

LAND SHARKS FOOL PEOPLE

What Newcomers Must Avoid.

The Law in the Premises That It Is Well to Study Before Securing Land.

(Journal Special Service.)
 FENDELTON, Ore., March 31.—A general misapprehension prevails regarding the requirements of the law governing reclamation of arid land to be reclaimed under the Federal Irrigation act. Ignorance of the law has permitted more or less of deceit by land sharks, who also have been aided by the fact that people in other localities are usually not acquainted with the character of the soil on the irrigation reservation.

The truth is, that people who take up homesteads on that reservation will have to comply with the exact letter of the law, and cannot expect to accomplish the evasions that have been features of the Federal land business in the past. They must live on the land, and the residence must be actual, must improve it, and they cannot commute it. Presuming that a person has filed on 160 acres, he will not know whether or not he can hold that much, for, if the Government deems that 160 acres is much land, the amount may be cut down to 40 or 60 acres, as the case may be.

The Maxwell Law.

The provisions of the Maxwell law relative thereto, is:

"Section 4. That upon the determination by the Secretary of the Interior that any irrigation project is practicable, he may cause to be let contracts for the construction of the same, in such portions or sections as it may be practicable to construct and complete as part of the whole project, providing the necessary funds for such portions or sections are available in the reclamation fund, and thereupon he shall give public notice of the lands irrigable under such project, and limit of area per entry, which limit shall represent the acreage which, in the opinion of the Secretary, may be reasonably required for the support of a family upon the lands in question; the charges which shall be made per acre upon the said entries, and upon lands in private ownership, which may be irrigated by the waters of the said irrigation project, and the number of annual installments, not exceeding ten, in which such charges shall be paid and the time when such payments shall commence. The said charges shall be determined with a view of returning to the reclamation fund the estimated cost of construction of the project, and shall be apportioned equitably. Provided, that in all construction work eight hours shall constitute a day's work, and no Mongolian labor shall be employed thereon."

Effects of Misrepresentation.

The results of the fraudulent statements that have been made, and of the ignorance of actual conditions, are that many persons are coming to Echo to locate or buy land, who should not have come. Fees of from \$25 to \$50 have been exacted by locators, who have either told absolute falsehoods or remained silent, and thus permitted the intending settlers to retain false ideas about the Echo region.

The facts are that every acre of land that is worth anything now was taken years ago. Only water in abundant quantities, such as the government proposes to supply, will add one acre to the arable area, and three or four years must elapse before the government can put water on the land, even though it is decided to make permanent the now temporary Echo or Butter Creek irrigation reservation.

No Site Was Found.

J. T. Whistler has found no site for a reservoir for the irrigation of the Butter Creek reservation. At the present time, therefore, the prospects are that there will not be any reclamation of those lands. It is barely possible that the ditch projected by a former company, of which the late Sam F. Sturgis

COUNTESS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY



The Countess of Shaftesbury, who was honored by Sir Thomas Lipton with the distinction of christening his new challenger Shamrock III, will shortly visit the United States. She will sail in time for the great yacht race if she does not come before that time. The Countess is one of Ireland's most famous beauties, as may be readily understood by a glance at the above photograph.

SHOT WIFE AT MASQUERADE

(Journal Special Service.)
 FINDLAY, Ohio, March 31.—As a result of a jealous quarrel between Lewis Routson and his 17-year-old bride, Myrtle, Routson entered a room at the Opp House tonight, which was filled with guests at a masquerade party. He fired three shots from a revolver, which scattered the crowd. He then walked up to his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Opp, and fired point-blank at her. The bullet entered her breast.

Routson then discovered his wife in one corner of the room, and placing the revolver within two feet of her body, sent a ball into her chest. She cannot recover.

Routson telephoned for the police and was arrested.

SCALPERS' TICKETS DON'T GO

J. E. Allen several weeks ago brought his family from Denver, Colo., to Portland on a scalper's ticket. The Northern Pacific conductor took up the scalper's ticket, but allowed the Allen family to continue to Portland, after giving up baggage checks as security for proper fares. Allen now uses the company for his baggage or its value, \$400. Yesterday the railway company filed an answer setting forth the law regulating scalper's tickets.

WILL ELECT HIS SUCCESSOR

State Commission Confer With Directors.

Important Business Transacted at Meeting of 1905 Fair—Resignation of Pres. Corbett.

Nothing could have disconcerted the members of the directors and the state commission of the Lewis and Clark Fair so much as the reading of the resignation of H. W. Corbett as president of the exposition. For a while, at the meeting yesterday afternoon, consternation reigned; this gave way to silence and finally to the motion that the resignation be laid over. This motion passed, unanimously, as the directors and members of the state commission were unwilling that the guiding lines of the exposition should be taken out of such able hands as President Corbett's.

However, since his death was announced, the directors will be forced to elect his successor.

Another feature of yesterday's meeting was the adoption of a resolution creating a department of construction. The resolutions were presented by Chairman Wessinger of the grounds and building committee.

Those Present.

The directors present at yesterday's meeting were: G. W. Bates, Samuel Conell, A. H. Dwyer, W. D. Fenton, Rufus Mallory, A. L. Mills, John F. O'Shea, H. W. Scott, Paul Wessinger, E. L. Willis, F. Dresser.

The members of the state commission present were: F. G. Young, J. H. Albert, W. E. Thomas, R. Scott, Dave Rafferty, J. C. Flinders, Frank Williams and C. B. Wade.

In the absence of President Corbett, First Vice-President H. W. Scott presided.

Other Business Transacted.

Other business transacted at yesterday's meeting was the approval of the report of the finance committee on the securing of new quarters in the Bldg. of British Columbia Building, the extending of an invitation to the Japanese Imperial Commissioner to visit Portland, the adoption of a report of the fine arts committee regarding the kind of monument to be erected to the memory of Lewis and Clark, and the appointment of a committee to investigate the condition of the hotels in Portland.

The business of yesterday's meeting was informally approved by the state commission.

Department of Construction.

One of the most important transactions was the adoption of the resolutions presented by the grounds and building committee. These resolutions provided for the creation of a department of construction which shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the committee on grounds and buildings. The department is to be composed of a supervising architect, a supervising engineer and a landscape architect.

Another provision of the resolutions creates a board of consulting architects of seven members. The duties of this board will be that of apportioning the detailed work of the exposition among its members and to consult at various stages until the work is completed.

The presentation of the resolutions aroused considerable discussion. After that the committee adopted the following were unanimously elected to fill the positions provided for in the resolutions: Oskar Huber, the present temporary supervising engineer, to fill that position permanently; J. M. Lewis, to be supervising architect; John J. O'Connell, of Brooklyn, to be landscape architect.

Will Erect Monument.

A telegram was read from John Barrett, commissioner-general of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to the Orleans, suggesting to the directors of the Fair that they erect a monument to the Japanese Imperial Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, who is now at St. Louis but who is expected to return to Japan shortly, to visit Portland on his return trip. The suggestion was well received and the secretary instructed to act accordingly.

As previously stated in The Journal, the committee on fine arts recommended that the monument be erected to Lewis and Clark consist of a shaft and monument by a round column. This recommendation met with the favor of the directors and it was decided that the monument should be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

The question of the poor hotel facilities in Portland was presented by Richard Scott, a member of the state commission. The discussion on this point being general and was finally decided that the committee on ways and means take this matter up and see whether there is any movement on foot to provide Portland with another hotel.

FRENCH SAILORS IN FIGHT.

L. Misce and L. Pollec, sailors from the French bark General Neumayer, were kicked down the stairs of the Paris House Saturday night by a crowd of male occupants and yesterday morning were fined \$10 each in the Municipal Court for disorderly conduct. They feel that they have been very badly dealt with, and that justice in America sometimes miscarries.

Saturday night the two sailors sauntered forth from the bark, thinking to have a little recreation and to see the City of Portland in the night. Coming to the Paris House the Frenchmen thought they would drop in for a few minutes, probably to ascertain if any of their French friends from the old country were there. Just how the trouble arose is not clear. It seems, however, that the two sailors had some money with them and that two women grabbed some of it, refusing to give it back. The sailors demanded it, and the women screamed for help.

QUENTIN'S BRAVERY.

Patrolman Quentin, more familiarly known as "Embray," has an opportunity yesterday afternoon to demonstrate his ability as a criminal catcher. Quentin, who stands nearly 6 feet high and weighs 224 pounds, caught two lads of 13 years trying to steal, as he supposed, a purse in a local dry goods store. Nabbing the desperate youths he handcuffed them and marched them to the police station.

"Gracious!" exclaimed a detective, "there's a brave man!"

"What a wonderful policeman he is," said another.

"That's a great capture," said another. However, the boys were released as soon as Chief Hunt saw them.

BRIDEGROOM'S POOR MEMORY

So Happy He Forgot to Pay His Marriage Fee.

"I am thine and thou art mine," softly whispered Wright E. Howes of Clackamas County to the woman of his heart as he led her from Judge Webster's presence Saturday afternoon.

"Yes, and naught shall come betwixt us," answered she who a few moments before had been Miss Addie B. Hammond of Albany, as she repeated the alleged beautiful words Lady Beatrice Romonastale used, when Laura Jean Libby plighted her to the noble Lord Reginald with curly Saxon locks and far-away blue eyes.

The bride, which accompanied Mrs. Howes' return had scarcely died away in the corridors of the courthouse through which the young couple was sprinting in haste to start the honeymoon in the right direction, when a voice was heard to the rear. It said: "Mr. Howes, I guess you overlooked a trifling question generally observed where stately marriage ceremonies are performed."

"Dar'nt cloud the sky of yonder orb of night" (from Bill Nye), replied Mr. Howes. "Think thou to mar the joys of the newly-wed by interruptions?"

"Write Love Letters," said the voice.

"Yes, and that's elegant marriage language, you are saying," returned J. H. Linton, Clerk of the County Court, and who owned the voice, "but—but—I believe," he said, "you forgot to pay Judge Webster for the good and worthy knot he just tied."

The young bride stood abashed, but the husband said with dignity, as he drew a well-filled purse from his pocket. "Out upon a treacherous memory (Ten Nights in a Bar Room), I should be steeped in shame for my forgetfulness." (The latter quoted literally from "The Mugs in Tennessee," which played in Albany last winter.)

Then it was that Mr. Howes returned to the County Court room and laid down a \$5-gold piece on the Judge's desk. He returned to his waiting bride and thence the happy couple—his 35 years of age and she of 21 sauntered down Fifth street and it's a 100-to-1-shot that before the first corner was reached not a thought of the last episode remained with them.

FAMOUS HUNTER IN THE CITY

C. H. Lee, the most noted bear hunter on the Pacific Coast, arrived up from Eureka last evening. He had been spending the winter in the California tall timber, where he was looking for big game. Mr. Lee was quite modest when asked about his famous hunting trips, but in talking with Captain Reed of the steamer Ruth, said that his best record was made in 1902; that year the Oregon hunter did 412 black bears and 18 grizzlies, besides many wild cats and mountain lions.

Mr. Lee has traveled all over the Western states in search of "varmint," and many of his adventures have been thrilling. Most of the grizzlies that were slain by this hunter were killed in California and Arizona.

PATROLMEN TO RESIGN.

Ralph Duncan and Salem Duckworth, patrolmen, have handed in their resignations to Chief of Police Hunt, to take effect tomorrow. They have been in the department more than one year each and have done good service. It is understood they have decided to resign because they cannot pass the physical requirements of the civil service.

A HINT TO THE WISE

This Advice Will Bear Repeating in Portland.

Don't chase shadows.
 Doubtful proof is but a shadow.
 You can rely on testimony of people you know.

You can investigate local evidence.

A. S. Cummings of 244 Clackamas street, employed by the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co., at the foot of East Sherman street, says: "I had pains in the small of my back for a good many years. Most of the time it was a dull, heavy ache over the kidneys and often, at the end of the day I felt fatigued and used up. Trouble with the kidney secretions existed also. Passages were too frequent and were accompanied with pain. My condition was growing worse all the time, when I happened to read an advertisement of Doan's Kidney Pills, and at the suggestion of my wife I went to the store of the Lane-Davis Company, at Yamhill and Third streets, and got a box. I took the pills as directed and felt their beneficial effects right away. In a short time the backache disappeared and the secretions resumed their normal appearance and condition. This is the first winter I have passed for a number of years without wearing a plaster on my back, and I give Doan's Kidney pills all the credit."

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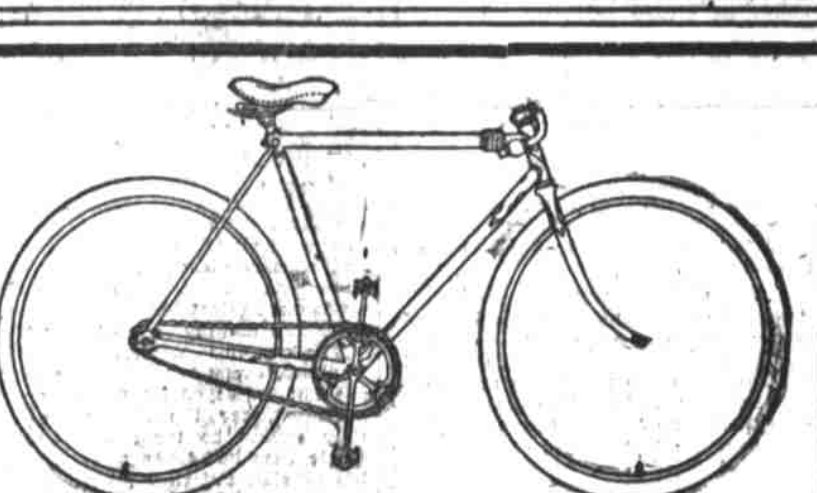
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