

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1886

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

On the 17th inst. the secretary of the interior made an important ruling, reversing a recent decision of the commissioner of the general land office. In the case of a settler who had made a pre-emption cash entry and afterwards made a homestead entry, subsequently commuting the homestead entry to a cash entry, the land office commissioner held the last mentioned entry for cancellation on the ground that he had exhausted his pre-emption right with his first entry and that the last entry was therefore illegal. The effect of such decision was that the commutation of a homestead entry was, in fact, a change of such entry to a pre-emption, thus exhausting the settler's pre-emption right.

Secretary Lamar reverses the decision, overrules the matter, concurring with and endorsing the ruling of a previous land commissioner who held that when a party legally entitled makes an entry under the homestead law of May 20, 1862, and thereafter at any time after the expiration of five years, shall come forward, make proof of his actual settlement and cultivation to a given day, and then pay for the tract, the proceedings merely consummate his homestead right as the act allows, the payment being a legal substitution for the continuous labor the law would otherwise exact from his hands, and that a claim of this character is not a pre-emption, but a homestead, and as such, will be no bar to this same party acquiring a pre-emption right by virtue of actual settlement and cultivation on another tract at a period subsequent to the consummation of his homestead. The only limitation upon his right under this interpretation is, that he shall not be permitted to consummate both entries at the same time.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Notwithstanding the export of gold, the treasury gold funds continue to steadily increase. On January 1st the net gold in the treasury was \$147,921,808. On February 1st, owing to large disbursements on account of interest, the gold was reduced to \$136,086,610. During February a portion of this loss was recovered, the amount on hand March 1st being \$144,164,037, and this sum has been further increased since the 1st of the month, the amount now held being \$148,455,521. This increase of \$120,000,000 since February 1st is the more marked when it is considered that since February 1st two calls for bonds amounting to \$20,000,000 have matured and that a very large proportion of these bonds have been redeemed.

For the past month the department has issued no silver certificates above the denomination of \$10, and this course will be continued until the amount issued is equal to the amount that can be maintained in circulation. It is believed by Secretary Manning and Treasurer Jordan that the large withdrawal of national banknotes consequent upon the reduction of bonds can be supplied by the issue of ten-dollar silver certificates, and that the daily necessities of business will maintain these coins in active circulation. Since the adoption of this policy the amount of outstanding silver has increased, and it is believed that the increase will be greater in proportion to the amount of certificates of large denominations canceled. There is now outstanding in silver certificates nearly \$85,000,000, an increase of \$6,000,000 since March 1st. A large amount of silver in the form of certificates has been placed in circulation through the medium of the pension agencies; thus distributing silver among the people in all sections of the country.

SOME of the principal frauds developed under Commissioner Sparks' administration have been the stealing of timber from public lands. In the case of the Sierra lumber company of California, the special agent found that the company had constructed expensive flumes and several railways, fifteen or twenty miles in length, for the sole purpose of facilitating its trespass upon public timber, and 65,000,000 feet were identified as having been cut by this company. The depredations upon public timber in Utah and Idaho territories have been equally extensive and flagrant. In Washington territory and northeast California, it is said, lumbermen have hired hundreds of transient and irresponsible men to make fraudulent entries on lands containing the finest and most valuable timber in these sections. The vigorous course of Commissioner Sparks toward the companies is having its effect and several delegations from the west have been in Washington for the last few weeks trying to postpone action in their cases or have the suits against them dismissed.

A NEW congressional apportionment is demanded in Iowa, for, at present, the Democrats elect six congressmen from that state by an aggregate majority of 7,162, while the Republicans can choose only five with a total majority of 14,192.

CHICAGO will put its new election law to the first test April 6th, when the spring election occurs. The old system of voting on affidavits is swept away, and every voter must be registered three weeks before election.

It now appears that the phrase "innocuous desuetude," to be found in the president's recent message to the senate, was used by Senator Evans in a college essay, as far back as 1836.

Two clergymen have been selected as arbiters of the great strike of coal miners near Pittsburgh—a Catholic priest and a Presbyterian minister.

NEW TO-DAY.

Special Auction Sale!

Wednesday, March 31st. 11 A. M.

INSTRUCTED BY DR. LOONG, I WILL offer for sale at public auction, as above, **Two Frame Buildings** on Chenamus street, together with the leasehold right, and privileges connected therewith. The two houses on Chenamus street are now producing a monthly rental of \$90, clear of ground rent. The house on Concomly street is now vacant, but tenant engaged. For particulars apply to

E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Special Auction Sale.

Saturday, March 27th, 11 A. M.

I WILL SELL AT MY SALES-ROOM, TO highest bidder, for account whom it may concern: 100 lbs good Cheese; 3 boxes No. 1 Dried Apples; 1 box Dried Plums; 2 cases Mustard; 2 cases Yeast Powders; 1 dozen Tubular Lanterns and a lot of

Second-Hand Furniture, And Sundries

Also—By order C. P. Uphur, Shipping Com missioner.

One Seaman's Chest And Contents, Consisting of Clothing, Etc.

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IF YOU WANT THE BEST

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Salem Patent Roller Flour!

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ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT.

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THE PLACE TO BUY YOUR MILLINERY

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She will neither give a Chrono or a \$5 Greenback as a Premium, but will sell you a Dress Hat at such figures that you will

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Half a Dozen School Hats.

Look at These Prices!

Children's School Hats from 25 cts. to \$1.00.
Ladies' Shade Hats from 40 cts. to \$5 cts.
Hats formerly \$2.50 now \$1.50.
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Silk Velvet per yard \$1.25.
Feather Tips from 25 cts. to \$1.
Flowers from 10 cts. up.
Satin from 60 cts. to \$1 per yard.

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BOOTS AND SHOES!

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THE PIONEER RESTAURANT!

When you feel inclined to take

A Square Meal for twenty-five cents

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Tables Supplied with the Best.

J. G. ROSS - - - Proprietor.

Notice.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING

of the legal voters of School District

No. 1 of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, at

the school house in said district on Saturday,

April 2nd, 1886, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose

of electing one Director to serve two years,

in place of Mr. N. Clinton resigned, also for

the election of one Director to serve for three

years, in place of Mr. E. W. Tallant resigned.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk.

Astoria, March 24th, 1886.

Tin Store for Sale.

I OFFER FOR SALE THE TIN STORE,

shop, tools, fixtures, etc., recently the

property of, and occupied by Edward N.

Murphy, deceased, situated next door to H.

G. Van Dusen's store, Upper Astoria. This

is a good business opportunity as the store is

well established and doing a good trade.

For terms, etc., apply to

Mrs. J. N. RODGERS, Administratrix.

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STORE FIXTURES, CONSISTING OF

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CRYSTAL PALACE
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The sale still goes on at the corner store: the fine stock must be closed out: the prices are set away below prime cost. If you want a watch, a ring, a book, a card case, a musical instrument, a bracelet, a set of standard works, a gold chain, a clock, or anything else in our stock you can have it at almost your own price. The goods must be sold.

The Crystal Palace.

Hardware and Ship Chandlery

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