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### The Law of the Siletz.

Hon R. A. Miller, register of the U. S. land office at Oregon City, writes us that there is a great demand for accurate knowledge concerning the method of making entries on the Siletz reservation. To give such information we give the law governing the entry of land on the Siletz reservation, as taken from the law enacted by congress. It is as follows:

The mineral lands shall be disposed of under the laws applicable thereto, and the balance of the land so ceded shall be disposed of until further provided by law under the townsite law and under the provisions of the homestead law. Provided, however, That each settler, under and in accordance with the provisions of said homestead laws shall, at the time of making his original entry, pay the sum of fifty cents per acre in addition to the fees now required by law, and at the time of making final proof shall pay the further sum of one dollar per acre, final proof to be made within five years from the date of entry, and three years' actual residence on the land shall be established by such evidence as is now required in homestead proofs as a prerequisite to title or patent.

That all of the money so held by the United States to pay the delayed payments shall draw interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum after the passage of this act.

That immediately after the passage of this act the secretary of the interior shall under such regulations as he may prescribe, open said land to settlement after proclamation by the president and sixty days' notice.

The homestead act which is referred to has the following requirements which must be complied with: The applicant must swear that he is 21 years of age, or is the head of a family; is a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become such; that the land is not more valuable for minerals than for agricultural purposes; that the applicant has been upon said land and is acquainted with all the subdivisions thereof; and that the entry is made for his own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit of any other person, persons or corporation.

In addition to the above the entryman must make an affidavit to the effect that he has not violated the warning of the president in his proclamation issued May 16, 1895, which proclamation is as follows:

Warning is hereby given that no person entering upon and occupying said lands before said hour of 12 o'clock, noon, of the twenty-fifth day of July, 1895, hereinbefore fixed, will ever be permitted to enter any of said lands or acquire any rights thereto, and that the officers of the United States will be required to strictly enforce this provision, which is authorized by the act of August 15, 1894, hereinbefore mentioned.

Sam Jones says in a recent sermon that "the corset must be crushed," and we arise to tell Sam that there are thousands of brave young men all over this fair land who stand ready and willing to crush them.

The two farms of Reason McConnell, near Albany, containing about 900 acres of fine land, were sold at master's sale Friday by Wallace McCamant, of Portland. The land was bid in by the plaintiff, the Oregon Mortgage Company, for the amount of their judgement and costs, amounting to \$9,261.71.

Enterprise furnishes an interesting and expensive lawsuit, all over \$1 which the city assessed for improvements to Ivanhoe and Shehan, but which they resist. An appealed decision has been rendered in the city's favor, but there is talk of carrying it up higher.

Lake county has 1,389 population, according to Assessor Harris. Its 112,296 sheep turned off 777,253 pounds of wool this year. There are 6,000 horses and 31,400 cattle. Yields are reported of 23,500 bushels of wheat, 18,161 of oats, 43,497 of barley and rye, and 31,456 tons of hay.

The Fossil Journal says this year has been the driest Gilliam county has ever experienced. A few orchards on the upland between Condon and Arlington, which heretofore have presented a fairly thrifty appearance, have withered and died in the blazing sun and scorching wind. Except along the foothill in the Fossil end of the county, grain (except fall-sown) is hardly worth the cutting, and the yield from fall-sown will not average over 10 bushels per acre.

Marion county has a suit to resist the payment of interest on state taxes that have been charged up for delinquency. Lincoln county has paid her state taxes as well as the accrued interest, and so have many of the other counties in the state. It remains now for Marion, Multnomah, and a few other wealthy counties to resist and defeat the payment of this interest. In that way the interest on state warrants that have been incurred by the reason of the failure of these counties to pay their taxes when due will have to be made up by an increased levy on the other counties of the state. And yet the constitution says that all taxation must be equal and just.

A big slaughtering occurred just between the two summits of Mary's peak Monday, says the Corvallis Times. John Spaulding and Jack Hall, of Philomath, were enroute to the summit on a jaunt of pleasure, and were not particularly on the lookout for game. Suddenly they heard a thundering of hoofs and a crashing of limbs in the brush near them, when seven elk dashed into view, but a few yards from them. They were both armed, and began immediately to pump lead into the band, two bull calves falling at the first volley. A third, an old bull, was crippled and subsequently secured. The meat was all secured, and Philomath is now overrun with jerked elk. The boys say they could have secured more of the big fellows, but were satisfied when they had enough. It was learned afterwards that the band had been chased by Mr. Mulvaney, of Big Elk, who had been after them for three days.

The appropriation having been exhausted, work on the north jetty was discontinued last Wednesday. Contractor Daniel Kern returned to Portland Thursday morning and the tug which has been towing the stone barges will be sent to Astoria. Whether there will be any more government work done depends upon the report of the engineers appointed to investigate. Mr. Holcomb, who has charge of the work here, was instructed by the engineers to make a thorough survey of the bay. This he has completed and forwarded to Captain Symons at Portland. In time, the engineers will meet, probably in Cincinnati, and consider all data laid before them. Without doubt, the work already done has resulted in much good. It is learned from excellent authority that it is a toss-up whether continued work would be beneficial or a mere waste of money. Under these circumstances, it is the opinion of those competent to make a prediction, that the report of the engineers will be favorable to Yaquina bay to the extent that they will recommend at least one more appropriation, and if satisfactory results follow, the work will be continued. In any event, no money will be available for another year.

### School Report.

Report of school in district No. 32, for the fourth month ending August 16, 1895. No. enrolled, 25; percent of attendance for the month, 90; No. of cases of tardiness, 5; time lost by tardiness, 40 minutes; those neither absent or tardy are Lewis, Ethel and Anna Parrish, Josephine McClaughrey, Wallace and Cleve Fish, Jennie Enos, Frank and Otto Nve were not absent or tardy since they entered school.

The pupils are making a good record in their studies and in deportment. There is a good interest manifested by the whole school.

JOSEPH T. EWING,  
Teacher.

### Norion Notes.

Eve Bryant is reported to be on the sick list.

Warren Wright and family spent last week at Nortons.

John Hamar is finishing his new barn. The lumber is coming from Kings Valley.

Quite a lot of railroad ties are being put off at this place.

Mr. Carson, of Salem, passed through here today on the way to the Bay.

Some school supplies arrived here for the Rock creek school.

J. W. Price reports that he will soon have to have a drawing knife to peel chittum bark with.

Several has gone from here to the valley to harvest.

All report a large crop of fruit, some trees are breaking down.

Hop picking at Nashville will commence next month. Forty cents per box being the price.

Mr. Skaggs, from the valley, was over last Sunday.

Mr. Bethers, county school superintendent, called on us last evening.

REX.

### Nashville Notes.

J. P. Hamar has finished his new barn.

Clyde Huntington left for Portland last week.

Clara Benson was over from Rock creek the latter part of last week.

J. J. Bristow and F. A. Godwin are building a new house for Amos Vance at the Summit.

Mr. Edwards, of Kansas City, a son-in-law of Mrs. Sarah Miller, arrived here last week.

John Allen has moved to Salem for a short time.

Austin Alltree left this week for Boyles creek where he intends to gather cascara bark for ten or fifteen days.

A. S. Felton came in from Corvallis this week, where he owns a fine stone quarry.

J. J. Bristow will commence his prune drying house this week. He will have 300 bushels of prunes to dry this year.

HARD TACK.

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