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TERMS IN ADVANCE.

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Bounty Lands for Volunteers
in Indian wars.

The San Francisco Alta, in some remarks on bounty lands that apply as much to Oregon as California, says—

In the several Indian wars in this State there were many volunteers participating in the expeditions who considered their connection with the event an end when they drew down the small amount of pay allowed to them and were inevitably mustered out of the service, never dreaming of a claim to a warrant for lands issued by the government to all who had given such service to the country. Gen. A. M. Whistler, who commanded an expedition against the Indians in 1851, has received letters from volunteers in his command touching the subject of bounty lands, which has led to an investigation resulting in profit to the volunteers. The following correspondence will explain clearly to all who are similarly interested—

Ukiah City, February 25, 1859.
Dear General:—Take the liberty of addressing you as a private volunteer under your command, in 1851, company A, First Battalion, California Mounted Volunteers. Capt. Tracy. Having learned that I may be entitled to a bounty land warrant, I wish you would inform me if such is the case. Your obedient servant,

James Fisher.

Sacramento, May 12, 1859.

Dear Sir.—I have delayed answering your letter until I could satisfy myself as to the law upon the subject. I now have the rules and regulations relative to bounty land, with the statute issued by the commissioners of pensions, from which I learn that "militia, volunteers, and State troops of any State or Territory, called in to military service and regularly mustered therein, and whose services have been paid for by the United States," are entitled to a land warrant for 160 acres.

(See Act of Congress passed March 3d, 1853.)

There must be two witnesses that saw you sign the application, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the claimants and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be. You or your attorney can get a copy of the regulations, with the proper forms, by writing to the Commissioner of Pensions, at Washington, which will be the safest plan; then you will have no further trouble after the papers are sent on to that office.

Every officer or private soldier under my command in the Indian campaigns of 1850 and 1851, in California, is entitled to 160 acres of bounty land.

I will have our correspondence published, for the benefit of those interested, and request all the newspapers of the State to give it publicity, for the information contained therein. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. Whistler.

CONFIDENTIAL NOTE.—Recently a delegation of negroes waited on Mr. Hayes at the white house and assured him that they believed that he was a *de jure* as well as a *de facto* president, and Hayes was comforted by this. That he can be consoled in such a way and by such a delegation, proves at once that there is something wrong and that Hayes knows it. It would be pretty hard work to secure a delegation of white men, even in the republican party itself, who would be willing to go to Hayes and tell him that they honestly believed he was a *de jure* as well as a *de facto* president. They would have to have a good deal of chock and but little respect or regard for the good name of their fellow men. No doubt Mr. Hayes would be willing to see a body of his white citizens approaching the white house to assure him of their belief that he was honestly elected and that he is legal president, but that's a body of a body don't approach worth a cent.

On the contrary nearly all the white people of the country have by this time become convinced that he is *not a de facto* president, for both the law and the fact were against his assumption of that title. They look upon him merely as a fraud and usurper, whom the people permitted to hold the place because they disliked to shed blood in the attempt to rid it of him. He sits in the seat of the rightful president only by virtue of the forbearance of the people who voted against him, and at the polls. It is a strange and wonderful circumstance, that a people would permit this, the cost of bloodshed, but it is true, and for the first time in the history of American presidential contests fraud is triumphant. No wonder Mr. Hayes is glad to be consoled, even by negroes. His own race have set upon him the seal of their condemnation, and he cannot help but feel the sting.—W. W. Stetson.

Pass Located.

From private sources we learn that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad in New York city, on April 10th, the company decided to adopt the Cowellit pass as the line of their road across the mountains, which section has been approved by the Interior department. This decision by the company will open over five million acres of land to settlement. Following was the action made in that meeting. The vice-president presented the map of the general route of the branch as recommended, the line of said amended general route being indicated thereon by a full red line as follows: Beginning at a point on the main line in township 15, north range 32 east of the Willamette meridian, crossing the Columbia river at Priest Rapids, in township 14, north range 33, east; thence across the Cascade mountains via Cowellit pass, south of Mount Rainier to Tacoma, on Puget Sound. On motion the said map and the said amended general route as thereon shown were approved and adopted and the president was directed to certify to the same, and to cause the corporate seal of the company to be thereto affixed, and cause the map to be transmitted to the Secretary of the interior.—*Seattle Post*.

It is a good thing that murdering the King's English is not a capital offence; had it been, some of our contemporaries would have been victims of the death penalty long ago.—*Wall Street Union*.

Thanks to Senator Slater for compensation documents.

Western is to have a Railroad.

ENTERPRISE OF HER CITIZENS.

They deserve and always do succeed.

Western is going to have a railroad. This is owing to the enterprise of her citizens. They have taken the matter up, kept it before the people, worked, put their shoulders to the wheel in unison, and the result is railroad connection with the outer world. We are glad of it. A people with the enterprise, pluck and audacity that has been exhibited by the people of the City of Weston deserve it and always do succeed. Men who own property in Weston do "hide their light under a bushel," draw tight their pursestrings, "work up" in order to enhance the value of their property, but with a hearty good will and a liberality that many of our citizens should emulate, they take "the bull by the horns" and do what is necessary to be done. We congratulate you citizens of Weston on the successful termination of your efforts. "Hurray for Weston and her friends!"

Correspondence.

To "P. O."—To save the Old Wester is going to Zahl Land. Stay at home and give me more of your writing letters, we all love you.

Mr. Starkweather left here last week for Grant's Creek mines. His partners have struck it rich. Strangers coming here are greatly taken up with our country. Everything seems to build up the trade and prospects of the town.

Set out enterprise to townsmen, Bentley & Haven, are making rapid progress in having the lumber to build the first steam planing mill in Pendleton. They deserve great credit. May your shadows never grow less.

The Odd Fellows Hall is fast nearing completion. It will be a credit to the order. Mr. Johnson, master builder is worthy of great praise for the manner he has carried on the building.

Letters from California are going to be great losses to Oregon. Capital will be diverted and large amounts of money will be spent in the purchase and development of the state. Strangers coming here are greatly taken up with our country.

The Space Lake Company has been setting out its pines and is by this morning tagging a large part.

Rohr & Co., at the Hamline division expect to commence making a final census for this season in the course of a week.

Claims on Silver creek caused for price, this will be \$300 recently, unless collectors have changed hands in mean time.

Plenty of feed and a free use

of Comb and Brush.

—E. H. Kountz.

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