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LAND RULINGS

IMPORTANT DECISIONS RECENTLY MADE

Secretary of the Interior Decides Points of Law in Homestead and Other Cases--Some of His Opinions of Interest Here

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

Settlement upon land while it is covered by the entry of another confers no right on cancellation of the entry as against the Government. The Government's rights under any valid withdrawal at once attach to the exclusion of any settlement or other right initiated while such entry was of record.

The homestead law is a donation of public lands conditional upon the performance of certain acts. Its purpose is to establish agricultural homes on the public domain, and, in case of the death of the entryman, the widow or heirs should proceed at once to cultivate during the proper season of each year and improve the land, and continue such cultivation and improvement for such period of time as, when added to the time during which the entryman had complied with the law, would make compliance for the full period required by the statute. Citing Schooley vs. Heirs of Varum (33 L. D., 45).

Where final proof on a desert land entry has been rejected by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and appeal is taken to the Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by affidavits submitting new proof, which had not been considered by the Commissioner, the case will be remanded again to the Commissioner for adjudication upon the new record.

The law requires merely an annual expenditure to the requisite amount in good faith for purposes of reclamation. It does not require the first or any other annual proof shall effect reclamation, but the expenditure must be necessarily intended to effect it, and the reclamation must be effected within the time allowed. Citing Stevenson vs. Scharry (34 L. D., 675). Mere expenditure to a required amount cannot be accepted as compliance with the law, but the reasonable value of the work done is the criterion, not the amount the entryman claims to have expended for it. Citing Bradley vs. Vasold (36 L. D., 106).

When an entryman under the Timber and Stone Act fails to submit final proof on the day fixed therefor in the public notice, or within ten days thereafter, his timber and stone sworn statement ceases to have any effect to reserve the land from other disposition. Subsequent application to readvertise, made after the withdrawal of the land, must be held subject to the conditions of that withdrawal. Citing Edith Curtis (33 L. D., 285).

When two applications to contest are filed in the local Land Office simultaneously, the one which was sworn to first will have priority.

The term "vein or lode" does not mean merely a typical fissure or contact vein, but, rather, any partly defined zone or belt of mineral bearing rock in place. To constitute a valuable discovery upon a claim for which patent is sought there must be actually and physically exposed within the limits thereof a vein or mineral bearing lode in place, possessing in and of itself a present or prospective value for mining purposes; and before patent can be properly issued or allowed thereon, that fact must be shown in the manner above stated.

TAKE PRIZES AT FAIR

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shriner attended the county fair at Prineville last week and brought home three first prizes and one second on their Scotch collie dogs. Four were entered, three taking blue ribbons and the other a red ribbon.

ZEBRAS IN AFRICA.

They Are a Fearful Pest and a Menace to Civilization.

Zebra in Africa are a nuisance and a menace to civilization, according to John T. McCutcheon in "Hunting Adventures In the Big Game Country." He says:

Then there's the ubiquitous zebra, almost as numerous as the kongoni. You see vast herds of zebras at many places along the railway, and thereafter, as you roam about the level spots of east Africa, you are always running into herds of them. At first the sight of a herd of zebras is a surprise, for you have been accustomed to seeing them in the small numbers found in captivity. It is a source of passing wonder that these rare animals should be roaming about the suburbs of towns in hundred lots. You decide that it would be a shame to shoot a zebra and determine not to join in this heartless slaughter.

Later on your sentiments will undergo a change. Everybody will tell you that the zebra is a fearful pest and must be exterminated if civilization and progress are to continue. The zebra is absolutely useless, and efforts to domesticate him have been without good results. He tramps over the plains, breaks down fences, tears up the cultivated fields and really fulfills no mission in life save that of supplying the lions with food. As long as the zebras stay the lions will be there, but the settlers say that the lions are even preferable to the zebras.

Under the old game ordinance expiring December 15, 1906, a sportsman was allowed two zebras under his license. Under the new one he is allowed twenty! That reveals the attitude of east Africa toward the jaunty little striped pony.

THE TONIC OF VICTORY.

Army Surgeons Say It Acts Almost as an Anaesthetic.

Bonnette, a French army surgeon, writes in the Presse Medicale of the extraordinary indifference to the pain of operation manifested by the soldiers of Napoleon while the great conqueror was sweeping victoriously over Europe. While the defeated soldier is full of imaginary terrors, subject to panic, madness and treason, the conqueror, on the other hand, is intoxicated with success, says the New York Medical Journal. Nothing, not even the most virulent microbes, can resist troops who believe themselves to be invincible.

Victory is the most powerful of restoratives and deepest of anaesthetics. Legless members of the old guard crowded into an ambulance would at sight of the emperor rise on their stumps to salute him. After Eylau Larrey operated uninterruptedly for thirty-six hours, and he reports how the soldiers seemed unconscious of their own troubles, lost in thought of the glory of their leader, and maimed as they were, lending their best aid to fellow patients.

At Boadino Larrey disarticulated the shoulder of a colonel, who immediately set out for France on foot, where he arrived after three months walking. After fording the Beresina, a river in Russia, General Zayonchek, seventy-five years old, had his kneecap shattered by a bullet. Amputation was performed in three minutes in a violent snowstorm and in bitterly cold weather, yet the white haired officer was placed in a sledge and taken to Vilna, where he died at the age of eighty-six years. Many similar anecdotes are told by our civil war veterans.

Stupid Fish.

Professor Harold Russell, the London zoologist, will have none of the popular yarns about the wonderful things fish will do when put to it. He says they are deaf, dumb and virtually color blind. When the calcareous stones are taken out of the ears of fish they lose all sense of equilibrium and roll about as if crazy. Most fish hunt their food by only defective sight, but the eels by even more defective smell. A conger eel with which Professor Russell experimented devoured with the same avidity fish dosed with cheese, anchovy, cucumber sprits, turpentine and iodoform.

Where We Aim.

William Dean Howells in one of his talks about literature said: "Good literature is always condemned on its first appearance. That is because, being original, it is new and strange. Shelley's work was bitterly condemned at first. So was Coleridge's. So was Wordsworth's. So was Stephen Crane's." Mr. Howells gazed, then added impressively, "Stones are only thrown at those trees which are heavy with fruit."

The Fertile Rock.

Gibraltar is often called a barren rock, yet it has 450 species of indigenous flowering plants. Castero plants, daturas and daphnes attain the dignity of trees and geraniums and heliotropes the proportions of hedges. These floral delights often conceal cannon and other armaments. The few snakes that are found are small and harmless. Lizards several inches long are often seen.

Oh!

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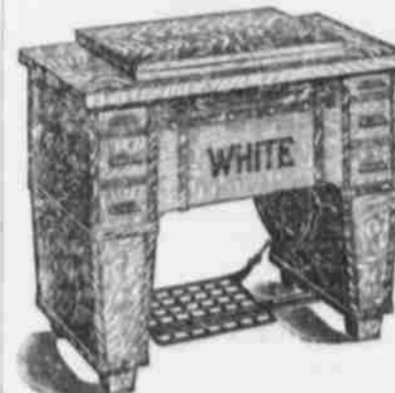
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