

FARMS ALMOST FREE.

Small Homesteads in Pennsylvania Very Cheap.

Deserted Homes with Good Accommodations That May Be Had for One Dollar a Month.

A traveling man who returned from a business trip by wagon through east Pennsylvania said to the Sun correspondent:

"There is no need for any eastern man to go west for a free farm. In my travels just ended I passed more than a dozen deserted homes in the country—good homes and stables, with not a sign of an occupant. Some of these homes have a dozen fertile acres each, a good spring, some woodland, and fences still in fair condition. At other places the acreage was not so large. At one place there were 15 acres.

"In the northern part of Berks county, where the soil is dark and good, I came across a two-story frame house with five rooms and an out kitchen, a bake oven, pigsty, and a small frame barn. There was a garden, too, all over-run with weeds. No one had lived there for two years. I asked the owner of a big farm near by what the matter was. He said there was nothing the matter with the place, only the right man had not come along yet. It had ten acres, and the farmer was working those acres along with his own rather than let them be overgrown with weeds and Canada thistles, to spoil his own land. The owner gets no rent. The house and barn are nailed shut and everything is going to decay. They have a good well of water, too, and a good spring down there under the willow trees," said the farmer. "The man who lived there last moved to town, saying he could not make a living and pay the rent of \$24 a year. Think of a nice country home like this for \$24 a year, and yet not rented! Any good man and wife can get along on such a place, yet people are not renting it. They ought to be able to make ends meet on ten acres. A man could keep a horse, a cow or two, chickens or ducks, and could raise a good many things on ten acres. It's a slow man who can't pick up odd jobs in the country to make his rent and have a little besides."

"Notwithstanding all that the farmer said, the fact remains that dozens of such little country homes in eastern Pennsylvania are entirely deserted and nailed shut. I have now in my mind a very nice house with a front yard, grape arbor, garden with picket fence, bake oven, outhouse, stable, and nine acres of ground, located on a hillside overlooking a beautiful valley. That place has been deserted for two years. The man who last lived there got a job in the city and now pays ten dollars a month rent, whereas he couldn't pay \$1.50 a month in the country. It is a puzzle to me why men can't get along on ten good acres like that. I can only conclude that they are too lazy to work.

"The other day I doubled the road and noticed that a formerly deserted house near Churchtown was occupied. It surprised me. I stopped and learned that a city family on a vacation had taken the house for two weeks, and were having a picnic in the country. The housewife said it was a shame that such a nice house should be tenantless and deserted. Twenty dollars would fix up the kitchen and chimney, and a smart man could make the ten fertile acres blossom like the rose, but the great trouble is to find the smart man who wants to leave the city and live in the country as a small farmer.

"The other day a good house, new frame stable for two cows, 12 acres, good garden, fruit trees, good well of water, grape arbors, bake oven, and all, sold for \$150. The buyer paid \$25 cash and gave his note for a year for the balance. The place had rented for one dollar a month, and the tenant cheated the landlady out of a year's rent, so she sold the farm rather than have it among the deserted.

"An able-bodied man with a few hundred dollars can buy a good little home at many nice places in eastern Pennsylvania, and if he makes up his mind to pitch in, he is saving, and work when it doesn't rain, he can live comfortably. The trouble seems to be that so many men would rather loaf than earn a living."—N. Y. Sun.

The Hindoo Funeral.
When a Hindoo dies the services of an undertaker are not needed, as word is immediately sent to the relatives and friends of the deceased, who meet at the house and attend to all the details of the funeral. Some of them buy at the bazaar the articles necessary for the ceremony, such as a piece of linen, copper pots, pieces of sandalwood, one earthen pot, some "ghee," or clarified butter, rice, a few split chips of bamboo and two strong bamboo poles for the bier. In rainy weather some oil and resin to revive the flames are added to the stock of necessities. A sacred grass, the "durbhas," and some "tulsi" leaves are spread over the bier. It is very necessary that the son of the deceased should perform the ceremony. If he is absent at the time of the death the father or brother of the deceased or some other male member of the family may take his place. When there is no son in the family one is adopted for the purpose.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT of the State of Oregon for Wasco County.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, Plaintiff,

vs. Thomas J. Bulger and Bulger, his wife, whose given name is unknown to plaintiff, D. L. Cates, George Gardner and Fannie E. Gardner, Defendants.

To Thomas J. Bulger, Bulger, whose given name is unknown to plaintiff, George Gardner and Fannie E. Gardner, defendants. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the first day of the term of the above entitled court following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the 15th day of November, 1897, that being the first day of the next regular term of said court, and if you fail to so appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the judgment prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For the condemnation and appropriation for a right-of-way for a railroad of a strip of land one hundred feet wide over and across the following described lands: Commencing at 120 feet north from the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of section six, township two north, range eight east, in Wasco county, Oregon, thence north 70 feet to a point, thence north 86 degrees 34 minutes east, 250 feet to a point in the north boundary of the right-of-way of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, now Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's right-of-way; thence southwesterly along said north boundary of said right-of-way to the place of beginning of the plaintiff's right-of-way of the said Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, which point is 175 feet north and 250 feet east of the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of section six, township two north, range eight east; thence north 86 degrees and 34 minutes east, 815 feet to a point on the south boundary of the said right-of-way; thence on a curve to the left with and along the said boundary of said right-of-way in a westerly course to the place of beginning, containing 47-100 acres; said land to be used for the location of the railway of said plaintiff's across said premises as provided by section 2241, Hill's Annotated Laws of the State of Oregon. And plaintiff will also take judgment for its costs and disbursements in this action.

This summons is served upon the defendants above named by publication thereof in THE DALLES CHRONICLE by order of Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Oregon, made at chambers in Dalles City, Oregon, this 25th day of September, 1897.

W. W. COTTON, J. M. LONG, W. H. WILSON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

A LEARNED HERMIT.

Wise Country Folk Are Much Interested in Him.

In the edge of Wise county, Va., not far from Pound Gap, lives one of the most scholarly men in the south. He is a hermit, living in a mountain cabin, with no companion save his dogs, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Forty years ago Henry Lewis was a leading society man of Baltimore, but the girl whom he loved proved false. He fled to the old world, hoping to drown his love amid the gay scenes of Paris, London and Rome. Later he went to Egypt, passed through Asia and returned to America the day after Fort Sumter was fired upon.

He joined the confederate army and served with distinction to the close of the war. After the war Lewis bought his mountain cabin and has been living the life of a recluse ever since. He has a fine library, of which he makes good use.

Once a month he goes to the neighboring village and lays in his supplies. He is a fine linguist and is well versed in geology, mineralogy, ornithology, but never talks upon these subjects unless requested to do so by those who visit him.

Lewis is nearing 70 and is growing feebler every day and it can't be long before he passes away. It is the opinion of the country folk that Lewis is only an assumed name and that on his deathbed he will reveal his identity.

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NOTICE-SALE OF CITY LOTS.

Notice is hereby given that by authority of ordinance No. 292, which passed the Common Council of Dalles City April 10th, 1897, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the sale of certain lots belonging to Dalles City," I will, on Saturday, the 15th day of May, 1897, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, all the following lots and parts of lots in Gates addition to Dalles City, Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, jointly, in block 14; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15; lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, jointly in block 21, known as butte; lots 10, 11 and 12, in block 27; lot 9 in block 34; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35; lots 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 36; lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 37; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 42; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43; lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 and 12, in block 41, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in block 46.

The reasonable value of said lots, for less than which they will not be sold, has been fixed and determined by the Common Council of Dalles City as follows, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, in block 14, \$150; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15, \$200; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 21, \$200; lot 10, in block 27, \$225; lot 11, in block 27, \$225; lot 12, in block 27, \$300; lot 9, in block 34, \$100; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35, each respectively \$100; lots 6 and 7, in block 35, each respectively \$125; lot 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 36, each respectively \$100; lot 12, in block 36, \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 37, each respectively \$100; lots 6, 7 and 12, in block 37, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 10 and 11, in block 41, each respectively \$100; lots 1, 7 and 12, in block 41, each respectively \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 42, each respectively \$100; lots 1, 6 and 12, in block 42, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43, each respectively \$100; lot 1, in block 43, \$125; lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, in block 46, each respectively \$100; lots 1 and 6, in block 46, each respectively \$125.

Each of these lots will be sold upon the lot respectively, and none of them will be sold for a less sum than the value thereof, as above stated.

One-fourth of the price bid on any of said lots shall be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the remainder in three equal payments on or before, one, two and three years from the date of said sale, with interest on such deferred payments at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, payable annually; provided that the payment may be made in full at any time at the option of the purchaser.

The said sale will begin on the 15th day of May, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, and will continue from time to time until all of said lots shall be sold.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1897.
GILBERT W. PHELPS,
Recorder of Dalles City.

NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

By order of the common council of Dalles City, made on the 19th day of September, 1897, and entered of record in the records of Dalles City on the 20th day of September, 1897, notice is hereby given that the following cross walks have been declared dangerous by said council on said 19th day of September, 1897, and the said council will proceed to make the improvements as hereinafter stated, on said streets, or parts of streets declared dangerous, after fourteen days after the first publication of this notice, to-wit, September 30th, 1897, and the costs of such improvements of all such cross walks, and of each of them, will be charged and levied upon the property abutting, as by charter provided.

The cross walks declared dangerous and about to be built are as follows, to-wit:

- 1. To build a cross walk on the east side of Federal street, across Second street.
- 2. To build a cross walk across Jefferson street on the north side of Second street.
- 3. To build a cross walk across Court street on the north side of Second street.
- 4. To build a cross walk across Washington street on the south side of Fourth street.
- 5. To build a cross walk across Jefferson street on the south side of Second street.
- 6. To build a cross walk across Laughlin street on the north side of second street.
- 7. To build a cross walk across Second street on the east side of Court street.
- 8. To build a cross walk across Third street on the east side of Federal street.

All of said cross walks will be built and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the charter and ordinances of Dalles City.

Dated this 28th day of Sept., 1897.
ROGER B. SINNOTT,
Recorder of Dalles City.

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