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THURSDAY October 25, 1906

WINS ON APPEAL

General Land Office Renders Decision in Favor of Entryman.

L. L. Nichols received notice on Tuesday that the General Land Office had reversed the decision in the contest case of Nichols vs. G. R. Moorehead, involving a homestead entry on Agency Plains. This contest was brought by Nichols on the ground that Moorehead was not complying with the law as to residence; that his occasional visits did not constitute a residence thereon; and that Moorehead's family had never resided upon the homestead. A number of witnesses were introduced by both contestant and defendant, when the case was heard here in Madras, and considerable interest was manifested in the matter. When the case was heard in the local land office at The Dalles, a decision was rendered in favor of the contestant, and from this decision Mr. Moorehead appealed. The notice to Mr. Nichols indicates that the General Land Office reversed the action of the local office, deciding the case in favor of Moorehead, but giving the contestant the right to appeal from this decision. Nichols will appeal the case to the Secretary of the Interior whose decision in the case will be final.

The decision which will be rendered by the Secretary of the Interior will be awaited with much interest by the settlers in this locality, as it will settle the oft-mooted question of what constitutes a residence upon a homestead, under the requirements of the General Land Office. Such residence as will be regarded as sufficient by the General Land Office to defeat a contest should certainly, by every process of reasoning, be sufficient upon which to make a good final proof. And yet, acting under their instructions, the officials of the local land offices require an actual bona fide residence upon the land, and the Receiver's duplicate receipts issued when a filing is made, specifically set forth that "occasional visits to the land do not constitute a residence within the meaning of the law". In cases where the head of the family is absent for any length of time, it must be shown that the family resided upon the land during these absences, or some good excuse for the absence of the family must be shown. In the Moorehead case the decision of the local land office was in line with their decisions in the matter of final proofs, requiring a residence in good faith upon the land. The General Land Office reversed this decision and says the local land office erred. The only reasonable interpretation of such a ruling is that the local land office may permit a settler to hold his claim by a character of residence under which he never could establish his title to the homestead on final proof. The decision of the Secretary of the Interior, the highest authority on this important question, will be awaited with interest.

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Trees On The Farm. Concerning the value of shade and ornamental trees upon the farm, Mr. H. W. Campbell says in his Soil Culture Manual: "In our experience thus far, it is clear that in five years time one may grow up shade and ornamental trees, as well as fruit trees to such an extent as to yield beauty, comfort and profit, which largely embody all the factors that are required to make the ideal farm home. Consider for a moment that the bleak prairie may be transformed into ideal farm homes in the short space of five years. Nothing can add more to the wealth of the country and the value of our farm lands than such improvements created generally over our western prairies. We have in mind an instance in the early settlement of eastern Nebraska, which was related to us by one of the parties concerned, that illustrates the love of the average man for trees. A man from Ohio with a reasonable amount of means had come to Nebraska to buy a farm. He was offered one with good buildings and other improvements, excepting there was no orchard or shade trees. The price asked was \$15 per acre, but he purchased the farm adjoining, on which there were no better buildings, and the land was of precisely the same character, but with an orchard of five acres and a liberal amount of shade and ornamental trees around the buildings of about eight years growth. The purchaser paid just twice the price of the other farm—investing as you observe, as much in the fruit and shade trees as he paid for the land and all the other improvements. This may have been an extreme case, but it shows quite clearly how dominant is the love of all of us for such adornments of the home as Nature gives us in beautiful trees.

"Outside of the pleasure and real comfort to be derived from numerous shade and ornamental trees, there is also much value in them in the protection of our fields and crops. It has long been asserted by scientists that the growing of trees on the bare prairies will increase the rainfall. If there is any reliable evidence of this to be gathered by common observation, we must admit there is truthfulness in this theory, for in the eastern portions of Nebraska and Kansas the statements of the older settlers verify it. "In the early days, when the prairies of eastern Nebraska and Kansas were as treeless as is the extreme western portion of these states today, failure by drouth was not uncommon, while now, with almost every section of land bordered and defined by trees, and with groves and woodlands everywhere, the reverse is quite true. The effect of the trees in lifting the hot south winds from the surface and carrying them over the growing crops is perceptible; especially is this noted where there is a considerable growth of trees, and a crop planted on the north side of the grove. It should therefore go without further argument that the planting of trees is important, even in the more humid portions of our country, but especially important and valuable in the semi-arid sections. "That trees can be grown in the semi-arid belt by the simple application of the "Campbell Methods", there is no further question. Evidence is now too conclusive for anyone to deny this assertion. Not only is this true, but with careful attention trees may be made to grow as rapidly as in any section of the East or Middle West, and positive evidence of this may be seen now on the Pomeroy Model Farm. "The growth of trees in the orchard and those around the buildings is simply phenomenal. It will be worth while for anyone to visit this farm next June though he may live hundreds of miles away. He will find there a series of surprises in the results of scientific soil culture and on his return home will cultivate his soil as it is cultivated there, being convinced, I am sure, that the principles advocated in this pamphlet are the principles to be applied to soil culture in the semi-arid belt."

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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. October 16, 1906. Notice is hereby given that George Feulner, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 9723, made Sept. 14, 1901, for the s half ne quarter and s half nw quarter of sec 17, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Frank Hunter, of Culver, Oregon, and Samuel A. Davis, Henry M. Davis and William Killingbeck, all of Madras, Or. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, October 20, 1906. Notice is hereby given that J D Kiser, of Hunt, West Virginia, one of the heirs and for the heirs of Robert E. Kiser, deceased, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make final computation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 3929, made November 1, 1901, for the e half nw quarter, sec 17, tp 10 s, r 14 e w m. And that said proof will be made as follows: J D Kiser will appear before the County Clerk of Kanawa county, at Charleston, West Virginia, on December 4, 1906, and the witnesses will appear before D. P. Sea, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J H Looney, G L Paxton, Fred Fisher and R. R. Young, all of Madras, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 13, 1906. Notice is hereby given that William H Cook, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 9889 made October 28, 1901, for the w half nw quarter of sec 13 and e half ne quarter of sec 14, tp 10 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 12, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: R C Dove, Miles Fox, W H Hannon and G J Hardy, all of Madras, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, October 16, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Herbert B. Neeker, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final computation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No 12356, made November 10, 1901, for the sw quarter sec quarter of sec 27, tp 9 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 3, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H. M. Blackerby, Frank Stangland, Hiram Lukks and Wesley Hill, all of Madras, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 15, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Frank Hunter, of Culver, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 9724 made September 14, 1901, for the sw quarter of sec 17, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: George Feulner, Samuel A. Davis, Henry M. Davis and William Killingbeck, all of Madras, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Or., October 23, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Charles P. Peebler, of Haystack, Ore., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No 8083, made Nov. 21, 1901, for the e half sw quarter, s half se quarter, sec 12, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on November 30, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H H Cook and E A Jenkins, of Madras, Oregon, and E Banta and I L Hale, of Haystack, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 10, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Henry M Davis, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 9469 made June 17, 1901, for the se quarter se quarter sec 7, e half ne quarter and sw quarter ne quarter of sec 18, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Frank Hunter, of Culver, Oregon, and George Feulner, Samuel A. Davis and William Killingbeck, all of Madras, Or. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 16, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Charles E. Jarrett, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 9684 made September 3, 1901, for the ne quarter of sec 7, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: George Feulner, R. V. Jenkins, and George H. Killingbeck, all of Madras, Oregon, and Frank Hunter, of Culver, Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 15, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Samuel A. Davis, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No 9484 made June 20, 1901, for the w half se quarter of sec 7, ne quarter nw quarter and nw quarter ne quarter sec 18, tp 12 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on December 4, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Frank Hunter, of Culver, Oregon, and George Feulner, Henry M. Davis and William Killingbeck, all of Madras, Or. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, October 15, 1906. Notice is hereby given that C. P. Colman, of Ashwood, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No 9022 made September 29, 1901, for the e half sw quarter sw quarter of sec 22, tp 10 s, r 13 e w m. And that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on November 23, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: C P Colman, James Wood, C P Colman and A W Orator, all of Oregon. MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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