

## The 640-acre Homestead Law

the brief period since the enactment of this law the Interior Department has not had time to compile regulations governing the lands under the provisions of the law. Pending the completion of these regulations and the official rules and regulations following general comments and suggestions have been prepared in the interest of those seeking information on the subject.

The provisions of the law provide for the entry of 640 acres of semi-cultivated land by any qualified person. The bill does not apply to public lands, but only to such lands as are suited largely for stock and grazing purposes. The department will later designate areas that may be entered under this act.

At the present time it is impossible to give specific information as to the areas that will be designated for entry. It may be stated that designations will be made in the Rocky states and westward. A personal inspection of the lands to be entered is the only satisfactory manner in which an entryman can fully inform himself as to the relative worth of the land.

To acquire title to a homestead under this act an entryman must receive the land not less than three years and make permanent improvements tending to increase its value for stock-raising purposes, of not less than \$1.25 per acre, half of which must be placed on the land within three years after date of entry. Cultivation of the land is not required. Completion of entry is not allowed.

A homestead entryman has exhausted his homestead rights when he has secured title to 160 acres in the humid regions, this homestead tract does not give him rights nor permit him to enter an additional homestead. The law is that only one homestead may be taken by an entryman. Of course, if the land was lost and title never obtained for the land entered hereunder grazing land of the character provided for by this act, then an entryman may file a second entry under sections 4 and 5 of the act, known as "the Federal Act," is now pending for the restoration of the rights of those who have lost their Indian land. This bill already passed the house and is pending in the United States Senate. It is hoped the measure will pass before the present session adjourns.

Previous to the time the Interior Department designates the areas to be entered under this law an entryman may file an application for the land he desires to enter. The application should be filed with the land office for the district in which the land is located. The application should be filed with the land office for the district in which the land is located. The application should be filed with the land office for the district in which the land is located.

Persons desiring to make homestead entries should first fully inform themselves as to the character and quality of the lands they desire to enter and should in no case apply to enter until they have visited and fully examined each legal subdivision for which they make application, as satisfactory information as to the character and occupancy of public lands can not be obtained in any other way.

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the character of the land is designated. The entry may then be suspended until the land is designated, at which time, if the land has been designated as grazing land, the application to actually make the entry will be received. Of course, if the department should hold that the particular tract of land sought to be entered under this procedure is not grazing lands no rights would accrue to the prospective entryman.

As each applicant is required to swear that he is well acquainted with the character of the land described in his application, and as all entries are made subject to the rights of prior settlers, the applicant can not make the affidavit that he is acquainted with the character of the land or be sure that the land is not already appropriated by a settler until after he has actually inspected it.

All proceedings connected with the entering and filing on a homestead are conducted by the officials of the local land offices in the states where the land is located. The General Land Office at Washington does not issue maps showing the location of vacant public land subject to entry. This information can be reliably obtained only from the records of the various United States district land offices, which are located in Oregon as follows:

Burns, La Grande, Lakeview, Portland, Roseburg, The Dalles, and Vale.

Persons who desire to make homestead entry should first decide where they wish to locate, then go or write to the local land office of the district in which the lands are situated and obtain from the records diagrams of vacant lands.

A personal inspection of the lands should be made to ascertain if they are suitable, and, when satisfied on this point, entry can be made at the local land office in the manner prescribed by the law, under the direction of the local land officers, who will give the applicant full information. Should a person desire to obtain information in regard to vacant lands in any district before going there for personal inspection, he should address the register and receiver of the particular local land office, who will give such information as is available.

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### GIRL LEAPED FROM WINDOW.

#### Miss Clara Rauscher Clears Up Salem Mystery.

Miss Clara Rauscher, Salem's "mystery girl," who lingered in a state of aphasia at the hospital following a fall from a hotel window in Salem a few weeks ago, vindicated her companion, F. E. Kreutz, before the Marion county grand jury last week. Kreutz had been held in \$1000 bonds pending the investigation of the fall. Before the grand jury she told details of the night, and said that Kreutz was innocent of wrongdoing when he entered her room at the hotel. As he commented upon the peculiarity of her being in a hotel room with a male companion at an early hour in the morning, she was so shocked she sought for means of escape. As she looked from the window she saw the glass marquee below. Thinking it a solid roof she leaped, intending to make her escape and get to her home. She was precipitated through the glass, and memory failed her for many days afterward. Kreutz was released from his bonds Saturday.

#### Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the people of my road district for signing the petition for my appointment as road supervisor of Road District No. 22. It will be my best endeavor to carry out the wishes of the people of this district while in office and whenever my services are not satisfactory to everyone, I wish to have it understood that I will be glad to turn the office over at any time. Signed G. D. STEWART.

#### Orders More Insurance.

The county court Friday ordered \$10,000 more insurance placed on the court house and named J. G. Van Orsdel and Joe Craven as the agents to write the policies. Each man will write \$5,000.

The Observer, only \$1.50 a year.

### MRS. MARTHA A. STUMP DEAD.

#### Polk Pioneer Passed Away Friday at Portland Hospital.

Mrs. Martha A. Stump of Salem and pioneer of Polk county, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland Friday at 11:40 p. m., in her 77th year.

In the death of Mrs. Stump another of the few remaining pioneers of Oregon has departed. She was born in Illinois in 1840. Her birthplace was near Monmouth in that state.

In 1852 when but 12 years old she accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter T. Davidson, on their long journey of 3000 miles across the plains to Oregon. There were fifty teams in the caravan in which the family traveled. On their arrival at Oregon City they were greeted heartily by the venerable John McLaughlin who freely gave them information concerning the Willamette valley and its opportunities for home building.

The Davidson family located on a farm south of Monmouth. The old stage line from Portland to California passed their home. Here many weary, way-worn travelers were given meals and rest in those early days of roughing it. Her grandfather was one of the founders of the present state normal school at Monmouth.

In 1860 she was united in marriage to Jesse B. Stump, a well known and enterprising pioneer who later served two terms in the state legislature as representative from Polk county.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stump were four in number. Arthur and William died soon after their graduation from Willamette university. Mrs. C. S. Hamilton of Salem and Fred N. Stump of Suver, Polk county, are the only surviving members of the family, their father having passed away sixteen years ago.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, 290 Front street, Salem, at 10:30 Monday morning. Rev. William G. Elliott of Portland conducted the services.

### Court House News

Papers filed recently with the county clerk have been:

Warranty deed, Gerhard Rempel, et ux, to Thomas A. Roberts, \$10, 100 acres in D. L. C. of Carey D. Embree and wife, notification number 1947, claim number 56, T. 7 S. R. 5 W.  
Warranty deed, Andrew Nelson, et ux, to K. S. Hamann, \$1, 1.14 acres.  
Warranty deed, Aganetha Worms, et al, to Mark Hayter, \$1500, 18 acres of Quiring estate.

Quit claim deed, Charles A. Smith, et al, to Emma G. Smith, \$1, lot one, block 33, E. A. Thorp's town of Independence.

Warranty deed, J. T. Hughes, et ux, to J. M. Lynn, Jr., \$700, beginning at N. E. corner of D. L. C. of William Gilliam and wife, notification number 5426, 18.71 acres.

Satisfaction of mortgage, Salem Flouring mills to Homer Laliberty, \$1200, part of block seven, in old town of Independence, T. 8 S. R. 4 W.

Satisfaction mortgage, Eliza A. Woodin to Ella W. Whitney, et al, \$1500, 62 acres, beginning N. E. corner of tract known as the Dolph farm, Polk station.

Will, W. W. Percival. The testator bequeaths \$5 to Pearl A. Percival and \$5 to Carl H. Percival, children, and the remainder of the estate to Ida M. Percival, the widow.

Satisfaction of mortgage, Jacob Smith to L. L. Conger, et ux, \$1000, part of D. L. C. of Joseph Chamberlain and wife, section 31, T. 9 S. R. 4 W., 44.46 acres.

Satisfaction mortgage, M. J. Crowley to Ralph L. Davidson, et ux, \$3000, Polk county land.

Warranty deed, Robert Morris Fowle to Esther L. Dewey, \$10, 65-100 of an acre.

Suit, C. B. Barker vs. Abbe C. Probie, et al, foreclosure.

Marriage license, Peter P. Neufeldt to Sarah Wiebe.

Satisfaction of mortgage, state land board to Finley Edgar, et ux, \$500, 23 acres of land.

Deed, J. D. Phillipi to Elbe M. Ebbert, \$400, beginning at S. E. corner out lot number 19, city of Monmouth.

Mortgage, William N. Sharp to Vermont Loan and Trust company, \$5,600, 360 acres beginning at the N. E. corner of Harrison Lianville D. L. C. in T. 9 S. R. 4 W.

Deed, M. T. Hubbard to J. M. Card, \$10 and other considerations, S. E. corner of D. L. C. number 52, notification number 2774, T. 8 S. R. 5 and 6 W., 120 acres.

### BULLETIN

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**FOR SALE**—Clean vetch seed at three cents a pound, baled cheat hay at \$13.50 a ton and oats, at going price. A. R. Brown South Red 35, Dallas. 86-104e

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**FOUND**—Pair of gold nose glasses, near depot Tuesday morning. Owner may have same by paying for this advertisement at Observer office. 89-90e

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