

PUBLIC LAND PROOFS

WHERE AND IN WHAT FORM THEY SHALL BE MADE.

Comment of Commissioner Hermann on the McBride Bill—As to Entries by Women.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Before Senator Carter prepared his report on Senator McBride's bill...

"That hereafter all necessary affidavits and proofs required by law under the homestead, timber-culture, pre-emption, desert-land and timber-land laws of the United States...

In commenting on the measure, the Commissioner said: "In so far as homestead, timber-culture, pre-emption and desert-land entries are concerned, the proposed legislation merely affects the place of making proof...

"The contemplated changes will be beneficial to those entries which reside at places which are some miles from the nearest land office, and also from qualified officers in the counties in which the lands for which the proofs are to be made are situated...

"There have been before this office numbers of cases where it worked great hardship upon the applicants to require them to make their proofs in the county where the land was situated; and the statutory provisions being mandatory, the Land Department could afford the interested parties no redress under the existing law...

Land Entries by Women. An interesting bill, recently reported to the House, and which is of general interest in the Western public land states, is that which provides that "where a single woman, qualified to make homestead entry, has settled upon, improved, established and maintained a home on unsurveyed land..."

APRIL 22D IS THE DAY On which the fastest regular passenger service, Portland to Chicago, ever maintained, will be established.

A daily solid vestibled through train via the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, consisting of dining-car, palace and tourist sleepers, free reclining chairs and buffet library and smoking cars, will make the trip in the remarkable time of 24 hours.

Work on Custom-House. The roof of new Custom-House is about finished, and present contracts will, it is thought, be completed by the Bentley Construction Company within 90 days.

Committees Will Meet. The joint committees of the Portland G. A. R. post—George Wright, Sumner and Fred J. Knott—will meet this afternoon at the office of School Clerk Allen to consider arrangements for the annual Memorial Day exercises.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

Events of the Week at the State University.

The artists of the Treble Clef Club of the State University entertained their numerous friends most charmingly at their annual concert, given in Villard Hall, on Wednesday evening.

"Alice in Wonderland," completed an attractive programme. A popular society play, "Henrietta," will be presented at the opera-house on Saturday night.

WINNER OF THE BLUE RIBBON.



"Zeno," English Mastiff, owned by Mr. Edmund A. Schlotz, of Portland.

This is a good likeness of Edmund A. Schlotz's English Mastiff Zeno, winner of the first prize in his class at the Portland dog show, which came to a successful close last evening.

In order to play a joke on him, it was arranged that the carrier should fail to leave the paper one morning. The carrier did as directed, and Zeno, going out as usual, found his Oregonian missing.

The best way to please Zeno is to permit him to ride in an elevator. He is fond of swimming also, but draws the line on going after small objects in the water, seeming to think that that is the work of a spaniel.

May 1, by the members of the Laurean and Eustasian Societies. The first number of "The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society," devoted to collecting the sources of Oregon history, was recently gotten out under the editorship of Professor Young.

The various societies met as usual last week. The "chemica" heard some good papers on their peculiar subjects, while the "literary" discussed the liquor problem and the Puerto Rico tariff in the course of their meetings.

Dr. Strong is absent lecturing in Eastern Oregon.

Funeral of Rev. W. C. Crawford. The funeral of the late Rev. W. C. Crawford took place yesterday morning from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor streets.

Mortgages Foreclosed. In the suit of the Electric Land Company against Frances L. Krana, G. H. Van Houten et al., to foreclose with the block on a large number of lots and blocks, Portsmouth, a decree was rendered by Judge Cleland yesterday.

B. S. A. Team Won. The second game for the Feldenhelm trophy was played yesterday between the Portland and Bishop Scott Academy teams, resulting in a victory for the latter, by a score of 11 to 7.

466 HOURS TO ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS. Vis. the Grand Northern Railway. Train leaves Portland daily at 6:30 P. M. Connects at St. Paul Union Depot for Chicago, St. Louis and all points east and south.

Delegates to General Assembly. The eight delegates from Oregon to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., at Louisville, Mo., on May 1, have been chosen.

Many British families have every member of them in the male line engaged fighting at the front in Her Majesty's service.

DIED AT NEW WHATCOM

EAST SIDE RESIDENT BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL.

Funeral of Rev. W. C. Crawford—Relief Corps Conveying for Woman Speaker for Memorial Day.

M. A. Share, a well-known resident of Woodlawn, and a soldier of the Civil War, died quite suddenly at New Whatcom, Wash., several days ago, and the remains were yesterday received for burial at Portland, from his home at Woodlawn.

The court granted a decree in the case of Joseph Delaney vs. Addie P. Swain Delaney, an account of which appeared in this paper last week.

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DONE IN THE COURTS.

Suit to Quiet a Title—Other Court Matters.

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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN

....THIRD WARD....

Fred T. Merrill, if elected to City Council of City of Portland, on an independent ticket, the taxpayers and the public will know how he stands. He will not be PLEDGED to any party, faction or creed, and therefore will at least have free speech, and will stand up fearlessly and alone, if necessary, for the right and best interests of the taxpayers and the people, and the growth of Portland.



Fred T. Merrill's home is in the Third Ward, business is in the Third Ward, pays several hundred dollars per year taxes in the Third Ward, employs over 30 people in the Third Ward, and has spent over \$50,000 in the Third Ward in the past three years, so why should he not want to see the Third Ward and Portland prosper?

For the People and With the People Always. FRED T. MERRILL. NOT A POLITICIAN. But just a business man with the interest of the people and the City of Portland at heart.

PIONEER SCHOOLHOUSE

RECOLLECTIONS OF LA GRANDE'S OLD SEAT OF LEARNING.

Structure of Hewn Logs in Which Many Prominent Oregonians Were Educated.

I've wandered to the village, Tom; I've sat beneath the tree. Upon the schoolhouse playground that sheltered you and me.

A recent dispatch to The Oregonian, announcing that the handsome new brick schoolhouse at La Grande had been completed and dedicated brings up a flood of recollections.

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had trekked across the plains and were still trekking on the "Wallaumit" Valley—the promised land and goal of the almost endless procession; pack trains of mules and horses, great prize schools dragged by the slow moving oxen, or the long eight-mule teams, moving in constant succession to the mines of the "Upper Country" from Umatilla, by the "old schoolhouse" on the development of the vast immigrant trains from the East and wondered where all the people were coming from and if the end of the procession would not soon appear.

So the old building was the silent watcher on the tower, a witness to the westward march of civilization. Many a time have I stood at the windows of this pioneer schoolhouse and watched the going of the vast immigrant trains from the East and wondered where all the people were coming from and if the end of the procession would not soon appear.

So the old rickety, creaking building stood above the trees and bushes of the Inland Empire; watched the appearance of the railway that had been the life of the old town; watched the last prize schooner and the last pack train come and go over the Blue Mountain range; watched the glory of the old town depart forever and the new spring up. It was a rickety structure and when struck by a Grand Ronde spherule it swayed and drooped, like a reed, but it never went down.

A Great Prophet. It was a great day when we all marched into the new building from down town. The morning of the inauguration was a happy one, and he made a practice of opening school with a short prayer. The morning we moved into the new building he made a practice of opening school with a short prayer.

His prayer on that occasion was almost prophetic, now that I recall what he said, although he did not live to see what he prayed for come to pass. The morning of the inauguration, toward the close of his eloquent invocation he said:

"Now, when this new and beautiful structure which these pioneers have built, shall have ceased to be, may it be supplanted by a larger and better one, and may the boys and girls who have been nurtured in this beautiful valley."

His prediction has been verified. Over three, midway between the old and new town, stands the very building he prayed for, while some of the men who helped to build the first one sleep just beyond under the gravel of the foothills. The sons of Jacob Morrow, the pioneer merchant of the old town who afterwards moved to Morrow County, attended school here. The sons and daughters of the late Senator James H. Slater, of whom there were quite a few, got the rudiments of their education in the old building. Carrie and Ella Rhodes, the latter Ella Higginson, were pupils in this old building. Frank Baker, afterwards State Printer, went to school here. Some of the old pupils have attained considerable prominence.

Ella Higginson's name as a writer is known in many households. David Bay became Mayor of La Grande; Joseph Baker, son of M. Baker, is a practicing attorney. The sons of Senator Slater are all prominent and successful men in the Northwest. Mr. Winton now a prominent attorney of Astoria, was one. He was a fine teacher, and the boy who could get through one day without feeling his heavy hand was lucky and a phenomenon, but still he taught the pupils in great shape. The late J. T. Outhouse, a pioneer of the Willamette Valley, taught for a number of years in the old building and he was a fine teacher. Mr. J. I. Carter, now of the Reform School at Salem, was one of the pioneer teachers at the La Grande schoolhouse. Then came the line of modern teachers, down to the eight-room building that superseded the first structure, and

When Tod first went to England his to-morrows was openly laughed at, but the American played wicket with his English rivals, and his victories made all English gasp. Having the stamp of royal approval, so-called both at home and abroad, "honored" him, and he is feted and petted to an extent that would turn an ordinary man's head.

The great jockey was in such demand socially and dined and wined to such an extent that it was feared his health would give way. Too much society and the nervous strain of racing told on him.

A two weeks' trip to America made him acquainted with Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and their remarkably restorative effects on a depleted digestive apparatus, and he recommended them in unstinted terms to a friend, saying, "Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the best thing I know of for keeping the stomach in condition and appetite in good repair."

"Thousands of former dyspeptics can vouch for the truth of Tod Sloan's words, as 'Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets' have become a household word in America, and few families are without them. One or two taken after meals keep the stomach sweet by causing prompt and healthy digestion of the food."

Healthy people use them after heavy dinners to keep their good health and to make sure that no ill effects will follow an unusually heavy meal.

Your druggist will tell you or your doctor, either that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are composed of pure vegetable ferments, acetone, pepsin, hyalinated fruit acids, etc., and for the strong stomach as well as the most delicate, constitute a safeguard against indigestion and stomach troubles.

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