# LAND COURT BILL NOT TO PASS SOON

Secretary Lane, of Interior Department, Reports Adversely on Measure.

### PRESENT WAY IS FAVORED

Complications, Delay and Expense, All Combining to Hardship on Poor Homesteader, Given as Reasons for Opposition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Lane has reported adversely on the bill, introduced by Representative Smith, of Idaho, providing for the establishment of Ind courts on the several Western states to consider and adjust contests over title to public lands. This is the first official expression of this administration on this measure. It means that there will be no land courts created by this Congress or the next. In a letter to Chairman Ferris, of the House public lands committee, Secretary Lane gave his reasons.

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The Secretary says that under the present system the judicial functions of the Land Department are se intermingled with purely administrative duties incident to disposition of title to the public domain that a partition of those duties between the executive and judicial would be productive of cumbersome and unsatisfactory procedure. The courts, he says, would be an additional branch of the Government to handle land matters and would complicate and delay proceedings.

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There are now 100 local land offices, and under the Smith bill the land courts, one for each state, would be obliged to sit at least once each year in each land district. The bill makes no provision for piaces in which the land court shall sit. Moreover, provision would also have to be made for the appellate land court.

"From the time the jurisdiction of such a court is established," says the Secretary, "each litigated case thereafter would be subject to all of the ordinary dilatory actions attendant upon the progress of a case through courts of similar jurisdiction. Bringing the case to an issue upon the pleadings, after motions and demurrers have each in turn been heard and decided, would in itself occupy a greater length of time than the ordinary trial and decision in the district land office.

"Succeeding the perfection of the pleadings, a trial by jury would follow in itself involving a tedious and expensive incident to a final decision, which must ultimately be found in the judgment of the court, after motions for a new trial and in arrest of judg-

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The Secretary further thinks that the appellate land court soon would be swamped with appeals from the display of a large, flesh-colored photo of a woman known as the "Diving Very". He evidend one of the state of the s

Expense Is Big Feature.

"The my opinion," says Secretary Lane, "this bil would largely increase the time within which final action might be secured. Another feature of perhaps equal or even greater importance to public land claimants is that of expense. Under the present system applicants and contestants are not required to follow set forms or to have their papers, appeals, briefs and arguments prepared or presented by attorneys. The homesteader or other land claimant who is unable to employ an lalmant who is unable to employ an

oured, at the least expense to each pub-lic land claimant, a full and fair hear-ing as to the merits of his case, permit-ting in noncontested cases the applica-tion of equitable principles in aid of those who, while acting in good faith, have failed in some immaterial partic ular to comply with the full technical requirements of the law."

# MEAT EXPERTS ENGAGED

J. E. Forestell and W. Constantine to Demonstrate at O. A. C. .

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 29.—(Special).—Two of Portland's leading meat-animal experts have engaged to give demonstrations at the Agricultural College during Farmers' Week. J. E. Forestell, expert buyer for the Union Meat Company. will demonstrate meat animals of different degrees of quality, and will demonstratine, the Alder street market man, will demonstrate the meat to part of the constraint of the c

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of the same animals on the block.
Mr. Forestell's demonstration Monday will include cattle, sheep and hogs.

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# ALBANY TO PERFECT CLUB

Portland, Eugene and Salem Men Albany Y. M. C. A. Elects Directors-

Will Give Hints.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—
To tell the Albany boosters "how it is done," Phil S. Bates, of the Portland Rosarians, and M. J. Duryes, of the Eugene Radiators, will be here Saturday, when final organization of Albany's marching club is effected. These two organizations and the Salem Cherrians were invited to send speakers to the meeting, but the Capital City organization has not yet forwarded the name of its representative.

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C. E. Sox. P. A. Young, J. A. Howard, A. M. Hammer and G. E. Finnerty have been elected directors of the Albany Young Men's Christian Association for a term of three years. Homer Dowd was elected for a one-year term to fill a vacancy. There are 15 directors of the association, five being chosen annually.

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claimant who is unable to employ an attorney to present his case, may prepare, in his own way, and file a simple appeal, which insures the same careful consideration to his rights and case as is given where all parties are represented by attorneys.

"No judicial system can be devised which will obviate the necessity of the employment of counsel at every step in each proceeding, or the liquidation of heavy costs attendant upon the making up of records and upon long-drawn-out litigation. This in itself would, in my opinion, work unteld hardship upon the poorer class of applicants for public lands, and preclude many of them from participating in the benefits to be de-

Present Procedure Upheld.

"The procedure now followed in this department," continues the Secretary, in his report, "is the result of many years' experience, crystallizing finally in a system which it is believed secured, at the least expense to each public land claimant, a full and for the procedure of the pelican Bay Lumber Company. The mill burned last Fall and a new plant 4 is being constructed. Nyberg was placing the new machine his head was

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 29 (Special.)—Bert Robinson, recently indicted by the Klamath County grand jury charged with burglary of a market at Merrill, Or., was acquitted today in Circuit Court. After being released by the Sheriff, Robinson requested permission to remain in the County Jall over night, as he had no funds with which to purchase lodging.

# Ex-Representative Sued by Wife.

# Albany Debater to Be Chosen.

Wednesday. Both demonstrations will be made be conducted in the college armory which will furnish seating capacity for more than 1000 persons.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.).—
The local oratorical contest at Albany college to choose the school's representative in the annual state intercollegiate oratorical contest will be held next Friday. sentative in the annual state inter-collegiate oratorical contest will be held next Friday evening. The contes-tants will be Herbert Blatchford, winner of last year's try-out; Louis A Jones and Miles McKey

Temperary organization of the local marching club was made at a meeting last Staurday evening, when B. R. Westbrook was chosen chairman and Clarence W. Tebault Jr., secretary.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Junction City Times has changed hands. George H. Exster, formerly of Creswell, who purchased it from S. L. Moorhead a year ago, has transferred it to W. Parr, recently of Portland.

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In part the White House denial was justified. There was enough substance to the report, however, to justify the general conclusion that the Secretary of the State and the President were near a rupture because of the President's first inclination to give Sullivan a letter of recommendation.

\*\*Cabinet Members Disagree\*\*
When the President was writing letters of indorsement for Democratic candidates for the Senate and House of Rogers Sullivan went to the President set of Roger Sullivan went to the President and asked for such a letter in behalf of the Democratic Senatorial inominee in Illinois. Among those who appealed to the President were Postmaster-General Burleson and Secretary of water than formaster-General Burleson and Secretary of the such as president for the Canada Secretary of the such as president for the Democratic substraints of the Democratic Senatorial inominee in Illinois. Among those who appealed to the President ware Postmaster-General Burleson and Secretary of the Inspection of Secretary of Treasury to Sullivan at no time threatened to resign that he at no time threatened to resign to the letter was sent.

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