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FEAR NOT THE COMET.

ON THE occasion of every unusual visitation of Nature's mysterious agents, fear possesses the souls of some weak mortals, and they take their own lives as if that were a plausible means of escaping the wrath to come.

What could be more illogical, or stronger proof of an unbalanced mind?

The everlasting watchword of mortal man is this "While there is life there is hope." For one to kill himself to escape death by some natural cataclysm is as absurd as to jump in to a river to keep from getting wet. Because she was afraid of the comet a poor woman in the country is reported to have drowned.

reported to have drowned herself. Cases are being reported in various parts of the country, and it is time for the newspapers, the pulpit, the school teachers and all others who have influence and means of communication, to spread abroad the emphatic assurance of all reputable scientific men that the comet will not come near enough to the earth to do its inhabitants any harm.

Halley's comet is now a magnificent spectacle in the sky, its nearest approach to the earth being estimated at thirteen million miles. It is believed that the white light of the dazzling visitor will, on May 18th, reach from the horizon to a point nearly overhead. As the head of the comet is supposed to be many times the size of the earth and will appear much smaller than the moon, even when at its nearest approach, the simplest observer can understand that it is too far away to do the earth or its people any harm.

BREAKING UP HOMES.

THE majority of papers that comment upon recent breaking up of homes touch upon the fact that it is frequently in the homes of the well-to-do, where according to material conditions happiness should reach its maximum, that the strife arises that ends in destruction of the family. Poverty may prevent divorce proceedings and cause undue preponderance in the publicity of the scandals of the rich, but another and more important factor has important bearing on the other.

The outlook upon life is warped in the minds of many who taste prosperity only. Perhaps Charlotte Becker had this in mind when she wrote—

When two have tasted joy together
their gain shall be their loss,
Love only binds them with a tether
as light as wreathed moss.

When two have tasted grief together
their loss shall be their gain;
Love binds them so no wind nor
weather has power to break his chain.

And Tennyson touches another phase of the same thought—

As thro' the land we went at eve and
plucked the ripened ears,
We fell out, my wife and I, oh, we
fell out I know not why,
And kissed again with tears.

For when we came where lay the
child we lost in other years,
There above the little grave, oh,
there above the little grave
We kissed again with tears.

CURRY COUNTY
CLAIMS OPEN

Many File On Homesteads and
Timber Land at
Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 18.—Approximately 3120 acres of public land were filed on at the United States land office in Roseburg last week. All of the land is in the Coast Range mountains in Curry county, particularly in townships 39-43 west and 41-42 west. This opening was the first of a series of three advertised by the Government for this month. The other two openings will occur on the 23rd and the 28th. Those who presented applications for claims to the land office yesterday follow:

Homesteads.

E. E. Morgan, of Gold Beach, 160 acres; Wm. White, of Chetco, 160 acres; E. G. Gardner, of Harbor, 120 acres; A. W. Folsom, of Coquille, 160 acres; Robt. A. Smith, of Harbor, 160 acres; Wm. Clarno, of Gold Beach, 153 acres; Herman Ganenbein, of Harbor 160 acres; Frank G. Bauer, of Gold Beach, 145½ acres; Samuel L. Nosler, of Coquille, 160 acres; C. F. Folsom, of Myrtle Point, 160 acres; Frank B. Kidder, of North Bend 160 acres; Charles Smith, of Harbor, 160 acres; Henry E. Westbrook, of Harbor, 160 acres; Eber R. Davis of Tolo, 81¼ acres.

Timber Claims.

C. P. Folsom, of Myrtle Point, 160 acres; James A. DeVault, of Myrtle Point, 160 acres; Samuel M. Nosler, of Coquille, 150½ acres; Herbert M. Tuttle, of Marshfield, 140½ acres; Wm. Clarno, of Gold Beach, 109½ acres; Eugene E. Morgan, of Gold Beach, 150 1-3 acres.

Suspensions.

C. F. Folsom's timber entry in section 8, 39-13, was suspended because of a conflicting homestead entry of Henry E. Westbrook, alleging settlement on part of the land in July, 1907, with continuous residence thereon. A hearing is to be had to determine right of possession. A W. H. Folsom's timber entry in the same locality was also suspended, pending disposition by the General Land Office of Frank A. Hutson's claim for the same land, originating in 1898. For the same reason was Samuel L. Nosler's homestead entry set aside temporarily. The homestead entry of Charles Smith, foreign born, was suspended for thirty days to give him time to produce evidence of his naturalization. Henry E. Westbrook's homestead entry was also suspended, part of the claim involved having previously been scripped by the Northern Pacific railroad and another part conflicting with C. F. Folsom's timber entry. Eber R. Davis' application for a homestead was held up until he remits \$5.13 more. He sent only \$11 to pay for the filing, whereas \$16.13 was due.

HAD NO MISHAP.

Steamer St. Helens Was Taking Soundings April 10.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—Advices received here state that the steamer St. Helens, which was seen anchored off the mouth of the Rogue river April 10, and was supposed to have had an accident to her machinery, was only taking soundings, and that she had had no mishap. She arrived in San Francisco with 1,450,000 feet of lumber. E. H. Dodge, manager of the E. J. Dodge company here, who owns the St. Helens, said that he had asked Captain Jamieson to make some soundings for him at that point, and it was for that reason that she was at anchor.

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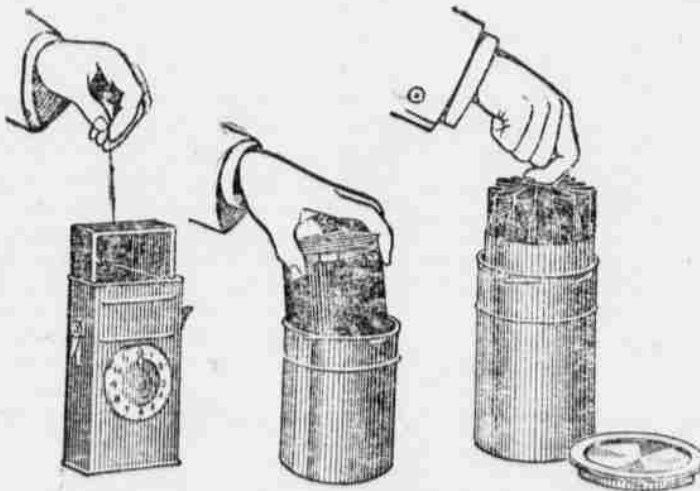
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