

LUCKY LAST LOOK

It Preserved the Declaration of Independence in 1814.

SAVED IT FROM THE BRITISH.

The Precious Document Would Have Been in the State Department When It Was Burned But For Pleasanton's Final Glance Around the Room.

Comparatively few of the present generation know how near to being lost was once the most precious of our national documents, the Declaration of Independence. It was during the war of 1812. The Declaration of Independence hung for many years in a frame in the state department in the room then occupied by Stephen Pleasanton. Mr. Bensley, commissary of prisoners of war in London, forwarded to the state department some London newspapers, stating that the English fleets and transports were receiving troops at Bordeaux, France, with the intention of operating against Washington and Baltimore. Soon after it was learned that the British fleet was in Chesapeake bay and that it was ascending the Patuxent. The officials and citizens of the little capital city were hourly expecting an attack.

Upon receipt of this information, which was a few days before the enemy entered Washington. Mr. Monroe, then secretary of state, James Madison being president, mounted his horse, rode to Benedict, a small village on the Patuxent, where the British forces were being landed, and climbed an eminence within a quarter of a mile of the village, in order to ascertain the strength of the enemy. Being convinced, after his inspection, that we had no force available that could successfully resist them, he sent a note to Mr. Pleasanton by a vidette, advising him to see that the best care was taken of the books and papers of the state department.

Acting at once upon this authority, Mr. Pleasanton purchased some coarse linen and had it made into bags of suitable size, in which he, assisted by others in the office, placed the books and other papers.

While engaged in this work General Armstrong, then secretary of war, passing the state department on his way to his own office, remarked that he thought they were unnecessarily alarming themselves, as he did not think the British were serious in their intentions of coming to Washington. Fortunately Mr. Pleasanton was of a different opinion, and observed that it was the part of prudence to take measures to preserve these valuable papers of the revolutionary government. Had Mr. Pleasanton delayed but a few days, had he followed the advice of the secretary of war, an irreparable loss would have been sustained. For the papers which Mr. Pleasanton had placed in the coarse linen bags comprised the secret journals of congress, then not published; the correspondence of General Washington, his commission, resigned at the close of the war; the correspondence of General Greene and other officers of the Revolution, as well as laws, treaties and correspondence of the department of state from the adoption of the constitution down to that time.

Mr. Pleasanton had the bags carted to a grist mill, which he selected as a suitable depository. The mill, which was unoccupied, belonged to Edgar Patterson and was situated on the Virginia side of the Potomac, beyond the Chain bridge, two miles above Georgetown.

The last load had left, and Mr. Pleasanton was just quitting the vacant rooms when, glancing back suddenly to see whether anything had been left behind, to his consternation he saw the Declaration of Independence, which had been overlooked, hanging upon the wall. He hastily cut it out of the frame and carried it away with the other papers.

He then began to be uneasy about the place he had chosen, for if the British took Washington, which he firmly believed they would do, and very soon at that, they would in all probability detach a force for the purpose of destroying a foundry for the making of cannon and shot in the neighborhood and, of course, would consider a grist mill too valuable a thing to be left standing in a country they meant to subdue. Mr. Pleasanton therefore visited some of the Virginia farmhouses, whose owners were only too willing to loan him wagons in which to convey the documents to Leesburg, a distance of thirty-five miles. There they were deposited in an empty house, the keys of which were given to Rev. Mr. Littlejohn, who was one of the collectors of internal revenue.

Worn out with his labors, Mr. Pleasanton states in a letter, he retired early to bed that night and slept soundly. Next morning he was informed by the people of the little town where he had stayed that evening that they had two during the night, the same being the 24th of August, a large fire in the direction of Washington, which proved to be the light from the public buildings, which the enemy had set on fire and burned to the ground.

When he returned to Washington on the 25th he found the public buildings still burning and learned that the British army had evacuated the city the preceding evening in the belief that the Americans were again assembling in the rear for the purpose of cutting off their retreat.—Kansas City Times.

'Tis well said that man has no greater enemy than himself.—Firenze.

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Castle Rock Items.

D. E. Crutcher, of Riverside Farm spent two or three days down the line returning Saturday last.

Mr. Crutcher and L. M. Davis rode to Lignon Monday last looking for horses. They report none in sight anywhere.

Five of Uncle Sam's men were here yesterday from the government dredge that is working on the rapids above here a mile or so.

Marona and McKenna, of Whitcomb, were over yesterday. Marona runs the stage that carries children to school from Carley to Whitcomb.

John S. Crooks is home at Desolation Flat on a month's vacation. They are putting up a new windmill and otherwise improving their homestead.

Mr. P. F. Snow came near losing his life when his gasoline speeder was struck by No. 5, early in the morning. He had been over the line looking for trouble and on returning ran into the train. A heavy fog prevented his seeing any distance ahead.

C. L. Warren and Frank Leghorn came up on the local from Arlington on Thursday last and were busy for three days putting a new coat of paint on the inside of the schoolhouse, hanging new doors and putting up the new chair desks for the children.

Gooseberry Pi.

(BY HEPPNER SAVVY.)

Oscar Keithley's visited at Fred Esteb's last Sunday.

Lewis Brown made a trip to Ione Monday on business.

Ture Peterson commenced dising for E. R. Lundell last Monday.

John Frazier made a trip to Ione last Saturday with a load of wheat.

C. E. Carlson finished up seedling his summerfallow Friday last week.

Floyd Fraser has been hauling down his winter's supply of wood the last few days.

Lewis Brown arrived with his teams from the harvest fields in Idaho last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Esteb came up from Portland last Saturday and are visiting a few days with friends and relatives here.

Can't raise dry land potatoes, eh? Ask A. Carlson, Aaron Peterson, F. Lundell and a few others who know how. They will tell you that they have never failed to raise their winter's supply of spuds, with usually a wagon load or two to sell besides, every year since they came to the country. And this year has been no exception by any means. Their crops are really better this fall than they were last. Many farmers are under the impression that to insure a good crop of spuds they must be planted "in the moon." Not so with the successful spud raisers here; they invariably plant 'em in the ground. October 16th, 1911.

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Executrix Sale of Real Property.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MORROW COUNTY, OREGON. In the Matter of the Estate of George Withers Conser, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, made and entered in the above entitled matter, on the 20th day of September, 1911, I, the undersigned, executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the Estate of George Withers Conser, deceased, will on Monday, the 30th day of October, 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the office of Sam E. Van Vactor, in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, and from and after said date offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at private sale the following described real property, to-wit: Lots One and Two in Block Eight in Kennedy's Addition to East Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts against said estate, and the expenses of the administration of said estate. LILLIE LEE CONSER, Executrix.

Notice of Final Accounting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has filed with the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon his final account as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of E. D. Palmer, deceased and that said Court has fixed Monday the 6th day of November, 1911 at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time and the County Court Room in the Court House in the City of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account, and the settlement of said Estate. Objections to such account must be filed on or before the date aforesaid.

LAWRENCE A. PALMER, Executrix.

Notice for Publication. ISOLATED TRACT. Public Land Sale.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, August 30th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 2nd day of November, 1911, at this office, the following described land: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 10, and NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 27, T. 1 S., R. 27 E. W. M. Serial No. 08606.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

228-26 F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver.

Notice for Publication. ISOLATED TRACT. Public Land Sale.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 27th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., on the 21st day of November, 1911, at this office, the following described land: S 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 9 and SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 10, T. 5 S., R. 25 E. W. M. No. 05311.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

n2. C. W. MOORE, Register.

Notice for Publication. ISOLATED TRACT. Public Land Sale.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, September 21st, 1911. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 15th day of November, 1911, at this office, the following described land: The SE 1/4 Sec. 30, T. 2 S., R. 29 E. W. M., Serial No. 08843.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

n2. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon October 12th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Henry B. McDowell, of Parkers Mill, Oregon who, on December 2nd, 1909, made Homestead, No. 05046, for NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 25 and SW 1/4, Sec. 24 Township 5 South, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation. Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 27th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Arthur E. Reid, Augustus Hoelens, Richard Honglad, Walter F. Drum, nil, of Parkers Mill, Oregon.

C. W. Moore, Register.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unrec'd for in the postoffice at Heppner, Oregon, on Oct. 18, 1911:

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