

NEW RULE FOR FILING

How Applicants Must Now File On Timber Claims

The Roseburg land office has recently received the new rules and regulations governing the acquisition of title to public lands under the timber and stone law. The gist of the new regulations is such that all such lands applied for since Nov. 30th 1908 will be sold at appraised value.

The examination must be based upon personal examination of the lands within 30 days before the application is filed, and it must show the quantity, variety and value of the timber, as estimated by the applicant, and also his estimate of the value of the land itself. At the time of filing such application a fee of \$10 must be paid. Under the old regulations this fee was paid at time of proof. The method of obtaining title now is thus set forth:

"Any qualified person may obtain title under the timber and stone law by performing the following acts: (a) Personally examining the land desired; (b) presenting an application and sworn statement, accompanied by a filing fee of \$10; (c) depositing with the receiver the appraised price of the land; (d) publishing notice of his application and proof; (e) making final proof."

If the government does not make an appraisal within nine months after the filing of the application for the land, the applicant may buy at his own appraisal by depositing the money within 30 days after the expiration of the nine months and making final proof in due time. The proof after government appraisal of the land is a very simple matter, consisting merely of a short affidavit of the applicant. Proof upon the applicant's appraisal is made upon the forms heretofore used, consisting of testimony of the applicant and two advertised witnesses.

A General Port Law.

A letter from one of the members of the committee appointed by the Governor to prepare a bill for a general port law say that the committee met lately in Portland and agreed upon a bill.

There was present as members of the committee Francis H. Clarke of Marshfield, Peter Loggie of North Bend, I. B. Cushman of Acme and J. Couch Flanders of Portland, Herman Wise, of Astoria, who was also appointed on the committee, did not appear.

The committee was in session about five hours and the bill agreed upon is, in the main, the bill which was drawn by Mr. Flanders at the request of the Siuslaw people last fall. Only two minor changes were made in regard to the original bill.

One of the changes was in regard to boundaries. The bill permits each district to establish its own boundaries provided it does not include territory that drains into some other navigable river.

The second change is in the way of selecting the port commissioners in each district who will have charge of the business pertaining to the harbor. The new bill provides that the first commission shall be appointed by the governor instead of by the circuit judge as the bill was first drawn.

The bill will be introduced in the senate by Senator Chase, of Coos County, and in the house at the same time by Hon. L. E. Bean of Lane county. It is thought that it will be passed by the legislature, quickly, as there are so many places along the coast that want a law of this kind, and it will not in any way interfere with those places that do not wish to take advantage of its provision. News.

City Transfer

All kinds of draying and transferring. FOR SALE—mill wood from Cody's mill \$2.00 per load. Coal sold and delivered at lowest prices. J. Jenkins, Prop.

Harriman May Come Yet

Washington, Jan. 18—Walter Lyon, secretary of the Marshfield, Ore., Chamber of Commerce, is here to urge an appropriation for Coos Bay. He has presented to the rivers and harbors committee, among other matters, a statement by William H. Holabird to E. H. Harriman whom Harriman sent to look over the ground and report on the traffic possibilities of a branch road from Drain to Coos Bay. Holabird was highly optimistic, saying: "The harbor is one of the best on the coast. When the channel is deepened by lengthening the jetty it will have thirty feet of water at even high tide."

Holabird's report was given to Lyon by Harriman on Lyon's urgent request. Holabird really paints a highly colored picture of the wonderful resources along the line from Drain to Coos Bay, mentioning the cedar and fir as the "best on earth."

He says coal underlies 1,500 square miles, "one acre of which is equal to 18,750 cords of wood."

"The country is too rich in natural resources to be kept down," Holabird says. The fact that Harriman gave out the Holabird report, is accepted by many here as meaning that he purposes building and that Harriman now believes the road would pay interest on \$5,000,000, which he said to the Marshfield people would warrant him in constructing it.

Soil Surveys to be Made in West in 1909

Washington, Jan. 18—The Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture announces that during the fiscal year 1909 its agents will prosecute surveys on a scale of six miles to an inch in Eastern Montana and other parts of the west. The field work of the soil survey is divided into sections, the Great Plains sections being placed in charge of M. H. Lapham, and consisting of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Pacific States section is in charge of W. W. Mackie, and consists of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. Soil surveys will be prosecuted in these sections, and a result will be included in the general classification and correlation of the United States which is being made by the Bureau of the Soils.

A big line of dry batteries at the Standard Electric Co's Store of Atwater Street.

Quaint Rents.

It would fill a book to cite the half of the quaint rents by which estates fair and goodly were granted to certain families. The Duke of Atholl holds certain possessions conditionally on his supplying a white rose upon the sovereign visiting him. Queen Victoria and her consort visited him years ago, when roses did not bloom in the garden and dire was the difficulty in procuring a couple. Evidently they did not then know much about rose culture under glass. A trickler rent was that upon which the Munros of Foulis held their property. It was that a snowball should be presented upon any day of the year it was demanded. Happily for the owner, snow lies in the form of a glacier in the chasms of Ben Wyvis all the year round, and there seems no danger of forfeiture by failure of the quit rent.—Dundee Advertiser.

Shut Him Up.

The owner of a few houses in one of London's poverty stricken streets had difficulty at times in getting his rents in or tenants out. One Monday morning he called at a house where the tenant was a bit behind and, as usual, had to swallow the old, old story of "only just started work." In the afternoon the property owner went to see a big cricket match between two prominent clubs, and who should he meet on the ground but his backward tenant. "What's the meaning of this?" said the irate landlord. "You can't pay your rent, and yet you can afford to attend cricket matches." "I couldn't 'ave come at all," was the cool reply, "if I 'adn't sold the back door for firewood!"—London Scraps.

THE OFFICE RAILING.

Its Various Uses Set Forth by a Man Who Works Behind One.

"The office railing," said an office man, "is, to be sure, intended primarily to keep people out. It is a barrier at which people can be held up and made to wait if they are not wanted within, and many a man has stood there and waited and twiddled his thumbs and choked down his impatience waiting for somebody inside to tell him that he could come in or to send word to him that he was to go away, while all around within the men keep on at work serenely."

"But the office railing has another use besides that of keeping people out. It is a barrier the passing of which may easily be counted as an honor by those who are invited in."

"Let some customer come along by chance that way or to see the boss or some member of the firm, and does he have long to wait? Perhaps the member from his desk sees him as he comes along, and he's at the gate in a minute with hand outstretched and—

"Why, Mr. Stiggby! How are you? Come right in!"

"And he fairly drags him in, he's so glad to see him, and he sets him down in a comfortable chair by his desk, while he himself forgets his own work and sits back in his own chair and smiles in his pleasure at meeting Mr. Stiggby again, and then:

"How are things going in Mudville, Mr. Stiggby? How does the outlook strike you at the present minute generally through the west? and so on and so on."

"And does this friendly reception and prompt admission to the owner's sanctum, this taking of him in behind the railing and asking his opinion of things, have a tendency to diminish the size of the bill of goods that Mr. Stiggby buys?"

"No. "Oh, various are the uses of the office railing!"—New York Sun.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A teaspoonful of pulverized alum mixed with the common stove polish will give a wonderful polish.

Scalding the milk for custard adds greatly to its flavor. An addition of a teaspoonful of brown sugar or molasses is also helpful.

When one is compelled to hang a skirt against the closet wall instead of on hangers extended from the ceiling let the back of the skirt rest against the wall. Then if there is any wrinkling it comes at the back, where it is not noticeable.

If windows move hard, melt a tablespoonful of lard and pour a little between window frame and casing and also a little on the roller and rope. It works like magic. This is a good thing to know when the frames are swollen from being closed during rainy weather.

Novel Effects in Lamps.

As a contrast to the favored styles in uric-a-brac and lamps of the "art nouveau" type is another style, of which ornateness is the chief characteristic. These are small lamps in white china, with all sorts of fancy trimming in gold leaf or crystals. One of the new lamps looks like a small flowerpot, with its gold branched and many leafed plant growing out from it. The light is in the center of this foliage of gold.

Other small lamps in this style have white china bases ornamented in gold leaf and shades made of small crystals. Some of the boudoir resemble candlesticks and have a curtain at one side, which is made of innumerable small stones, the tiny white translucent pebbles which are found in the sand at the seashore. These pebbles are made into shades for the lamps as well as into curtains.

A third group shows peculiar ornamentation of sprays of leaves made of gold leaf, which stand out from the lamp, each leaf and each stem. They are said not to be perishable and are easily cleaned.

The Gallery Answered Martha.

Of the Dublin gallery boys a famous baritone in his reminiscences tells some good stories—one of "Faust," in which he played Valentine. After the duel Martha, who rushed in at the head of the crowd, raised Valentine's head and held him in her arms during the first part of the scene and cried out in evident alarm:

"Oh, what shall I do?" There was a deathlike stillness in the house, which was interrupted by a voice from the gallery calling out: "Unbutton his weskit!"

A Knock-turn.

When J. A. MacNeill Whistler lived in Chelsea, England, his peculiarities soon made him a familiar figure even among the bargemen, who got to know him as the artist of their beloved Thames. One afternoon, while sauntering along the embankment, Whistler was confronted by a man who had one eye most effectively blackened. The artist stopped and inquired, "What's the matter, my good fellow?" The man touched his hat. "Oh, nothing, sir—merely a knock-turn in blue and green."

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