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Important to Settlers.

From the Walls Walls Union.

The last Congress passed a law which will in its enforcement save many homesteaders the time trouble and expense of a personal trip to the Land Office, when it becomes desirable or necessary to make final proof for their claims. The new law, which is now in force, provides that any party desiring to avail himself of the provisions of the act must go before the Judge, or in his absence, the Clerk. of any court of record in the county and State, or district and Territory, in which the lands are situated, with his witness, mase the proof, and take the affidavits required by law, according to the prescribed forms. The ding to the prescribed forms. The indge or clerk taking the proof, is required to transmit it with the proper fee and charges to the Register and Receiver of the Land Office. if the testimony is taken by the clerk in the testimony is taken by the clerk in the absence of the judge, he is required to certify on papers to the absence of the judge.

The officers of the Land Office are required to examine the papers thus madeout and sent, and if satisfied with their regularity, and the sufficiency imposed against them, unless legal excuse is their regularity, and the sufficiency of the proof, upon the receipt of the full amount of money due, to issue the proper receipts and make the required returns. If the officers are not satisfied with the papers, they are required to notify the party and advise him of his rights in the matter. The practical working of the law in the Walla Walla Land District will, in our opinion, be confined to the counties of Walla Walla, Yakima and Whitman, because the letter of the law provides for taking the testimony "before the Judge, or, in his absence, before the clerk of any court of record of the county and State, or District and Territory in which the lands are situated", and the only court of record in the "District and Territory," is the U. S. District Court, which holds terms at Walla Walla, Colfax and Yakima, and has a clerk at each place. The law may possibly have been intended to allow the proof to be taken before the judge or clerk of any court of record in the county, in which case the proof could be taken before the judge or clerk of the Probate Court, that being the only Court of record in this Territory, besides the District Court, recognized by the Land Department. But in our opinion, proof taken before a judge or clerk of the Probate Court, and sent to the Land Office, would not be considered good. We hope we are not wrong in our construction of the law, and would be happy to publish a decision of the Department overruling our opinion.

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Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. A. M. Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7.30 o'clock, r. M., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order, in good standing, are nvited to attend. By order of the W. M.

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F. Meet every Friday evening. at 7½ o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, cor. of Cass and Chenamus streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. G. T. Regular Meeting every Tuesday Evening ut7½ o'clock, at Good Templar's Hall, Chena-mus Street, Astoria, over C. L. Parker's store. Members of the Order, in good stand-ing, are invited to attend. Degree meeting 1st Monday each month. By order W. C. T.

Common Council.

Regular meetings first and third Monday evenings of each month, at 755 o'clock ##" Persons desiring to have matters acted

Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. Regular monthly meeting will be held at the hall of the Com-pany, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 o'clock p. m. B& Members are expected to offered. By order of the Company, C. S. WRIGHT, President. R. N. CABNAHAN, Secretary.

Cemetery Notice.

The undersigned Sexton of the Astoria Cem-elery, in view of the fact that the cemetery grounds are now permanently located, wishes all persons owning lots in the grounds to re-port the number and block to him ; also, all persons who have buried friends in the grounds at any time, are requested to adgrounds at any time, are requested to ad-dress him through the Post-office, or call upon him at his office, and furnish him with a list, embracing the name of deceased, age, when buried, the lot or block upon which the burial was made, and such other information as will enable him to bring order out of chaos. F. FERRELL, City Sexton. Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1877. BUSINESS CARDS. K. G. SMITH. 1. Cor. of Main and Chenamus street. ASTORIA. OREGON Dealer in the choices brands of CICARS AND TOBACCO, And all kinds of smokers articles. Has just received a new supply of GENUINE MEERSCHAUM PIPES. Direct from Vienna, Wostenholm's and other brands of cutlery always on hand. T. S. JEWETT. B. S. KIMBALL. Draying & Trucking. The undersigned havng purchased the inter-est of the



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