

TO TAKE LOG STREAMS

PURPOSE OF MAP AND STATEMENT IN VARIOUS COUNTIES. Provisions of Law Passed in 1901 Radically Different From the Old Act Under Same Title.

A dispatch from Hillsboro, printed yesterday morning, announced that B. G. Gorham, of Portland, had filed in Washington County a chart of the Tualatin and Gales Creek and declared his intention to improve the streams "for the purpose of floating logs and timber and to provide for the improvement of the same."

L. E. Gorham, who made the filing in Washington County, is commercial agent of the Portland and Astoria Railroad in Portland. He is interested in several side issues, among which are a poultry farm near East Portland, some mining ventures, and this log-driving enterprise.

Inspection of the law under which these filings were made discloses a somewhat unusual state of affairs. First, it is to be noted that the introduction by Senator Mulkey, of Polk County, is entitled, "An act authorizing the County Courts of the several counties of this state to determine navigable streams, highways for the floating of logs and timber, and provide for the improvement and use of the same."

Any individual or association of individuals who as residents or proprietors of any portion organized under the laws of this state, shall have and is hereby granted the right to secure to themselves or their successors, or to any other person, the exclusive right to regulate, manage and control, as in this act provided, the floating, transportation and booming of logs, lumber, timber and wood upon any river, stream, creek, bay or wharf within this state which is not navigable for general commercial purposes, by complying with the provisions of this act.

Now, the provisions of this act" have no reference to the authority of county courts or to county courts. They are that the person taking advantage of the law should cause a map of the stream on which it is desired to acquire the rights mentioned and file a map with the County Clerk, together with a declaration of his purpose and a statement of 90 days begin work on the improvement of the stream and prosecute such work with all reasonable diligence until the same shall have been completed.

The individual, association or corporation which shall improve any stream, river or part thereof, as herein provided, shall have the sole and exclusive management of the stream, and may sell, lease, rent or transfer its rights and interests therein to the same extent and with like effect as it could do with any other real property.

The remainder of the act provides with great verbosity that charges shall be reasonable; that the improvements on the stream shall be kept in repair; that no other person shall be allowed to float logs within 90 days after the first filing; that persons who might have begun proceedings under the former act shall have 90 days to set out their claims.

The old law is less than half as long as the new one. It has precisely the same title and the first section says that "upon application of any individual, association or corporation interested in the County Court of any county in this state, may, by order, declare," etc.

The law of 1901 seems particularly devised to avoid any such impediment as the County Court. The whole matter is taken out of the hands of the County Court, and there is nobody to exercise supervision of the boom company in the

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The recruits seem to enjoy their picnic, as the drills three times a day are the hardest work they encounter, and the lovely surroundings are fully appreciated. Those housed in the circular tents at the north end of the grounds have as much fun as in their schoolboy days, and the recruits are not without their amusements.

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It is especially asked that flowers will form one of the main features in the parade, in decorating horses, traps, carriages and floats. Pretty effects will be made by the use of flowers. Flower keepers are especially asked to decorate their places of business, and it is asked that residents in the city generally will place the outdoor decorations in gay attilly, flags, flowers and bunting intertwined as a harmonious whole.

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