# CLAIM JUMPERS ROB SILETZ HOMESTEADERS

Trouble is brewing in the Siletz region on account of alleged wholesale claim jumping, according to the story told yesterday by Messrs. Hearst and Jacobson, two homesteaders whose claims are located in the big Siletz timber belt. It is stated that certain Portland timber brokers have been locating new claimants on many of the homesteads already filed upon by homesteaders who either are now on their claims or have lived on them the required length of time, made application for final proof, and gone to Newport or other places to live.

At present, however, there is not any fear of violence, although the homesteaders are greatly incensed at what they look upon as a cool and determined effort to rob them of the results of their labor and expenditures. But they are law-abiding and before taking any action themselves, prefer to wait until the federal authorities have passed upon the question and granted or denied them the protection of their rights which they feel is their due.

**File Many Contests.**

The lot of the homesteaders in Oregon appears to be a precarious one, and many of them feel that they are not being properly protected in their rights by the government. Of late a large number of contests have been filed, several of them, it is said, against homesteaders who have resided continuously on their claims for the full five years required by law, who have resided on them for 14 months and then made application to be allowed to commute for $1.25 an acre, as is allowed by the land laws.

As a rule, the Siletz homesteaders have little more money than enough to support them during the time of their residence on the land, and are ill prepared to hire lawyers to protect them in their rights. They feel that it should be the duty of the general government to side with them rather than with any man who may come along and try to take their claims away from them either through personal ill will or cupidity.

In Newport the case of Matt Sijota recently created considerable comment. Sijota is a Pole who has a claim near the mouth of the Siletz. It is alleged that he had lived continuously on the claim for the length of time required by law, and had made extensive improvements, besides having a fair number of cattle which he was keeping on his homestead. He was still living there when someone who either had a grudge against him or who wanted the claim filed a contest in the land office. Sijota, being without money, had to sell off all his cattle in order to obtain funds with which to fight the contest. His patent is still held up.

**Virtually Robbed of Claim.**

Another case mentioned is that of Will Jorgensen of Waldport. Jorgensen, it is said, lived seven years on his claim, when some man came along, looked it over with a desirous eye, and promptly hired lawyers and filed a contest. Jorgensen being without money was unable to obtain an attorney to defend his interests, and lost his claim. These are said to be only two instances out of many where the land office has apparently been too ready to listen to the contestant without aiding the original filer.

There are a large number of Poles in the Siletz, some of them down near the mouth of the river and others scattered along its 50 miles of length all the way to the agency. Though not looked upon by the Americans as particularly desirable neighbors, most of them are industrious, hard-working people, but with little knowledge of the ways of American law. They are greatly terrified least they lose their claims, all of which are improved.

However, it is not only the Poles who are being attacked by the claim jumper. Lee Williams, lately one of the most prominent business men of Newport, has a claim in the Siletz upon which he claims to have fulfilled the requirements of the law. His claim, however, was contested, and although no decision has been rendered by the land office, a man named W. S. Copeland has settled on the claim and announces that he will not get off. Frank Priest is in the same fix, a man by the name of V. Jiffcott having squatted on his claim and announced his intention of remaining.

**Land Is Valuable.**

E. T. Price, a land broker who lives at 341 Cook avenue, this city, is said by Mr. Hearst to be the man who has been busying himself locating men on claims already filed upon. Price, Hearst says, has of late been traveling through the Siletz claiming to be making surveys but in reality looking up claims upon which to install contestants. It must be explained that locating claims has become a profitable business, the fee in many cases being as high as $600. This explains the alleged activity of locators.

The eagerness to obtain claims in the Siletz may be understood when it is stated that quarter sections in that district run from 4,000,000 to 16,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet of salable timber, worth at present prices between 80 cents and $1 a thousand on the stump, and going up all the time.

The homesteaders feel that the land office ought to side with them rather than with those who are anxious to take their claims away. While it is true that in past years there were many frauds perpetrated in homesteading, the restrictions that have of late been thrown about the acquisition of land by homestead entry are so exacting that it is the general feeling of the homesteaders that care should be taken that no hardship is worked to innocent persons, and they feel that much injustice is being done as the land laws are at presented administered in Oregon.

**May Resort to Violence.**

Just what to do with a squatter who comes onto their land and coolly begins to cut down trees and erect a shake house, refusing to get off when ordered to do so, is the question that is troubling the Siletz homesteaders. They feel, however, Mr. Hearst says, that it is the duty of the government to protect them and they are averse to resorting to violence except as a final measure to be taken when there is no longer hope of obtaining relief from the land office.

Many of the contests have been tried in court months, and in some cases years, ago, but no decision has been rendered by the registrar, and the settlers are still awaiting their final papers, with their lands open to the claim jumper whenever he feels like jumping.

# PLAYHOUSES VIOLATING LAW

### Executive Board Orders Theatres to Comply With Ordinance Immediately.

Portland theatres were severely criticised by the members of the city executive board yesterday afternoon after a report from the committee composed of City Building Inspector Dobson, Chief Campbell and Deputy Fire Marshal Roberts, had been read showing violations of the building laws. The members at once voted to instruct the city auditor to notify the managers of the theatres to place their playhouses in condition.

Unless the rubbish and other objectionable features are remedied within 24 hours after the notices are received the managers will be arrested. Fifteen days will be allowed to repair the electric wiring. Member T. Greene favored the immediate arrest of the managers, saying that they knew the law and that if compelled to pay a fine would be more careful. The report follows:

**Rubbish a Menace.**

Lyric Theatre—Remove rubbish from stage and from under the stage; refill water barrels and buckets, provide automatic sprinkler system on stage; the electric wiring on this stage is now being placed in approved conduit; the moving picture box in the gallery should be overhauled, a portion of it relined and a ventilator from the box to the outside of the building should be installed; remove all rubbish in room rear of picture machine booth.

Star Theatre—We find that the wiring on the stage is in poor condition and the entire stage system should be rewired according to the national code of rules, which calls for approved conduit; remove all rubbish from basements and dressing-rooms.

Marquam Theatre—Remove all rubbish from under stage; remove rubbish from under passageway on the west; we find one fire door off the track on the proscenium wall from basement to orchestra pit; refill all water barrels and buckets.

Heilig Theatre—Remove all rubbish from under balcony, overhaul electric wiring and remove all flexible cord wiring at box office and in lobby.

**Fire Escapes Faulty.**

Your committee has seriously considered the gallery situation in this building and feels that the exits from this gallery are not adequate. There is one spiral stairway exit from this gallery and four exits by very narrow, steep fire escapes, and while as far as the number of exits are concerned, they seem to be sufficient, according to the city law, it is the unbiased opinion of your committee that in the event of fire and it becoming necessary for gallery occupants to use the fire escape exits in a hurry, there would be more people killed and injured by falling off these fire escapes than would be burned in the building.

# HERD TENDERS TO WEAR KHAKI GARB

### Uniforms Will Be in Evidence in North Pacific Circuit.

In order to add an attractive touch to the appearance of the exhibits in the show ring around the North Pacific fair circuit, the secretaries of the different fair associations are trying to have adopted a special class of uniforms for all attendants and grooms. Some of the exhibitors in past shows have insisted that their grooms appear in a certain style of garb and the movement this year is toward the adoption of khaki uniforms throughout. The expense of providing attendants in charge of a herd with a neat uniform of some cheap serviceable material with the name of the herd or breeding farm inscribed on the blouse or cap is very small and not only renders the attendants of such herd more presentable, but serves as an additional and effective means of advertising.

"We hope to have all fairs in the circuit insist on this little detail of the show ring," said M. D. Wisdom, who started the agitation, "and I am sure it will prove an attractive feature. The trouble usually is that the grooms are so ambitious to win prizes that they work right up to the last minute before entering the show ring, and then without regard to their appearance or dress push off for a good position in the arena. We hope to discourage that sort of thing as much as possible."

As a means of providing a more direct route for motorists and pleasure vehicles to reach the Country club race track this year the management has taken up the matter of opening up two of the east and west streets from West avenue to the entrance of the grounds below the brow of the hill skirted by Hill Crest drive. The distance these streets will have to be opened is but two blocks and but little work or grading will be required to answer all necessary demands for this year.

# JOURNAL CONTESTANTS' REMARKABLE SCORES

The individual performance of many of the contestants in The Oregon Journal's third annual scholarship contest since the tenth score is very creditable indeed. The contest manager's prediction some days ago that some of the students would likely do some meteoric work has already proved true, as was seen by the eleventh score published yesterday, and especially by the record of Freda Launer of Dallas, who added the large number of 10,935 votes since the 10th score which places her in the lead in the contest. This clever young lady made Ralph Robnett's majority of 4,810 in the tenth score fade away like an Oregon mist in the face of old Sol. She converted his large majority into a majority of 3,325 votes for herself, thus gaining 8,135 votes on him.

Little less extraordinary was Verntce Gilkey's performance. This clever student of Grants Pass added 9,260 votes to her score, and still leads in district No. 3 by a large majority. Ray Harper, The Dalles, too, made a great showing, having secured 8,745 votes, which makes him the leader in district No. 4.

Gladys Nelson, Oswego, made the next greatest progress, adding 6,270. Olive Williams, Monmouth, came next, with a gain of 4,200. Harry Crain followed with a gain of 3,800 votes. Lena Berkren managed to secure 3,400 votes, and Lenna Melton recorded 3,220. Ralph Robnett, the former leader, managed to add only 2,800 votes, thus losing his leadership for the time being.

**Noted the Warning.**

The contest manager's note of warning to contestants has evidently stimulated all the workers to action, and from the work shown lately no particular student has a cinch on first choice of scholarships with its accompanying cash award of $150 for pin money. It will not be well to pin your faith on the choicest plums without applying yourself closely to the work. As faith without good works is dead, so also confidence in winning a scholarship without good work in contest work is of little avail.

It will be noticed that there was a change of positions in every district except No. 3 in the last score. Each of the contestants in No. 3 made a substantial gain. The next score may reveal some more remarkable work by many of the students, and each should strive to eclipse all the others. It behooves all to be up and doing. It is the hard persistent work that counts. The stakes being tempting every effort should be put into the work of canvassing. Thousands of subscription orders are awaiting clever students.

**Work Must Be Thorough.**

The ground must be covered thoroughly in order to reap the harvest. The wheat will not gather itself into the barn, neither will subscription orders come to you unless you make a determined effort to secure them. Who will the honor go to in the next score for the largest increase?

Little Mark Twain has been discovered away up in Pendleton and the East Oregonian of that city has the following reference to her:

"Miss Mildred Clemens of Portland is in the city to superintend the scholarship contests being conducted by The Oregon Daily Journal of Portland. Pendleton academy is giving scholarships through The Journal and Miss Clemens will induce a number of young people to take up the contest and try for some of these excellent free scholarships to be given away.

"Almost every leading school in the state is giving away scholarships through The Journal, and it is possible to secure a fine education by a few weeks' work during vacation season. Miss Clemens is a genial and accomplished young woman and is making a success of her department of newspaper work."

**Expects to Hear.**

The contest manager may reasonably expect to hear of some good work in Pendleton and surrounding country in the near future, as little Mark Twain has a way all her own of interesting ambitious students in educational work. The least little spark of brilliancy in a student shows up as a star of great magnitude to her, and she usually develops a faint idea in others to a strong ambition to attain scholastic honors. Pendleton will surely be on the educational map before long, or little Mark Twain will meet her first Waterloo.

## CONCERT TONIGHT ON KNOTT STREET

Sig. De Caprio's band will play at Knott street and Rodney avenue this evening, the concert to begin at 8 p. m. Following is the program:

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever" ........ Sousa
"La Czarine," Mazurka ........ Ganne
Overture, "Fra Diavolo" ........ Auber
"Pilgrim's Chorus," from "Tannhauser" ........ Wagner
"Moonlight Serenade" ........ Moret

Intermission

Selection, "The Singing Girl" ........ Herbert
Intermezzo, "Iian" ........ Judson
Waltz, "The First Violin" ........ Witt
Fantasia, "Mo Fold Ireland" ........ Hare
March, "Vans Latest" ........ Vandersoa

A. De Caprio, Director.

It is never too late to mend, but it is just as well if you don't have to.

## BARNUM APE MAKES EVERYBODY LAUGH

An ape that stands on its head is the latest laugh-compelling circus feature. As is usual with all good things, it is a part of the performance given this season by the Barnum and Bailey greatest show on earth, being a member of the company of animal comedians that brought from Europe by [illegible] Menstines, who are touring America for the first time with this big show.

Professor Wormwood, the great English animal trainer, is [illegible] with the show, presenting a novelty in beast education in the shape of an anteater that has [illegible] down to a fine art. It performs in company with four bears and two dogs and is an example of animal training even more astonishing than was the company of seals first brought to notice by the Barnum and Bailey management.

Other of the more important animal displays which are a strong feature of the varied bill are three herds of educated elephants just brought from Europe, Le Clown, Mousseler's animal comedians, a spectacular [illegible] Mary and Petrof's ponies, dogs and donkeys and Miss [illegible] a post-graduate pony and dog.

The lover of animals will find the hour between the opening of the doors and the beginning of the main show none too long a time in which to see all there is in the menagerie department. It is a complete zoological display with any number of specimens not seen in this country in [illegible] past. There is a baby [illegible] of the tent that draws the attention of everybody and holds it for hours. There are nearly all the elephants in America on exhibition, herds of camels, giraffes, dromedaries, Philippine little llamas, water buffalo and [illegible] horses, besides an infinite variety of caged animals.

In costume, properties, trappings and parade equipment it is an entire new show. The parade, again in evidence, is all of recent European make. It is scheduled for 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The main program is given almost without an exception by artists new to America and picked with a view to variety and novelty from the best of Europe and Asia.

The climax is capped by the thrilling double automobile somersault performed by the La Raque sisters. The act is said to "out-limit" all the limits of the past.

## BRYANT BLAMELESS IN KILLING JOHNSON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cle Elum, Wash., Aug. 15.—At 5 o'clock last evening Coroner Steele of Ellensburg impaneled a jury to inquire into the killing of Thomas Johnson, Thursday. Thirteen witnesses were examined and their testimony satisfied the jury that Thomas Johnson was killed by Frank Bryant in self-defense. After deliberating 55 minutes, they arrived at a verdict and exonerated Bryant from all blame.

# FIRST STEPS TO SECURE BRIDGE

### South Portland Citizens Prepare to Circulate a Petition.

South Portland wants a high bridge across the river at First and Sherman streets, and last night took the first steps towards getting it. At a mass meeting of the citizens of the district held at a hall at Front and Harrison streets last night resolutions were adopted and a committee of five was appointed to solicit funds for the circulation of a petition preparatory to submitting the bridge question to the initiative at the next city election.

At the meeting last night J. C. Luckel was elected chairman, W. C. Beachrest secretary and S. C. Armitage treasurer. The committee to raise the necessary funds is composed of C. K. Morack, Donato Ragnone, Aaron Goldstein, Charles Herold and W. H. Joyce.

The meeting last night was unanimous in the belief that there should be a high bridge constructed across the river in the South Portland district. With the exception of William Grebach it was unanimous in favor of the Sherman street crossing. Mr. Grebach objected to the location at that particular point because he said he had property at First and Sheridan. His objection raised a good deal of heated discussion, but the vote showed that Mr. Grebach was about the only one in the hall who had any objections. There were approximately 75 property owners at the meeting.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting call attention to the need of a bridge in South Portland, arguing that the isolation of that district from communication with the east side is retarding its growth and causing property values to fall below normal. It is estimated that the new bridge should be 60 feet in width and should cost not more than $1,500,000. Other meetings will be held to carry the project forward.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, For the past decade that part of our city from Madison street south has been retarded in its growth and prosperity, all for the want of spirit and energy on the part of the citizens thereof;

"Whereas, Owing to its isolation and inaccessibleness from business centers, and a proper communication with residents of the east side, property values have fallen below the normal;

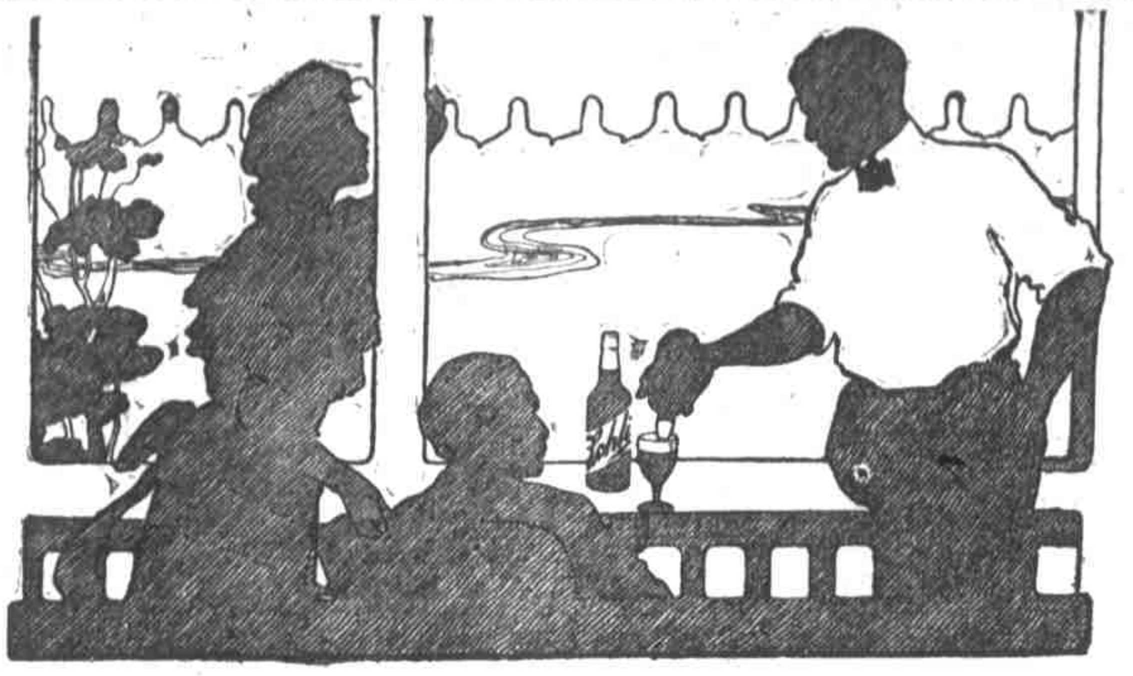
"Whereas, That portion of our city lying south of Madison street, containing as it does nearly two fifths of our entire population, and on account of elevation and natural protection from freshets and high water, is the most sightly and healthy locality for business purposes;

"Whereas, Nature has marked it with embankments and an elevation more fittingly adapted than any other section to bridging the Willamette river at various points without draws or quasi-pontoon structures, and particularly at First and Sherman streets such conditions exist;

"Whereas, The rapid growth and development of our municipality demand a closer communication with east side residents, and other facilities for the people of this southern section, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we petition under the initiative and referendum the people of Portland, praying for a sum not exceeding $1,500,000 for the purpose of constructing a suspension bridge 60 feet in width across the Willamette river from First and Sherman streets on the west side to the most practicable point opposite on the east side of said river, be it further

"Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of five to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of carrying on the work of preparing and circulating petitions under the initiative and referendum preparatory to presenting the same to the voters at the next city election."

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