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THE LOCKWOOD LAW.

It, as claimed, the supreme court's decision upholding the Lockwood primary election law, deprive Joseph Simon of his power to dictate election boards in Multnomah county, that decision marks a step in the progress of Oregon towards purer suffrage.

The situation to well posted men has been this: If Mr. Simon retained control of the Multnomah county election machinery, he would be almost the dictator he formerly was, and the anti-Simon forces in that county would scarcely make an organized fight.

This may be extreme, for Mr. Simon is not yet "dead," politically, fortunate as it would be were he to have experienced such a demise.

ENVIRONMENT OF YOUTH.

It is a common saying that old maids and bachelors are always expert givers of advice as to how to bring up children.

However, there are certain principles that depend for their understanding upon common sense, and, therefore, anyone with average mind may pertinently enunciate them.

In his address on Monday evening, Mr. S. Y. Gillan, of Milwaukee, before the teachers' association, elucidated this thought, and added something that it will be well for all to heed, and that is that the teacher cannot discharge the duty belonging to the parent, and that those who control municipal government are largely responsible for the moral status of the community.

SOME PENDLETON HOUSES.

The Eagle calls attention this week to its fine compliment of advertisements from Pendleton merchants. Little wonder that Pendleton draws her trade from a hundred miles south and fifty miles north and almost an equal distance east and west from that progressive town.

and others to come are keenly alive to their best interests and alert for business from abroad as well as at home. Their motto is "Let the people once know us and the rest is easy."

SHEKELS SHOULD RAIN.

Portland is now securing subscriptions for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, and it is gratifying to the remainder of the state to witness the enthusiasm with which the matter is taken hold of.

H. W. ODELL'S STATEMENT.

H. W. Odell of Salem, formerly of the state land department, follows Governor Geer's letter about the school lien lands, writing thus:

Salem, Nov. 23.—(To the Editor)—In view of the fact that several of the eastern Oregon papers have set forth with some show of assurance that the management of the state land department is and has been guilty of wrongdoing to the injury of the individual citizens and the common school fund, I am aware of the fact that these sporadic offenses are spawned in the interest of political aspirants rather than the public weal.

The uniform price of this grade of lands has been, since 1895, \$2.50 an acre. Neither more nor less has ever been taken. The mode of procedure in the matter of selection and sale of this grade of lands is, and has been since 1895 for the state land agent, by direction of the governor, to select, on the application of a purchaser, any tracts of indemnity lands, subject to entry as such, upon the showing of valid base, i. e., an equal area of parts of sections 16 or 36 which have been lost to the state for any of the above specified causes, and the list must also state why such tracts specified as base have been lost to the state.

It has been asserted that bogus and fraudulent applications have been accepted. This may be true in a few instances, but I do know that in every instance of acceptance the applicants were in proper form, duly verified and prima facie genuine, all of which the board must accept as legal and right upon their face, on the rightful presumption that the parties are acting in good faith until the contrary is proven.

At the date of the incoming of the present administration, practically no valid base could be had for the selection of lien lands; only one possible supply remained unadjusted, unascertained, and that was what is known as mineral lands.

In all land grants to the state for school or other purposes, all mineral lands are exempted, by which exemption all mineral lands known to exist at date of, or prior to, the acceptance and approval of the public surveys, on any portion of the 16th or 36th sections in the state are excepted from the grant to the state for school purposes, but for which, when ascertained, the state is permitted to select indemnity or lien land acre for acre.

It is a well established principle of law as enacted by congress of the United States, that title to lands known to be mineral at the time of survey does not pass to the state, under any act of congress, and the fact of the knowledge of the mineral character of these lands does not depend upon the returns of the United States deputy surveyor, or any knowledge of the state land board, but it is determined by the testimony of competent, reliable witnesses to facts through personal inspection.

It therefore follows that a deed from the state for any lands mineral in character is voidable and void on proof of the knowledge of the mineral character prior to the date of survey, not by any act of the state, but by the laws of the United States, administered through the United States land department, hence it is very important that all questions of title be adjusted at an early date.

The second proposition is true for the reason that under the slow process of the mining laws of the United States, wherein the application for title to a mining claim must be filed, and the proof of the mineral character established, it would take many years to cover the most accessible mining districts, by which time all opportunity to select valuable indemnity lands would be gone.

It is not proposed to disturb the rights of any citizen that the laws of the state of Oregon or of the United States can protect. It is not proposed to put any citizen to any costs to protect a valid right, but it is proposed to urge a speedy adjustment of titles to the end that the greatest possible sum can be added to the common school fund, and I feel warranted in the assertion that no right minded citizen can criticize the land board and methods, can be other than enthusiastically in favor of a speedy adjustment on the lines indicated.

No member of the state land board has any financial interest in the selection and sale of these or any of the state lands. No "rake-off" is expected or received. Every acre selected means \$2.50 to the school fund without commissions or costs.

What is being done in this business is not by the state house syndicate or a privileged class, but individual enterprise, subject to great expense and limited to small margins, for the reason that all lands subject to selection as lien lands are subject to entry under the laws of the United States at prices fixed by acts of congress.

I have given the facts as they are, the records are open to investigation and I have no facts, plans or purposes to conceal.

Very respectfully, W. H. ODELL.



CUTICURA SOAP removes the cause of disgusting eruptions, red, rough hands, scaly sores with itching hair, and baby rashes, viz. the clogged, inflamed, or irritated condition of the PORES.

LOANS ON WHEAT LANDS

At lowest rates J. R. DICKSON, East Oregonian Building, Pendleton, Oregon.

Chronic Ulcers Eating Sores

That Breed Foster the Growth of Cancer- Plague Spots Outgrowth of Impaired Blood, a Constant Danger upon the System

An old sore or ulcer is not only a source of great bodily discomfort and pain, but a constant care, worry and anxiety over one of these malignant festering places produces an unhealthy state of the nervous system and the patient becomes morbidly sensitive, nervous and gloomy.

About a year ago I wrote the Medical Department of your company to ascertain whether or not your S. S. S. would cure Cancer, as my wife had one on her breast, which three or four of the best medical men in Creston, Iowa, advised her to have cut out or removed with a plaster.

Washes, salves, nor anything else applied directly to the sore can do any permanent good, neither does the use of the knife or flesh destroying plaster cure, for local causes have to do with these germ-breeding plague spots.



Potash or other minerals, which not only ruin the stomach, but often produce most offensive sores themselves.

Prompt treatment should be given a sore or ulcer, no matter how small it is, whether external or internal, for what you think a simple sore, may, in reality, be a developed Cancer.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.



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