

PETITION.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled: We, the undersigned petitioners, citizens of Link River precinct, Jackson county Oregon, would respectfully represent the following facts and call your earliest attention thereto, to wit:

Nearly all the lands in this section of country, are either marsh lands, or are embraced in the selections made by the State of Oregon pursuant to a grant made by the government to the State, consisting of five hundred thousand acres of land, and accepted by the State under constitutional provisions as an endowment subsidy for educational purposes, to be held inviolate and irreducible as common school fund. The greater part of such selections have never been approved, although made shortly after the lands were surveyed by the U. S. Surveyors, which was in 1858 or 1859. These lands have been settling up for nearly five years, and, although every effort has been made by the settlers to obtain titles from the State for their lands, they have all, or nearly all failed to get any satisfaction from the Board of Commissioners for the sale of State lands.

The statutes of Oregon, approved October 22, 1864, provides "That the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, as a Board of Commissioners for the sale of school lands and the management of the common school fund, are hereby authorized and required to sell to actual settlers, in such quantities as they shall deem most advantageous to the State, not exceeding a half section to any one settler, the lands selected and to be selected for common school purposes, as fast as such selections shall be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, payable in any lawful money of the United States. Provided, That the price per acre fixed in this section shall apply only to such tracts of land as were or may be occupied by actual and bona fide settlers at the time the land was, or shall be designated as State land; and all State lands sold or to be sold, subsequently to such designation or location, shall be sold for two dollars per acre."

It also requires that the application of the purchaser shall be accompanied by his affidavit, stating that he is residing on the land which he applies to purchase, and intends to make it his home, and that he knows of no prior settler claiming any part of said land.

The statute of Oregon, approved Oct. 28, 1868, provides that all the school and university lands belonging to the State shall be offered for sale, and sold upon the terms herein provided for, and not otherwise, except fractions and lots of such lands of eighty acres or less, where separated from other school and university lands, may be sold to, and purchased by any person complying with the conditions in this act; but the sale of the remainder of said lands shall be made only to actual settlers thereon, in quantities not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres to any one person; Provided, That settlers shall have the preference in the purchase of all such lands as may be found to be occupied at the time of the passage of this act, or within six months after taking effect of the same; but after the expiration of six months any person shall be entitled to purchase any of the above described lands, in lots not to exceed 160 acres, not settled upon in accordance with the provisions of this act.

This law also provides, That the application of the purchaser shall be accompanied by his affidavit to the effect that he is an actual settler on the land described in his application, that he desires to purchase the same for a home; and that it was not occupied by any other person at the time of his settlement, &c. This would seem to prevent the possibility of the land being bought up by speculators. The present Board have set aside the above statute laws, giving speculators a chance to make out applications with fictitious names attached, and thereby monopolizing all the lands.

As this ruling of the Board was made shortly after the passage of the odious swamp land law of Oregon, and as the filers on swamp lands in this

county are the parties through whom, or from whom the fraudulent applications on State lands were made, we believe the Board of Commissioners to be in collusion with the swamp land speculators.

Many of your petitioners made application for their lands through the authorized agent of the Board for this county, but have found that the Board has since allowed these swamp land speculators to file on their lands; and we have been advised by the Secretary of the Board, T. H. Cann, to compromise with them for the lands that we have lived upon and improved for years. This Board has received full payment and given deeds for lands that have never been approved. It has also received one-third payment, and exacted notes bearing interest for the remaining two-thirds, from other parties for the same class of lands; it has refused the payment and application from actual settlers upon the same class of lands in the same township as the others, on the ground that the lands were not approved and consequently not for sale, showing that they were not only guilty of fraud but of partiality.

Believing from the above facts that we are not safe in the possession of our lands under the laws of the State, and that it is contrary to the spirit and intent of the United States laws, for surveyed lands to remain unsettled or pass into the hands of speculators, we therefore ask that the lands not yet approved as State lands may be thrown open to actual settlers under the homestead and pre-emption laws of the United States, except in cases where settlers have made payment upon them to the State, and who would either lose their money or be compelled to resort to expensive lawsuits to recover it. We also ask that some enabling act may be passed giving to settlers who have taken up more land under the State laws than can be covered by the homestead or pre-emption laws, to pay the government price for the amount they claim that exceeds the government allowance; and also to enable such settlers to date their homestead settlement back to the time when such settlement was actually made. And for this your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

- (Signed,) O. A. Stearns. Wm. Angle. W. H. Miller. J. W. Harris. Sam. Colver. J. Fulkerson. O. T. Brown. G. C. Thomas. W. J. Small. Robert Whittle. Wm. H. Moody. Joseph Pennig. J. W. Rams. John Glein. Windelein Nus. A. Handy. John Frite. J. H. Miller. C. Schneider. W. H. Dingman.

A Reliable Witness.

It having been currently reported here that Tribble, the nice young man who is being petted and chaperoned by our Honorable Senator and his body guard, was a horse-thief in Yamhill county and turned State's evidence, the Clerk of that county was written to and sends the following in relation to the matter:

"At the time Tribble and Nunley were arrested upon the charge of stealing horses, and Tribble turned State's evidence and Nunley was indicted, Nunley was not tried or convicted for stealing the horses that Tribble assisted him in stealing, but was convicted on another charge of stealing, and I presume it was in consequence of such conviction, that he was not tried upon the charge in which Tribble confessed his guilt, and, as I am informed, testified that he and Nunley did the stealing.

Yours respectfully, M. REDDING, Clerk of Yamhill Co., Oregon."

This is the witness upon which our Honorable Senator hangs his white robes of purity. No wonder his bowels yearned for his witness when he saw that rigid honesty that an upright life has marked in Justice Kahler's face. No wonder he felt like howling generally when he got away from Kahler's Court. It was doubtless a great relief for him to give vent to his pent up vials of corruption; and we earnestly trust that the respectable citizens who were drummed up to go on Tribble's bonds, after he had been three days in the Sheriff's hands, will continue to feel comfortable and happy in such company.

CORRECTION.—We stated in an article last week that the grand jury had received instructions calculated to defeat justice. We had not the slightest intention of reflecting on Judge Prim, and make this explanation with pleasure.

Correspondence.

GRANTS PASS, OREGON, Dec. 18, 1871.

EDITOR SENTINEL:—

I wish to be heard through your excellent paper in regard to an article published in the Jacksonville Times of December 16, under the caption of "The Price of a Wife, Baby and span of Horses."

First. The inference is that one Cyrus Connor was brought before Justice Kahler on a charge of stealing a man's wife, child and span of horses. It says the evidence developed all the above facts. I pronounce the above utterly false, except the charge of stealing two horses.

Next. This fellow Connor beat this child unmercifully, on the road somewhere between Northern and Southern Oregon, so much so that it alarmed a lady living near their camp, and that she went and compelled the brute to desist. This, it insinuates, was in evidence before me; this I positively assert I never heard till some time after the examination was through.

Next. The little child's person was exhibited at the trial and was found covered with marks of Connor's brutality. I pronounce the assertion, that the child was exhibited at the trial or that there was any evidence before the Court that the child was whipped, beat or bruised by any one, an infamous lie. I will now state, in justification of myself, the facts in the case. One Wm. Savage made complaint before me that the crime of larceny had been committed on or about the 5th day of December, 1871, in Jackson county, by stealing two horses, the property of complainant, and that he accuses one Cyrus Connor of being guilty of the same. There were several witnesses examined on the part of the State, and they all testified to the ownership of those two horses and in whose possession they were found, and were not examined on any other criminal act of the defendant but the stealing of those two horses.

On the part of the defense Sarah Savage was examined, and testified that she had two horses of her own, and that she did give the said Cyrus Connor twenty-eight dollars and her two horses to put to his team and wagon, if he would take her and her household goods to California.

The facts in the case are, instead of the man stealing the woman, the woman stole the man.

I will notice another item in an article in the same issue of the Times, under the heading of "The Perjurer Case." In that part of the article where it accuses the Justice of prejudice in favor of the prosecution, it says, in obedience to the instruction of the counsel for the State, he held Tribble to answer in the sum of \$500. I say that accusation is false, for the reason that the counsel for the State insisted that the Court should or ought to put the bail at least to \$1,000.

I shall not reply to this article any further, as the attorneys took down the testimony and the ruling of the Court, and the exceptions thereto are all filed, and they will show the facts in the case. Yours Truly,

WM. KAHLER.

APPRAISAL AT OAKLAND.—On Thursday evening about eight o'clock, Julius Cardwell, generally known as "chalk-line," was stabbed, at Oakland, by James Weaver. One of the wounds in the region of the heart will prove fatal. He has also a dangerous wound in the back, and a very bad cut on one of his knees. The row originated in a game of chuckaluck. Weaver has been arrested.

MARRIED.

SALT MARSH—HASKINS.—At Sterlingville, December 20th, 1871, by Judge Duncan, Capt. Sylvester Saltmarsh to Miss A. Haskins.

BORN.

FISHER.—In Jacksonville, Monday, December 11th, to the wife of Neuman Fisher, a son.—This notice should have appeared last week.

DIED.

SCHMEIDLIN.—Near Jacksonville, Tuesday, December 19th, 1871, Peter Schmeidlín, aged about 64 years.

NEW TO-DAY.

G. W. CRISTAL. H. F. PHILLIPS. CRYSTAL & PHILLIPS. Oregon Street.

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO DO ALL kinds of Blacksmithing and Wagon-making, Horse-shoeing, Repairing, &c. ALL WORK WARRANTED. Jacksonville, Ogn., Dec 23-71

NEW TO-DAY.

Time Tried AND FIRE TESTED!

UP TO THE NIGHT OF November 24, 1871, CHICAGO LOSSES TO THE AMOUNT OF \$502,701.71 HAD BEEN ADJUSTED AND PAID BY THE ALWAYS RELIABLE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF Hartford, Conn.

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

Application for Insurance in THE "OLD RELIABLE" PHENIX, OF HARTFORD.

Should be made to its Agents, to be found at all prominent points in Oregon and Washington Territory, who are authorized to issue policies direct.

PACIFIC BRANCH R. H. MAGILL Manager, 424 California Street, SAN FRANCISCO

Wm. HOFFMAN, Agent, Jacksonville, Ogn. N. B.—Parties holding policies in the Pacific and other suspended Insurance Companies can have the same cancelled without expense, and obtain RELIABLE INDEMNITY, by applying to the Agents of the PHENIX, OF HARTFORD.

CHRISTMAS BALL, AT HORNE'S HALL, Monday, Dec. 25th, 1871.

TICKETS \$4 00 THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY announces that he will give a dance and supper on the evening of the above date. The Jacksonville String Band will furnish music, and no effort will be spared to make the occasion pleasant for the guests.

L. HORNE. Jacksonville, Dec. 16, 1871.

ASHLAND HOUSE, Ashland, Ogn. JESSE HOUCK, Proprietor.

THIS HOUSE HAS LATELY BEEN NEWLY furnished and refitted throughout, and is now open to the accommodation of boarders and the travelling public. The table will always be supplied with the best market affords. A commodious stable is connected with the establishment. Ashland, Ogn., Dec. 9, 71-4f

NOTICE. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSENBERG, OREGON, Nov. 22, 1871. COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED at this Office by M. Colwell and J. T. Rainey against Franklin Vincent for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 1,352, dated June 24, 1871, upon the E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 and N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 17 and N. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 Sec. 18, Township 25 S., Range 1 West, in Jackson County, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 5th day of January, 1872, at 1 o'clock P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

Wm. E. WILLIS, Register. BINGER HERMAN Receiver. Dec. 2nd

To Farmers and Stock Raisers! THE undersigned are now prepared to break and train colts and horses of any description. Located at Bybee's Race Track, near this city. W. F. DRANNAN, D. M. RICE, H. S. BROWN, Jacksonville, Ogn., Aug. 5, 1871-4f

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J. B. WHITE. ALEX. MARTIN.

WHITE & MARTIN. (SUCCESSOR TO JAR. T. GLENN.) DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE CALIFORNIA STREET, JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

NEW FIRM, NEW GOODS, NEW PRICES! LOW PRICES WILL WIN!

THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES MEASURE in notifying his friends and the public generally, that he is now receiving and opening a very large and extensive stock of

STAPLE DRY GOODS, READY MADE CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS, CALIFORNIA AND SALEM CLOTHS, BLANKETS, HOOP SKIRTS, ETC., ETC.

BOOTS AND SHOES, Ladies', Misses' & Children's Shoes.

I have, also, in connection with the above, a very large and extensive stock of choice Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Glass ware, Cutlery, Paints and Oils; also, Window Glass, Nails, Iron, and Steel, Cast and Steel Plows, Wooden and Willow ware.

I am ready to sell anything in my line at the LOWEST CASH PRICE. Persons wishing to buy goods, will find it greatly to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as I am determined not to be undersold by any house in Jackson county. Give me a call, and then judge for yourself as to my capacity to furnish goods as above.

WHITE & MARTIN. Jacksonville, November 18, 1871-4f.

THE TEMPLE FASHION! 1871. 1872.

PRODUCTIONS OF SACHS BROS. The TEMPLE OF FASHION cannot be beat—There everything is kept nice and neat; The latest fashions make a grand display—Something new can be seen every day.

Dry Goods for Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall; Anything, everything, for which you may call. Come in now and bundle up warm. At least take a look. It will do you no harm.

Groceries, all kinds—we keep the best—Please call in and give them a test. Hardware, also, from a pin to a spike. Queensware, all kinds, whatever you like.

Merchandise, in great variety and price. Clothing, boots, shoes, all very nice. Liquors, customers will not let waste. Tobacco, such as will suit every taste.

Good syrup, just the thing for hot cakes. You will eat so much your sides will ache. Fine pickles, you may nip at, by degrees. And then a big bite of Limburger cheese.

But we ray no more, come see for yourselves. The fine stock of goods we have on our shelves. The people all know it and say to each other. If you want something good go to the store of SACHS BROTHERS. Jacksonville, Ogn. Nov 4-4f.

LATEST FROM EUROPE! WESTROP & PEACOCK. FRESCO, HOUSE, SIGN, CARRIAGE & ORNAMENTAL PAINTERS & GRAINERS.

HAVING PERMANENTLY LOCATED AT Jacksonville, we will be pleased to receive Orders in any of the above branches of the business. Orders left at the New State Saloon will receive prompt attention. WESTROP & PEACOCK. Jacksonville, Ogn., Dec 21st



A FULL AND COMPLETE STOCK AL ways on hand at the City Drug Store.

BOOKS, STATIONARY, TOILET ARTICLES, &c., &c.

AGENCY FOR THE ACUE KING, W. L. COWAN, Druggist.

GASOLINE OIL & LAMPS, City Drug Store. Jacksonville, Sept. 10, 1870.

SADDLE & HARNESS MANUFACTORY. HENRY JUDGE

HAS resumed his former business in Jacksonville, Oregon, on California Street, next door to A. Fisher & Bro., and will keep constantly on hand a general assortment of

SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESSES, COLLARS, HORSE BLANKETS, LINEN SHEETS & GOODS, HORSE BRUSHES, TRACE, BREAST, HALTER, DOG CHAINS

and a large stock of SADDLERY HARDWARE & FINDINGS. All orders from a distance promptly attended to. Manufacturing to order, and repairing done on short notice, and with the best material.

All articles in my line will be sold at a lower Cash Price than ever before offered in Jacksonville. Please Call and examine my STOCK before purchasing elsewhere. HENRY JUDGE. Jacksonville, Ogn., Oct. 7, 71-4f

JOHN NEUBER HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ADDITION TO HIS AL ready well Selected Stock of

JEWELRY & SILVERWARE. GOLD WATCHES & CHAINS, SILVER WATCHES & CHAINS, from the most celebrated MANUFACTURERS of America and Europe, which is offered to the TRADE at PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

A New lot of Eight Day and Thirty Hour Clocks. AMERICAN, SWISS & ELGIN WATCHES

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Cleaned, and Repaired, and WARRANTED.

A LOT of Silver Plated Spoons, Knives & Forks, and Castors. Music Boxes, Accordions, Guitars and Violins, Guitar and Violin Strings, the best in market.

A Large assortment of Pocket Cutlery. Just received a large lot of

Toys for Holiday. Great assortment of Cigars, Pipes & Tobacco, Pipe Cut for smoking and chewing, and all other kinds.

WILLOWWARE, SPECTACLES OF ALL KINDS. Agent for Florence, Grover & Baker and Howe Sewing Machines. A Large assortment of SILK & COTTON THREAD on hand. J. NEUBER. Jacksonville, Nov 4th.