

### WILD LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER NEW RULES

#### Five Years' Residence Not Needed to Obtain Farm, if Buyer is "Wise."

### GOVERNMENT TAKES RISK

#### Knowledge of By-Paths Through Garfield - Pinchot Regulations Spreads - Land Not Going to Actual Settlers.

BY J. H. BROWN.

OLYMPIA, Wash. Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The Pinchot-Garfield scheme, planned as a method of conservation of the public lands and preventing fraud, is responsible for the fact that the Federal Government no longer requires five years' residence on the land and cultivation to those who want to obtain agricultural property.

Like the operations of every other plan proposed by these ex-members of the famous "tennis cabinet," their regulations to prevent fraudulent acquisition of Government lands by dishonest applicants have in practical operation made things easier for the dishonest and have placed hardships only upon the honest claimant.

The Garfield regulations proposed by Pinchot governing timber and stone entries, now in force, have operated to prevent the man of small means from ever making a "stake" with a timber entry and have turned over the forests to the wealthy timber interests who have the money to locate their railroad scrip after the Government has gone to the expense of making a careful cruise.

Now the "wise ones" are using these same timber and stone entry regulations to get homesteads without any restrictions of residence and cultivation.

#### Knowledge Becomes General.

Inspection of the notices now being printed in the newspapers of the state of intention of applicants to make final proof this spring at the Federal Land Offices in Washington shows that general knowledge of "how to beat the game" has become.

The new regulations provide that when one files under the timber and stone act and deposits the initial fee of \$10 the Government will put into the field cruisers who, as soon as possible, report in detail the timber on the property, which is then appraised. If the cruise shows a big stand of timber, the timber is sold to the highest bidder, and the land is returned to the public.

Suppose, however, the land sought is a fine bit of agricultural land. Under the homestead laws one would have to live on the land five years, cultivate it and make improvements to the value of \$1,000. Under the new regulations one can acquire the land with no other expenditure than the \$10 fee and the land is returned to the public.

Even though there is no timber on the land they make a timber and stone entry just the same. Then the Government cruise comes, showing "nothing" and nothing of value is found. The land is returned to the public.

Two courses are then opened to the "surprised" applicant, both of which have been suggested in the regulations. If conditions are right he surrenders his timber and stone entry and asks, based on the Government cruise, that the land be returned to him. If not, he can sue for the land, and if he wins he gets it.

Residence Is Unnecessary. The other and more general plan, due to the fact that the isolated tract regulations do not often apply, is for the applicant to go on with his timber and stone entry, and get his final proof. Receiver's receipt and the land is his.

Why bother with five years' residence and all the expense when this plan has been so nicely prepared by ex-Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, and approved by the action of ex-Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot?

Of course, the affidavit one has to make with his application under the timber and stone act may not appeal to an absolutely honest man—but then possibly the applicant really believed when he made the application that the land was valuable for its timber as an agricultural property and did not learn better until the surprising result was made by the Government's experts.

Anyway the new regulations in many instances are accomplishing neither better results to the Government nor from its timber areas nor the placing of agricultural lands in the possession of actual settlers.

### O. A. C. CO-EDS TO ORATE

#### Girls Quit Debates, but Try New Forensic Contest Form.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The college at the Oregon Agricultural College has introduced a new form of forensic contest. This new plan provides for competition in impersonation, impromptu reading and in the composition and delivery of an original theme.

The first contest will be held Saturday in the College Armory. Eighteen contestants will enter, three from each of the six girls' literary associations. Each society is represented by one contestant in each of the three divisions. These representatives have been selected by means of try-out contests within the societies.

This intersociety contest was originated as a substitute for intersociety debating. For several years it has been the custom to hold a series of intersociety debates in which all literary societies took part. The number of these organizations increased so fast in the past two years that it was found advisable last year to segregate the men's and women's societies in the debating work. This year the co-eds chose to give up the debating work and try a new form of literary contest.

### NEWCOMERS ARE GREETED

#### Two Receptions Held at Albany Commercial Club for Residents.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—The Albany who have come to Albany during

### ICE GORGES' JAM MAY WRECK DAM

#### Famous Government Payette-Boise Project May Be Damaged.

### PEOPLE FLEE TO HIGH LAND

#### Boise River Shut Off and Water Forced Back Up Canyon—Stocks Removed—Sudden Thaw Would Release Ice.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Two gigantic ice gorges, one four miles long and 11 feet deep, and the second seven miles long and 16 feet deep, are jammed in the canyon of the Boise River just above this city, shutting off the river and forcing the water to back up the canyon driving all the residents on the lower lands before it, threatening life and may result in thousands of dollars' worth of damage should it strike the big dam of the Government Payette-Boise project and the highland dam, both of solid concrete.

Hundreds of tons of ice would be released in the channel in the event of a sudden thaw.

Intelligence of the danger which threatens the structures on the river and which may also threaten the lower portion of the city unless steps are immediately taken to release the impounded water from the mass of ice was brought to the city late today by H. D. and P. L. Little, who have been engaged in removing a cable bridge from across the river above the Government dam.

The Turner ranch, situated on the flat about three miles above the Government dam, is, for the most part, under water and ice, the stock being moved to higher lands and preparations made for the removal of all other movable property.

### IDAHO CASES APPEALED

#### TIMBER FRAUD TRIALS PASS ON TO SUPREME COURT.

Acting on Advice of Attorney-General Wickersham, Barber and Moon. Actions Are Transferred.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Acting under instructions from Attorney-General Wickersham, of the Department of Justice, Assistant United States District Attorney S. L. Tipton filed an appeal this afternoon to the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Government vs. James T. Barber and Sumner G. Moon, and from the ruling made by Judge Robert S. Bean in striking out the fourth count involving about 70 alleged fraudulent entries in support of the conspiracy, which were barred by the statute of limitations.

The filing of the appeal from the District Court to the Supreme Court of the United States, gives the Barber and Moon case precedence over all cases pending before that high tribunal except conspiracy cases of a similar nature and means an early hearing.

Through this appeal the case is permanently segregated from the Idaho courts and goes to final settlement. It has occupied the calendar of the local courts for the past four years and witnessed the trial of Senator W. E. Eckhart, indicted and exonerated from any connection with the conspiracy; the dismissal of the indictment against Frank Martin, ex-Attorney-General of this state, and the passing of ex-Governor Steunenberg, said to have been one of the conspirators.

The land involved is 35,000 acres of timber in the Boise Basin, 40 miles north of this city. The total cost to the Government for prosecution is estimated at about \$100,000.

### WIFE'S HARDSHIPS VAIN

#### SEILETZ SETTLER DIES WHILE SHE TRAVELS TRAIL FOR AID.

#### Body Carried to Toledo Wrapped in Blankets, and Neighbors Brave Storm at Burial.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Allen Dickinson, 50 years old, formerly of Morris, Minn., took up a claim a year ago in the Siletz section, in Oregon, occupying it with his wife and his aged mother. He complained last Thursday of feeling ill, and his wife undertook to go out over the trail in the storm for medicine. On Thursday evening his mother called him, but receiving no reply, thought him sleeping. Friday morning she found him dead.

The mother remained alone with her son until the daughter-in-law returned Friday from her trip aloft through the snow. Immediately the wife started again for aid. In due time help came and the body, wrapped in blankets, was carried over the trail to Toledo, where the funeral was held on Sunday. Though Dickinson was a stranger, all the people of Toledo and many from Siletz followed the body through a driving storm to the cemetery, two miles away.

The facts were told here today by Rev. Francis O. Jones, rector of St. Paul's Church in Newport, and of St. John's in Toledo.

### FISH TRAP TAX DEMANDED

#### Board Will Offer to Protect Owners in Interstate Controversy.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—At the recent meeting of the State Board of Fish Commissioners, it was decided, in compliance with the decision of the Supreme Court fixing the boundary line between Washington and Oregon to make a demand upon the owners of fishing traps. There are about 300 fishing traps in Baker Bay, in the Columbia, and it is estimated that about 100 are doing business on the Oregon side of the boundary line as fixed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is proposed to require the owners of these traps to pay the 25 annual fee, and to give them the protection of the Oregon laws if there is any controversy with the Washington authorities. Master Fish Warden McAllister is now engaged in sending out notices to fishermen and to the officials of his department.

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