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Copp's Land Review.

Washington, D. C., July 5, '88. EDITOR SCOUT—

Continuing the subject of last week's letter, I will give a few points respecting women's rights under several statutes, beginning with the

PRE-EMPTION LAW.

A widow or maid over twenty-one years of age is entitled to land upon compliance with the statutory requirements respecting pre-emption. Full citizenship is not a requirement, declaration of intention being all that is necessary in that respect.

Any woman who is the head of a family, though less than twenty-one years old, if otherwise qualified, may secure land under these laws.

A married woman is not entitled to the right of pre-emption. A single woman who marries after filing her declaratory statement and before making proof and payment, forfeits all rights as a pre-emptor and cannot acquire title to the land, though she and her husband continue to reside thereon.

In the event of the death of a pre-emptor before making proof and payment, the title may be perfected by or for the benefit of the heirs. Ordinarily widows are not heirs, and cannot make final proof and payment for their own benefit. In some States women are by statute made heirs of their husbands, and where such is the case, should there be no other heirs, the widow may perfect and enjoy the benefit of title to the land. Should there be several heirs the widow as one of them may perfect title for the benefit of all. Where the State law allows the widow only a dower right—or life estate—in the property of her deceased husband, she cannot acquire title to the land by pre-emption claim, but may as guardian make final proof and payment for the benefit of minor heirs.

CLAIMING THE TIMBER-CULTURE LAWS.

Any unmarried woman over the age of twenty-one, or any single woman who is the head of a family, under that age, may enter and perfect title to land.

No residence is required on timber-culture entries, and marriage after initiating entry will not affect the rights of a woman to perfect title. The acts of cultivation, planting, etc., required by statute may be done by an agent as well as by the entry-woman in person.

THE DESERT LAND LAW.

authorizes any woman, whether married or single, who is a citizen of the United States, or of requisite age who may be entitled to and has filed her declaration of intention to become such citizen, to initiate entry and acquire title to land upon compliance with requirements. She may employ an agent to perform the acts necessary to reclaim the land as well as to perform the same herself. The wife's right to take land under this law is not unbridled or interfered with by reason of her husband having exercised the privileges extended by the law.

THE STONE AND TIMBER LAND LAW.

applicable to the States of California, Oregon and Nevada, and Washington Territory, extends the privilege of entry to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to every citizen of the United States or person who has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen, regardless of sex.

Married and single women stand upon an equal footing with men under this law.

Rights may be abridged only by the voluntary acts of the person. The law allows but one hundred and sixty acres to be taken by one person or association of persons. Of course any one who is a member of an association making entry under this act waives his or her individual entry right.

It is held that a married woman in California cannot make an entry under this act with community (family) money, if her husband has exercised his privilege of entry under the act. Under such circumstances the husband and wife are considered as an "association of persons," an entitled to but one entry.

THE MINERAL LAND LAWS, extend to women all the rights and privileges that men may exercise or enjoy, without regard to the marital relations.

AT PUBLIC SALES OF LANDS, women stand upon equal terms with men, and further they may purchase as great a quantity of land at PRIVATE ENTRY as they may be able to find subject to disposal in that manner, or as they have the cash, scrip, or warrants to pay for.

HENRY N. COPP.

Try the new baking powder at Jones Bro's. Only 35 cents a can. Warranted as good as any powder in the market, or money refunded.

La Grande Notes.

Rumor has it that there is soon to be a wedding in high life in this place.

John R. Crites, Union's most popular and successful attorney, was in the city on Monday.

W. J. Snodgrass has gone to Harney valley to attend to his business interests over there.

Dr. J. W. Strange was in Baker City, Sunday, and in Union Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Dr. E. R. Irving has removed to Baker City where he has formed a partnership with Dr. Boyd.

Miss Louise Kelley, a beautiful and accomplished belle of this place, is now in Portland visiting friends.

Mrs. J. M. Berry, who has been visiting friends and relatives in old Arkansas, returned a few days ago, and is well satisfied to get home again.

Gen. E. L. Applegate delivered a good address at the Republican ratification meeting last Saturday evening. We all love to hear "Lish" tell yarus.

Hon. M. Baker and his daughter, Miss Carrie Baker, left for San Francisco, Wednesday, where they go to attend the National Teachers' Association.

A dime sociable was given at the residence of Rev. J. R. Watson on Wednesday evening, the object being to raise money to aid in decorating the M. E. church to be erected here.

A whole train load of school teachers were on a special train of six cars, Wednesday afternoon, en route for San Francisco, via Portland, to attend the National Teachers' Association.

The Cove boys need not be too loud in crowing over their victory over the La Grande boys in the baseball game on the Fourth of July. The La Grande boys will meet them again, and don't you forget it.

It is to be hoped that the Grande Ronde baseball cranks will form a picked nine and attend the tournament at Baker City and carry off the \$200 prize. We have the players here to do it, and the boys are striving to do so.

A liberal prize is offered for the arrest and conviction of the person who perpetrated that joke on Jake. It was bad enough to be scared out of ten years growth by being spuriously ordered out to fight Indians, but to have to pay twenty-five cents for an old rusty bayonet was too much for his weak constitution.

The man who wrote the special order No. 217, ordering Company H, O. N. G., out to fight Indians in Harney valley was a cruel, hard-headed fellow. He did not consider that Co. H is formed from "the boys" of town who did not "join the army" to fight Indians, but for the fun of the thing. The Company was of the opinion, and with great unanimity, that, as soon as possible, they would resign.

Clover Creek Cullings.

July 8th, 1888. Warm days and cool nights. Grass short, and crops about average.

The rabbits and squirrels are cutting the grain quite badly.

John and Albert Graham have been down with the measles but are much improved.

Two of the Bradford boys, formerly of Jimmy creek, have taken up ranches in Wallowa county. The next thing for the boys to do is to cage their birds.

I read with much surprise the account of the terrible cyclone that passed through Morrow county, in which several persons were killed. We can dispense with these fearful and devastating wind storms in this country. N. B.

FOR SALE.

One shingle machine, one bolting machine, one moulding machine, one drag saw, also shafting, pulleys, belting, etc., nearly new, will be sold very cheap for cash, or approved note. Also for sale, some new and second hand furniture. Inquire of Samuel G. White, Gove, Union county, Oregon.

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Island City Items.

July 10, 1888. ISLAND CITY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1888.

A young couple in "Lish" town. In the building store. Faithful wood-examinators. Wishing they were 400.

Maiden sits down on the box. Smiles on partner—sweetly. Partner leans upon his hoe. Taken in, completely.

Blushingly she asks the question. Wants to see the girl. Will you be my sweet, darling. To the celebration?

Yes, my girl, I will be Jove. Take you over to the cave. Now a kiss—outward by better. Let's to work, the women come your partner.

Heed "Lish" town. "Lish" town. Wish they'd get on. Wish they'd get on.

Several strangers are stopping at the Oregon hotel.

Mrs. Scramton has been quite sick for the past few days.

J. O. Smith expects to go to Emmer in a few days to work on the new mill.

Messrs. Steele, Goodnooth, Wines and Cooper are sojourning in the Wallowa.

Mrs. Lindsay turned the mill contract over to Mills Andrews on the first instant.

A. B. Conley, Elijah Oliver and Jas. Halley have each created a wind mill this summer.

Several persons who emigrated from Grande Ronde to Long valley have returned dissatisfied with that new promised land.

A petition has been circulated during the week to have Mills Andrews appointed constable in the place of J. L. Dunnington, resigned.

Two carloads of machinery for the flouring mill at Enterprise arrived at La Grande recently and will be shipped to its destination immediately.

The nights have been made hideous of late by the howling of the canines. Here is an excellent opportunity for some capitalist to erect a three dollar sausage mill.

The M. & M. company have improved the appearance of their store with a new coat of paint, and have been accommodating enough to hang "paint" placards on the walls for customers to lean against.

The L. C. boys tried to drink all the whiskey in Sumnerville.—J. S. On! M. have you seen the last Scout, there is a good piece in it by "Eli," a new contributor.—W. C. Yes, that does well enough but it is not near as good as the joke you and I have on "Eli."

M. L. CARTER, "Luna Tick."

Imnaha Jottings.

Gardens are doing well. Ripe raspberries are plentiful. Green beans large enough to use.

Crops in the Wallowa are looking well since the recent rains.

There was an excellent dinner served at the residence of Mr. B. K. Vaughn, the Fourth.

There was no dance here this week as the young people had gone to Joseph to spend the Fourth.

The bears have killed six more calves on the top of the mountains between the Imnaha and Horse creek.

Although Joseph lost the county seat, it is building up quite lively and seems to be in a prosperous condition.

On last Wednesday lightning struck one of L. J. Booth's horses. The animal is not yet dead, but is blind. His head from his nose half way up to his eyes is as black as if it had been burned with powder.

The Prairie creek settlement is as fine a country as a person ever looked upon at this time of the year. It is all fenced off in 160-acre fields. Every man can have a ditch of nice cool water running by his door if he desires it, making everything look green and refreshing.

L. X. L.

IS CONSUMPTION INCURABLE?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work of my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewert, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at Wright's drug store.

Medical Springs Notes.

July 5, 1888.

Fine weather, fine crops and fine squirrels. Mrs. Ada Dean has returned from Baker City, much improved in health.

Messrs. Turner and Dean have engaged in the butcher business.

Mr. Legore and Dollie Watson, of Sumnerville, are visiting in our vicinity.

At the celebration here on the Fourth, Lottie Boyer represented the Goddess of Liberty, and the liberty car was in perfect keeping with everything else. There were about 800 men, besides a host of women and children.

Nine four-in-hand, all suitably decorated for the occasion, joined in the procession. Sanger, 500 strong, came down, with Ed Turner as chief reinsman.

Hon. F. H. Crawford, of Union, delivered a dissertation, rich, rare and rare. J. P. Allen, of Sanger "our coming man," delivered an excellent address, which was received with much applause. Excellent vocal music was furnished by the Park choir. The dinner was superb, and the barbecue was a charming success, with Uncle Crooks Barnes as knight of the dish-drag ceremonies. Mr. Conkling's school made a grand success in their part of the exercises. In the base ball game between the Park and Powder river teams, some dextrous and dangerous maneuvers were made. The game stood 22 to 24 in favor of the Powder over nine. The ball in the evening was a success. Music was furnished by Westerdale and Moody, violinists, and Lillie Marshall as organist. There were 84 members sold—85 would have been sold if Shannon Marshall had not a broken leg. However, Dunham Wright kindly dead-headed him through. J. B. Dolby, D. Wright and all others who took part in getting up the celebration, deserve much credit for its success.

COISTS JOE.

High Valley Happenings.

Hay harvest has begun and a light crop it is. Who upset and spilled their sugar on the road?

The festive machine agent's day will soon be over.

Was Adam the only man that had a wife made to order?

Mr. John Welling had a democratic barn raising, recently.

Some of our folks went to Joseph to celebrate the Fourth.

The saw mill will soon shut down, as the water supply is nearly exhausted.

We have had several cases of scarlet fever in the south end of the valley, among the Nelson children.

Mr. R. J. Adeock, traveling agent for the San Francisco Examiner, took in the ball at John Minniek's on the Fourth. He is a whole-souled Cleveland man. Treat him kindly and pass him around.

There has been quite a number of late arrivals. Mrs. John Wilkinson's sister and two children, of Kansas, John McClury's father from the same State, Mrs. Wm. Swagger's father and mother and family, also an uncle from Dakota. All are visiting relatives and friends.

HOMO.

PAID IN FULL.

Keating, Or., June 25, 1888. The State Insurance Company has this day paid me \$1,283.80, the same being in full and a satisfactory settlement for my house and contents which were a few days ago destroyed by fire. This is certainly the best investment of my life, and I must say that where the loss of one's home would embarrass or distress them, that it is supreme folly to do without insurance. I want all to know that I have been treated in a just, honorable and business like manner and recommend the State Insurance Company, first, last and all the time.

W. M. CONSTABLE.

Why buy from immigrating agents of whom you know nothing, either of their responsibility or the character of their goods, when there are responsible dealers located near you, who carry full and complete lines of all farm and mill machinery and implements, and whose success it is for your best interests to support with your patronage? Frank Bro's, Implement Co., of Island City request your consideration of their claim, and refer you to your neighbors who have had dealings with them. 3

A Few Suggestions.

EDITOR SCOUT—

Allow me through your columns to suggest to our representatives in the State legislature the much needed amendment of our statutes in regard to chattle mortgages.

Under our present law the mortgagor and mortgagee may make the conditions of their mortgage in any way they choose and the manner in which it shall be foreclosed, and state therein the civil penalty of the breach thereof by the mortgagor, but the statute attaches no criminal penalty which makes the chattle mortgage under our statute a protection only as against other creditors of the mortgagor, the mortgagee having to trust only to the honesty of the other party. For instance, a man in the eastern portion of this county should give his mortgage upon all his personal property and that it should consist of cattle and horses, and the holder of the mortgage should reside in this portion of the county or some other county or State. While the condition of the loan were that he should not sell or remove the property from the county or State, what penalty can you attach if he should do so if he has no other property subject to execution or attachment? He can sell and still your mortgage is good, but what recourse has the innocent purchaser, or should he remove the stock to some distant country your remedy is dangerous and expensive.

Almost all the older States or a great portion of them make it a crime for any mortgagor to sell the chattles or goods upon which the mortgage is held without first obtaining the written consent of the mortgagee. If I mistake not Maryland makes it a penitentiary offense. The States differ in the degree of the punishment. We should like to see our statute amended so that dishonest persons in such cases would be held in check through the fear of a criminal prosecution.

While speaking in this connection we should like also to see the law changed and amended as to pay jurors in justice courts and upon inquests the same as in the circuit court. What is the difference, we ask, in sitting upon a jury before the circuit judge or before a Justice of the Peace or a coroner, where perhaps the juror is compelled to witness a post-mortem, which a great many are unable to undergo. For sitting upon a jury in either of the two last mentioned courts the fee in this county is one dollar, no matter if the juror is held for a solid month, one dollar is all he gets, and in State cases, that in county scrip. No mileage is allowed nor expenses incurred by the juror. It is an outrage which we hope our next legislature will hasten to abolish.

RETURNING CHINESE.

The eagerness of Chinese to return to this country continues. Since January 1st to and including June 18th, 7422 Mongols have arrived and 1731 departed from San Francisco. Of the arrivals, 4218 were landed on return certificates issued by the custom house and 3204 on writs of habeas corpus. Alleged prior residents rewanaded by courts are included in the departures. This shows that 5961 more Chinese have arrived than departed in five and a half months. The figures of Chinese movements since 1852 show that 342,205 celestials came in and 208,613 left the port. The present treaty went into effect November 17th, 1881, and since then 92,654 arrived and 75,821 departed. These numbers include the arrivals and departures from the time the restriction act became a law in May 1882.

TELL IT TO US.

If your wife, your son Sam or his wife, or any of the children go into the country, or to some other town, on business or for pleasure, notify us. If any of your own wife's relatives comes to see you let us know it. If you know any thing worth telling to your neighbor, tell it to us, and don't for goodness sake, go mounting around, accusing the local man of partiality, simply because he mentioned the fact that Peter Smith's jersey cow had a red calf and didn't say anything about Simon Jones having swapped off his old bridle cat.—Ex.

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