

in the organic act of the late provisional government. That organic act required certain things to be done, not now necessary to be stated, to entitle one to hold a claim. Those claims were taken and recorded, and it frequently happened that a dispute arose between adjoining claimants, as to the boundary of their respective claims. Those disputes were frequently taken into the courts of the country, and adjudicated on legal principles. Now it was thought proper by the Committee on Territories, as well as the Committee on Public Lands, in the House and Senate, to provide, first, that the surveyor general should decide the case, when a dispute arose about conflicting boundaries, before a patent should issue. But the section also provides, that in case either party is dissatisfied with his judgment, he may appeal to the courts of the Territory, where the dispute would be decided by the evidence in the case, regulated by the law governing in such cases under the provisional government of Oregon. My own opinion is, that the section should stand.

Mr. VINTON (at the suggestion of Mr. SACKETT) modified his amendment, so as to strike out all after the word "that" to the word "it," as follows:

"All questions arising under this act shall be adjudged by the surveyor general on principles of justice and equity, subject to the right of appeal, by suit or otherwise, to the courts of the Territory, by the party aggrieved."

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the section, by striking out the words "on principles of justice and equity, subject to the right of appeal by suit or otherwise, to the courts of the Territory, by the party aggrieved," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "as preliminary to a final decision according to law."

Further brief conversational explanations were made by Messrs. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, MARSHALL, SACKETT, and THURSTON.

The question was taken, and the amendment of Mr. STEVENS was agreed to.

The question recurred upon the amendment of Mr. VINTON.

Mr. VINTON withdrew his amendment. Mr. MARSHALL moved the following amendment: to insert after the word "questions," the words "of difference between settlers."

Mr. THURSTON appealed to the gentleman from Kentucky not to press his amendment.

Some conversation—

Mr. MARSHALL withdrew his amendment.

The question recurred, and was taken upon the amendment of Mr. FITCH, to add an amendment to constitute the fourteenth section, (as above.)

Mr. COLE, of Alabama, said, he would propose an amendment, and he assured the gentleman from Oregon in so doing he had no intention to embarrass the bill. The amendment was read, as follows:

Provided, That the provisions of this act which relate to a donation of public lands to actual settlers, shall extend to all the public lands belonging to the United States, except as to the quantity, which shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres to each head of a family.

The CHAIRMAN ruled the amendment out of order, as not germane to the bill.

Mr. THURSTON moved that the committee rise, and report the bill and amendments to the House.

The motion was put and agreed to. The committee accordingly rose and reported the bill and amendments.

The question being on concurring in the amendments of the committee—

Mr. WHITE moved the previous question. The previous question was seconded, and the main question was ordered.

The amendments were read, and no separate vote being demanded, they were agreed to in the aggregate.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. THURSTON moved that the vote by which the bill had been passed be reconsidered, and that that motion be laid on the table.

Which latter motion was agreed to. Mr. WHITE moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. ORR moved that the House adjourn. Rejected.

The question recurred and was taken upon the motion of Mr. WHITE, and was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, (Mr. BOYD in the chair,

The Cincinnati Gazette pays the following beautiful compliment to our townsman, EDWARD BATES:—St. Louis Int.

In Edward Bates, "we have an embodiment of all that is bright and beautiful in a Citizen, and all that is excellent and elevated in a Statesman. There is not, in this out-stretching Republic, a nobler or a purer personification of the intellectual endowments, the chastened ambition, and the social virtues which adorned the lives and hallow the memories of Patrick Henry, John Marshall, and William Wirt, than are found, harmoniously blended, in the elements which form the character of Edward Bates."

WASHINGTON, AUG. 5, 1850.

EDITOR SPECTATOR:—There is a little matter which I wish to bring to the notice of the people of Oregon, and particularly to the notice of their Representatives in the next Legislature. It is the idea of getting up a good code of laws.

I, in common with the other citizens of Oregon, feel a deep interest in having something like a permanent code of laws, and one that shall be comprehensive enough to meet the demands which the various interests of our country will require. I am fully aware of the difficulty there is in a Legislature, however wise or experienced it may be, to frame such a code at a hurried session.

I have informed you, in another letter, that I had got our Assembly authorized by law, to extend its next annual session to ninety days. If the price of labor and board should continue in Oregon, at the period of the next annual session, as I suppose it will, I was fully aware at the time I got this law passed, that the members of the Assembly would not be anxious to set 90 days. But I had another object in view, and that was, that the Assembly might meet, and hold a short session, and raise a board of commissioners, of one or more, to digest a code of laws, which the next Legislature might adopt, act by act, making such amendments in the code propounded by the commissioners, as they may deem proper. It will be recollected, that our first Assembly did not sit out its time, and if the next should sit but, say, thirty days, there would be 60 days not consumed. Now, suppose the cost of getting up the code, a thorough one, should cost five or six thousand dollars, a very decent salary for two men one year, that sum would not far exceed the expenses of the Assembly for 60 days.—Hence I feel safe in saying, if this course should be adopted by this Assembly, and a code got up as above indicated, and at that cost, one can certainly get a bill through Congress to pay the expense.—Indeed, there is not a doubt of it whatever.

These are mere suggestions of mine to the members. If the policy should strike them favorably, let them adopt it, and in a memorial, setting forth the facts, ask for an appropriation to meet the case, and the next delegate will have no trouble to get the appropriation.

I will also add, before I close, that our next Assembly, and all subsequent Assemblies, should adopt a separate memorial to Congress for each thing they ask for, and state therein, in the most forcible manner, the reasons for asking the thing prayed for. These memorials are referred to the appropriate committees, and by each committee, to some one member of the committee, for examination. His recommendation, based on such examination, is usually law to the balance of the committee. Hence it will be seen, that the separate cases should be as precisely and forcibly pleaded as possible. I hope these suggestions of mine will not be misunderstood by the Assembly. They are made not through any desire to meddle with the Legislature of Oregon, but solely and purely to facilitate in promoting our common cause.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,
S. R. THURSTON.

Dental Surgeon.

DR. E. H. GRIFFIN offers his professional services to the citizens of Oregon City and vicinity. Careful attention will be given to all operations in his department of surgery. Cleaning, Filling and Extracting performed in such a manner as to give satisfaction. Also, teeth inserted on gold plate in the most substantial and tasteful manner.

Office at Main-street House
Oregon City, October 10, 1850-51

U. S. Marshal's Notice.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, { ss.
DISTRICT OF OREGON, { ss.
PURSUANT to a motion to me directed from the Hon. William Strong, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Oregon, I hereby give notice to all persons concerned, that an information is filed before the said Judge, by Amsey Holbrook, Esquire, Attorney of the United States for said District, against Forty-two Spars, the same having been cut on the public lands of the United States, by trespassers and without authority, and therefore seized at or near Steilacoom in said District, and that trial will be had upon said information at a District Court of the United States, to be held at Vancouver, in Clark county, in said District, on the twenty-ninth day of October instant, at ten o'clock, a. m.

JOSEPH L. MEEK,
Marshal.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, { ss.
DISTRICT OF OREGON, { ss.
PURSUANT to a motion to me directed from the Hon. William Strong, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Oregon, I hereby give notice to all persons concerned, that an information is filed before said Judge, by Amsey Holbrook, Esq., Attorney of the United States for said District, against the British ship called "the Orion," her tackle, apparel and furniture—colored in said District, for an alleged violation of the laws of the United States, and that trial will be had on said information at a District Court of the United States to be holden at Vancouver, in Clark county, in said District, on the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOSEPH L. MEEK,
Marshal.

Territorial Laws.

THE laws of the Territory in the course of publication have been completed; the committee having received them, have deposited them with the Secretary of the Territory for distribution.
W. W. BUCK, Committee.
G. L. CURRY,

Plows—Plows—Plows!!

THE undersigned, having been furnished with the **FRANCO DIAMOND PLOWS**, held and patented with steel, at their shop opposite McLoughlin's mill, Oregon City, at 15 cents per pound. All persons desiring to purchase plows will find it to their interest to give us a call, as we are determined to give satisfaction.

LITTLE & LEWIS.

Oct. 10, '50—ad 2.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of **BEAN, GARDNER & Co.**, of Portland, Oregon, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. Should there be any claim in respect to the settlement of the affairs of the late concern.

(Signed,) **A. H. BOLDENBERG, HENRICK ROSS, GABRIEL WINTER, R. O. LATIMER.**

Portland, Oct. 1, 1850-51

First Large Sale of Goods.

Auction Auction!

WE will offer for sale, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 10 o'clock, at our chambers, Front street, an entire lot of Goods, consigned for the City, consisting of a variety of Dry Goods, a superior lot of Clothing, Boots and Shoes, together with a variety of Goods. Country merchants will find it to their interest to attend. The goods will be ready for examination on Friday previous to the sale, and will be sold by the piece and case. Terms—Cash on delivery.

A. GOLDSMITH & Co., Auctioneers.

Portland, Oct. 7, 1850-51

U. S. Marshal's Notice.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, { ss.
DISTRICT OF OREGON, { ss.
PURSUANT to a motion to me directed from the Hon. William Strong, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Oregon, I hereby give notice to all persons concerned, that an information is filed before said Judge, by Amsey Holbrook, Esq., Attorney of the United States for said District, against

Eighteen tons of Brown Soap,
Ninety-seven Bales,
Thirty-eight pairs of Boots,
One lot of Indian Venison,
Two hundred and four Super,
Two pairs of Green Blankets,
Sixteen pairs of Blue Blankets,

and sundry other articles of Goods, Wares and Merchandise—colored in said District, on board of the British ship called "the Orion," an alleged violation of the laws of the United States, and that a hearing will be had upon said information at a District Court of the United States to be holden at Vancouver, in Clark county, in said District, on the twenty-ninth inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOSEPH L. MEEK,
Marshal.

Oregon City, Oct. 1, 1850-51

To Homeowners and others.

THE undersigned, proprietor of the **TOWN OF STEILACOOM**, in the County of Clatsop, Oregon, has a large lot of land, consisting of a family two town-lots, and to every single man one town lot, who will become an actual settler in said town within six months, and build a house upon the same; in addition to which, we will sell building materials to those that accept this proposition, and allow them a reasonable length of time to pay for them.

To any one that will build a good Oct 18th, calculated to do the business of the place, we will give a mill site, together with land sufficient for the purposes of a mill site.

This town is handsomely located upon the lower branch of the Willamette river, just far enough above its junction with the Columbia to render it an excellent harbor, and has the advantage of being accessible from all sides, either by land or water; it is also the lowest point upon the river that has a wagon road leading from it to the Willamette valley.

Thrombosis disease run, one on each side of the town, affording water power sufficient to manufacture 50,000 feet of lumber per day—upon one of which three saw mills are now under way. Although this town has been laid out but a few months, it has already made much progress in point of improvement and commerce, and this fact, soon, to become the most important one in the territory.

To those desirous of settling up land claims, we would state that we are surrounded by as beautiful and fertile a section of country as Oregon can boast of, including the Soapstone plains, Seaview Island, the rich and extensive Frazer lately acquired upon the Clatsop or Lewis river, and the fine land in the immediate vicinity of the town.

CROSBY & SMITH.

October 10, 1850-51

N. B. We can give permanent employment to quite a number of hands during the winter.

Notice.

THE undersigned, having been duly qualified administrator on the estate of Calvin T. Biss, late of Clatsop county, deceased, would notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, duly authenticated, and all those indebted to said estate, will make immediate payment to

SOLOMON H. SMITH, Adm'r.

Lexington, Clatsop co., O. T.,
September 15, 1850-51

Take Notice!

MR. D. H. LOWMEANS—Sir: FORBID the sale, as advertised in the Spectator, of a certain land claim, as property belonging to the estate of John McCord, deceased. Said claim is situated as follows: Commencing at a large square iron on the west bank of the Steilacoom creek; then west one mile to a stake; then three miles to a stake; then east 60 chains to a stake on the bank of the Steilacoom creek; then three miles, along Steilacoom to the place of beginning. It contains 500 acres. I hold it by patent (copyright) also, by purchase of Mr. S. Gardner in the winter of 1848.

J. G. TULBER,
Nashua.

Lexington, Clatsop co., O. T., Sept. 28, 1850-51

Law Notice.

E. HAMILTON,
Will practice law in the District and Circuit Courts of Oregon. He will also give opinions for the purchase and sale of real estate. Office in the building opposite occupied by Mr. Pritchett, Secretary of the Territory.
Oregon City, Oct. 3, 1850-51

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