

WAKE FINAL PLEA

Warner Valley Settlers Before Land Board.

ASK FOR REFUSAL OF PATENTS

In Order That They May Obtain Title From the Government for Property They Have Long Occupied in Southern Oregon.

WARM WINDS DO GREAT GOOD.

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SALEM, Or., June 12.—(Special).—The settlers on land in Warner Valley which is claimed by the Warner Valley Stock Company have long struggled today for the continued possession of their homes.

The settlers claim as homesteads on Government land, while the Warner Valley Stock Company claims as the successors of purchasers from the state under the swamp land law.

Squatters Have Lived These Lands. About 600 acres of land are involved in the contest.

So far as the legal status of the contest is concerned, it is already determined, and the settlers have long known that the State Land Board is for intervention outside the law.

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He claimed that the decision as to the character of the land was secured by misrepresentation, and that the state is not bound to observe it, but rather to avoid it.

Says Settlers Should Have Known. Attorney C. A. Cogswell, who represented the Warner Valley Stock Company,

contended that when the settlers went upon the land they knew, or should have known, that it was swamp land.

He admitted that it will be hard for the settlers to be thrown out of their homes,

but said that they knew when they went there that the land was not subject to homestead entry, and they should not have entered upon it.

The Land Board did not decide whether it will listen to evidence upon the subject, but took the matter under advisement until the attorneys can file briefs upon the legal questions involved.

YIELD WILL BE AVERAGE. Eastern Washington Crops Are Refreshed by Rain.

COLFAX, Wash., June 12.—(Special).—Copious showers have fallen throughout the inland Empire during the past 18 hours, adding millions of bushels to the probable yield of grain and raising the spirits of every citizen.

The wheat crop of this district is, and while no big yield is expected, favorable weather during the next few weeks insures an average yield of all kinds of grain.

WELCOME RAIN IS GENERAL. Walla Walla Valley and Tributary Country Are Refreshed.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 12.—(Special).—Yesterday and today it has rained over a quarter of an inch in Walla Walla and reports received from all over the tributary territory tonight show that the precipitation was general.

The wheat crop of the district is saved. It will be cut down somewhat by other conditions, but the spell of hot winds and dry weather is broken.

At Dike and in the foothills it rained an inch. On Eureka flats it rained 1 1/2 inches today. At North Umatilla a good fall was experienced, and at Prescott and Wausburg from one-fourth to one-half inch fell.

The showers were accompanied by severe electrical disturbances at Dike, two horses being killed by lightning. At Touchet some of the crop is too far gone to save.

RAIN IN WALLA WALLA VALLEY. Anxiety for Crops in a Measure Relieved by Showers.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 12.—Showers fell over the principal portions of the Walla Walla Valley late yesterday afternoon, bringing to some extent the moisture that had become imperative.

For a few days the crop situation is relieved, and if the weather remains cooler, with occasional showers, anxiety will be an end.

While the downpour was not heavy yesterday evening, it served as a break for the continued dry, hot spell, and to the baleful north winds which had been blowing ever since last Friday.

At Milton the rain was light. Along the foothills of the Blue Mountains it was heavy. It rained perhaps 15 minutes in Walla Walla.

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Pursuing Posses Fails to Overtake Montana Rancher Before He Draws Himself in a Lake.

MISSOULA, Mont., June 12.—After an erratic career in which he was knocked down with a club by a woman he had threatened, Jacob Kachel, an Ovando rancher, drowned himself in Fish Lake Wednesday before the posse in pursuit of him could lay hands on him.

Kachel had a mania for threatening women and children with death.

WELSER, Idaho, Man Paralyzed by Being Struck on Head.

WELSER, Idaho, June 12.—(Special).—Hotchkiss, who assaulted Frank Johnston, livery stable man, last Friday morning,

striking him over the head with a bridle bit, fracturing his skull, had a preliminary trial today.

He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was bound over to appear at the next term of the District Court.

Johnston was unable to appear at the trial and the court repaired to his bedside and took his testimony. His left side is paralyzed.

INCENDIARIES SET FIRE. Warner Valley Ranch Buildings Burned and Horses Stolen.

LAKEVIEW, Or., June 12.—(Special).—Fire destroyed the residence, barn and blacksmith shop of the Warner Valley Stock Company in Warner Valley one day last week, all the household goods and a large stock of supplies were lost.

It was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as two saddles and all the horses were taken out of the barn. The parties who did it are under suspicion, and will likely be apprehended.

CANADIAN CREEK ON A RAMPAGE. VANCOUVER, B. C., June 12.—Too much water and a shortage of the water supply is the paradoxical position at North Bend, an important stopping town on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The dam of the reservoir on the hillside above the town gave way this morning, and the water came tearing down through the town, flooded the hotels and the depot building, and covered the railroad tracks.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad at once took prompt measures to remedy the trouble, and called in all the available ditch and bridge gang men in the vicinity.

The creek was promptly diverted, and in a few days the dam will be repaired. Meanwhile some inconvenience is suffered by people by the cutting off of the water supply.

OUR INCREASE OF GOLD. The circulating medium has increased \$14,000,000 during the past year, says the Financial Chronicle, and of the increase \$5,000,000 was in gold certificates obtained by depositing \$9,000,000 gold dollars in the Treasury.

There cannot well be too much of this increase of the currency when it is "the thing itself," not something at an inflated valuation. While our stock of gold is increasing at a rate of \$5,000,000 a year.

WHEATON, Wash., June 12.—(Special).—The United States District Attorney for the State of Washington, Jesse A. Frye, has brought suit against the executor of the estate of Erasmus Bartlett, the late Oakland (Cal.) millionaire, for \$850 for legal services, which he claims to have rendered him in the state during the eight years prior to 1902 when Frye received the appointment to his present position.

Break of Lightning. MORO, Or., June 12.—(Special).—During the storm here yesterday the electric fluid struck a chimney on Mrs. Maxwell's house on Main street, sending the brick-work crashing to the ground.

The lightning entered a room upstairs, ran along the wall and knocked a bed to pieces. From that it passed to the first floor, and through the wall made an exit to the street.

House-breaking at McMinville. M'INNIVILLE, Or., June 12.—(Special).—The houses of Dr. J. D. Baker and C. D. Johnson were broken into Thursday night. The burglars were discovered at the house of Dr. Baker and fled without taking anything. At C. D. Johnson's they secured a purse containing a small amount of money and some provisions.

Warehouse Blown on Track. MORO, Or., June 12.—(Special).—The big warehouse of the C. S. W. Company was blown bodily into the railroad track yesterday. It had to be torn to pieces and pulled off the track by the engine to allow the Shanks flyer to pass. The walls and roof of the building were picked up and landed square on the track.

Charles Davis is Out of Danger. VANCOUVER, Wash., June 12.—(Special).—Charles Davis, who was stabbed by Henry Norton at Fourth Flain, this week during an altercation, is recovering and is out of danger. Norton has not been arrested and will likely not be, as Davis has said that he is to blame for the trouble and no prosecution will follow.

Graduates at Haverford. HAVERFORD, Pa., June 12.—At the annual commencement of Haverford College, Harvey Macey Hawkins, of McMinville, Or., was graduated in arts.

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Schlitz Beer advertisement featuring a large illustration of a glass of beer and a bottle. Text: 'There is no beverage more healthful than the right kind of beer. Barley malt and hops—a food and a tonic. Only 3 1/2 per cent of alcohol—just enough to aid digestion.'

Evolution in Chicago. One of the leading railway companies in Chicago has offered to create the "pants" of each of its employees 12 times a month for nothing, with a view to improving the appearance of its force, remarks the critical Boston Globe. Perhaps the next step in the march of progress will be to get them to wear trousers.

Spacious—Whom do you think furthest from the Presidential nomination, and how far? Smartness—To answer both questions in one word, I should say Miles.—Baltimore American.

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