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AFTER THE HORSE ESCAPED.

The old saying that it is too late to lock the stable door after the horse escapes is illustrated in the case of the closing of three land offices in Oregon, or rather suspending the right of entry of lands through them. The land offices under the bene of the government are located respectively, at Lakeview, Lane county, at The Dalles and at Roseburg. This should have been done long ago. It is a well-known fact, and has been for a long time, that many of the land offices of Oregon have been run in the interest of land grabbers and timber sharks.

It has been the common talk. The man who did not know it was simply one who took no notice to such things or lived too far away from the office to know what was going on. Special agents of the institutions have been appointed to positions in the land offices in order to aid in the work and see that each one of these gangs of marauders got his share of the spoils. These official henchmen have been rewarded in various ways. They are generally cheap and do not cost much. Most of them are broken-down politicians, or failures in life anyway, and they would grab at anything to make a living without having to perform actual manual labor.

Some of them set up newspapers in the timber districts and are paid for their rascality by getting all of the notices for publication. It is boasted that one of these newspapers published in the woods down in Crook county has made over \$5000 already this year. The "editors" or "managers" of these papers advertise that they are prepared to fit applicants out right in the office, as they have a special commissioner of the land office connected with the paper.

These "editors" usually have a column or two of printed matter and several pages of land and timber notices. They spend most of their time in looking for "locators." A "special commissioner" was in Pendleton recently looking for "locators" and took several with him to the Wallawa country and arranged for several others to follow. The proposition was to pay each locator not less than \$750 for timber claims, with the understanding that the locator would pay all expenses and after perfecting title deed it over to the concern represented by the "special commissioner" of the general land office. It was understood that all the "locator" would have to do was to pay his way to the place where the "special commissioner" was located and that hotel bills, rigs and filing and newspaper fees would be advanced after that and this amount taken from the \$750 allowed for the work. It was guaranteed that the "locator" should receive \$350 net for his participation in the crime.

But this is the familiar story to all who are acquainted with the methods of the land and timber stealing that is and has been going on in this state until the land and timber are about all stolen.

What will be the effect of action at this late day? Will all of the frauds be unearthed and the title to lands thus fraudulently acquired be cancelled, or will it only result in closing the door after the horse has escaped? If the frauds are opened up there will be some interesting disclosures in land office circles in this state. The members of the gang that have assisted in looting the government and the bona fide settlers, will fall all over themselves to tell on

each other, and there will doubtless be a lot of registers and receivers and "special commissioner" pulling for taller timber.

Under the new method of detective work an epidemic of confessions is going on among criminals throughout the country. Where a crime is committed by more than one person it only requires the arrest of one nowadays to get the whole details. It seems to be a race to see who will be first to make the confession. In nearly every case in Oregon of an outrageous crime within the past year it has all been brought out through confession. There may be more of it done through the "inhuman sweat box" than is known, and if it is the "sweat box" is not such a bad institution after all. The cry against everything that seems harsh to the over-sensitive is not always justified. The criminal element is never humane in its work and a little rough treatment sometimes brings criminals to their senses. There is nothing like treating a fellow like he is at home.

Today closes one of the most interesting teachers' institutes in the history of Umatilla county. County Superintendent Nowlin has done all in his power to bring about a successful institute and make it successful throughout, and he is to be congratulated by the people of Umatilla county in having succeeded in every detail. The teachers will carry with them hearts filled with gratitude both for the county and superintendent, and the people of Pendleton.

Micawber was a failure, a non-descript, a petty-coat, but the greatest object of his jealousy and contempt was the "umble but "heavy-weight," Uriah Heap. Heap, Heap!

STRATFORD A SIDESHOW.

From the old romantic town of Stratford-on-Avon comes a loud voice of lamentation and a cry for some power to save her from her friends. Stratford suffers because the tourist world has developed an excessive and ill-digested admiration for Shakespeare. The crowds of sightseers that pour in upon the town has generated in the town itself a horde of guides and relic and souvenir sellers, who are a nuisance; and, moreover, the majority of the sightseers are also a nuisance. These guides and relic sellers on the one hand and their curious patrons on the other are turning the town into a huge sideshow and making the venerable old church where the poet's body rests something like a public booth to which folks go to be amused for sixpence a head.

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started to save the church at least from what is called a desecration. There is nothing strange about that, for in London there is a society for every movement and every fad. Drop a new suggestion down the London slot and you will get a society instant. This Stratford Preservation Society appears, however, to have a really good object in view. A report from London says a "shop" has been established in the lobby of the church to sell photographs and other memorials of the place and of the poet, and adds: "The abuse of the church has been described as 'almost a national scandal.' A fixed fee is charged for admission, and as is natural under the circumstances the visitors, led to regard the place as a show, treat it in this way, and talk, laugh, take photographs and eat sandwiches in the building without protest from the authorities."

The evil of course, is one of the inevitable results of popularity. The tourist crowds have always lots of money to spend, and consequently the natives of the town are eager to provide them with a means of spending it. If men and women are willing to pay a fee for permission to go into a church to see a particular tomb the temptation to the custodian to make them pay is well nigh irresistible. The suggestion is made in London that the church authorities stop all sacred services, hand over the building to the government as a national memorial, and then build for themselves a new parish church, which will be treated with the reverence and respect which is now given to all English parish churches, Stratford-on-Avon excepted.—San Francisco Call.

Fussy Clergyman (angrily to attendant on the Tupenny Tube)—"Do you allow drunken men on the train?" Attendant—"Sometimes, but not when they're too drunk. Just take a seat in the corner there and you'll be all right."—Glasgow Evening Times.

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