

WHEN the man who alleges that his residence is over toward Pochuck came this time he seemed laboring under an emotion which he was endeavoring to suppress.

"It's news from Pochuck," said he, slropping into his chair and mopping his face on his sleeve. "It's news from Pochuck, and it's great. But I wouldn't 'a' berleved it. No, sir, I wouldn't 'a' believed it."

"And I won't!" said Baldy, the landford, quickly and positively.

"But I seen it!" said the alleged Pochuck citizen, reproachfully.

Yet doubt stood revealed on the landlord's face plainer than the warts . on a crook-neck squash.

"You believe there's holler stumps, don't you?" asked the man.

The existence of hollow stumps couldn't be denied, even by Baldy, the landlord.

"And as to valler cats," the man went on. "There ain't no doubt about yaller cats, is there? And yaller cats has kittens, don't they?" said the wanderer from over toward Pochuck.

"N t if their name is Tom, they don't," said De Witt Green, of Jolly Farm, who is bound to have things kept straight or know the reason why.

The Poelinek citizen having settled that point to the satisfaction of all, it was admitted that there could be no doubt that yellow cats had kittens.

"And there's catfish, ain't there?" the man asked.

"You'd think there was," said Baldy, the landlord, "if you'd be here some time when I've been fishing for 'em!" Some folks would have wondered why mobody said anything after that for quite a spell, and why even the man from Pochuck grinned; but the landsord didn't seem to notice this behavior.

"And as to families of young catfish," said the man, after awhile. "Sech things has been heerd of, hain't they?'

Of course they had. Certainly.

"Catfish and their young lives in water, don't they?" asked the bearer of meys from Pochuck, intent on seting himself strait A.

No one had any record of catfish living more than a day or so on and

North and the flood has any doubt cow goin' over a barnyard fence, and what water gits high, now and then?" asked the man. The fact was well known.

big litter of kitten fish follerin'

along in her wake. "This was interestin', and I sot there wonderin' on it, when down on to a dead tree that lay out from the bank into the river maybe ten foot or more a valler cat came trottin'. She was the vallerest cat I ever see. and the little kitten that was follerin' right at her heels was jest as yaller as the cat was. "The old cat pranced out on to

the log as fur as she could git, and that brung her close to the water.

She scrooched down, and the kitten squatted on the log jest behind her and said nothin'.

"'There's goin' to be some doin's here,' says I. 'I feel it in my bones,' I says.

"And sure enough, it wasn't long before the doin's begun. They started in with the old cat jablin' one of her paws down and snatchin' somethin' out o' the water.

"As she riz her paw 1 see it was full o' somethin' that wiggled and squirmed like all possessed, trvin' to git away. When the cat see what it was that she had she spread a smile all over her face. Her paw

was full o' young catfish, and if there is one thing that ereeps or flies or swims or runs that a cat likes better than another it's catfish.

"The old cat picked out a couple o' the fish and passed 'em back to her kitten on the log, and gobbled the rest o' the handful herself. They tickled her palate so that she dabbed both paws down in the water and brung up a mess o' young catfish in each one, and her and the kitten got away with them and smacked their lips.

"Then I looked a little closer and I seen the old catfish that had rescued her family from the holfer stump. She was layin' by the log. lookin' scared, and I seen that most of her family o' young ones was missin'.

"'That cat,' says I, 'is swoopin' that catfish's family off the face o' the earth, so to speak,' says I, 'as sure as wasps astingin'!' says I.

"The old catfish hadn't jest got on to what was goin' on yit, but when the yaller cat on the log reached down and scooped out another handful of the catfish's family and divide up with her kitten, that old catfish actually turned white around the gills."

"She seen it all at last, and with one all-wollopin' slash of her tail she "And nebody that has read about jumped onto that log like a britchy

top.

"She swam ashore, and she had the catfish in tow. The catfish was dead, and considerable clawed up.

"The yaller cat drug it out or shore. Then she ripped it open with her claws, and out stepped the kitten. big as as life and twice as natural. It was dazed a little fer a spell, but soon got it's bearin's, and trotted away with the old yaller cat as if nothin' had happened, and I didn't see 'em no more. "There," concluded the man from

Pochuck, "them's the news I've brung over this time. Don't you believe I seen 'em?"

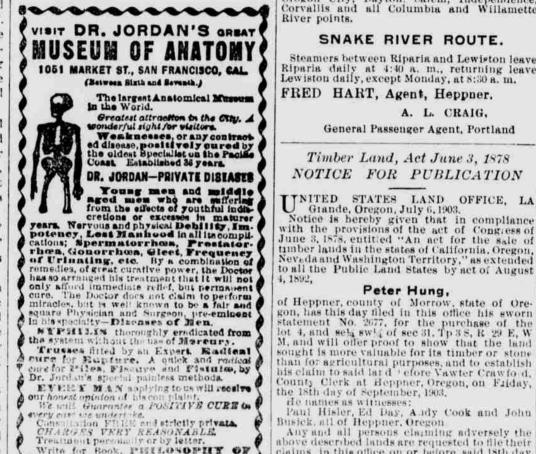
Baldy, the landlord, lit his cigar butt, put it in his mouth and said:

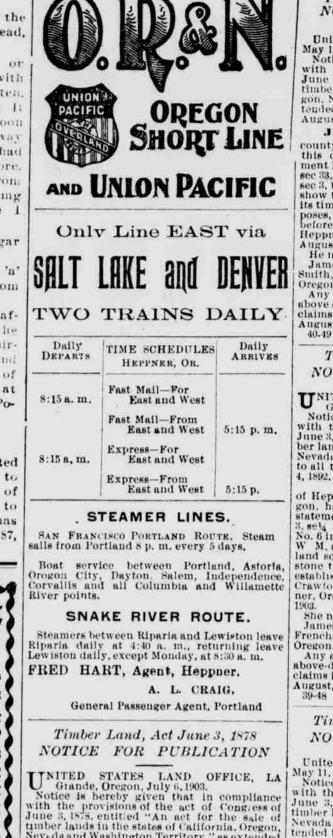
"Yes, I do. But you wouldn't 'a' seen 'em if you had stayed away from the stone frolic."

This view of the case seemed to affect the man from Pochuck so that he got up quick, and without even inquiring if there were any points around here in any way resembling those of the kind he said he had run against at Sprout Hill, he turned his face Posauchward .- N. Y. Sun.

Growth of America.

Since 1790 the area of the United States has increased from 827.844 to 3,629,933 square miles, the number of counties has increased from 307 to 2,867, and the total population has increased from 3,929,214 to 76,303,387, or nineteenfold.





Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon,

May 18, 1903. Notice is hereby given that 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, Ore-gon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as ex-tended to all the Public Land States by act of Angenst 4, 1809 August 4, 1892

John J. Harris, of Reppner,

county of ¹ orrow, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn state-ment No. 2499 for the purchase of the set sw¹/₂ sec 33, tp 5 s, r 27, lots 2 3 and 4 sec 2 and lot 1 sec 3, tp 6 s, r 27 e, W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural pur-poses, and to establish his claim to said land before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at Heppner, regon, on Thursday, the 13th day of Heppner, regon, on Thursday, the 13th day of August, 1903

He names as witnesses: James J. McGee, William E. Pruyn, Will L. Smith, and John M. Kernan, all of Heppner, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of August, 1903.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, LA Grande, Oregon, May 14, 1903. Notice is hereby given that 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," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August

SADIE PALMER, of Heppner, county of Morrow, State of Ore-gon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2444, for the purchase of the lot statement No. 2444, for the purchase of the lot 3, sel4, whi held swhi and nwh sel4, of sec ion No. 6 in township No. 4 south range No. 29 east W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish herciaim to said land before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at his office at hepp-ner. Oregon on Friday, the 7th day of August. ner, Oregon, on Friday, the 7th day of Aucust, 1903.

She names as witnesses: James Stephens. John N. Beeler, Millard French, and Edgar D. Palmer, all of Heppner,

Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of August, 1903.

E. W. BARTLETT Register.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon,

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, May 11, 1903. Notice is hereby given that 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," as ex-tended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1802 August 4, 1892,

John Sjodin,

of Salem, county of Marion, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn state-ment No 2398, for the purchase of the swig of section 34 in township 5 sr 27 e W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is of Heppner, county of Morrow, state of Ore-gon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2677, for the purchase of the lot 4, and set swi4 of sec 31, Tp 3 S, R 29 E, W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stope than for serioulture purpose and to establish oller proof to snow that the huld sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Vawter Crawford, county clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said lar d + cfore Vawter Crawfo d, County Clerk at Heppner, Oregon, on Friday, the 18th day of September, 1903. on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1903, He names as witnesses:

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Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29th descort fails not day of July, 1903.

"Well, then," said the Pochuck citizen, with a look of triumph at Baldy, the landlord, "I seen 'em all!"

"When did you see the water?" asked Baldy, the landlord, maliciousby, and Farmer Bill Leonard, who lives opposite Goose Pond Moun-"Shame!" and Farmer "Green said: "Tut, tut, Baldy!"

The man who stakes his word on his home's being over toward Poshuck cracked the thumb on his right hand and three fingers on his Seft, as if defiantly, and said:

"Them's the news I've brung over this time, and I wouldn't 'a' believed iem. First place, I'd been down to a Spront Hill stone frolic. If you've never been to a Sprout Hill stone frome it's a leetle hard to give you all the p'ints a Sprout Hill stone frolie has.

"When I got home from the frolic in the evenin', Uncle David looked mae over and I see he was kind o' begrudgin' me.

"'I see it was a hummer,' says he. "I said it was and I went to bed and forgot to milk the cows. Next morning I thought I'd walk over to the river to see if the water had fell much, 'cause it had been uncompromisin' high. I see that it had fell omsider'ble, 'cause a big holler sump that had been all covered with water was showin' above it for more lings two foot, but the holler in the Mamp was full o' water vit.

"I sot down to rest a spell, and as sot there what should I see but a catfish raise up in the water inside that holler stump and peek down over the edge o' the stump. I never seen a bigger catfish than that one. and I've seen some all gozzlin' big mes in them Drownded Lands wa-16178.

"When the catfish seen how far below the top o' that stump the river had got, it looked scared. I tell you, and it dropped back into the holler.

"'That catfish has been hatchin' its young ones in that stump, not shinkin' about the high water. I'll bet a hoss,' I says, 'and it has been setched there unheknownst to it.'

"I hadn't more than said it, when up to the top came the catfish agam, and she had her mouth full of young catfish. She give a flop, and out o' the stump to the water son went. She released her mouthfor o' young ones, gethered herself together, and sprung back into that stump. In less than ten seconds out site jumped ag'in with another mouthful o' young ones, released 'em and back into the stump.

"Five times that catfish went in and out o' the holler stump before she got all of her young ones out safe, and away she swum, the whole Je-e-e-willikens borax! maybe she didn't swai that yaller cat! She swep: that yaller cat off o' that log as if she hadn't been nothin' more than a feather.

"Then the catfish stepped back into the water and waited to see. The yaller cat scrambled back on to the log, and her dander was up as high as i could git. Oh, but she was mad.

"She pranced up and down the log a minute, and at it ag'in she went, scoop in' out young catfish and scatterin' 'em to the winds so fast that I see there wouldn't be one of 'em left to tell the tale unless the old catfish got her second wind pretty quick and done somethin'.

"And she got her second wind, and riz 'up ag'in that yaller cat ag'in most exilaratin' for to see. Seems to me for five minutes there wasn't nothin' to be seen on that log but a whirlin' streak o' yaller sort o' mixed up with a whirlin' streak o' black, and catcussin'. Merciful man! I jest had to plug my fingers in my ears, I couldn't bear to hear it so!

"When the whirlin' and back-talk quit, the catfish was back in the water. There was catfish hide stretched here and there on the log 'most enough to make a saddle, and enough valler had scattered about to stuff it with. The valler cat was sort o lickin' herself here and there, and the catfish was glarin' at her.

"The kittin' was standin' on the log with her back 'way up, and her tail swelled like a rollin' pin, and she was spittin' away at that catfish fierce as wildcats. The last one o' the catfish's family had been swept off the face of the earth.

"The catfish, seein' that the old cat's kitten was still left, made up her mind that she'd put an end to the cat's family and sort o' even things up, so she sprung back on to that log, grabbed the kitten, and swallowed it, whole and alive, right before its mother's eyes.

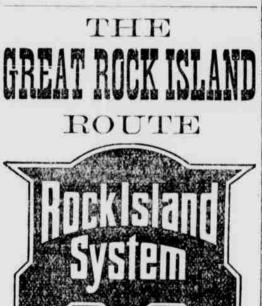
"Jumpin' back into the water, the catfish turned and stuck her big head out, close by the log, and as the old cat was tearin' her hair, as you might say. or leastways what little she had left, and was mournin' and moanin' for her lost kitten, the fish opened her mouth from ear to ear, so as the cat could hear her kitten cryin' 'way down in the catfish's depths. Say! I could hear that kitten cry myself, way over on the bank where I was settin'!

"Well, that voice of her kitten was more than the bereaved yaller cat could stand. She pounced square on top of the catfish and they both went down together.

"I didn't see nor hear nothin' more of either of 'em for maybe three minutes, and I made up my mind that the cat had gone to join her kitten, when I see a ripple on the water, and the of July, 1903. next minute the yaller cat come to the

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United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon.

May 8, 1963. Notice is hereby given that 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," as ex-tended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

BERT B. ANDERSON,

of Minneapolis, county of Hennerin, State of Minnesota, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No 2351, for the purchase of the ne's sw's wid sets and sets sets of section No 18 in township No. 4 south range No. 30 cas 18 In township No. 4 south range No. 50 the W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or lower lower by the source of the sou

stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at his office at Hepp-ner, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1997

He names as witnesses: George A Skewis, and A. W. Bascom, of Ter-ril, Iowa, Charles W. Anderson, and Winford S. Harris, of Palouse, Washington. Any and all persons claiming adversely the

shove-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 2sth day ian.

E. W BARTLETT, Register.

claims in this office on or before said 18th day of September, 1903 E. W. BARTLETT, Register. 46-55

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR FUBLICATION

Peter Hung,

4, 1892,

United States Land Office, La Graude, Oregon, June 1, 1903,

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "Au act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Lands States by act of August 4, 1892.

WILLIAM O. PRESCOTT.

of Plymouth, county of Cerro Gordo, State of Iows, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2551, for the purchase of the n12 nw14 sec 17, self swlf and swlf self sec Stp 4 ar 29 e, W M, and will offer proof to show that the land songht is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish h s claim to said land before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at his office at Heppher, Oregon, on Monday, the 17th day of August, 1903.

He names as witcesses: Winford S. Harris, and Charles W. Sanderson, of Palouse, Washington, and George A. Hill, of Plymonth, Iowa, A. W. Bascom, of Terril, Iowa.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of August,

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, May 18, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 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, sud Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of Auguet 4, 1892,

CHARLES D. MATLOCK, of Heppner,

County of Morrow, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2498, for the purchase of the s16 ne14 and lots 1 and 2, of sec 1 tp 6 s r 29 e and will offer proof agricultural purposes and to establish bis claim to said land before G. W. Rea, all the public land states by act of August 4. U. S. Commissioner, at his office at

ly the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of August,

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878 . NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, LA U Grande, Oregon, April 30, 1903 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of limber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to a 1 the Public Land States by act of August 4, 18-2,

WILLIAM P. SNYDER.

of Heppner, county of Morrow, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2339, for the purchase of the set $_4$ mwh heig swh and wh set of section 17 in tp 5 south r 29 e W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural pur-poses, and to establish his claim to said land before Vayter Crawford, County Clerk, at his before vawier trawford, confirty tierk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on Thursday, the 24d day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: James J. McGee, Francis L. Snyder, Edward Duran, and James Long, all of Heppner,

Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23d day of July, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register. 38-17

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land office, La Grande, Oregon, May 11, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 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," as ex-tended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

JESSE J. WELLS

of Heppner, county of Morrow, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn state-ment No. 2401, for the purchase of the sets sets section 23, n34 nets and sets nets of section 26 in township 5 south range 28 east W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone that for section 26 valuable for its timber or stone than for agri-cultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Vawter Crawford, county clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on Wednesday,

the 29th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: James J. McGee, James M. Hart, Louis Grosh-ens, and Oscar F. Neal, all of Heppner, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29th day of July 1903.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, April 30, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with

to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for lands in the States of California, Oregon, Ne-

SARAH C. SNYDER.

Heppner, Oregon, on Thursday, the 13th day of August 1903. He names as witnesses: He names as witnesses: Dave Presley, George Vinson, Henry Cannon, and Orville Rasmus, all of Heppher, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming everse-Any and all persons claiming everse-Clerk, at his office at Henpmer, Oregon, on Thursduy, the 23d day of July 1903.

She names as witnesses: Farneis L, Snyder, James J. McGee, Edward D man, and James Long, all of Heppner, Ore-

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described 'ands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23d day of Jn'y, 1903. 38-47 † E. W. BARTL TT, Register.

