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### MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT

J. W. & M. A. Robinson & Company  
in Hands of R. L. Sabin

### ASSETS FAR EXCEED THEIR LIABILITIES

Assignment is Only Temporary and Firm Expects to Resume Charge Within Sixty Days

J. W. & M. A. Robinson & Company of this place last week made an assignment of all their property to R. L. Sabin, of Portland, for the benefit of their creditors. The assets owned by the firm greatly exceed their liabilities, and their embarrassment resulting in the assignment is due largely to the money stringency, which has made it impossible for them to secure the financial assistance necessary to tide them over until they can realize upon outstanding accounts. Mr. Turner, secretary of the company, says that the assignment is only temporary and that the business will not be closed out, but that they expect to have matters arranged so as to resume business for themselves in about sixty days. Meanwhile the business is in charge of William Macbeth, a representative of Mr. Sabin. The assignee, Mr. Sabin, is secretary of the Merchants' Protective Association of Portland.

Messrs. Robinson & Company have handled a large business during the two years they have been engaged in the general merchandise business at this point, and the announcement of their assignment was a surprise to all. They have many friends and customers throughout this end of the county who will hope for the speedy settlement of their difficulties, so that they may resume business again.

### FROM MADRAS TO LAMONTA

Petitions for New County Road to Afford Outlet to Many Ranchers

A petition will be presented to the county court at the March term, asking for the establishment of a new county road running southeast from this place up Willow Creek to the Lamonta and Willow Creek sections. The road will intersect the Rim Rock Spring road where that road crosses Willow Creek, and it will open up a large scope of country which at present has no county roads connecting it with its markets and business points. It will be several miles shorter than the present traveled road from Madras to Lamonta, and will be a much better road, the grades being easier. It will also make a good road to the Willow Creek and Grizzly sawmills, for which reason it may be expected to slightly cheapen the cost of lumber at this place.

Tilman Reuter, who has a ranch southeast of this place, for which he has no outlet by county road, has the matter in charge, and is circulating the petition. He says that all of the property owners through whose lands the road will pass, are favorable to the project and will join in the petition. The road will unquestionably be of great benefit to the section through which it passes, and it is a road which can be established and put in good shape at a very small expense to the county.

### CONGRESS OF DRY FARMERS

Second Annual Session Closes With Many Practical Results Obtained

Salt Lake City, Jan. 25.—The Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress closed its second convention here this afternoon. Beginning with 282 delegates, the convention closes with nearly 600 in attendance. The next congress will be held at Cheyenne.

This congress has created a permanent salaried secretaryship, inaugurated a system of annual dues and life memberships and established a bureau of information which will instruct the membership in all discoveries and developments in the science of arid land culture.

The congress has been very modest in its requests for legislation. A law increasing the acreage of homesteads in the arid region from 160 to 320 acres, the establishment of more experimental farms by the states and the boring of experimental wells at state expense are the principal things asked. The congress refused to be drawn into the warfare that has arisen over the fore-

try policy of the Government, although an attempt was made to bring the matter up for debate.

Technical points of great value have been brought out in the relation of the actual experiences of practical men. Alternate cropping and fallowing of dry land was generally endorsed. Deep plowing and frequent cultivation were insisted upon, and one of the Utah delegates today convinced the farmers that there is more danger of overseeding than of underseeding in planting wheat. Forty pounds to the acre was the exact amount recommended by the speaker.

The proceedings of the congress, including all addresses delivered, will be mailed to all affiliated members, otherwise those who pay the annual membership fee.

### BIG PIPE COMPLETED

The big stave-pipe being built across the old river bed in the Powell Buttes neighborhood by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, has been completed, and water has been run through it. The pipe is a large one, being 56 inches in diameter, and it was built for the purpose of carrying water across the old river bed with which to irrigate 12,000 acres of land in the D. I. & P. Co.'s segregation. The pipe is 1620 feet long, and some idea of its size may be gained from the fact that to build it required two carloads of lumber and one car of hoop-iron, besides other freight. The freighting bill from Shaniko to the old river bed alone amounted to \$1800, and the pipe completed cost \$10,000. It is estimated that this pipe will last for twenty years.

### MORO HAS BAD FIRE

Fire destroyed the Elrod two-story brick building at Moro in Sherman County, last Friday morning. But for the fact that water thrown on nearby buildings and roofs formed a coating of ice, other structures would also have burned. The loss was about \$47,000, covered by about \$30,000 insurance. The fire is believed to have originated from defective wiring in the building. The Elrod building was probably the finest building in Sherman County. Among those who were burned out by the fire were: W. F. Schuller, general merchandise, loss \$28,000, insurance \$18,000; M. E. Miller, attorney, loss \$1600, insurance \$750; Dr. James, loss unknown, insurance \$800; the building was estimated at \$16,000, with \$7000 insurance.

### WELL DRILLING PROGRESSES

I. V. Limbaugh was in town the first of the week from Opal Prairie. He says that they had reached a depth of about 165 feet in the well which is being drilled on his place, and while no water has yet been found, the drillers think that the indications are good. For the past week they have been drilling in very hard rock, and since the well was started a variety of formations have been passed through. Mr. Limbaugh expects to find water soon, although they are prepared to go four or five hundred feet if necessary. A number of other ranchers in that locality are waiting for the Limbaugh well to be completed, when they expect to try for water on their places.

### DEATH OF A. H. BREYMAN

A. H. Breyman died in Portland last week and was buried last Sunday. He had been sick for over six months and suffered greatly from an attack of neuralgia in the face, which seemed to baffle the efforts of medical skill. Mr. Breyman was well and favorably known in Crook County. He was engaged in stockraising for many years and organized the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company at Haycreek in 1885. He moved from Crook County to Portland in 1890 and started in the wholesale leather business under the firm name of the Breyman Leather Company.—Crook County Journal.

### DOLLAR A DOZEN FOR OREGON APPLES

"I want about a dozen apples," a prosperous looking farmer said to E. J. Whitaker at the J. Weiss & Co. store on Kansas avenue yesterday. "How much?" he inquired.

When he heard the price he felt in his pocket. "Excuse me," he said at the end of the search. "I'll have to go to the bank and draw a little money. Them Oregonian apples cost some, don't they, but say—they certainly are good."

He returned a few minutes later and pitched a dollar on the counter for the dozen.—Topeka, (Kansas) Capital.

### LEAVE CLAIM IN WINTER

Bill Introduced in Congress Permitting Absence During Winter Months

### DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Will Make It Easy for Settlers to Comply With Residence Clause Homestead Law

A bill has been introduced in Congress granting a leave of absence to homestead entrymen during the months of December, January, February and March each year, and after being favorably reported by the committee on public lands, the bill passed the Senate. The bill is now up to the House of Representatives, and if it passes the House will become a law, and an amendment of the homestead law as to residence.

The homestead law requires settlers to live upon their homesteads the year round, and it was upon the showing of the hardships to which settlers in new districts are often subjected, that the committee on public lands based their favorable report. The bill, if it passes the House, will permit such homesteaders to leave their claims during the Winter months, in order that they may seek employment in other places, without endangering their entries. The Interior Department approved the bill. As it passed the Senate, the bill provides:

"That no homestead entry shall be rejected because of any failure of the entryman named therein to hereafter actually reside upon the land covered by his entry during the months of December, January, February and March, or any portion of such months; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as to relieve the entryman of the duty of residence during the months not named herein, and the period of absence permitted by this act shall be computed to apply upon the period of residence required under existing law."

In other words, if the entryman resides on his land from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, for five successive years, he will have fully complied with the residence clause of the homestead law.

### MAY MAKE SECOND ENTRY

Bill Benefits Entrymen Who Abandoned First Homestead

Both houses of Congress have passed the bill introduced by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, permitting the making of second homestead entries. The bill, as finally agreed to, was somewhat amended, but in effect it provides that any person who has forfeited his homestead entry through no fault or neglect of his own, or who was unable to perfect his entry because of an honest mistake on his part, shall be permitted to make a second homestead entry, but under such circumstances he will not be permitted at any later day to acquire title to the first land which he attempted to enter. A provision was inserted in the bill denying the second homestead privilege to entrymen who had sold out.

The necessity for such a change in the land laws is explained in the report of the House committee, in which it is stated that in 1889 and again in 1900 legislation of this general character was passed, but the original bills were not effective, as they were not carefully drawn. Many honest homesteaders through insufficient knowledge of the law, or because of adversity, have been unable to obtain patent under the public land laws, and yet have not been permitted to make a second entry.

Such entrymen have been virtually denied the right to exercise their homestead rights, for in effect, though they attempted entries, they acquired nothing. The new land law will correct this and insure to every honest entryman title to 160 acres of land, giving him a second trial if he fails on the first.

### TRYING TO LIFT THE LID

Mayor J. F. Reddy of Medford has filed an initiative petition at Salem for a constitutional amendment, for the purpose of giving cities the exclusive authority as to the regulations of licenses, saloons, pool rooms, theatres and similar places. The effect of this measure, if adopted, would be to permit city authorities to run their towns as "wide open" as they please, divesting sheriffs and district attorneys of the power to suppress under-state law. The constitution now provides that city charters must be "subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the state." The amendment proposed by Mr. Reddy leaves out this important clause.