Grant Co. News.

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"Another lie nailed," said the clerk as he tacked up a "selling out at cost" sign.

It is said that there is more politics in Canada to the square inch than in any other country.

It is surmised that fifty thousand dollars will change hands in Portland as a result of the election.

According to the report of the Bureau of Statistics, issued this week, there have landed at San Francisco, during the three months ending September 30, 1888, 14,273 Chinamen.

New Jersey is very much agitated over the discovery of her [illegible] of Chinese leprosy. By such exposures will the East be educated up to the proper view of the Chinese question.

A Nebraska farmer has unearthed the skeleton of a woman eight feet high. Some poor cave dweller has been trot around mighty lively between the wood-pile and the pump, and don't you forget it.

Congressman Hermann's majority over J. M. Gearin, his democratic competitor, last June, was 7,400. If the full republican vote is polled, next Tuesday, Harrison's majority over Cleveland will reach 10,000.

The next legislature is to be imported for appropriations to construct wagon roads to the different mining regions of the state. All such propositions should be laid under the table and rkmain there indefinitely. If mines are worth working, parties owning them will find an outlet for their ore.—Sunday Mercury.

The men recently arrested at Fox, for horse stealing, and taken back to Camas Prairie by constable Howard, of Alba, passed through town on their return to Fox, Sunday, they having proved themselves innocent of the charge.—Long Creek Eagle.

"Totanquitlaxcallitlaquelpacholli!" is what the Aztecs had to say when they wished a member of the family to please pass the bread in the time of King Montzuma. On page 175, history of native races, Vol. 2, Bancroft gives this word, and we are not prepared to gainsay its authenticity.

The NEWS has received three "communications" within the past week from the pen of Spinks, of the county jail, wherein he abuses the precinct officers of this precinct for his arrest. We publish the shortest and less virulent in another column. Constable Tolhunter and justice Rulison did right in the course they pursued, and the people of this village are with them in their efforts in carrying out the law and in ridding the community of those who subsist on the charity of fallen women.

The man offers to bet the greenhorn fifty dollars that he will name twenty states that Cleveland will carry in November. Then he will bet $500 more that he can name ten other states besides that will go for Cleveland. The sucker naturally thinks that he will name all the southern states, and lets. He thinks also that there are not ten northern states who will vote for him and he just lets. The joker then names 20 northern states and loses his $50, and names ten southern states and scoops in his $500. Be careful how you bet, for they are laying for you.

The county court should act concerning "roads" at its next session. The road leading from here to Bear valley is a splendid throughfare with the exception of the grade leading from Canyon creek to the summit, and that should have a few more "turnouts." Only a few places can be found where teams can pass, and should two heavy teams meet on the grade it would be almost impossible for them to pass each other. An appropriation of $100 judiciously expended wound greatly aid in making a first-class road of what is now a source of danger to Grant county which might lead to a suit for damages.

COPP'S LAND REVIEW

Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office---Recommendation That the Pre-emption and Timber-Culture Laws Should be Repealed---Reasons Why

The annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office is in the hands of the printer and will be given to the public in a few days.

Like several of his predecessors in office, Mr. Stockslager recommends legislation for the prevention of frauds in relation to the acquirement of title to public lands, and expresses, in no uncertain language, the opinion that the pre-emption, timber culture, desert land, and homestead laws so far as relates to the commutation clause, should be repealed or greatly modified, and that the public domain should be devoted exclusively to the use and benefit of persons who in good faith desire the same for actual homes.

An enormous array of testimony is introduced tending to show that the laws above mentioned admit of the perpetration of frauds, are detrimental to the settlement of the country, and operate to defeat the best interests of the government which demand that the lands shall be actually occupied by bona fide citizens and settlers owning their homes.

The repeal of the pre-emption, desert land and commutation clause of the homestead laws is advocated because they afford opportunities by which unscrupulous speculators, with the aid of conscienceless confederates used as dummy settles, are enabled to acquire title to vast areas of land to be held for sale at advanced prices or to be leased to families who by reason of their greed are prevented from securing homes of their own. They tend to the erection in this country of a landlord and tenant system similar to those of some European countries, inconsistent with the principles of our government, and to build up a landed aristocracy.

The timber culture law is denounced, not because title to land is frequently fraudulently secured under the same, but because it operates to reserve the lands from settlement for a period of years without any equivalent to the government, and with but little cost to the timber culture entrymen. The entry of 160 acres costs but a small sum as fee and commissions. Nothing is required of the entryman for one year, then he must break five acres of the land—at a trifling cost. During the next year he must cultivate the five acres already broken and break another five acres. The next year he required to plant five acres to timber and cultivate the other five. The next he must plant the second five acres to timber.

Thus, at a trifling expense, the party may for four years exercise complete control of a quarter section of land without violating or evading the law, and sell a relinquisement of his entry for a good round sum, the increase in value rendering the privilege of entering the land very valuable.

The registers and receivers of nearly all of the district land offices, in letters to the Commissioner, concur in the opinion that the majority of public land frauds are perpetrated under the laws named.

It is almost certain that the Commissioner's report, with its convincing testimony, will secure at the next session of Congress, if not at this, a repeal of the pre-emption and timber culture, and at least a modification of the desert land laws.

HENRY N. COPP.

The authorities at Washington have decided that Chinese laborers cannot land in the United States in transit to other countries, and have so informed the officials at San Francisco.

NEW TO DAY.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at LaGrande, Or. Oct 19th., 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county Judge, or in his absence before the county Clerk of Grant county, Or., at Canyon City, Oregon, on December 15th., 1888, viz: MOLTBY G PIERSON, Hd No. 5718 for the NW¼ NE 1-4 Sec. 26 and S½ SE1-4 Sec 23 and SW1-4 SW 1-4 Sec 24 Tp 16 S R 32 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: F C Seis, Frank Seis, John Brandt, W. S. Southworth, all of Blanton Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

32-37. HENRY RINEHART. Register.

Strawberries, Strawberries!

I will sell at my garden on the flat above Canyon City, two of the largest and best varieties of Strawberry plants—Seconds and Sharpless—which plants well tilled will raise berries that measure in circumference from 4 to 8 inches and even larger, at the rate of 75 cents per hundred at the garden.

All those knowing themselves indebted to me for the delicious fruit for the past years must come to time by the first of November.

JOHN A. GARRISON.

LOST! LOST!

Somewhere on the road between my residence near Prairie City and Canyon City, a Mexican War certificate, issued by the Commissioner of pensions to the undersigned. The finder will confer a great favor by leaving the certificate at the postoffice at Prairie City, Oregon.

TILLARY PRUITT.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon. Oct. 13, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, Oregon, on December 8th, 1888, viz: JOHN W. POWELL, H D 156, for the S 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec 17 and N 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec 20 Tp 14 S R 31 E

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: James H Gaston, of Blanton Or, and James A Lofton, Frank Laurance and James J Boswell of Canyon City, Or.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witness of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

34-36 HENRY RINEHART. Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. Oct. 5th, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before County Clerk of Grant Co., at Canyon City, Or., on November 26th, 1888, viZ. JOHN SHROEDER D S No. 8302, for the S half of S half, Sec 24, Tp 17, S R 31, E W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Craddock, Charles Seele, G Seele, Roland Hankins, all of Blanton, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

30-35 HENRY RINEHART. Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. Oct 6th, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims, and that said proof will be made before the County clerk of Grant county Or., at Canyon City, Ore., on November 27th., 1888, viz: GEO. JACKSON, D S No. 8816, for the E½ SE quar, S½ NE quar Sec 25, Tp 16, S R 34, E W M. and viz: ALBERT DREWETT, D S No. 8822, for the E½ NW quar, and N half NE quar Sec 25, Tp 16, S R 34, E W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Hubbard Johnson, Dick Connet, Wm A Turaman, Andrew Lakey, Jake Lakey, all of Prairie City, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

30-35 HENRY RINEHART, Register.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit court of the State of Oregon for Grant county.

Millie Brawner, Plff, vs. David Brawner, Deft.

To David Brawner, defendant above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the next regular term of said Court for said County to-wit: Monday, Nov. 5, 1888.

You will take notice that if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, to wit:

For a decree of said Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony, now existing between plaintiff and defendent.

2. For the care custody and control of the minor children the issue of said marriage viz: David Brawner and Olive Brawner.

3d For the costs and disbursements of this suit, and for such other and further relief in the premises to equity may pertain.

This summons is published by order of Hon. L. B. Ison, Judge of ssid Court.

Dated September 14, 1888.

C. A. SWEET, Plaintiff's Attorney.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit court of the State of Oregon for Grant county.

John S. Devine, Plaintiff, vs. Selinda Devine, Defendant

To Selinda Devine, defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby commanded to appear in the above named court and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before Monday, the 5th day of November 1888, the same being the first day of the regular November Term 1888 of said court, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: for a decree of said court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for the costs and disbursements of said suit, and for such further relief as to the court in equity, may seem meet. You will further take notice that this summon is published by order of the Hon. G. W. Walker Judge of said court. Made and bearing date the 5 day of March 1888.

Parrish & Cozad. Plaintiffs Attys.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon Oct 10, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge, or in his absence before the Clerk of Grant County, Or., at Canyon City, Or., on December 1st, 1888, viz: ISAAC M. FOSTER, Hd. No. 3019, for the E half SE quar., and Lots 1 & 2, Sec 4, Tp 14, S R 31, E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Pat Malcire, W H Clark, Wm Luce, James A Lofton, all of Canyon City, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

30-35 HENRY RINEHART, Register.

HIDES & FURS.

I will pay the highest market price for Deer and other Hides.

W. H. CLARK.

20o Canyon city, Or.

DEPUTY STOCK INSPECTORS

NOTICE is hereby given that I have appointed the following-named persons as my Deputies, viz:

M. S. Keeney ..... Long Creek
Warren Carsner ..... Wagner
John Carey ..... Hamilton
John C. Luce ..... John Day
Geo. H. Brown ..... Riley
Perry Rutherford ..... Drewsey
V. B. Peterson ..... Ritter

T. H. CURL, Stock Inspector for Grant County.

$10 REWARD.

Strayed, from Mt. Vernon, Aug 1st, with F. Wallace's band, going perhaps toward the Malhaur ranges, One Black 2-year-old Stallion, with a very few white hairs in forehead, branded I L on left shoulder- The above reward will be paid for information leading to the recovery, or for the return of said horse to me at Mt. Vernon, Grant county, Oregon.

32 W. G. KIMBERLING.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Grant County.

In the matter of the estate of Walter S. Sage, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Take notice that the undersigned was on the 22nd day of September 1888, by order of the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for Grant county, that day made and entered appointed administrator of the estate of Walter S. Sage, deceased and that letters of administration have been daily issued. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby noti ed to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at Prairie City, Grant county, Oregon, or at the office of M. D. Clifford in Canyon City, Grant county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Canyon City, Oregon, October 16, 1888.

D. B. FISK, Administrator.