Corvallis Gazette.

THE NEW LAND LAW.

The following is the land law enacted by the recent U. S. congress at Washington City:

"An act to withdraw certain public lands from private entry, and other purposes.

Be it enacted, etc. Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act no public lands of the United States, except those in the state of Missouri, shall be subject to private entry.

Sec. 2. That any person who has not heretofore perfected title to a tract of land of which he has made entry under the homestead law, may make a homestead entry of not exceeding one-quarter section of public land subject to such entry, snch previous filing or entry to the contrary notwithstanding; but this right shall apply to persons who perfect title to lands under the pre-emption or homestead laws already initiated. Provided, that all set'ers upon the public lands whose claims have been initiated prior to the passage of this act may change such entries to homestead entries and proceed to perfect their titles to their respective claims under the homestead law, notwithstanding they may have heretofore had the benefit of such law, but such settlers who perfect title to claims under the homestead law shall not thereafter be entitled to enter other lands under the pre-emption or homestead laws of the United States.

Sec. 3. That whenever it shall be made to appear to the register and receiver of any public land office, under such regulations as the secretary of the interior may prescribe, that any settler upon the public domain under existing law is unable by reason of a total or partial destruction or failure of crops, sickness or other unavoidable casualty, to secure a support for himself or herself, or those dependent upon him or her upon the lands settled upon, then such register and receiver may grant to such settler a leave of absence from the claim upon which he or she has filed for a period not exceeding one year at any one time, and such settler so granted leave of absence shall forfeit no rights by reason of said absence. Provided, that the time of such actual absence shall not be deducted from the actual residence required by law.

Sec. 4. That the price of all sections of the public lands within the limits of the portions of the several grants of land to aid in the construction of railroads which have been heretofore and which may hereafter be forfeited, which were by the act making such grants, or have since been increased to the double minimum price and, also of all lands within the limits of any such railroad grant, but not embraced in such grant lying adjacent to and coterminous with the portions of the lines of any such railroad which shall not be completed at date of this act, is hereby fixed at $1.25 per acre.

Sec. 5. That any homestead settler who has heretofore entered less than one quarter section of land may enter other and additional land lying contiguous to the original entry, which shall not, with the first land entered and occupied, exceed in the aggregate 160 acres, without proof of residence upon and cultivation of the original entry, when the additional entry is made then the patent shall issue without further proof. Provided, that this section shall not apply to or for the benefit of any person who, at the date of making application for entry hereunder, does not own and occupy the lands covered by his original entry. And provided, that if the original entry shall fail for any reason prior to patent or should apdear to be illegal or fraudulent, then the additional entry shall not be permitted, or, if already initiated shall be canceled.

Sec. 6. That every person entitled under the provision of the homestead laws, to enter a homestead, who has heretofore complied with or who shall hereafter comply wiih the said laws, and who shall have made his final proof thereuuder for a quantity of less than 160 acres and receive the receiver's final receipt therefor, shall be entitled under said laws to enter as a personal right and not assignable by legal subdivisions of the public lands of the United States subject to homestead entry, so much additional land as added to the quantity previously so entered by him shall not exceed 160 acres. Provided, that in no case shall the patent issue for the land covered by such addtional entry until the person making such additional entry shall have actually and in conformity with the homestead laws resided upon and cultivated the land so additionally entered and otherwise fully complied with such laws. Provided, also, that this section shall not be construed as affecting any rights as to the location of soldiers' certificates heretofore issued under section 2406 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 7. That the "act to provide additional regulaiions for home stead and pre emption entries of public lands," apgroved March 3, 1879, shall not be construed to forbid the taking of testimony for final proof within ten days following the day advertised as upon which such final proof shall be made in cases where accident or unavoidable delays have prevented the applicant or witnesses from making such proof on the day specified.

Sec. 8. That nothing in that act shall be construed as suspending, repealing, or in any way rendering inoperative the provisions of an act entitled "an act to provide for the disposal of abandoned and useless military reservations," approved July 5, 1884.

Dated March 4, 1889."

VIRTUE'S REWARD.

"Honesty is the best policy," and is always sure to be rewarded. Oftentimes it is like virtue, "has its own reward," but a pure conscience is something that no money can buy. This, however, is rather cold comfort to those persons who, in a fearful struggle with the evil one, overcome temptation and do an honest act. A person who is honest in order to secure a reward is not deserving of what he seeks to obtain, for at heart he is insincere, but, nevertheless, it does no particular harm to encourage hon esty whenever an opportunity may arise.

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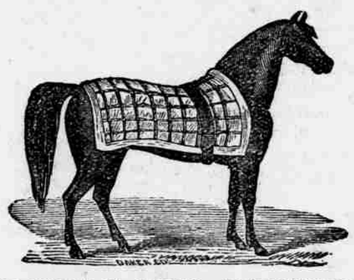

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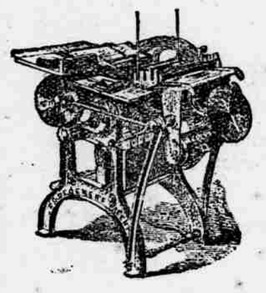

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