

# 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)*  
PENDLETON, Ore., March 31.—A general misapprehension prevails regarding the requirements of the law governing landholders on 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 decides that 160 acres is too much land, the amount may be cut down to 40 or 45 acres, as the case may be.

**The Maxwell Law.**

The provisions of the Maxwell law relating thereto, is 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 parts 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 intended under such project and the amount of acres per entry, which lines shall represent the property, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, may be reasonably required for the support of a family upon the lands in question; also of 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 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 P. Sturgis

# COUNTESS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY



*The  
COUNTESS  
OF  
SHAFNSHURY*

The Countess of Shafnshury, 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.

was the principal member, may be taken up, but the probability is small that it will be done.

## SHOT WIFE AT MASQUERADE

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FINDLAY, Ohio, March 21.—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 check as security for proper fare. Allen now sues the conductor for his baggage or its value, \$800. Yesterday the railway company filed an answer setting forth the law regulating scalpers' tickets.

## PRAISES WORK OF FIREFMEN

Manager Ransom of Eastern Lumber Company Writes Campbell.

The efficient work of the Portland Fire Department has called forth another letter of praise. This time it comes from Manager F. H. Ransom, of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company, who wrote to Chief Campbell, Manager Ransom says:

"We beg to thank you for the prompt response to the alarm of fire sent from Box 95 on the night of March 25 for fire started in the yard near the Eastern Mill. We wish to thank you further for the promptness in which this fire was checked, and we believe that our city is to be congratulated in having a Fire Department such as is so ably supervised by yourself."

The Eastern Lumber Company's mill has been the object of attack on more than one occasion of the firemen who have been menacing Portland property for five weeks. The fire mentioned in the above letter was set by the incendiary for whom the police are now looking.

Had it not been for the prompt arrival and the efficient work of the Fire Department the whole mill would in all probability now be in ruins.

## WILL ELECT HIS SUCCESSOR

### State Commission Confer With Directors.

Important Business Transacted a  
Meeting of 1903 Fair—Resig-  
nation of Pres. Corbett.

Nothing could have disconcerted the members of the directorate 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 Weisinger of the grounds and building committee.

#### Those Present.

The directors present at yesterday's meeting were: G. W. Bates, Samuel Connell, A. H. Devers, W. D. Fenton, Rufus Mallory, A. L. Mills, John F. O'Shea, H. W. Scott, Paul Weisinger, P. 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. Flanders, Frank Williams and C. B. Wade.

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

#### Other Business Transacted.

The 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 city of British Columbia, enabling the extension of the duration of 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.

All of the business at 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 provide 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, 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 building 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 they were 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 Q. Olmstead of Brooklyn, to be landscape architect.

#### Will Erect Monument.

A telegram was read from John Barnett, commissioner-general of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to the president, suggesting to the directors of the Fair the necessity of wiring M. Kiuchi, Japanese Imperial Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, who is now at St. Louis and who is expected to return to Japan shortly, to visit Portland on his return trip. This suggestion was well received and the secretary instructed to act accordingly.

As previously stated in The Journal, the committee on fine arts recommended the monument to be erected to Lewis and Clark as a shaft surrounded by a round colonnade. 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 \$5,500.

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 became general and it 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.

#### Baldwin's Kidney Pills.

Saturday night the two sailors sauntered forth from the bar, "thinking to have little recreation and to see the City of Portland by electric light. Coming to the Fair, however, they 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.

#### French Sailors in Fight.

L. Miscoe and L. Pollet, sailors from the French bark General Neumann, 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.

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#### Quentin's Bravery.

Patrolman Quentin, more familiarly known as "Umbrella," 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 12 years trying to steal, as he supposed, a purse in a local dry goods store. Nabbing the desperate youths he hauled 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 Romanovna used when Laura Jean Libby plighted her to the early Saxon lord Reginald, with early Saxon locks and far-away blue eyes.

The sigh which accompanied Mrs. Howe's re-troth had scarcely died away in the corridor 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. Howe, I guess you overlooked a trifling custom generally observed where trifling marriage ceremonies are performed."

"Dar'et cloud the sky of yonder orb of night?" (from Bill Nye), replied Mr. Howe. "Think thou to mar the joys of the newly-wed by interruptions?" quoth the bridegroom from "How to Write Love Letters."

"Yes, and that's elegant marriage language, you are saying," returned J. H. Union, Clerk of the County Court, and who owned the voice, "but—but—I believe," hesitated Mr. Upton, "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. Howe 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—she 25 years of age and she but 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 Butte 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 killed 412 black bears and 16 grizzlies, besides many wild cats and mountain lions.

Mr. Lee has traveled all over the Western states in search of "warmint," 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 shadow. You can rely on testimony of people you know.

You can investigate local evidence.

A. C. Cummings of 244 Clackamas street, employed by the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co., at the foot of East Main street, has had a sore back for 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 Main streets, and got a bottle.

I took the pills as directed and felt their beneficial effects right away. In a short time the buckache 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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