RELIEF IS SOUGHT IN SILETZ CASES

Lafferty Goes East to Make Appeal in Behalf of Many Settlers.

URGE BALLINGER TO ACT

Portland Lawyer Confident Patents Will Soon Issue to Claims, Some of Which Have Been Held

Up for Ten Years.

Tiring of the dilatory methods followed by the Interior Department in promising relief to settlers on public lands included in the Siletz Indian reservation, A. W. Lafferty, a lawyer of this city and counsel for numerous of the disastisfied settlers, left last night for Washington, where he will direct his efforts towards expediting the issuance of patents to these lands, which, in many instances, have been held up for as long as ten years. Should he fail to obtain any satisfaction from the Secretary of the Interior, it is the intention of Mr. Lafferty to remain at the National capital and present for the consideration of Congress a bill which will insure the immediate passing to patent of all of the claims which are being held up when the fact has been established that the land was filed on in good failth by the settler.

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Ter two years the Interior Department has been promising relief to the Siletz Indian reservation settlers," said Mr. Lafferty last night, "but these promises have not been fulfilled. The Land Department was never more active against these settlers than it is at present Moreover, its decisions in private contest cases are almost invariably in favor of the contestants.

Relief Often Promised.

"My purpose in going to Washington is to place the matter before Secretary Ballinger personally, and before the public lands committee of Congress. I believe Secretary Ballinger will lay hold of the situation with a firm grasp and actually give the relief that has been so actually give the relief that has been so often promised and so long delayed. The public land committees of both the Senate and the House will be asked to investigate the facts, to the end that Congress may pass an act directing that patents issue if necessary."

Mr. Lafferty quoted the form of an act which he will submit for the consideration of the public lands committee, as follows:

follows:

An act directing that patents shall issue upon certain homestead entries within the former Silets Indian reservation in Oregon. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all pending homestead entries heretofore made within the former Silets Indian reservation, in Oregon, shall be passed to patent in all cases where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that the entry was made for the exclusive use and benefit of the entryman, and that the land entered has not been sold or conveyed, by the entryman, and where no contest or other adverse proceeding was commenced, and notice thereof served upon the antryman, prior to the submission of final proof.

"Such an act would result in passing to patent without delay practically all of the pending Siletz entries," Mr. Lafferty continued. "It would end expensive litigation between private citizens in which money alone is involved, as both the plaintiffs and defendants realize that they cannot make permanent homes in that country until the timber shall be removed, which will perhaps be 25 years hence. Besides, such an act would save thousands of dollars of expense to the Government. One million dollars was ap-propriated this year for special algents, and it is safe to say that the Siletz cases furnish more employment for special agents than any other similar contro-

versy before the department. Cannot Comply Fully.

"The Land Department is proceeding upon an inconsistent theory. It is cancelling the entries of the original Siletz homesteaders because the lands are so heavily timbered that practicable comhemesteaders because the lands are so heavily timbered that practicable compilance with the homestead law is impossible, and in order to let other citizens immediately make the same form of entry on the same lands under a preference right gained by the contest. It will be seen that the turmoil would be prolonged indefinitely by such a course.

"By opening the Siletz land to homestead entry only, Congress invited the peor people of the country to take the claims in that way. No law requires impossibilities. Since these entrymen did everything that was possible, it is safe to say that Congress will not permit its promise to be repudiated by the Land Department, and it is not believed that Secretary Ballinger will permit such a thing when the specific facts are laid before him. Yet this is exactly what the Land Department is doing at the present time. Just a few days ago the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in deciding the Siletz contest of V. L. Hamilton vs. Milton B. Grant, used the following language:

"As a matter of fact, where the land, as in this case, is of such a character that it is clearly apparent that no practicable compilance with the homestead law, in the matter of cultivation, is possible, the entry must be canceled, for it is evident that good faith must be wanting, and that the contestee did not make the entry for the purpose of acquiring a holds that the Siletz land.

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"In other words, the Commissioner holds that the Siletz lands, being heavily timbered, are not subject to acquisition under the only law by which they were opened. Such a ruling, if adhered to, would nullify the act of Congress. Under the circumstances of these cases, where the entrymen have put in years of hard the entrymen have put in years of hard work in complying with the law as near-iy as any person could possibly comply with the same law hereafter, it would be an irreparable wrong to cancel their en-tries."

ECLIPSE IS NOT SUCCESS

Only Small Spot Observed on Sun's

It was practically impossible to convince the "man on the street" there was an eclipse in progress late yesterday afternoon. To no appreciable degree did the earth get darker, at any rate not that part of Portland residents are familiar with. Those who fook a piece of smoked glass in their hands and gazed through it were able to see a dark oval-shaped black spot slowly pass over the upper part of the sun.

At no stage did it dim the sun's brightness noticeably and apparently not more than one-fifth of the sun's surface was traversed by the moon's shadow.

An eclipse of the sun is caused by the moon obstructing a full view of the sun from the earth. Olden legends say when an eclipse was due, the devil would race in his flery charlot across the sky and

bite a piece off the flery orb. This piece he would take with him to replenish the fires he kept specially for those who went to make their abode with him.

Going still further back along the line of history, the ancient Sun worshippers believed it was in grief at their earthly transgressions that the sun hid his face from the multitude. This is still a common belief among the natives of Tierra del Fuego, South America, and when a total «clipse is due, traders and others know the native mind becomes malleable as may be desired. It is in those regions the policies of the missionaries to educate the natives along the correct line, unless unfortunately their lives be ended in the meantime. the meantime.

Certain islands in the South Seas are also inhabited, according to the report of certain travelers, by a race of people fearing an eclipse or taking it as a sign of Divine wrath.

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Yesterday afternoon every vacant lot had its sun-gazer. Beer bottles, empty medicine bottles and colored glass of every possible description were used by those who had omitted to blacken a piece of glass. They accomplished nothing, however, and falled to observe the phenomenon. Boys and girls from the schools, on holiday yesterday for the first time, found great interest in the darkening of the heavenly body.

Even those who saw the black spot on the face of the sun were convinced the ecilpse had failed to come up to time and that it would have to be expected another day. And on a down-town corner a self-styled astronomer held forth to an admiring audience on the subject of "sun spots," supplying a telegrope dayled.

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MRS. WALTER GADSBY ACCUSES HUSBAND'S PARENTS.

Young Woman, Daughter of George H. Hill, Alleges Alienation of Husband's Affections.

Mrs. Beatrice Gadsby, the wife of Walter M. Gadsby, brought suit in the Circuit Court, through her attorneys, Beach & Simon, about noon yesterday, against William Gadsby, president of the local furniture firm, and his wife, Nellie Gadsby. She demands of them \$200,000 damages, charging them with having allenated her husband's affections.

Mrs. Beatrice Gadsby is the daughter of George H. Hill, and is now living with her parents at 255 Twelfth street. She married Walter Gadsby April 2, 1997, and lived with him, she says, until September is, 1908. Promises of money and property, subtle contrivances, coaxing, and even threats, are alleged by the young woman to have been resorted to by the elder Gadsbys to wean her husband's affections away from her.

Mrs. Gadsby says in her complaint that the distress of mind and impairment of health she has suffered is worth \$100,000 and she also demands \$100,000 as punitive damages.

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TACOMA, Wash., June 17.—(Special.)—A state-wide movement among the lumber manufacturers for a two-weeks' shutdown of all the mills, has been signed, and will not be signed and reports Indicate a willingness of the majority to follow the suggestion. If the scheme pans out, thousands of men will be fald off. The local lumber men are supporting the movement. The condition of the lumber market at the present time is one of the principal reasons for this action. The first like is a will not be sufface this week when the local mills for easons for this action. The first like is a willingness of the present time is one of the principal reasons for this action. The first like is a willingness of the present time is one of the principal reasons for this action. The first like is a willingness of the contract for publication. Eater he present time is one of the principal reasons for this action. The first like is a willingness of the present time is one of the principal reasons for this action. The first like is a willingness of the surface this week when the local mills received inquiries from leading San Francisco brokers regarding prices for future delivery.

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"Reliable Man" Informs Him Bribe Was Offered in Interest of Roller.

WILL NOT GIVE UP NAME

Committee Expresses Great Surprise and Orders Special Investigation Charge to Be Held Next Thursday.

Mayor Lane startled the members of the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon by the announcement that "a reliable man" had informed him an attempt was made to bribe a member of the Executive Board to throw his influence as a member of the Board to the road-roller handled by the Buffalo-Pitts Company, a local concern, and to vote for this machine. The Mayor did not disclose the name of the informant, but declared he is a man whose motive is not that of revenge, such as a disgruntled competitor. Messrs. Swett, Sullivan and Esterly, comprising the street committee, declared themselves in favor of an investigation, and this will probably be ordered at a special session of the committee to be held next Thursday at 1:30 o'clock.

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Mayor Lane made his announcement just as the street committee was about to adjourn, at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. City Engineer Taylor, who reported on the merits and defects of the respective rollers, submitted in a recent call for bids, was absent. He was called in, and the Mayor repeated his statement. Mr. Taylor said he had heard nothing about it previously, and was much surprised.

"No one accuses you of anything, Mr. Taylor," explained the Mayor. "I have been told by a reliable man, however, that an attempt was made by the offer of money to influence a member of the Executive Board to vote in favor of the Buffalo-Pitts roller."

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All of the members of the committee expressed themselves in favor of investi-gating the charge, although they said they would not feel like taking action unless the man is willing to come in with a

NEW LAW FOUND IRKSOME

Washington Swain Would Take

Dear Doc—
I want to git married but those tellers up at th' court house won't let me till I git an examination. We wus already to git married last Wedneeday but those smart alecks up at the court house knocked everything gallywest. My git is gittin' purty anxious to git th' thing fixed up. Now Doc yu took care of me when I had th' measles a long time back. Yuh know bow I am fizically and that's what them fellers want to know. Write it on a piece of paper sox I kin take it up an' show them fellers sox they'll let me git married. If yu charge anything let me know an' I'll pay yu. Yure truly

The above is the text of a letter received by a prominent Portland physician yesterday from Kelso, Wash. From the tone of the epistle it is evident the lovelorn swain has come under the operation of the recently enacted Washington marriage law. In his efforts to comply with the present requirements the would-be benedict has resorted to the unique method of undergoing the required physical examination by mail. The physician who received the letter hastily dispatched a reply to the effect that it would be impossible for him to send the requested certificate of health.

DEAD HORSE SPOILS PARTY

Body Lodges Against Dr. Yates' Houseboat, Causing Stampede.

Floating down the river and lodging against the new houseboat of Dr. J. M. Yates, a dead horse caused consternation Yates, a dead horse caused consternation among a number of guests enjoying the hospitality of the doctor and his family Wednesday night. The new househoat, which is a boat-house and househoat combined, was recently completed and furnished for Summer use. The house party was being given at the opening of the new structure, and about 20 guests had assembled. The party was well along when the guests began to smell a fearful when the guests began to smell a fearful stench.

Investigation on the part of the men present revealed the carcass of the lorse. After an effort some one along the shore was secured to remove the of-fensive body, which was then towed down the river. The guests returned home, bringing the party to an end.

PORTLAND DAY

At the State University Commencement Exercises in Eugene.

Will be Wednesday next, June 23. It Will be Wednesday next, June 23. It is also the day set for the dedication of the beautiful park surrounding the new depot buildings in that city. A special train will leave Portland Union Depot for the occasion at 7:30 A. M. returning, leave Eugene 7 P. M. One fare for the round trip. A complimentary luncheon will be served at noon time on the university grounds. Get your tickets early at the city ticket office, Third and Washington streets, so that ample accommodations may be provided.

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