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LAND RULINGS

IMPORTANT DECISIONS RECENTLY MADE

Secretary of the Interior Decides Points of Law in Homestead and Desert Land Cases—Some of His Opinions of Interest Here.

The following important law points relating to homestead and desert land entries have recently been decided by the Secretary of the Interior:

The homestead law does not in express terms require establishment of residence within six months from date of the entry, as said in Nilson vs. St. Paul, M. & M. R. R. Co. (6 L. D. 567-569.) The law gives a period of seven years within which to prove five years actual residence and cultivation.

The Land Department, like all other tribunals, recognizes rights arising from inevitable casualty. Serious illness of a member of one's family is inevitable casualty, for the anxiety arising from affliction and the duty arising from human obligation constrain the mind so that it is not free to carry out its purposes.

Where entryman has settled upon land and made substantial compliance with the homestead law as to cultivation, residence and improvement for the five years immediately succeeding that date, his subsequent residence elsewhere, after the expiration of the five year period and the submission of his final proof, can in no wise affect his right to patent for the land.

DESERT LANDS.

When a person takes a desert land entry by way of assignment, he is thereafter disqualified from making an original desert land entry.

A United States deputy surveyor is also disqualified under Section 452 of the Revised Statutes.

In cases where lands are open both to settlement and entry a homestead claim may be initiated either by settlement or by entry.

A person making an additional homestead entry contiguous to his original entry under Section 2, of the act of April 28, 1904 (33 Stat. 527) may reside upon either tract.

The object of the requirement of annual proof in connection with a desert land entry is to test the good faith of the claimant.

Entryman must have a good water right for sufficient water to irrigate the entire irrigable area in the entry.

In allowing credits for annual proof it is not necessary that the water right should be fully complete in the entryman nor that the water should at that time be available for use by the claimant.

PRACTICE

An affidavit of contest can be made on information and belief and corroborated on personal knowledge and it is not required to be executed within the district in which the land is located.

NEWS FROM HAMPTON

Homesteaders in Valley Busy—Potatoes Raised Near Summit of Butte

HAMPTON, Sept. 5.—Burr Black and A. T. Frame have contracted to clear 40 acres for Forrest Neuld with their clearing machine.

A. S. Fogg has completed an addition to his barn, making it 24x34.

H. C. Miller is out of the valley on a business trip.

Residents of Hampton Valley were treated to half a day's steady rain on Monday, Sept. 4. Some thunder accompanied the shower.

An eagle measuring 4 ft. 4 in. from tip to tip was shot by Edward A. Fogg of Portland, near Hampton postoffice last week.

The people of Hampton Valley have a regular mail service. Mail leaves the postoffice each week by 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and returns the same day by 6 o'clock.

A. T. Frame is building a 12x16

cabin for residence the coming winter.

Gardens in Hampton Valley suffered greatly this year from rabbits and porcupines. A few turnips, onions, peas, radish and lettuce were raised.

Allan Thompson, whose homestead is near the summit of Hampton Butte, is using potatoes raised on his place. He also reports fine looking oats and a heavy crop of rye hay.

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MAKE SURVEY OF TRACT.

A party of three engineers, R. A. Harrower, H. K. Gilmour and R. C. Orr of Philadelphia, was here last week making a survey of the tract of land adjoining Bend which was recently bought by the Northwest Townsite Co. The plat of the new addition will be ready for filing with the County Court in a few weeks.

VIEWERS TO GO OVER ROAD

The County Court, in session at

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Deschutes Banking & Trust Co.

No. 51.
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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$12,494.82
Real estate secured and unsecured	40.55
Bonds and warrants	40.75
Furniture and fixtures	1,579.23
Due from bank and reserve banks	2,500.00
Due from approved reserve banks	9,566.64
Checks and other cash items	50.53
Cash on hand	3,415.75
Expenses	3,871.19
Total	\$40,568.39
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,431.04
Due to banks and bankers	2,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	10,200.00
Demand certificates of deposit	55.00
Time certificates of deposit	920.00
Total	\$40,568.39

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L. B. BAIRD,
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Prineville last week, ordered the road viewers to go over the Five-Bend-Burns road. This will be the road used by "Bill" Brown, the big

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