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JUDGE HUNT ON THE HOMESTEAD LAW

The Man Who Files with Honest Intentions will Be Protected.

In his charge to the jury in the Jones-Potter-Wade land fraud cases in the federal court last week, Judge Hunt gave an exhaustive discoprse upon the homestead law. For the benefit of the many readers of The Pioneer who are settlers upon government land, we publish that portion which has reference to the requirements as to residence and cultivation, and which is a clear exposition of the homestead law. That portion of the charge which has especial bearing follows:

We now turn to the homestead law, which it is charged was violated by means of al leged false, illegal and fraudulent proofs of settlement and improvement by the entrymen named in the indictment.

A valid claim under the homestead law must invariably rest upon the essential foundation of good faith upon the part of the claimant toward the Government of the United States.

The great object of the homestead laws of the United States was to grant land to actual bona fide settlers, persons making settlement upon the public lands for use as homesteads and to ercourage, residence upon, cultivation and improvement of the public domain.

Now, when it comes to final, proof the applicant is asked, among other things, when his house was built on the land and when he established actual residence, and of whom, his family consists, and whether the applicant and his family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon, and for what perior or periods he has been absent from the homestead since making settlement; and if temporarily absent, whether the applicant's family resided upon and cultivated the land during such absence; how much land has been cultivated; as to the character of the land; whether he has sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the CREEK land, and other questions appearing in the testimony on fi-

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To establish a residence as required by the homestead law, there must be a combination of act and intent, the act of occupying and living upon the claim and the intention of making the same a home to the ex clusion of a home elsewhere. Inhabitancy must exist in good faith. it is not a compliance with the homestead law for a man to file on a tract of land with no intention of making it his home, with no purpose to live there, with no intention of cultivating any part of it and of acquiring it for a place to reside

in. Occasional visits made for a few hours, or for a day or two, every six months, to a claim taken, up as just stated, and made solely for the purpose of complying technically with the law, do not constitute a compliance with the statutes. On the other hand, if a man is really in good faith and means to establish a homestead and in good faith settles upon the land and cultivates the same, and fixes his home there, the law will sustain him in his application and proof even though he be absent for not more than six month from such home, such absence being in good faith with intent to return to his homestead and being reasonably necessary to enable him to maintain himself and his family, or he would be excused if temporarily absent on account of sickness, or unavoidable casualty or necessity occurring after he has established residence on the land.

Crook Co. Journal: Don P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner at Madras, was in the city several days this week on legal business. Mr. Rea stated that land sales continued active in the Agency Plains region and the district had been given an added stimulus through the work of the railroad surveyors who have established camp at Madras. They are from San Francisco and have picked up the old survey of the Columbia Southern which will be followed down through Bend to Klamath Falls thence into California to connect with the northern line running out from San Francisco. Mr. Rea stated that another crew of engineers began work this week at the O. R. & N. bridge which crosses the mouth of the Deschutes, and they are of the latter stream. Where they are headed for or by whose direction no one seems to know.

pumpkin pies served (by special arrange was selected for organist. nients) also sandwitches pickles and coffee. Several have consented not to sing. Dont let any body stop 'ye on the way. will be sent for ye.

Geo. Dodd, a Wasco county rencher, who lives near the head of 'Cow Canyon, was in Madras "several 'days' during the week. He is buying shorses for market,

cant has complied with the law Large Force of Men to Be Used in Building the North Bank Road and Other, Railroad Pro-

jecis in Oregon.

Portland Journal. Five thousand men will be wanted immediately by Simms Shields, the St. Paul contractors who will build the road down the north bank of the Co lumbia river for the Northern Pacific, and 50,000 laborers will find employment soon in the Pacific Northwest in the construction of the various new railway lines that are thought now to be reasonably sure of being

Simms & Shields will distribute to their 5,000 men approximately \$300,000 a month, or not less than \$3,600,000 before their contract is carried out; while the 50,000 laborers wanted on all the projected lines of railway will draw in wages not much less than \$100,000 a month or a total of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 before the work is completed.

Added to this enormous sum of money to be distributed to the workingmen by the railway companies will be the immense sums paid out in the purchase of supplies and materials, most of which will be bought in Port-

However, not all the money expended for material or supplies will go to Portland business houses, for scores of other towns will receive benefit. There will be large purchases at points near the many camps of construction gangs, and the prosperity induced by the railway construction will be diffused throughout the entire Northwest. Inasmuch as most of the new lines are projected in Oregon or in territory that makes Oregon towns the natural purchasing point, this state will feel the influence most favorably, and the injection of so many millions of dollars into the local money circulation will cause a wonderful forward impetus. In the opinion of conservative financiers, these conditions alone are enough to forestall absolutely all possibility of a reaction after the closing of the exposition.

Simms & Shields are peculiar in their methods of handling men on construction work. Instead of issuing time checks to be cashed in the usual manner with brokers buying them at a discount, they will pay their big force of men every night in

"We have found that this is the better way to pay our men," said L. E. Shields today. "It holds the men better and saves them from the loss of the margin that they usually pay to brokers who buy up time checks at a discount. When a man knows that he is to get his pay surveying a line up the canyon every night he works with greater energy.

The Union Sunday school last Sunday elected Mrs. J. K. Craig as superintend-Ye are binden to a "boquet social" at ent and Mrs. Ellis as assistant superintenthe Madras school house Ye Hallowe'en dent to fill the unexpired terms of H. H. evening, Oct. 31, when Ye clock strikes Curtis and H. F. Borden, who are leaveight, given by Ye Ladies Aid Society, ing this community. Miss Lizzie Conroy ---

Judge F. J. Brooks spant several days in Prineville during the past week, attend pot present at 8:15 a search warrant ing court as a witness in the case against Corbet Hote, who was convicted of the murder of the Indian Stikona." Judge Brooks returned home on Saturday even

folin Lockard returned home last week but did not find many for sale in this from a several days vicit to the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland.

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