$1.07 1/2; choice, \$1.10; milling, \$1.17 1/2@1.22 1/2.
OATS—Milling, 75@82c; surprise, 90@95; fancy feed, 82 1/2@87 1/2; good to choice, 75@80c; poor to fair, 67 1/2@72 1/2c; gray, 72 1/2@80c.
POTATOES—Swets, \$2.50@2.75; Burbanks, Oregon, 75@81c.
HORS—Quotable at 2@3c per pound.
ONIONS—New, 15@25c per sack.