

Brief Bulletins.

Get your sleighs in running order. Dr. Strange will be home about the first of next week.

Dr. Bosanko's Cough Syrup at J. T. Wright's drug store.

The skating rink is well attended every evening it is open.

The first snow we have had this season fell on Tuesday last.

Higginson & Rogers' at La Grande, is the place to buy holiday goods.

The large hotel at Meacham Station was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

A grand mask skating carnival will be given at Wright's hall on Christmas night.

Mrs. Dave Steel took her departure for her home in Ketchikan, Alaska, the fore part of the week.

There is contemplated an all-folk's concert, to be held at the Presbyterian church, on New Year's eve.

Yesterday morning a Chinaman was run over by the construction train at Oro D. Hill an instantly killed.

J. H. Smith returned from his visit to England, on Tuesday last. His many friends are glad to see him.

A minstrel company has been organized at Pine Creek, and will furnish amusement to the miners this winter.

Mrs. Bering, who has for several months past been visiting relatives in the east, is expected home to-morrow.

Lou Remillard and family will return to Butte City, Montana, in a few days, and will make that their future home.

Mrs. George Blacker returned from California last Thursday. George was detained with some horses, but arrived on Saturday.

The quarterly meeting of the M. E. church will commence in this city today at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Irwin, the presiding elder, will be in attendance.

The Governor has called a meeting of the Pine Creek Road Commissioners, to take place today at 2 o'clock p. m. at the First National Bank in this city.

Dr. W. B. Rinchart and N. B. Harris, of Summerville, called on us this week. Mr. Harris will take a trip east in a few days, and will be absent about a month.

Married.—In Union, Monday, Dec. 7th, 1885, Rev. Saml. T. Barnes and Mrs. H. C. Conbs, both residents of Summerville precinct. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Watson.

Willard Davis has shut down his saw mill in Pine valley and will not resume work until next spring, the snow being too deep to work to advantage. He returned home Monday last.

The OREGON SCOUT has the largest circulation of any paper in Union county. Business men will make a note of this, and place their advertisements where they will do the most good.

Monday evening last, Mr. O. P. Goodall, while driving home in his wagon, was accidentally thrown out and received some severe injuries. A doctor was called, and at last accounts the sufferer was getting along all right.

Jesse Albersson has returned from his trip below. He has concluded that Union is the best place after all, and is opening up a larger stock of goods than ever, which he intends to sell at prices that cannot be competed with.

W. T. Wright received a splendid organ this week, which is to be used in the hall. Any one desiring to buy an organ cannot do better than interview Mr. Wright. He sells them cheaper than they can be sold by any one else.

Wells Fargo & Co. are now issuing money orders from one to fifty dollars, at cheaper rates than does the postoffice. The orders are good at any one of 8,000 offices, and do not require written applications. Money sent in this way can be easily reclaimed should the orders become lost. Altogether, it is a great convenience and will be highly appreciated.

The numerous subscriptions to this paper, commencing being received from all portions of the county, are very gratifying to the publishers, as it proves that their efforts to give the people a superior newspaper, are, and will be appreciated. Although we have had no canvasser out, not less than three hundred new subscribers have been received during the past nine weeks.

Two thieves confined in the temporary county jail at Baker City, made their escape last Sunday morning, by digging out from under the foundation with a couple of pie plates. They were pursued by John Sully and captured at Weatherly's station, and brought back and lodged in the city jail. When the new jail is completed they will not find it so easy to escape.

Bill Nye, it seems, has made some invidious remarks concerning the pedigree of Major Adams, of St. Helens. The Major will endeavor to prove, next week in his paper, the Columbia, that he (Major Adams) is a "trump card" and that Bill Nye is a "bit of old two spot." Bill had better think two or three times, before he tackles an Oregonian. We'er tough.

Local Events.

Meeting of Subscribers to Pine Creek Road.

Pursuant to call, the subscribers to the Pine Creek Wagon Road Fund, met at the court house in this city, last Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called to order and on motion D. F. Moore was elected chairman, and A. K. Jones, secretary.

Moved and carried that all money and work subscribed by the citizens be applied in constructing the road from Union to the intersection of that portion of the road to be built by the State.

Moved and carried that three commissioners be elected, W. T. Carroll, A. Levy, Dan. Beilman, J. H. Smith and C. E. Davis were placed in nomination. On motion nominations closed.

The chairman appointed D. B. Rees and A. L. Saunders tellers, and a ballot was taken resulting in the election of W. T. Carroll, J. H. Smith and C. E. Davis, they having received the highest number of votes cast.

On motion the commissioners were informed that it is the wish of the subscribers that they commence the construction of bridges, and any work that can now be done, at the earliest moment.

On motion the subscription list was placed in the hands of the committee, to get as many new subscribers thereto as possible, and to collect subscriptions and disburse the same.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

City Election.

At the city election last Monday the following officers were elected: Mayor, D. B. Rees; Councilmen, A. Levy, Dan. Beilman, J. S. Elliot, S. A. Pursell, J. B. Thompson and John Kennedy; Recorder, M. F. Davis; Marshal, E. E. Cates; Treasurer, J. D. Carroll.

Writing School.

The writing school of Prof. Setzer has a large attendance. Those who have not yet attended, and desire to take lessons can commence at any time, as the Prof. will remain here several weeks. His charges are for 15 lessons \$2.50. He will teach every evening of the week except Saturday.

To the pupil making the greatest improvement he will give a fine pen drawing worth \$12. He will give one-half hour's instruction each evening, in pen drawing, flourishing, and lettering, free of charge. The Prof. will execute all orders for visiting cards at 25 cents a dozen, family records and marriage certificates, at from \$2 to \$12 each. All kinds of work done on short notice. We have seen samples from his schools in La Grande and Pendleton, of writing done by his pupils before and after taking lessons, and the difference was very great.

He also showed us a card on which was written the Lord's prayer in such a small space that it could be covered with a ten cent piece, which is the finest specimen of penmanship we have ever seen. The Prof. should be encouraged to stay here and teach our young people all he can.

Union Literary Society.

The attendance at the Literary Society on last Monday evening was very good. The exercises were better than usual. Under the admission of members, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Rice were admitted, on motion, as honorary members. The literary exercises consisted of a declamation, Miss Mary J. Pries; remarks on geology, M. F. Davis; song, F. S. Johnson; declamation, T. Oliver; song, Misses Allie and May Miller; and Ida Davis; debate—question, "Resolved that Hippias was a greater general than Napoleon," was debated on the affirmative by B. F. Wilson and M. F. Davis, and the negative by T. Oliver and J. M. Carroll, and remarks on either side by James H. Ester, Jr., and J. B. Pitman. The following programme for next Monday evening was arranged: Com. on music, B. F. Wilson; Geo. Beilman and Mrs. Rice; select reading, Julius Levy, F. S. Johnson, Mrs. Critch and T. Oliver; recitation, Misses Ida Davis, May Miller, and B. F. Wilson; question, "Resolved that the present state of things was brought about by evolution." Leaders, B. F. Wilson and M. F. Davis.

The two fields to which there will be a great rush of miners next spring are Alaska and Pine Creek. Some very flattering reports came from the former section, but many experienced miners who have visited the mines of Alaska have returned with unfavorable reports. However, a boom is being worked up and there will be hundreds of prospectors in there in the spring. As far as the report of mines is concerned, the opposite of the above is the fact of the Pine Creek district. We have yet to hear the first unfavorable report from our new field. When a man desires to complain about it, all he can say is that the prospects are good, but the question is whether they will hold out. The work being done there this winter will demonstrate the permanency of the mines, and the spring boom will be a fruitful one.

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All persons knowing themselves indebted to C. Vincent, are requested to come forward and pay up. He wants his accounts settled by the 15th. of December.

DEATH OF VANDERBILT.

He Dies Suddenly While Conversing With Friends.

AS EASY AND PAINLESS DEATH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—William H. Vanderbilt is dead. Without a moment's warning the message came for him, and he was no more. He arose as usual, early to-day and held his morning conference with his sons, Cornelia and Wm. K. He afterwards went down to the studio of the sculptor, Ward, and returned at 12:00 o'clock and took lunch. At 1 o'clock Robert Garrett, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad called, and the two railroad magnates engaged in an animated conversation over railroad matters. Mr. Garrett was sitting on a sofa facing the millionaire, who leaned forward in his arm chair, as was his habit when thoroughly interested, and was suddenly made aware of a slight indistinctness in Mr. Vanderbilt's speech that grew into an inarticulate sound. As he leaned over to catch his words Mr. Vanderbilt pitched forward, without warning, and fell heavily on the floor, on his face. Mr. Garrett sprang to his feet, and seizing a pillow from the sofa, laid it under his friend's head. He then summoned Mrs. Vanderbilt and George, youngest son.

Such simple restoratives as were at hand had been hurriedly applied, but human aid was in vain. Mr. Vanderbilt never spoke nor moved after he fell under the sudden stroke, and died in a few moments, without a struggle. For all intents and purposes he was dead the instant he fell on the floor.

Dr. McLean pronounced his death the result of a sudden stroke of paralysis, due to the bursting of a blood vessel at the base of the brain, of the kind that is absolutely fatal at the moment. He stated that Mr. Vanderbilt's death was as painless as it was sudden.

Had Vanderbilt lived till May 8th next he would have been 65 years old. He was born at Staten Island, home-stead on that date in the year 1821. The nearness of time which he considered critical gave him no concern, however; he did not expect, neither did he fear death. It came to him, if very swiftly, very gently. He did not know it when it seized him.

Sweet cider at Jones Bro's. The State Normal School at Weston will open January 4th.

Efforts are being made to organize a brass band in La Grande. The school at Five Points is taught by Miss Jessie Curtis, of La Grande.

An addition to Baker City has been laid off and the plats filed by J. J. Campbell.

"Among the Breakers" will soon be produced by the local dramatic company of New La Grande.

An immense assortment of winter and holiday goods at A Levy's. Drop in and examine them.

Buy a dollar's worth of goods at Jones Bro's, and get a chance in the drawing which is to take place Dec. 30th.

Lost—A silver mounted meerschaum pipe. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

The Blue Mountain University of La Grande, will probably become the property of the Presbyterians, soon, as negotiations are being made.

A grand hall will be given at Wright Bros hall on the evening of Jan. 1st 1886. Music by the Union String Band. Tickets including supper \$2.50.

The Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist churches of Baker City, are each to have a Christmas tree, and great preparations are being made for the enjoyment of the holidays.

Go to the Union Bazaar for anything you desire in the way of fancy goods, notions, tinware, wood-ware, glass-ware, etc. They are selling at astonishingly low prices. See ad. in another column.

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Great apprehension has been felt in the west in respect to the scope of Commissioner Sparks' recent decision to the effect that homestead claimants who have previously had the benefit of the pre-emption law cannot "commute" their homestead claims. Members of congress have received many letters on the subject, all indicating a widespread fear that this decision was to be made retroactive, which would have the effect of upsetting titles to many claims which had passed by purchase into the hands of third parties. Senator Van Wyck, on behalf of many of his constituents, recently made inquiry of Gen. S. Sparks, in reference to the matter, and was informed that the decision will, unless reversed by higher authority, be a guide for future action of land officers, but that the commissioner is not inclined to go into the actions of his predecessor, nor interfere with claims which have already been secured, under former rulings of the land office in this respect, unless fraud is shown to have been perpetrated in securing such claims.

Fraser Treatment for Cough's.

That the reader may fully understand what constitutes a good cough and Lung Syrup, we will say that Tar and Wild Cherry is the basis of the best remedies yet discovered. The ingredients with several others equally as efficacious, enter largely into Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, thus making it one of the most reliable now on the market. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Letters.

Sent in by Our Regular Correspondents.

HORSE RACING AT LOSTINE.

The Lostine Hags Hunt—Personal Mention—Social Events.

RIFLE MATCH IN HIGH VALLEY.

LOSTINE, Dec. 7th, 1885.

Splendid weather for this time of year.

Most of the farmers are doing their fall plowing.

Mrs. Eva Erwin is having a neat residence erected in our town.

Mrs. Shi He's school at this place closed last Friday. She gives general satisfaction as a teacher.

Socials are given in all parts of the country every week. Everybody is having a good time.

A horse race will come off here next Saturday between "Sippy Hutch" and "White Foot"—\$20 a ride.

George D. Woods will leave in a few days for the Willamette valley and California. He will be absent about four months.

The Lostine Brass Band has been reorganized, with some new members. O. Conway, Chas. H. Rinchart and Steve Rinchart withdrew, and Ira Beel, Henry Oliver and Jack Johnson take their place. Success to the band.

A grand ball will be given in the public hall at Lostine on Christmas night. Music will be furnished by the Bear Creek String Band. Supper will be prepared by Mrs. Beard. Tickets including supper \$2.

W. B.

HIGH VALLEY, Dec. 8th, 1885.

Number one sleighing in High Valley.

Eller Morrison left for the Park, on the 8th inst., to assist in settling some all absorbing questions of a theological nature.

The shooting match company have made victims of six more turkeys, four fat hogs and one beef. There will be four hogs to shoot for next Saturday, the 12th.

Mr. W. H. Minnick will start on the 13th, for his home in Mahaska county, Iowa. Financial business calls him away sooner than he expected. Mrs. Al Minnick will accompany him. She goes to visit her old home in Marion county, Iowa.

A social dance was given at the residence of Alex. LaBuff, last Friday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. LaBuff's daughter, Mrs. Sarah Munger, who is about to take her departure for Montreal, Canada, to join her husband, who has been very unwell for some time.

RESIDENT.

Hayward Hand Grenades are the best.

Rooms for rent.—Enquire at this office.

Boskowitz has just received a fine line of Ladies' dress goods.

Jos. Wright is selling cook stoves at a great reduction, on account of overstock.

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price, 10c. Sold by R. C. Greig, Union.

"HACKMETACK" a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25c. and 50c. For sale by R. C. Greig, Union.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping cough and Bronchitis. For sale by R. C. Greig.

THE REV. GEO. A. THAYER of Bourborn, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife are cured by SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." For sale by R. C. Greig.

ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by R. C. Greig.

A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50c. For sale by R. C. Greig.

FOR DYSPYEA and Live Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by R. C. Greig, Union, Or.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY is a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, and Canker Mouth. For sale by R. C. Greig, Union, Oregon.

With a magnificent number of more than twice the usual amount of illustrations and engravings, the West Shore does the volume for 1885, the cleventh of its series. The December number is chiefly devoted to illustrating and describing the great Canadian Pacific Railway and the country through which it passes, especially the Pacific Coast Province of British Columbia. The volume for 1886 will begin with a magnificent number on the city of Portland, filled with new and artistic engravings, and accompanied by a large supplement in colors. The West Shore has no counterpart in the United States, and in its own peculiar field has never had a rival worthy of the name, the few cheap imitations which have occasionally sprung up coming early to grief. It deserves the success it has achieved by adhering to a high standard of merit, and as it is progressive in its policy, improving from month to month, it is certain to meet with greater success which we heartily wish it for the future. Published at Portland, Oregon, at \$2 per annum.

FOR THE LADIES.

Mrs. Corbin has just received a large stock of Fancy Goods, and new styles of hats. Ladies are invited to call and look at them.

FROM "TAX-PAYER."

Another Letter Relating to "Egbert's" the County Record.

A MATTER FOR REFLECTION.

ED. SCOUT—Owing to absence and private business for several days, I have been unable to redeem my promise to the public, through the columns of your paper, to show up the enormous errors in the report of expert Outhouse, but I see your readers and those of the Sentinel, have been well entertained by Mr. Outhouse and his victims. If Mr. Outhouse's communication to the Sentinel is conspicuous for anything, it is the absence of that brag, bluff, ribaldry and doggerel, for which that gentleman has made himself notorious to the readers of our county papers. Mr. Outhouse in his communication to the Sentinel, attempts to side-track this investigation by raising an issue as to the fees certain officials have charged for county work, which he assumes to be illegal. It is not our purpose, at this time, to divert from a course we had mapped out for our future investigation of Mr. Outhouse's report. These matters will, however, necessarily come in for whatever criticism they may merit in the order, nor would we be understood as accepting Mr. Outhouse's statement as to the charges of any official or ex-official, for the reason, first, that Mr. Outhouse's report, as we shall be able to show to any unprejudiced mind, shows him utterly incompetent for the work he forced himself on the people, (through either an ignorant or corrupt court) to perform; and secondly, Mr. Outhouse's report shows a vindictive attempt on his part to injure some of our officials and ex-officials, with that disregard for truth characteristic of his author, they seem to have incurred his displeasure, and for that reason ought to be killed off at all hazards.

Mr. Outhouse's excuse for the mistakes we pointed out in our former communication, is simply pitiable and confirms the prevailing opinion of his incompetence. He seems to think from some information he has received from Seattle, St. Louis or somewhere else outside the record that the debt statement as shown by his report is substantially correct. Why did he not (if competent to do so) ascertain how many warrants had been issued, the number and amount of each, and which of them by numbers had been paid, and those that were still unpaid, their aggregate amount with interest accrued thereon, instead of floundering through the records and bringing forth an ex-parte report, that he is now compelled to admit is more conspicuous for its errors and vindictive attempts to kill some imaginary enemy off, than for anything else? He offers his great hurry as an other excuse for the gross errors that have already been pointed out, because of his rush to get through, as he says, the people are still left to guess at the present condition of our county finances. This, they could have done without paying Mr. Outhouse \$75.00 for the privilege of doing.

The few years covered by our former communication, showed Mr. Outhouse's report in error on a sum amounting in the aggregate to \$3,618.18. These few little errors running through this brief period of time, are accounted for by the fact that an ex-parte report was in a hurry. He does not say what his rush was. It might have been to draw his pay, and thus add \$75.00 more to the illegal fees he talks so glibly of when he wants to divert the minds of the people from this most extraordinary expert job of his. He accuses us of garbling his report. In answer to this I will say, if Mr. Outhouse will point out any misstatement I have made, I will undertake to back all I have said by certified copies from the record. I will promise not to guess at it as he has done. As to the substantial balance as he calls it, I presume the only person he has for thinking his report substantially correct in the face of the errors already shown to exist, is the fact that the blunders may average about as many and about as large one way as the other.

I find on examination of Mr. Outhouse's report of clerk's fees from 1884 to 1885 he shows them to be \$3,145.25, while an examination of the record discloses only \$2,836.59; thus it will be seen that Mr. Outhouse, in his great hurry has made a mistake of \$312.36, on one item for this one year, and again his report of 1884 to 1885 shows sheriff's fees to be \$4,285.53, while an examination of the record will show sheriff's fees for that year to be \$4,943.18; thus in his haste Mr. Outhouse has blundered out another little mistake of only \$657.65—only a small one you see. Add these to the mistakes heretofore pointed out and you will find him in error in the small sum of \$4,588.19, and not a fifth of the work gone over. I think he hopes he has guessed some of it right, and still, because I do not find it all wrong, he thinks I am garbling his report.

I hear, Mr. editor, I have already drawn too heavily on your space. I have some rich specimens of this hastily constructed expert job, but feel impelled to withhold them for some future communication.

TAX-PAYER.

Dec. 10, 1885.

Happenings.

Founder's Day is Celebrated at the Cove.

THE COVE ACCESSION SCHOOL.

A Farmer's Mortgage and Savings Bank at Summerville.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Monday, Dec. 7, was an interesting day at Cove, with the schools and many of the citizens of this educational center, it being the birthday of Mr. Saml. G. French, the founder of Accession School. It was observed by both this school and LaGrange Academy in commemoration of his "pious purpose and act" in laying the foundation of this important work of Christian education.

Service was held at 10:30 o'clock, in Accession church, with the administration of the holy communion, and an address by Bishop Morris, which we will give in full next week.

An interesting incident in connection with the services of the day, was the putting up on the wall of the church a very beautiful polished brass tablet in memorial to Mr. French, the founder of Accession church. This tablet was furnished by Mrs. Thomas French, of Oregon, N. J., widow of Mr. French's elder brother, and is a very appropriate and beautiful piece of ornamental brass work.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Powell gave a reception for the two schools at "Accession," at which many of the citizens of the Cove were present, and shared in the pleasure and enjoyment of the young people. It was the sentiment of many present that the school work now being carried on at the Cove, had wrought a great improvement already in the social condition, to say nothing of its other higher and lasting benefits.

Summerville Bank.

A Farmer's Mortgage and Savings Bank was organized in Summerville on the 7th inst., with the following officers: W. E. Rinchart, President; Phos. Wade, Vice President; N. B. Harris, Cashier; S. L. Brooks, J. H. Rinchart, and Pharris Wade, Directors. Capital stock \$50,000, subscribed, \$30,000 paid. The Bank will be opened about the first of January.

Christmas Eve.

We are authorized to notify the people that a meeting of all those interested, is called to take place at the M. E. church, on next Tuesday evening, for the purpose of making arrangements for a Christmas tree. All should interest themselves in the matter and endeavor to make it as successful as possible, that a good time may be had, and the hearts of the little ones gladdened, as only a Christmas tree and Christmas festivities can do. This is not a sectarian undertaking, and all interested in the matter of whatever denomination should be present and aid in the preparations for having a good time on Christmas.

Good Advice.

At S. V. McFarren's jewelry store, Saturday evening, Dec. 19. The greatest number of articles ever included in one call, in Union. All are invited to call and see the articles to be thrown out. Highest throw, Ladies' fine gold watch and chain; lowest throw, choice of breakfast or pickle castor; 20 takes a gent's watch charm or locket; 22, a gent's watch chain; 25, a gent's rolled gold watch chain; 28, a scarf pin; 30, a Ladies' gold ring; 35, a set of clove buttons; 38, a small alarm clock; 40, a gent's gold ring; 42, a scarf pin or collar button; 45, a Ladies' lace pin. Two chances to draw out of sixty. Only \$1. to try your luck.

Cure for Piles.

Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of weight in the back, loins and lower part of the abdomen, causing the patient to suppose he has some affection of the kidneys or neighboring organs. At times, symptoms of indigestion are present, flatulency, uneasiness of the stomach, etc. A moisture like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable itching after getting warm, is a common attendant. Bleeding, and Itching Piles yield at once to the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the tumors, allaying the intense itching, and effecting a permanent cure. Price, 50 cents. Address, The Dr. Bosanko Medicine Company, P.O. Box 6, Sold by J. T. Wright, Union, Oregon.

Silver ware and Clocks.

At the jewelry store of S. V. McFarren may be seen a splendid display of silver-ware of the best quality and styles, which has just been received. Also, an assortment of watches and clocks of various kinds. He is selling at very low figures.

Go to Boskowitz's store, Union, for all kinds of Ladies', Gents', Misses' and Boys' Dress Goods. He has just received them, and will sell them cheaper than ever before sold in this county.

Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon.

Dec. 10, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory."

James R. Gardner, whose post-office address is North Powder, Union county, Oregon has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the ENE 1/4 Sec. 10, T. 20 N., R. 7 E., South Range No. 38 E.W.M. All persons holding any adverse claim thereto are required to present the same at this office within sixty days from the first publication of this notice.

S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register.

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