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The Law Encouraging the Growth of Timber.

An Act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies." Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An Act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: That any person who is the head of a family or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his declaration of intention to become such, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy growing condition for eight years, forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, on any quarter section of any of the public lands of the United States, or twenty acres on any legal subdivision of eighty acres, or ten acres on any legal subdivision of forty acres, or one-fourth part of any fractional subdivision of land less than forty acres, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter section, or of such legal subdivision of less than forty acres, as the case may be, at the expiration of said eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses: Provided, That not more than one quarter of any section shall be thus granted, and that no person shall make more than one entry under the provisions of this act unless fractional subdivisions of less than forty acres are entered which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed one quarter section.

consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall each be entitled to receive two dollars at the time of the entry, and the same sum when the claim is finally established and the final certificate issued. SEC. 7. That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act to punish crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits required or authorized by this act. SEC. 8. That parties who have already made entries under the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, of which this is amendatory, shall be permitted to complete the same upon full compliance with provisions of this act. Approved, March 13, 1874.

Life in Fox Prairie.

A correspondent says: W. Potter and Wm. Robinson, of Fox Prairie, the other day went with dogs and guns to kill a buck. The dogs soon started one which ran close to one of the men and was shot down, proving to be a big buck. The dogs were started again and in a few minutes roused up a large cougar which ran about two hundred yards and took to a tree. In going to the dogs the men run on a very large buck the cougars had killed, the dogs rallying them before they had time to eat it. They went on, shot the cougar in the trees and took him back to where he had killed the deer. In the meantime the old she cougar had dragged the buck about two hundred yards, torn off the skin and was making her breakfast. The dogs soon made her take a tree and the men soon came up and shot her. They had now two cougars and two bucks, results of a good hunt on the first day of July. On the third we had a celebration near Fox Valley School House. We had a large audience and a nice time. Programme of the day was as follows: Prayer by Rev. A. D. Gardner, President of the Day; music by Glee club; Reading of Declaration by H. Williams; National airs by Professor Williams' class; Oration by Rev. S. Miller; music; refreshments and social interchange of thought by entire audience. Singing and other sports. Also there was an exhibition and entertainment by the Fox Valley Thespian Society. There was a table sixty feet long filled with the best of grub, for the ladies of Fox Valley can't be excelled for nice cooking. Yours, etc., A. J. G. FOX VALLEY, July 10th, 1875.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, That dreaded enemy of the human family (consumption), has removed from our midst our beloved brother, J. B. Wallace, therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of brother Wallace this Grange has lost a true and valuable member, and sister Wallace a worthy and devoted husband, one who in the trials and conflicts of life she could look to for aid. Resolved, That while we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved Brother we feel that she sleeps the sleep that knows no waking only on the morn of the Redemption, and to the bereaved family and friends, we extend our tenderest sympathy. Resolved, That in token of our respect and sympathy these resolutions be entered on the minutes of our Grange, and a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased Brother, and also to the WILLAMETTE FARMER for publication. J. H. SHORTRIDGE, O. F. KNOX, O. P. ADAMS, Committee.

Survey of Siletz Reservation.

Mr. Hurlbut has a contract for the survey of the Siletz reservation and is already in the field himself with one party while surveyor George Mercer, of Corvallis, has the field with another. Mr. C. S. Woodworth is preparing to take the field with a compass in the same work, and will leave home on Thursday of this week, expecting to have a three months tour of it. His son William will accompany him. The survey is to be made over a rather mountainous country and the work won't be the easiest kind.

THE RAILROAD PARTY.—We learn that ex-Governor Stanford did not come with the Central Pacific party that passed down the road yesterday. The party consisted of C. P. Huntington, Vice President C. P. R. R., Mr. Colburn, D. D. Colton, Director, and Mr. Montague, Chief Engineer. They came down to Albany Sunday evening. Their intention to visit Puget Sound and traverse the route of the Oregon C. P. R. R. from Eugene to Winnemucca, we have already alluded to.

CRIMINAL AID TO THE SCHOOL FUND.—The common school Fund of Marion county, during the year that ended June 30, received as fines collected by Circuit and Justice Courts on judgment in criminal cases during that year \$116 coin, and \$161 25 currency, which went for support of common schools in this county, as shown by the Treasurers report.

HARVEST FEAST.—The members of Chehalis Grange, Jefferson, indulged in a harvest feast on Saturday, the 10th inst. The table was covered with a bountiful supply of provisions, and a very social time was had.

COUNTY FINANCES—1874, '75.

Table showing County Finances for 1874 and 1875. Includes Exhibit of expenses of Marion county, Oregon, for the year ending June 30, 1875. Warrants have been drawn on the County Treasurer during the year as follows: For paper account, criminal account, road and bridge account, County Clerk's, Sheriff's, Bailiff's, Jury, C. Comm'ners, Incidental, Coroner's Inquest, Court-house & Jail, Stationery, printing, Fuel, Election, Co. Treasurer's, Co. Judge's, Co. Assessor's, Co. School Sup't, District Attorney's, Inmate, Poor farm.

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MARION, ss. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the affairs of Marion county, Oregon, as shown by the books and accounts on file in my office June 30th, 1875. D. H. MURPHY, Clerk.

Annual Report of the County Treasurer.

To the Hon. County Court for Marion county: I respectfully submit this as the report of the transactions of this office for the year ending June 30th, 1875:

Table showing General Fund and Distribution—Coin. Includes Balance on hand as per last report, Clackamas Co. order No. 161, B. F. Drake note, D. H. Murphy, trial fees, L. S. Scott, tax, 1873, D. H. Murphy, trial fees, P. H. Kerrigan, saloon license, A. E. Smith, saloon license, B. Connor, pedler's license, L. S. Scott, taxes, Salmon Ferry, county license, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, Clackamas Co. order No. 161, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, P. H. Kerrigan, saloon license, J. C. Ryan, saloon license, Alex. Spang, ferry license, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, Salmon Ferry, county license, L. Pettijohn, ferry license, D. H. Murphy, trial fees, J. Leonard, pedler's license, W. S. Barker, Deputy Sheriff, money from Phillips, P. H. Kerrigan, saloon license, T. C. Shaw, tax, 1874, W. H. Lemon, estray.

Table showing Distribution—Coin. Includes County orders paid—principal, interest, principal, State Trans. bal. to State tax, 1875, State Treasurer, State tax in part, County orders paid—principal, interest, Appointments to School Fund, County orders paid—principal, interest, Balance in hands Treas. July 1, 1875, Deficit Clackamas Co. order No. 223, note N. Haas, Coin balance, Balance currency on hand.

Items from Silverton.

A representative of Young America, halling from Howell Prairie, was brought before Justice G. W. Dolan of Silverton this evening, upon the charge of assault and battery upon the person of a neighbor boy, and pleading guilty was fined \$5 and costs. We were informed by a friend that Mr. Wilhoit is making some considerable improvements upon the dwellings and barns, houses at Soda Springs and that a large number of excursionists and health-seekers are camped upon the grounds, over one hundred citizens were there last Sunday. Yours, G. J. McCRAW, July 12, 1875.

The Minto Pass Party.

HENNESSY FARM, Linn Co., July 9, 1875. Mr. Editor: The expedition to Mt. Jefferson, for the purpose of making a thorough examination of the proposed route for a wagon road across the Cascade mountains—accompanied by two gentlemen who propose, if practicable, to give substantial assistance, in the shape of money—left Salem Thursday afternoon, July 5th, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and arrived at Mr. John Hunt's, eleven miles east of Salem, at 7 o'clock, where we were cordially received by that gentleman and his estimable lady, who soon made us feel at home, as our ride had given us a sharp appetite, which was soon satisfied at their hospitable board. This morning, at 9 o'clock, we were stored aboard of Mr. Hunt's thorough-bred wagon, behind a good span of horses, which soon carried us out of sight of the place where we had spent a few hours with a pleasant family. For several miles we traveled through the verge of the ever varying and picturesque Waldo Hills, the most beautiful portion of Oregon. After an hour's ride, we came to the quiet and rural village of Sublimity, where we made a few necessary purchases and banded jokes with the good natured postmaster. From this verge of hills we descended into a southeasterly direction into Mill Creek bottom, near Staytonville, and there turned east, and up the Santiam bottom to Smith's ferry, nine miles distance, which we reached at 12:30, where we moored. But before we reached the ferry we passed Messrs Downer & Howell's new farm, where we halted and slacked our thirst from one of the finest natural springs that this State can boast of, and were agreeably entertained by Mrs. Howell, the hostess of this picturesque country residence. At Smith's picturesque post, we lunched and doctored up Mr. J. W. Redington of the Statesman, who injudiciously drank too much cold water, while very warm, and had a touch of water colic; but about half a teaspoonful of Jamaica ginger restored heat and order in his stomach, and at the present writing he is convalescent. At 2:30 o'clock we crossed the Santiam and started for this place, on the Linn county side of the river. For the first six miles we had to ride through a prairie—except the first mile—and were exceedingly warm, in fact it was terrible, so we halted for a short time at Mr. Patten's and allowed our sweating team to cool off; then in a few minutes we entered a dense forest, which continued with scattering openings for ten miles. We found several places where men had attempted the herculean task of subduing the forest and making farms. The trees on this stream grew exceedingly tall; in fact there are plenty of them which were estimated to be 325 feet high, and I verily believe they will measure every inch of the same. The ranges have gradually crowded up and they have now entirely closed up around us, and when we leave here in the morning we will have to take to the mountains in earnest, and leave our team and pack on our camp equipment on miles and feet to Mt. Jefferson. The general indication of the crops is good, but we noticed a few fields that will not yield an over-abundant harvest, but they are excellent in this small valley, which is known as King's Prairie.

We arrived at this place at 5:45 all in good spirits, and course very dusty; but after bathing for a short time in the pure Santiam we were able to recognize each other. Prof. L. J. Powell, who left Salem this morning at 4 o'clock, overtook us, or rather we did him. Mr. John Downing came on and is with us, and there is one of our party who has just put in an appearance, Mr. Wm. Delaney. From Mr. Charley Thomas, who has lately returned from the Quartzville mining camps, I learn that the miners are evidently getting rich, at least they are making preparations for active operations to extend through the present summer and winter. We leave here in the morning, and will not probably have an opportunity to send you word until we return, but if possible I will send you a line. J. HENRY B.

Base Ball at Silverton.

SILVERTON, July 10th, 1875. Mr. Editor: We had quite a lively game of base ball here yesterday. The Clippers from Gervais came up to play a match game with the Silverton club. After partaking of a good dinner at the expense of the Silverton club, all hands repaired to the ball grounds. At 2 o'clock the game was called by the umpire, Alpha Goodidge, the Silverton boys having the bat. The day was warm and the players suffered greatly from heat, but they played as though life was at stake. The Silverton boys gained the victory by four runs, the game standing thirty-six runs for Silverton, thirty-two for the Clippers. Captain Brown of the Silverton club ran his men to the best advantage, saving their strength until the last inning, when he brought them up to their work in good style, while washing the Clippers and gaining the victory by four runs. The Clippers played well and Captain Eldridge ran his men well but they failed to get away with the Silverton boys. There was quite a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen present to witness the game, and when the Silverton boys came out the victors they cheered loud and long. The Silverton club then gave the Clippers three hearty cheers, and the boys separated in duetims with good feeling toward each other, hoping to have a chance to try it over again at some future time. Yours, T. R. HERRARD. Quartz machinery for Baker county is manufactured at Portland.

STATE NEWS.

The farm belonging to the late Hon. David Logan, in Lane county, was recently sold to the Messrs. Nichols, of Albany, for \$12,500. The Weston people celebrated the Fourth of July on the 3d, and as we learn from a gentleman who was present, had a most enjoyable time. Mr. A. M. McKenzie, who is engaged in the sheep business in Wasco county, accidentally broke his leg one day last week while running after a dog that was chasing his sheep. A splendid bridge across Muldy, two and a half miles west of Halsey, is about completed. The bridge is 78 feet in length, covered, with graded and gravelled roadway at each end some thirty-five feet. The Brown Bros. who were indicted for the killing of Oliver M. Hurt in Sprague river valley about a year ago, and whose trial took place at the recent term of the Circuit Court at Linkville, were acquitted. Mr. M. Caton showed the Jacksonville Sentinel a small phial containing about a pound of quicksilver which had been taken from 15 pounds of cinabar from the Hodges claim in the Meadows district. The ledge is now at the depth of 23 feet three inches wide. The dwelling-house of Mr. John Nowcomb, about six miles east of Jacksonville, on Applegate, was, with its entire contents, burned to the ground on last Saturday, the 3d inst. The Albany Register says: "Mr. Hindman brought in nearly 200 deer skins, beside furs, such as beaver, coyote and wild cat. His boy a few days ago, killed three deer at one shot. Another time the same boy lassoed and secured another deer alive. A shooting affray occurred last Sunday afternoon between William Blackett, familiarly known as "Butcher Bill," and Louis Patzold, which resulted in the shooting of the former by a derring in the hands of the latter. The Mountain View Grange, Clackamas county, met at 9 o'clock, July 10th, at the usual place of meeting, and after conferring the fourth degree on a class of three, retired to a most beautiful grove, looking out on Gribble's prairie, the natural paradise of the granger, and where the table was spread with the luxuries of the farm, and listened to an excellent address by Hon. Charles F. Beatie. Hood river celebrated by a gathering at Uncle Peter Neal's saw mill on the north fork, where Rev. Jos. Garrison made an extempore speech and all things went along happily. The people of Looking Glass celebrated the National anniversary in good style, the oration was delivered by Hon. W. Owens and Mart Taylor read an original poem—quite humorous. The cinabar ledge at California is tunnelled 117 feet and during the week sixty tons first class ore had been taken out and plenty in sight. Judge Prim has sentenced Mrs. Biggs to 5 years in the Penitentiary after denying the motion for a new trial. Her counsel gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. She gave \$5,000 bonds on appeal and was released from custody. In Memoriam. WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Master to remove from our midst and to take to Himself our beloved sister, Angelina Miller; therefore, Resolved, That by her death her bereaved husband has lost a loving and affectionate companion; her only daughter, a most noble, tender and attentive mother; her parents, a dutiful and beloved daughter; her brothers and sisters, an indulgent sister; the community at large, and our Grange in particular, a beloved and honored member. Resolved, That while we deeply sympathize with our beloved Brother, his daughter and the relatives, and while we deeply deplore their loss, yet we humbly submit to the will of him who doeth all things for the best. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Grange, a copy be handed to her husband, and that the Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy to the WILLAMETTE FARMER and Lafayette Center with a request to publish the same. MARK SAWYER, HENRY HAWITT, ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, Committee. Willamette Grange, No. 105, (Wheeland), July 13, 1875. Old Man Aldrich. Our citizens all remember "old man Aldrich" who has lived many years at Salem and has been a staunch Methodist and has been a "hewer of wood and drawer of water" in this community ever since anybody can remember. Well! the old man is dead. A more simple, good hearted and inoffensive creature probably never lived. So long as he was able to earn money he was ready to divide with the church and its poor, but for some time past the county has taken charge of him. He was buried yesterday and his familiar and patient old pig will be seen doing no more chores and odd jobs. During his thirty years in Oregon, since '45 he has probably never had an enemy. Perhaps the old man didn't expect this much tribute to his memory, but he shall have it. The Oregonian publishes an order from Gen. Howd for two companies to march to Willowa Valley and establish a camp there for mutual protection of whites and Indians. That valley is now open for settlement.