

WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:— Some of the applications for post-master-ships display a pretty fair idea of the appointing power. If the application is addressed to the president, the applicant dwells upon his war record and rakes his list of acquaintances with a fine-tooth comb to find some one who knows the president personally. Like as not the person found is a minister who used to know General Harrison in Indianapolis. The member of this particular brand of minister is wonderful to contemplate. A few days since I saw a specimen indorsement written by one of them for a man who wants to be consul to Melbourne. The letter was six pages long, and looked like a confidential offer of general advice combined with a history of Indiana.

If the applicant have in his mind's eye the rotund Christianity of the Postmaster-General, he dwells strongly on his connection with some Sunday school, and if possible shows that he is during the week days a conscientious business man doing a large trade which it will be really a sacrifice for him to even partially abandon, for the purpose of accepting a post-office. And yet, after due consideration and prayer, he has concluded that his wife will be able to attend to the business while he sits in the post-office and occasionally shuffles letters and puts fresh gum on the second hand stamps. He never forgets to state that he has given the matter "prayerful consideration," though whether his prayers were for Divine direction or for good luck is not stated.

But it is when he strikes First Assistant Postmaster Clarkson that the candidate comes out strong. Here he can show his sores and wounds received in the cause of the Republican party and pour into eager ears the story of his trials, his energy and his wrongs. Here is a man who does not feel bitterly toward him merely because he lost his ears or nose in a joint debate at the caucus. Verily the alert office-seeker is all things to all men.

The Post-office Department grinds out the appointments as rapidly as possible, which of course is too slow to suit the applicants and their friends. There are more than 40,000 to be decapitated and replaced, and progress appears slow. In the fourth-class appointments the greatest speed is attained. The recommendation of the Republican Congress representing the district in which the office is situated is followed unquestioningly. Where there is no Republican member the recommendation of the recognized party leaders is taken. Of course a fierce struggle commences right there as to who are entitled to be called leaders, but the Department solves the problem with as little bloodshed as possible, oils up the machine and goes ahead.

President Harrison's mail is gradually falling off in extent until it now averages only about seven hundred letters a day. This should not be taken as encouragement to John Jones of Jones' Switch to write oftener, for only the most important of these letters ever see the eye of the important clerk.

The number of photographs filed with applications rather increases than lessens. Every day a hundred or so are filed. The applicants in remote districts seem to have abiding faith in power of beauty to seize and hold the appointing power. Still a photograph of a pair of staring eyes, an assortment of whiskers and a hand-made-down suite of clothes, set off by a green butterfly necktie, is not calculated to secure for the subject the English mission. One Georgia man who desires to be in the Internal Revenue service, sends a picture of himself and horse, in a sort of dime novel make up. His boots and spurs are something terrible to contemplate in their ferocious grandeur, and the calibre of his Winchester and revolvers stamp him as a man capable of seizing and holding a dozen mountain stiffs. In his letter on the subject he states that, although he rode twenty miles to have the pictures made, his friends tell him that the eyes are not exactly like his, whereupon he adds that his sight is—if anything more than another can be said to be—his strong point.

A scheme is talked of which has for its object the pensioning of government clerks. No appropriation is sought, it being merely proposed to ask legislation which will legalize such a plan. The proposition is to create the fund by subscription from employees, for that purpose the sum of \$1 per month being deducted from each clerk's salary. In the event of retirement after thirty years service, the clerk retiring receives a pension of \$40 per month.

The Elite of Okanogan.

The Okanogan Outlook is considerably hurt over the report that the only persons in the county worth traveling miles to see are Wild Goose Bill, Okanogan Smith and Texas George, and remonstrates thus: With all the respect to the three gentlemen referred to, we rise to remark that there are other distinguished persons, a stranger ought to see and know before he can say he has been here and knows our people. They are: Skookum the Trapper, Sunrise Jack, Yellowstone Jim, Buckskin Charlie, Dogskin Bill, Okanogan Bill, Baldy Huff, Wild Bill, Wenatchee Bill and numerous others we don't call to mind at the present moment. The Outlook has made the grievous blunder of omitting Dancing Bill and Virginia Bill, the accomplished violinist, also Poker Bill, once a justice of the peace in Walla Walla, when the judge used to call the court to order with a horse pistol or a plug of navy tobacco. Oh! happy days! Happy days!

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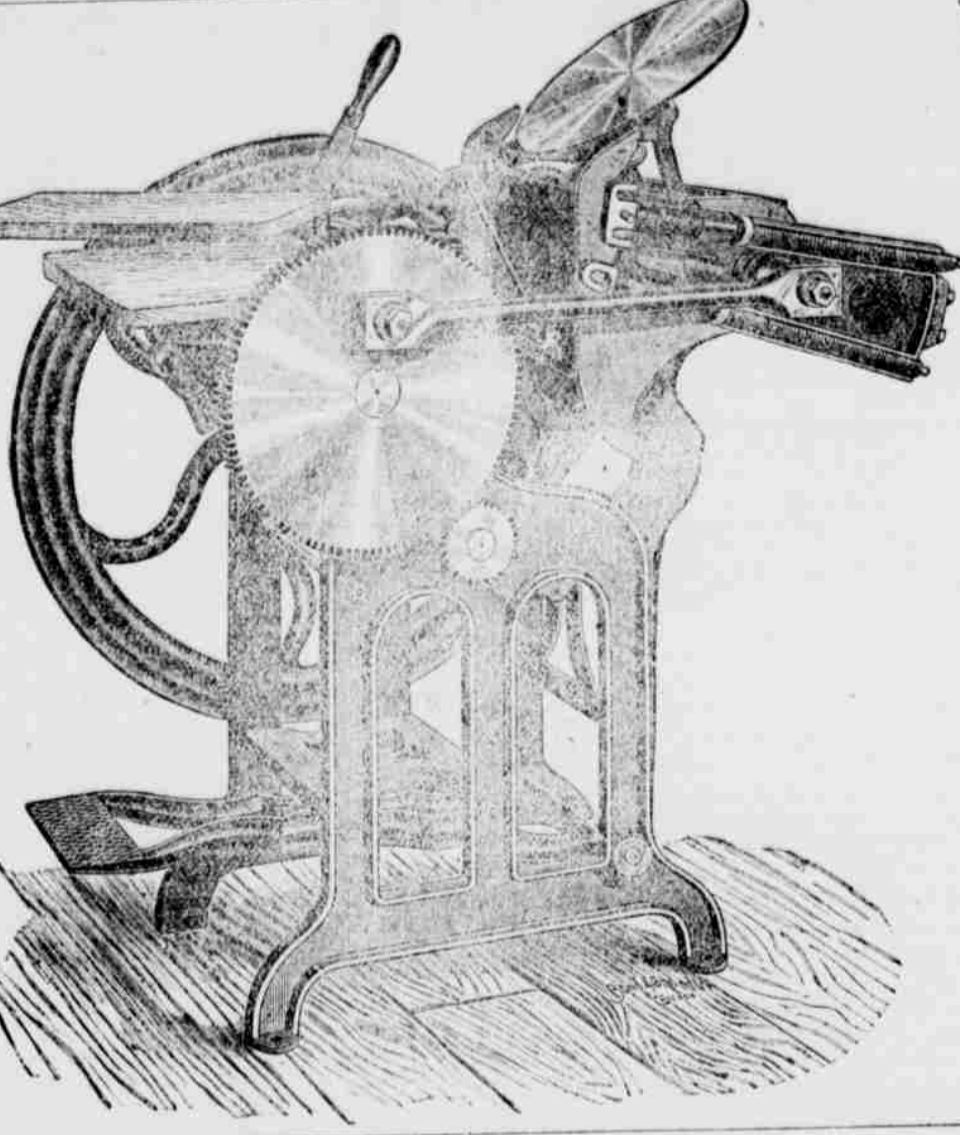
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LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 23, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 13, 1889, viz:

WILLIAM MURRAY.

D. S. No. 739, for the N 1/2 NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 1, Tp. 58, R. 40 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

L. A. Robertson, A. Cockrell, Wade Shelton and John Mummy, all of Union, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 21, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 3, 1889, viz:

FREDERICK SIMONS.

D. S. No. 8306, for the W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 27, Tp. 98, R. 45 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Charles M. Waterbury, Leander J. Ferguson, Lewis F. Jennings and Joseph Evans, all of New Bridge, Union county, Ore.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

3-28-86

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, April 12, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on June 4, 1889, viz:

ELMER PHILLIPS.

D. S. No. 7672, for the S 1/2 NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 19, Tp. 68, R. 41 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

T. H. Foster, Shannon Marshall, John Reeves and J. N. Mitchell, all of Telocast, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 7, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on April 29, 1889, viz:

ISAAC VANDEVANTER.

Hd. No. 2766, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 34, Tp. 58, R. 41 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

G. H. Marshall, Moses Vandevanter, Samuel Vandevanter and Enoch South, all of Union, Oregon.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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