

DESPONDENCY.

I sometimes almost wish to go Across the dark and shadowy stream; To leave this world of strife and woe, And pass away as but a dream.

Letter From Hon. J. L.

SUMMERVILLE, Or., August 28, 1890. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

In your issue of August 21st, in articles on the Hunt railroad, you make some statements in regard to right-of-way through my land, which I desire to correct, and I presume you will be willing to publish the real facts in the case.

The statement made that I at one time agreed with the committee to take forty dollars per acre and allow the road to go through, is not true. No such agreement was ever made, and of course the further statement that when I learned the "committee" would pay that amount, I wanted an additional fifteen hundred dollars, is also untrue.

Mr. L. B. Rinehart told me some time during last January that he did not think there would be any trouble about making the change, as Mr. Hunt told him if I objected to the road crossing the Elgin branch on my land, he would find some one who would not object. I told him to tell Mr. Hunt I objected and would continue to object, and to find the one who would not.

The statement that I surely know the road would benefit me in a greater degree than others who have given the right-of-way through their lands, seems very strange, coming from one who probably never saw my ranch, and not being a practical farmer, has a very imperfect idea of the damage a railroad does to a grain farm. In what way can I possibly be benefitted in a greater degree? Have you knowledge that the road will give me special rates, or haul my grain to market free? Judging from the brilliant "scheme" gotten up by one of the supposed employees of the road, to try to force me to give the right-of-way, I am led to believe I would be fortunate to get common rates with my neighbors.

If you, Mr. Editor, will take the trouble to come down to my place, I will convince you, by showing you over the place, that I nor no other person owning my land, could afford to give or sell for a nominal sum, right-of-way through it on the surveyed route. Or if you or any one who is "heart and soul" in the Hunt road, think I should give the right-of-way, I will sell my land to you or him for what it is worth without the road through it and the purchaser can be as liberal with it as he pleases, as it will be his own property he will then be giving away, which may put a sufficient check on his liberality.

As far as I am concerned I would like to see a competing line of road in the valley, and I subscribed as much as I was able to the Hunt road, and do not propose to give any more in any form. If the benefits will be great to all, let all help get it, and not expect the few who are unfortunate enough to be on the line, to give out of all proportion to the benefits they may receive and have their farms irreparably damaged for the glory there may be in it.

Do you think it is a reasonable proposition you state when you say in substance that if the Hutchinson Bros. and myself had given the right-of-way, Hunt's force of graders would have probably continued work in the valley all fall and winter? It would take them eight or ten days to grade through my land and near the same time through Hutchinson Bros. A short fall and winter's work surely.

Respectfully yours, J. L. ROE.

THE SOUTH.

An Account of the Colored Men's Convention.

SPEECHES BY SABLE ORATORS.

Like Their White Brethren The Negro Hankers After the Spoils.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 21, 1890. EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

It has not been the intention of these letters to discuss agitating political questions, or to write concerning matters likely to stir up unkind feelings in any one. We may, however, with an honest desire to impart correct information, give an account of the Republican State Convention held in Raleigh, N. C., during the last week in August. We take the quoted matter wholly from the Daily State Chronicle, of Raleigh, for reasons which we shall make plain a little further on. This convention was composed of negroes in its majority. Its officers were all negroes; it had all the privileges in public buildings, which the Democratic Convention enjoyed the week before. The railroads gave the same reduced rates to the delegates and friends, which they gave to the delegates to the Democratic Convention. The delegates had the same freedom of the city and the same privilege to place themselves according to their liking. The State Chronicle reported proceedings in full. On the following day a large delegation of negroes called at the office and editorial rooms and expressed their thanks to the managers of the papers for the just and impartial manner in which they had been treated by the paper. We give here their words.

As soon as they had all gathered, Prof. John C. Dancy, of Salisbury, advanced and said that the large delegation had called to express their thanks to the Chronicle for its full, accurate and just account of the proceedings of the convention of the day before. Prof. E. E. Smith, minister to Liberia, Prof. Moore and others of the delegates spoke in similar strain of grateful thanks and appreciation of the fairness and impartiality of the Chronicle, and its kind interest in the welfare of the negroes. Later in the morning another company of delegates headed by John Williamson, the originator of the convention, called to thank the Chronicle for its full report. "We know you are a democrat," said John, but we thank you for treating us with justice. The Chronicle is endorsed by the respectable negroes of the state.

We of course cannot give the whole of the two pages report. If any of our readers desire, we will furnish the whole paper as long as it is possible to obtain the same.

"WE ARE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY."

The convention was called to order by J. H. Young. He said that he saw in the faces of those present that they were here for no child's play. You are here for earnest work. There have been all sorts of rumors as to the purpose of this convention. There have been rumors that it was called for the purpose of disrupting the republican party. This report is not true. This convention is to represent the true republican party. We are not here to cause a split or disruption, but we are here to demand that we, the colored people, be recognized by the ruling power of the republican party, because WE ARE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Young spoke at length, and he enthused the convention. He said that the colored people were progressive—they had editors, lawyers, doctors—in fact they had everything that the white people had except OFFICES.

THE NEGRO ORATOR SPEAKS.

The committee retired, and Rev. J. C. Price was called out for a speech. He is a giant among his race—in intellect as well as physical stature, and is as black as—Jim Harris would say "black as the devil."

He said that it might be proper for him to state why he was here. He had heard that this was to be a colored man's convention, and on that ground he thought he had as much right to be here as any man.

Then he was here to witness and participate in such proceedings as it was hoped would result in securing to the colored men—the great voting and living part of the republican party—a proper recognition at the hands of a few self-constituted leaders. We are a loved and petted element in election times. We are pleasant to the sight and delightful to the olfactory nerves of a few self-constituted and so called leaders. Yes, we are favorites. But when a new administration comes in, we are forgotten; and when the picnic

times comes—the time for distributing the fruits, why such a thing as an apple, plum, peach &c., must not touch a negro's lips. Now Mr. President, we all love fruit, whether it be peaches, apples, plums, grapes, or "watermelions;" and when we help make these fruits—when we work for them, we want a part of them when they are distributed.

OFFICES FOR US OR FOR DEMOCRATS.

Williamson kept on speaking and wound up by saying that the time had come now to demand their rights and their dues, and these demands must be made and sustained. If they asked for some offices and couldn't get them by compromise or concession, why we have the power to give these offices to the democrats; and if we can't get them, let the democrats take offices and keep them.

A COLORED MAN'S CONVENTION.

Cheatham took his seat, and a delegate from Vance county arose and said that he endorsed every word that Cheatham had said. He had not denied the charge of working against this convention, &c., but since Cheatham had been heard, he (the Vance delegate) now favored inviting Congressman Brower and Collector White to come on the stand and explain themselves.

A Granville delegate objected to this on the ground that this was a COLORED MAN'S CONVENTION, and it was not proper that white men should be allowed to participate in it.

The point was sustained by a delegate from Bertie who emphasized the fact that this was a black man's convention.

It will be remembered that Mr. Cheatham is the colored member of congress from North Carolina.

We denounce party boresism of whatever name or style, local and State, and of whatever position, name or creed. We have no sympathy with office seekers who make us fair promises which they never expect to fulfill. We condemn that species of boresism which gets the ear of the administration and assures it that the negro will remain passive whether he is recognized or not, and therefore urge that we be not recognized in the distribution of the patronage.

We give the above clippings because they fairly disclose the animus of the convention and squarely express the greatest desire of the negroes of this state viz, to share in the distribution of offices. We ask a single question. How many communities in any part of this fair land are willing that their offices of honor and trust should be filled by any political party, white or black whose only Shiboeth is—the plum.

J. T. PATRICK.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.—Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, June 30, 1890. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," George G. Gray, of Cove, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 251, for the purchase of the S½ SW¼, SW¼ S½ of Sec. No. 1, in Tp. No. 28, Range No. 39 E., and for proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 27th day of Sept., 1890.

He names as witnesses: W. W. Randall, J. G. Smith, Mike Kiddle and J. C. Randall, all of Cove, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands, are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of Sept., 1890.

HENRY RINEHART, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons concerned, that the undersigned has been regularly appointed administrator of the estate of John O. Lambrecht deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned administrator within six months from the date of this notice, at their homes in Indian valley, Union county, Oregon.

Dated this 30th day of August, 1890. T. J. CHANPLER, JOEL WEAVER, Administrators.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE taxpayers of Union county, Oregon, that the Board of Equalization of Assessments will meet on the 29th day of September, 1890, at the court house in Union, Union county, Oregon. All parties feeling themselves aggrieved, will appear before said board with their grievances, otherwise all assessments will be collected for the year 1890.

J. D. GULLD, Assessor for Union County, Or.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons concerned, that the undersigned has been regularly appointed administrator of the estate of John Bobbin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned administrator within six months from the date of this notice, at her home near Union, Oregon.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1890. FLORENCE BOBBIN, Administrator.

LOST.—Between La Grande and the residence of John McDonald on the Sandridge, a gold-headed cane with the names of Dr. E. H. Drake and W. W. Bachman engraved thereon. Finder will be suitably rewarded by forwarding same to Mrs. Dr. E. H. Drake, Summerville, Oregon.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Application for a U. S. Patent, Survey No. 9, Lot No. 30, Mineral application No. 57, U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT E. E. Clough and C. H. Duncanson, whose postoffice address is Sparta, Union county, Oregon, have this day filed their application for a patent for the "Knight" quartz mine, situated in the 4th mineral district in Township 7 South, Range No. 43 E. W. M., and described by the official plats and field notes on file in this office as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the NE corner post of the "Golden Eagle" quartz mine, post being marked "Cor. No. 1, K. M. C. S. No. 91" thence north 70 degrees east 600 feet to a post marked "Cor. No. 3, K. M. C. S. No. 91" thence south 82 degrees east 1500 feet, to the NW corner of the "Summit" quartz mine, which corner post is marked "Cor. No. 3, K. M. C. S. No. 91" thence north 70 degrees east 600 feet to the place of beginning, containing 20.05 acres. Location being recorded in Vol D, page 349, records of quartz locations, Union county, Oregon.

It is hereby ordered that the foregoing notice of application for a U. S. patent be published for a period of sixty days (ten consecutive weeks) in THE OREGON SCOUT, a weekly newspaper published at Elgin, Union county, Oregon.

A. CLEAVER, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE undersigned administrator and administratrix of the estate of Nathaniel Swiger deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administrator at his residence in High valley, or said administratrix at her residence about three miles southeast of Union, or to Sheldon L. Carroll at their office in Union, all of said places being in Union county, Oregon.

Dated at Union this 23rd day of June, 1890. ANDREW WILKINSON, Administrator, POLLY SWIGER, Administratrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the estate of W. E. Ficklin deceased, have filed their final account in said estate, in the county court of the state of Oregon, for Union county, and that September 2, 1890, at a regular term of said court, has been set for hearing objections to said final account and for the settlement thereof. All persons interested in said estate, having objections to said final account are hereby notified to appear and file their objections thereto on or before said 2nd day of September, 1890.

W. E. FICKLIN, S. D. FICKLIN, Executors.

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Lost Strayed or Stolen, from H. P. Campbell's stable on Cliver creek, August 1st, one very light sorrel horse, about 15 hands high, weight 1250 pounds, three white feet, white strip in face, branded imitation anchor on left hip, collar bell on right shoulder. The above reward will be paid to any one returning the horse to H. P. Campbell, Cliver creek or W. C. Warden, North Powder.

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