

# LAND LOCATORS MAY SUFFER

If Uncle Finds Their Methods  
Illegal Prosecutions Will  
Follow.

## IS MAKING INVESTIGATION

Government Official Has Just Completed  
Extensive Trip Through  
the Coast States.

O. C. Riches, postal inspector, who has been investigating the actions of land locators who have been securing homesteaders to make offerings to the Oregon & California railroad on the prospects that the land granted the company some years ago is eventually to be put on the market at \$2.50 an acre, returned last night from an extended trip in Washington and Idaho.

Mr. Riches will make the report of his findings to the United States district attorney of Oregon. Should the question be taken before the courts and it is found that the actions of the locators are illegal several thousand persons will be affected as they have been making these filings for months. Many technicalities are involved, however, and it is an open question in the minds of many attorneys whether the land agents are doing any business which could be considered irregular.

Use Mails to Get Clients.  
Owing to the recent report of B. D. Townsend, who investigated the grant last fall for the department of justice and whose report was to the effect that the government should take steps to compel the railroad to carry out the terms of the land grant, these locators have been unusually busy.

Their business is not confined to Oregon and extends over practically all of the states of the northwest. Mr. Riches has been in Spokane and other Washington towns where these agents are particularly numerous and where they have been using the mails to carry on their business.

The business of the locators is to secure customers and have them make offers to the railroad company of \$400 for 160 acres of land grant holdings. The offer, of course, is refused. Record of the proposition is made with the clerk of the county in which the land is located. The claim of the locators is that if the railroad is forced to carry out the terms of the land grant those who are now making their filings will be given the preference owing to the offer for the land and that eventually they will come in possession of the property.

May Lose Fees Paid.  
Most of this land lies in the counties between Portland and the California line. C. I. Leavengood, an attorney of Roseburg, is one of those who has located numerous homesteaders.

The locators, Mr. Riches found, charge from \$50 to \$58 for their services, furnishing a survey and description of the land desired, and an estimate of the timber, besides attending to other details of the transaction. At intervals the agents go to San Francisco with the names of those desiring land and make an offer to the railroad official. Upon refusal they return to the county seats and have the offers recorded.

If it is found that the dealings of the locators are not irregular and that those now making offerings to the railroad are to be given preference over all other applicants several thousand persons who have entered into these deals will get 160 acres of land for \$400. That is, in case the railroad is forced to carry out the terms of the land grant agreement.

Should it be found that the business is illegal, the homesteaders will lose the money paid the locators and the agents prosecuted for the obtaining money under false pretenses.—Portland Journal.

## MILTON APPLES AT \$1 A PIECE.

La Grande Man Receives Fabulous Price From Mrs. Potter Palmer.  
When it comes to high priced apples, Milton, Oregon, leads the world. Even the far-famed Hood River country is so far behind that it is not even a good second. Milton apples will sell at \$1 each. At least one sold at that figure, and we have plenty more just as good as it was, says the Milton Eagle.

Last fall Mr. Hibbs of La Grande had a box of apples put up for his own use at one of our packing houses. On his way home the news agent examined the apples, and finally asked permission to take one into the sleeper. Upon his return he offered Mr. Hibbs a dollar for the apple. The offer was at first refused,

## ALLEGANY NOTES.

Mrs. J. H. Price, the Times correspondent, has been suffering from a slight indisposition, which accounts for the scarcity of news.

The Salvation Army officers held a fine meeting in the Allegany school house Wednesday evening. It was a pleasure to see Adjutant Storey again, and the other officers were equally welcomed.

Mrs. J. A. Dubell, who has been ailing for the last three weeks, went to Marshfield Wednesday for medical attention. She was taken to the General hospital.

Emmett Pierce is moving to the logging woods on North Coos river, where he will log this summer.

It is reported that there was about a foot of snow in places in the mountains Monday. Snow has fallen several days this week at Allegany, but melted immediately.

Mrs. Gustafson, of Loon Lake came to Allegany Thursday evening for a visit.

Bert Gray, of North Bend, came up for a week's outing during the stormy weather.

## COQUILLE CULLINGS.

News of the County Seat From Its Two Weekly Papers.  
(From the Sentinel.)

Miss Anna Dean was in Marshfield Monday.

Joe Bledsoe was in Marshfield on Monday.

R. R. Pownder has sold a half interest in his livery business to Chas. Evernden.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Paull, of Arago, March 1, 1908, a girl.

Miss Jessie Tupper, who has been attending St. Helen's Hall in Portland, returned to her home in this city Tuesday. She was met at Marshfield by her mother, Mrs. M. A. Tupper.

Jack McDonald left for Gravel Ford last Sunday to bring a raft of 6,000 logs out. Loggers claim that the river is at a good height to run logs.

Miss Elsie Tillman, who accompanied Miss Grace Gilkey to Portland last fall to have an operation performed, returned Tuesday with the little girl, who has entirely recovered from the effects of the fall she sustained.

M. C. McLyman, the musician and painter, has leased Al Alford's place northwest of town and will divide his time between farming painting and playing for dances. Mr. Alford has moved his family to town for the present.

Paul Skeels, who was injured last Thursday while assisting in ceiling the lower floor of the Nosler building, was able to be out this week. A portion of the staging upon which he was working broke and he was thrown to the floor, a distance of 12 feet, striking upon his head and shoulders, fracturing two ribs and otherwise bruising him quite badly.

D. S. Rouse, of Riverton, was in the city this week and made the Sentinel office a pleasant call. Mr. Rouse informed us that his company is getting along nicely with its mine, and expect in a short time to begin the shipment of coal. He reports that other mines in the Riverton district are making a good showing.

As soon as some necessary repairs are made the Riverton saw mill will start up.

(From the Herald.)  
L. A. Whereat, the civil engineer, was over from the bay on Friday.

R. J. Coke was over from the Bay side last week and shook hands with many friends while in town.

C. F. McKnight, the attorney, came over from Marshfield Wednesday, having business at the county seat.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Foster Poland, of Catching Creek, February 23, 1908, a son.

Born—On the North Fork February 21st, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Clark, a daughter.

Mrs. W. R. F. Browne, of Marshfield, went to Myrtle Point yesterday to visit her niece, Mrs. L. J. Roberts. Conductor Cardell, of Marshfield, has been a sufferer of late from an attack of rheumatism, and H. Wright took his place the first of this week.

Mrs. G. P. Witt, wife of our townsman and baker, arrived here Saturday with their little son from their former home at Tacoma, and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Witt is the happiest man in town. Mrs. Witt is well pleased with the looks of the city.

U. S. of A. to R. E. L. Hayter, patent, lots 3 and 4, S. half of N. W. quarter, section 2, township 26, range 11.  
U. S. of A. to Cora E. Cowan, patent, W. half of S. W. quarter and S. W. quarter of N. W. quarter of section 8; and S. E. quarter of N. W. quarter of section 7, township 26, range 11.  
U. S. of A. to Alice A. Tibbetts, patent, N. W. quarter section 11.  
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## MAN IS TRAMPLED BY A JEALOUS HORSE.

Hed Others First—Brute Tries to Crush Him to Death.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—William Fay, stable foreman of the Mooney Express company of No. 100 Jackson street, Newark, would have been killed recently by a furious horse but for timely aid.

One of the company's horses has long been known to the stablemen as a sulky brute which frequently displayed jealousy of its stable companions when more attention was given to them than to it. This horse was in one of its moods recently when Fay gave the animals their breakfast. It pranced and pawed in its stall when Fay first visited other stalls, and when he finally entered its stall the ugly horse tried to crush him by squeezing his body against the side of the stall.

In trying to escape Fay fell. The horse tried to bite him, and falling kicked and stamped upon his body.

The foreman's left leg was broken and his body was cut in several places before other stable hands dragged him from the stall.

Fay was taken to St. James hospital.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

United States of America to Blanche E. Short; NE 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 26, R. 11; Patent.

United States of America to Jesse A. Smith; W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 9, Tp. 26, R. 11; Patent.

United States of America to Edward Monson, E 1/4 of SW 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 10, Tp. 26, R. 10; Patent.

Belt Line Railway Co., to E. M. Ward. Deed. Lots 19, 20, 21 and 22, Blk. 36; Lots 9 to 16, Blk. 37; Lots 9 to 13, Blk. 55; Lots 12 and 13, Blk. 56; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 57; Lots 9 to 13, Blk. 58; Coos Bay Plat B; \$10.

U. S. of A. to Hubert Wilms, receiver's receipt; N. half of S. half of section 26, township 28, range 10.

U. S. of A. to Mary A. Borland, patent; S. E. quarter section 34, township 26, range 10.

U. S. of A. to George A. Burns, patent; S. W. quarter section 34, township 26, range 10.  
March 3, 1908.

E. R. Stevens to Elsie Stevens, deed; lots 1 and 2, block 38, Nasburg's addition to Marshfield, \$1.00.

George A. Cables et ux to D. S. Cameron, deed; lots 1 to 22 inclusive, block 14, and lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 10, Edmonston First Addition to Marshfield, \$10.00.

L. D. Kinney et ux to William B. Hamilton, deed; lots 1 and 2, block 43, Coos Bay Plat C, \$400.00.

Oliver Wilson et ux to W. U. Douglas, deed; S. E. quarter of N. E. quarter, E. half of S. E. quarter, S. W. quarter of S. W. quarter section 16; E. half of N. E. quarter section 21; W. half of N. W. quarter section 22, township 26, range 14, \$200.

U. S. of A. to Cassie H. Simpson, patent; S. W. quarter of N. E. quarter, N. half of S. E. quarter, N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter, section 4, township 23, range 12.

U. S. of A. to Augustus F. Medine, patent; lot 9, section 33; N. W. quarter of S. W. quarter of lot 1, section 34, township 22, range 12.

U. S. of A. to Martin Wallace, patent; N. half of S. W. quarter; N. W. quarter of S. E. quarter; S. W. quarter of N. E. quarter, section 27, township 22, range 12.

U. S. of A. to John W. Chapman, patent; S. E. quarter of N. W. quarter, N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter, section 10, township 26, range 11.

U. S. of A. to C. Lester Smith, S. E. quarter of N. E. quarter, section 8, and S. W. quarter of N. W. quarter and E. half of N. W. quarter section 9, township 26, range 11.

U. S. of A. to Herbert Geddes, N. half of S. W. quarter, S. W. quarter of S. W. quarter, N. W. quarter of S. E. quarter, section 5, town 26, range 11.

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