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AFTER THE HORSES ARE STOLEN.

About three years ago when attention was called to the illegitimate purchases of timber lands through correspondence from Ashland published in the Oregonian, that paper referred to it as "Popular solicitude for the public domain" and practically endorsed the practice, then going on in a large way, of the irregular purchases by means of "dummies" and false swearing before the local land agents, says the Ashland Tribune, a representative paper of southern Oregon. It claimed the law was faultily drawn, opened the door for such irregularities, and incidentally, the purchase of timber, however accomplished would operate to develop industries in the state. The writer published the law with comment and explanation of what seemed to us a most flagrant wrong to persons who sought homestead and timber entry in a lawful way, but it was not treated as a matter of importance until the vigorous hand of the Roosevelt administration took hold of the helm at Washington, when it quickly became the leading issue in the public mind out here and a topic of interest to the whole country. Then the influence of the leading daily in the state appears to have been thrown in support of enforcement of the land laws. At least, it can be said that it has done much to expose the practices of the timber grabbers and has kept us pretty well advised as to Mr. Hitchcock's purposes to stop the spoliation of the public domain.

As to the purposes of the Tribune this paper has no doubt. But as to Mr. Hitchcock's motives, The Astorian is seriously in doubt. It could cite a number of circumstances that might impress the people with the idea that Mr. Hitchcock is a cheap charlatan who hates a poor man, and it will do so from time to time, as opportunity presents.

Acting Commissioner Fimple, of the general land office, expresses his views regarding the policy of the department as to timber and stone entries in the following letter in response to inquiry: "You are advised that if you make a satisfactory showing, that your own entry was made for your own use and benefit and there is nothing more to impeach your good faith than the mere fact that you made the entry as an investment, with intent to sell the land at some future indefinite time, and in this manner realize a profit on the money invested, this office holds that such an entry was not made in violation of law, and should be passed to patent." This is an equitable view of the matter, and satisfactory to the citizen who buys land from the government under the timber and stone entry, says the Albany Herald. The Herald has the right view of the matter and Mr. Fimple is but following decisions of the federal court.

There is very little indication that congress will make an official investigation of the postoffice department. President Roosevelt is said to favor it and to advise the appointment by congress of a commission which will make a public investigation similar to that carried out by the famous Lexow committee, which made such a thorough exposure of the corruption in the New York city government, says the Baker City Democrat.

Henry Clews & Co., this week among

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other suggestions, say: Monetary conditions show steady improvement. Liquidation is soon likely to result in a contraction of loans; speculative requirements will continue limited, and the crop movement, though late, will soon be at its height. Less and less fear is indulged as to stringency, and those who control credit are agreed in a policy of conservatism. After the first week in January the money market should show increasing ease.

And so Mr. Hitchcock refused to discuss Oregon land matters with George, our George, the governor. Mr. Hitchcock says he will, later, issue a statement that will explain everything. A statement explaining everything would become interesting Oregon literature at once, says the Eugene Register.

TWO SOULS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT

A highly amusing incident occurred yesterday afternoon when the wind was blowing in fitful gusts. A young lady came prancing down the street wearing a milliner's creation that looked out of place in the storm. As she reached a street corner a squall howled, by the pretty hat was torn loose from its intricate fastenings and the young woman, after a vain effort to arrest its flight, started in pursuit. Just then a Chinaman came along and his hat was also blown off by the wind. Perhaps the Chinaman's headgear did not entail nearly as great an outlay as that of the lady, but it was evident that he was quite as anxious as she to recover it. The result was that both were chasing their hats at the same moment, while a few persons who chanced to notice the incident roared with laughter. The wind carried both hats along together, and the climax of the scene was reached when the girl, in an effort to recover her hat, made a wild grab that netted instead the lid of the Chinaman. Then the ridiculousness of the situation struck her and she stopped, while the Chinaman, with unusual regard for the proprietress, ran down the hat of the lady. After securing it he returned to where the girl stood blushing on the curb and an exchange of hats followed.

CHINESE LOVE BIRDS.

Dr. B. H. Earle received a nice present a few days ago from the captain of an incoming ship in the shape of a half dozen strawberry finches or, as they are known in the orient, "Chinese love birds." Unfortunately, two escaped, but the remainder are doing well and seemingly well contented in their new home.

GONE TO ONTARIO

Fish Warden Van Dusen has gone to Ontario to view the progress of the hatchery work there. Gratifying reports have been received from this plant, where an average of more than 1,000,000 eggs are daily being taken.

CONFESSIONS OF A PRIEST.

Rev. John S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes: "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Charles Rogers. Only 50 cents.

HEINZE SAYS LAWSON IS N. G.

Another Chapter in the Amalgamated Copper Difficulty.

Butte, Mont. Oct 28-F. Augustus Heinze, when asked by the Associated Press early this morning what he had to say in reply to the offer of Thomas Lawson looking to a settlement between him (Heinze) and the Amalgamated Copper Company in which Mr. Lawson proposed that an arbitration board arbitrate the price offered by Mr. Lawson for Heinze's Butte holdings and the price asked by Mr. Heinze and the giving as a commission the sum of \$250,000 to the Butte Miners Union to secure the arbitration as proposed by Mr. Lawson, made the following reply: "The people of Boston and the stock exchange there and in New York know Mr. Thomas W. Lawson so well that it is hardly necessary for their benefit to characterize his statements. The dispatch which I have just read in which he states that I demanded seven million dollars for all my property in Butte is entirely without foundation, in fact, I would not for an instant consider any communication of a business character seriously from him. And as I never have in the past mentioned any figure at which I would sell my interests in Butte and have a number of times refused twice what he says in his dispatch I demanded from him, it is almost a waste of words to say anything further about his message."

The mediation committee plan to bring about the opening of the Amalgamated mines and smelters, inaugurated by Great Falls people, has resulted in an arrangement for a meeting between the committee named and the heads of the copper corporations in Montana on Thursday afternoon or evening in Butte.

A telegram was received this morning by President Strain of the Great Falls Businessmen's Association from President Hill of the Great Northern saying he would be able to be in Butte on Thursday afternoon.

Immediately thereafter the telegrams were sent to Messrs. Scullon and Heinze informing them that this committee would like to meet them Thursday, and the other members of the committee were also notified of Mr. Hill's acceptance and of the plans for the meeting.

At a special meeting of the mill and smelters' union of Great Falls last night a committee consisting of Edwin Young, Joseph Shuler, James Lithgow, E. A. Varnum and Luther Estey was appointed to meet with a similar committee from the Butte Miners Union at Helena today.

The committee goes with instructions to consider any measures that may be deemed advisable to bring about an early resumption of the Amalgamated Copper Company. The committee goes especially instructed to urge Governor Toole to call an extraordinary session of the legislature, which it is hoped may result in the passage of a law which will help to improve the conditions arising from the legal differences of the Heinze and Amalgamated people.

Representing the strongest labor organizations in the state, it is believed that the appeal of the joint committee will be successful in expediting matters.

Action will also be taken urging that the hearing in the receivership case before the supreme court will not be docketed, but taken up at once, as its urgency demands. Resolutions will be adopted by the committee and the matter will then probably be presented to the governor without delay.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the registration books of the City of Astoria, for the election to be held in this city on Wednesday, December 9th, 1903, will be opened at the Auditor's office on Wednesday, November 2nd, and will close on Saturday, December 5th, 1903, at 4 p. m., and all persons must register in order to be entitled to vote.

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