

WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Letter From Our Regular Correspondent.

July 26, 1889.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:

The appointment of Secretary Noble of a commission of three to inquire into the conduct of the Pension Bureau during the last year, confirms what I wrote you just after Commissioner Tanner's appointment of the bitter feeling between himself and the secretary. The principal objection urged upon the president against the corporal's appointment was that he would be "two liberal." It appears now, however, that he had developed a great talent for simple blundering. When he appointed Geo. B. Squires who was removed in disgrace at the end of eight weeks, his private secretary, he followed the error by the scarcely better mistake of appointing his daughter, an inexperienced school girl, his private secretary. Another personal appointment of his was that of Harry Phillips a Brooklyn man, as chief of a division. Phillips' appointment was objected to by Secretary Noble on the ground that he seemed without orders except the commissioner himself. At last the appointment was made and charged to the commissioner. That is only a little over two months ago, and Phillips is already implicated in the re-rating frauds that Secretary Noble's commission is investigating. The re-rating frauds that are the principal subject of the present investigation are among the most daring swindles ever perpetrated. About a dozen pension office clerks that have been drawing pensions for years got together for mutual benefit, and, agreed to apply for re-rating from the date of discharge. The combine invited prominent Grand Army men to join them, but for some reason, only reached half a dozen men and they were in government employ.

Re-rating is authorized by law only "when manifest error" is found to have occurred. These men were old and experienced clerks in the pension bureau, and had never before discovered that there was any error, under the law, in their ratings. Still by the combination, and by literally pressing in the merits of each others claims, this combination managed, every man of it, to secure from \$2,500 to \$4,000 each. No claim was rejected and while in several instances, six months or a year passes before claims are reached for consideration after they are filed in the pension bureau, these claims were all rushed through in two weeks from the time they were filed. The champagne suppers of the visitors could not be kept quiet, and the press soon got possession of the facts. The exposure followed.

For some reason Commissioner Tanner paid no attention to the matter, and it remained for the secretary to recognize the scandal by discharging three members of the medical branch of the bureau, and by the appointment of this commission. Nobody dare accuse Commissioner Tanner of dishonesty, or of a guilty knowledge of these frauds, but his opposition to the appointment of the commission places him in a most unfortunate light. The secretary is also damaged in the opinion of many by the breach between him and the commissioner. Some look upon it as an attempt to restrict the liberal policy toward the soldiers. Such is the substance of Gov. Foraker's dispatch to corporal Tanner this week. The newspapers who dare talk are full of the matter; only a few overzealous republican newspapers of the musty order failing to recognize the importance of the trouble.

The census work is shaping itself and Mr. Porter's desire to have the work limited to what is legitimately included in the bill to provide for the work becomes evident. In many branches the experts have already begun work. The most difficult schedule to arrange appears to be that of manufactures. A table of this subject will be presented to Superintendent Porter next week, and by him will be submitted to various free trade authorities, as well as to the manufacturers with protective tendencies. The other divisions will shortly present their definite plans for work, and by October progress may be expected.

The secret service, that branch of the government that the small boy who faithfully reads his bloody bones nickel novels, is giving to admiring, is about to have a new chief. It is probable that the new man will be Thomas Furlong, a St. Louis railroad detective. Russell Harrison is actively supporting him. His appointment has been delayed thus far by petitions sent in against it by various labor organizations, including a letter from Grand Master Powderly, protesting against his appointment, on account of his work during the St. Louis strikes. It is stated today, however, that Mr. Powderly has formally withdrawn all opposition, and the protests are cancelled.

J. H. C.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

In Sunday's Oregonian is an editorial giving a sketch of two Oregon pioneers, one who has been a Christian and had tried to bring his sons up to be a credit to him by praying for them, and the other pioneer who was an infidel, but who taught his sons to be honest and truthful and good; the sons of the first were a scandal to him and those of the latter good citizens and good men. The article winds up with the sensible summary of what is religion? "We ask 'What is religion?' and wonder that providence does not watch our steps and bless our mortal existence, when the scope of providence is the real and true, not the unreal and miraculous. There is no religion that teaches more than the supposed infidel above alluded to taught his sons and himself lived up to—to do right before God and man. All the difference in credit—be they Christian, Pagan or Moslem—have reached the sublime summit of all life when they teach the simple doctrine of brotherhood and kindness. It contains all, and when it is perfect and pure, as thus taught, it combines all the teachings of ages, all the faith of purest minds, all the creed that can avail to make the world better and holier for all time. And this in fact was the real teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. All else put forth in his name is dogma overlying the simple and essential truth."

The Masonic Controversy.

A Washington dispatch says: The controversy which has been general among the Masonic fraternity throughout the country respecting the Cerneau Scottish rite has culminated here in the issue of an edict by Harrison Dingma, Most Worthy Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, under date of July 25th, pronouncing the Cerneau organization clandestine, and warning all the members of that rite that they are liable to discipline from the Grand Lodge unless they at once withdraw from said Cerneau body. The main reason for the edict, aside from other questions arising in the Scottish rite controversy, is stated to be that the Cerneau organization has established relations of amity and Masonic correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, the governing body of Masons in that country, which is under the ban of at least every English-speaking Grand Lodge in the world, because the Grand Orient has stricken the name of God from its rituals. The Grand Lodges of this country, it is said, have an additional grievance against the Grand Orient of France, because the latter persists in recognizing the negro Grand Lodges of the United States.

Fires in the Mountains.

Isaac Rudlock had \$500 insurance on his dwelling at Rudlock's station Wednesday night. The burning house set fire to the brush and trees on all sides, and the little mountain world in that neighborhood was in flames, and is still burning. Farther up in the mountains, not far from Kamela, forest fires are reported to be raging furiously, and the rusticators in that locality are becoming somewhat alarmed over the possibility of the destruction of their tented cities.

Vinoy Westfall writes from Rudlock under date of July 31st that the forest fires up there are assuming immense proportions, and are spreading from the summit to the reservation line. The passenger train stopped on the 30th and put out two fires, one just opposite the North Fork siding and the other below the Rudlock postoffice. The fire above the postoffice threatened that building all day and night of the 30th and is still in dangerous proximity. Mr. I. Rudlock's dwelling caught from a haystack near and was destroyed, although almost superhuman efforts were used to save it. His barn and outhouses shared the same fate.—E. O.

University of Oregon.

Eugene, Oregon. Next session begins on Monday, September 16, 1889. Free scholarships from every county in the state. Apply to the county superintendent. Free tuition after January 1, 1890. Four courses: classical, scientific, literary and a short English course in which there is no Latin, French, Greek or German. The English is pre-eminently a business course. For catalogues or other information, address J. W. JOHNSON, President.

Summons.

In the Circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union. Charles Fresh, Plaintiff, vs. Mary E. Fresh, Defendant. To Mary E. Fresh, the above named defendant: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, in the above named court, on or before the first day of the next regular term thereof, to-wit: SEPTEMBER 23, 1889, and if you fail so to appear or answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take a decree against you dissolving the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit.

This summons is published in THE OREGON SCOUT, by order of Luther B. Ison, judge, made at chambers and bearing date of July 1, 1889. HYDE, JOHNS & OLMESTEAD, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LANDS FOR SALE!

Union Real Estate Association

Have listed a large amount of

DESIRABLE LANDS,

Which are for sale on—

MOST REASONABLE TERMS.

Look at the List.

- 38 acres adjoining the city of Union. Will be sold as a whole or in parcels. Good opportunity to secure a cheap home. Price of whole tract \$3,250.
320 acres ten miles north of Union; all tillable land; unimproved: price \$15. per acre.
1320 acres of improved land, fourteen miles north of Union; 200 acres farming land; 200 acres in meadow and balance suitable for meadow or pasture; good fences, buildings, orchard and plenty of water. A good home for a desirable husbandry. Price \$15. per acre; one fourth down and balance on three and five year's time.
10 acres adjoining the city of Union, known as the Moore garden; large orchard; shrubbery of all kinds; hot and dry house. A fine bargain for any one desiring to engage in the fruit and garden business. Price \$3,500.
80 acres one mile west of Union; fine grain or meadow land. Price \$45. per acre.
400 acres two and one-half miles northwest of Union; all grain and meadow land; well improved. Price \$25. per acre.
320 acres 25 miles south of Union; all fenced with good wire fence; improvements fair; plenty of water and out-range; 8,000 rails on the place; 100 acres farming land; balance pasture land; good orchard; three miles from timber; lime kiln on place. Price \$9. per acre.
240 acres one mile south of Telocaset and nine miles south of Union; 100 acres deciduous and 80 acres timber culture; 60 acres good grain land; 30 acres fenced and under cultivation; 5,000 rails on place; dwelling, barn, cellar and out-buildings; good well. Price \$1,000.
100 acres just north of Telocaset and 7 miles from Union; 40 acres under cultivation; fair improvements. Price \$11.00 per acre.
100 acres two and one-half miles north of North Station and 140 acres tillable land; 45 acres under cultivation; good house, barn, cellar and out-buildings. Mortgage \$700. Price \$11. per acre.
100 acres twelve miles north of Union, in Cove; 600 acres grain and meadow land; balance pasture; well improved; good fences, buildings, orchard, etc., and plenty of water; timber joining same on east. An excellent farm for diversified husbandry. Price \$15,000.
320 acres eleven miles north of Union, in Cove; 300 acres in cultivation; good fences, buildings, etc. A fine farm. Price \$6,000.
Ranch of 164 acres, known as the Half Way Station on the road between Union and Cornucopia, and 4 miles from Sanger; has a large store and a half house, barn and stables on each side, wood shed, two wells also a stream of running water on the place; 100 acres of natural meadow land and a fine range all round. This would be a fine location for a milk or stock ranch. One hundred tons of first class hay can be cut each year. Price \$850.
Who wants a saw mill? Here is your chance. Only 9 miles from North Powder. A first class mill, with a cutting capacity of 6,000 feet per day, and has reached 10,000 feet. This mill has a double circular saw, built according to the latest improvements, with first class machinery throughout. Only one-fourth mile from main river, by plenty of good milling timber; water power mill, with water privileges, etc. Easy payments. This is a splendid chance for a mill man. Price \$4,000.
An 80-acre tract of as fine land as can be found in Powder River valley; on warm spring branch; splendid grain or meadow land, and only 3 miles from North Powder. This is a rare bargain. Price \$300.
Three blocks in one tract in North Union, known as the John Eaton place; has large and commodious house well and substantially constructed in every particular; entire place can be irrigated; all necessary out buildings. For a neat residence in Union you can find no better place. This is a chance in a lifetime. Price \$1,750.
One and one-half lots in Cove, upon which is an elegant two-story house with eight rooms, all well finished throughout, with stable, woodshed, etc., also good well. This is one of the neatest residences in Cove. Give us a call and we will suit you. Price \$1,750.
Good farm of 100 acres, 1 1/2 miles from North Powder on the main road from Union to Baker City; well finished story and a half house; good barn, stable, granary, etc.; well for barn and one for house; young orchard of 50 trees beginning to bear, and small fruits in great quantities. This is one of the best farms around North Powder. Also a large number of town lots and blocks.

All Letters promptly answered and all information desired will be cheerfully given.

Address all communications to WILSON & HACKETT, Secretaries Union Real Estate Ass'n

Notice of Cancellation of Old County Warrants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, approved February 23, 1889, the following listed county warrants issued more than seven years prior to July 1, 1889, and still outstanding and unpaid, are now advertised for payment, and if the same are not presented to the county treasurer for payment within sixty days from this date they will be cancelled and payment thereof refused as provided in said act. Dated this July 22, 1889.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, NO., CLASS, AMT. Includes entries for Feb. 1, M Baker; Aug. 10, W S Benington; May 9, J P Argensinger; June 5, E C Crane; July 3, Hulse, Deal vs McComas; Oct. 2, M A Murry; Jan. 11, Fred Probstel; Feb. 1, G Webb; Feb. 4, E S Mottom; Feb. 4, W P Koger; Oct. 8, T P Baird; Dec. 3, A M Smith; Jan. 1, Joseph Braden; Jan. 3, A C Craig; Feb. 4, John Koster; Feb. 4, John Givler; Feb. 4, J Sonnenberg; Feb. 4, P Camasca; Feb. 4, C F Schooppe; Feb. 4, W H Wilson; Feb. 4, A B Prone; Feb. 4, M Sterling; July 8, J P Ketril; Dec. 10, G Homan; Dec. 10, W Bennovy; Jan. 6, C Babbington; Feb. 3, D Gray; May 7, E S McComas; July 9, J Oswald; July 8, J Joseph Yount; do W H Patten; do C Carroll; Sept. 25, E W Umber; Nov. 19, S M Black; Feb. 10, J Caviness; May 8, G Kelley; May 8, J Misner; July 3, A Ferguson; do H Bromley; do J W White; do I H Brown; do E B Homan; do W H Patten; Nov. 13, W W Baker; Mch. 7, W G Hunter; May 23, J G Nessley; Nov. 6, A Terwilliger; do A C Low; do E Parker; do A P Morrison; do J A Childers; Mch. 6, E Troy; do P Fitzwater; May 15, W H Patten; do Geo Aekles; do M Jasper; July 9, M Jasper; do W Blakeslee; April 6, S Miller; May 17, L Shaver; May 17, J B Thomson; do R J Rogers; July 8, W H Parent; do J P Stevens; Sept. 8, John Phy; Jan. 5, J R Johnson; do J M Henderson; Sept. 6, L Downey; May 21, A Cox; do P H Halley; June 28, F W Duncan; Oct. 8, Mrs S Fletcher; Nov. 11, A C Craig; May 23, J Hunter; Sept. 6, P M Coffin; Feb. 10, W T Ficklin; May 15, D H McWaters; June 20, J Irwin; Nov. 9, G Stark; do W Fra; do H Rods; Nov. 20, J M Berry; Jan. 7, C R Hayes; do H Howard; May 11, J Dodson; do M Babbington; do J M Shepard; July 20, W A Hamm; do J Davis; Oct. 10, O P Goodold; Nov. 10, J R Reader; do T A Reavis; do D B Keavis; Apr. 6, Pat Healy; June 15, John McLain; do V O Wilson.

STATE OF OREGON.

I hereby certify that the foregoing contains a list of all county warrants which have been issued, drawn and not cancelled prior to July 1, 1889, as provided in the records of Union county, now in my possession. Witness my hand and official seal this July 19, 1889. A. T. NEILL, County Clerk Union Co. Or.

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT in pursuance of an order of the probate court of Union county, State of Oregon, made and entered on the second day of July, 1889, in the matter of the estate of Thomas Culver, deceased, the undersigned, administrator of the said estate, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, the 17th day of August, 1889, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house door in the city of Union, county of Union, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Thomas Culver at the time of his death, in and to that certain lot, parcel or piece of land lying in the said county of Union, State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit: The N 1/2 of the N 1/2 Sec. 7, Tp. 4 S., of Range 40 East of Willamette meridian. Dated July 18, 1889. D. L. CARROLL, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Culver, deceased.

Estray Horses.

Strayed from my place in Eagle valley, about a year ago, one black horse, little over medium size, branded 22 on the left shoulder. A brown mare, branded 30 on the shoulder and 22 on the thigh. Other horses are also missing branded 20 and 22. Any one giving information that will lead to the recovery of the horses will be liberally rewarded. Address: 7-4-1m J. B. FEWELL, New Bridge, Union County, Oregon.

Summons.

In the Circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Union county. David Eccles, Plaintiff, vs. Thos. F. Hall, Defendant. To the above named defendant, Thomas F. Hall: You are hereby required to appear and answer or plead to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the first day of the next regular session of said court to be held after the publication of this summons for six weeks, to-wit: on the 4th Monday in September, 1889, that being the 23rd day of said month, and that in default of such answer or pleading, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$304.24 and interest thereon from the 21st day of January, 1887 at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, together with the further sum of ten per cent on the whole amount due, as a reasonable attorney's fee in this action, and for costs and disbursements. This summons is published in THE OREGON SCOUT by order of the Hon. J. H. Bird, judge of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Oregon made on the 8th day of August, 1889. SHELTON & CARROLL, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

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 Aug. 9, 1889, viz: D. S. No. 7480, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 24, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Evans, Harry Barrows, Merritt Reeves and Thomas Bashaw, all of Eagle valley, 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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