

STEALING PUBLIC LANDS.

From Colorado comes an interesting account of how land is taken up and settled in that part of the country. It is said that the works of the company which supplies the city of Denver with water are situated on land obtained through titles issued upon fraudulent homestead entries. It appears the company could not afford to buy scrip, which is necessary to locate any large blocks of public land, so they employed a number of the agents of the company to make fraudulent homestead entries. The way it was done was this: A toy house, two stories high, neatly planned, 16 inches by 24, and 30 inches in height, was made. It had a handle upon the ridge-pole of its roof. The would-be homesteader would take this house in one hand and a blanket over his arm. He would then proceed to a quarter-section, set up his house and lie down by the side of it in his blanket and spend the night there. The next morning he would dig up the land for a few feet with a spade. After that he would go directly to the register's office and make oath that he had taken up a certain quarter-section of land; had erected a house of two stories, 16 by 24, leaving it to be inferred that he meant feet instead of inches; that he had slept there and that he had made improvements upon the land. When the title was issued to him the house would be handed over to another homesteader to repeat this process on other quarter sections. In this way the company acquired a large block of land. The only justification of the register's winking at this fraud was the fact that the land was desert land and would never have been taken up by a regular homesteader, and that while it was valuable for the water works company, it would not have been to any one else. The entire community understood the performance and seemed to regard it as a huge joke.

While Representatives Randall, Morrison, Holman and Speaker Carlisle held decided and opposite views concerning the tariff, they entirely agree on the question of antagonizing large expenditures of money not necessary or absolutely required. These gentlemen have come to a general understanding to oppose extraordinary appropriations, either for educational purposes, coast defenses, internal improvements, the construction of unnecessary ships for the navy, the increase unnecessarily of the pension list, or, in fact, for any other purpose not absolutely required. They have held several conferences and have come to the conclusion that if congress should determine to embark in all these varied schemes, some different line of policy will have to be pursued to raise the money to meet these extraordinary expenditures. For the present, the receipts of the government will not be sufficient to meet the proposed outlays. The question is, therefore, in the event that congress should attempt to pass all these measures, how the money should be obtained. Both representatives Randall and Morrison favor an income tax. They believe this to be the most equitable and easiest of execution of all methods of raising revenue. Morrison, Carlisle and other tariff reformers would prefer to raise the revenue by a revision of the tariff in such way as to increase the revenue from that source, but as they fear this cannot be accomplished they are willing to adopt the income tax. Randall thinks that an income tax should be imposed anyhow to raise sufficient money to pay the pension list.

The house committee on post offices and post roads has been hearing arguments relative to the establishment of postal savings banks. The advocates of the system have mainly devoted their efforts to showing the advantages to be derived from the stimulation of a desire to save among the poorer classes of people, a desire which they hold very reasonably, will be powerfully influenced by the assurances of security which the government is able to give. One of the witnesses pointed out the necessity for depositories of savings in the south. He made the striking statement that in the south there were only four savings banks; surely a very inadequate supply. E. L. Godkin put the matter in a nutshell by saying the chief good of the measure would be in leading shiftless people to the saving stage, which he said was but a step to the investing stage. It appears probable that, in spite of the strong arguments advanced in favor of the bill, there will be immediate action on the matter, and but little hope expressed that the measure will be favorably considered by the committee having it in charge.

A TELEGRAM from Lunenburg says American fishermen have been prohibited from shipping Canadians as a portion of their crew. The Dominion government takes the ground that the only possible excuse for an American fisherman in putting into a Canadian port is a harbor to wood and water; then it can remain only twenty-four hours. Consul General Phelan argues there is nothing in the treaty to prevent Americans, having caught fish in deep water and cured them, from landing them in marketable condition at any Canadian port, and transshipping them in bond to the United States by either rail or vessel.

It is stated, on the authority of Congressman Henley of California, that President Adams, of the Union Pacific, has submitted to the house committee on Pacific railroads a new proposition respecting the indebtedness of that company to the government. The proposition is to turn over to the government all the branch lines of the Union Pacific as security for its indebtedness to the government. The committee have the matter under consideration.

They say that Roscoe Conkling is aching to get into politics again. Not very likely. Any man who can earn an honest living is a fool to strive for nomination for public office. Of course, if he sees fit to confess his incapacity by trying to get an office, that is a different thing. But the average American citizen in good health is better off without an office.

PARNELL and Powderly seem as prominent just now as any two men speaking the English language. A BILL has been introduced in the United States senate for a \$300,000 extension of the White house. THE spring drive of cattle from Texas is expected to exceed 300,000 head.

NEW TO-DAY. SPECIAL NOTICE. We wish to inform the public that we have no branch stores and no connection with any other house whatsoever. All reports to the contrary are false. Parties wishing to deal with us will call, or direct all communications to A. B. STEINBAUGH & CO., The Clothiers and Hatters, Cor. First and Morrison Sts., Portland, P. O. Box No. 438.

Administratrix' Sale. BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE County Court for Clatsop county, Oregon, made on the 26th day of March, 1886, I will on the first day of May, 1886, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the morning of said day, at the court house door, sell to the highest bidder that piece of land described as the west half of the donation land claim of J. W. Moffitt in Clatsop county, Oregon. Terms one thousand dollars cash on day of sale, balance in five annual and equal payments, with interest at the rate of eight per cent., and secured by notes and mortgage on the premises sold.

MARY A. STEVENS, Administratrix Estate of I. Stevens, Deceased. March 29, 1886. dtu td

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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. JNO. RODGERS, Administratrix.

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, and One Frame Building on Concomly street, together with the leasehold right, and privileges connected therewith. The two houses on Chenamus street are now producing a monthly rental of \$50, clear of ground rent. The house on Concomly street is now vacant, but tenant engaged. For particulars apply to E. C. HOLBEN, Auctioneer.

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Mrs. JOHN RODGERS, Astoria, March 2nd, 1886.

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