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Fred Mulkey has announced in a recent issue of the Oregonian that he has withdrawn from the U. S. Senatorial race and some think it is in the interest of Ex-Senator Simon who may become a candidate.

With the number of bills now before congress for changes in the public land laws it may be possible to find something that will not be a misfit. While some may suit local conditions in one state they are not practical in other states. It seems rather hard to get land laws that are not more or less a farce.

January has been made a coyote killing month by the sheepmen of Oregon and we of Harney county should do our part. These coyotes are a source of great destruction among the flocks and herds of Eastern Oregon and the larger the kill next month the better. It is the plan of the sheepmen to poison the animals but in addition to that we may use guns and dogs.

"Why," asks the Coos Bay Times, putting the question to The Oregonian, "can't Oregon build and lease a great central state road and let every great transcontinental railway in America come over to the Coast?" Several reasons. First, the people of Oregon couldn't agree on the route or on the terminus. Second, the state couldn't get the money. Third, if it could get the money, both the state and the road would go bankrupt. Fourth, the transcontinental railroads wouldn't want to come over to the Coast; or if they did, they would "run" the Legislature, make their own terms and control politics of the state. Fifth, and then sixth, seventh, and so on without end, it would be a crazy, impracticable, socialist, dreamland scheme, that could get no consideration in the financial world nor from the people of Oregon.—Oregonian.

HENEY SEEMS TO BE AFTER FULTON.

F. J. Heney, who has gained fame by his prosecutions of the land fraud cases in this state and the San Francisco grafters, was credited some time ago as having said he would defeat Senator Fulton for re-election. Heney recently came up from San Francisco and had more land fraud trials set for Jan. 13 then went to Washington. It seems he is inclined to continue after Fulton's scalp as a recent Washington dispatch says: In a special dispatch to the Evening Journal today, Francis J. Heney is quoted in an interview relating to the senatorial situation in Oregon. He believes that the election of Governor Chamberlain is very likely, as the successor of Fulton.

"With a divided Republican vote and the Democrats united on Chamberlain's nomination and election, Chamberlain is very likely to win," he said.

"I never made any investigation of Senator Fulton. When I found out about him came incidentally in investigating other people. The matters concerning Fulton are connected with the case of John Hall, which comes up January 13. When I learn things about another official to his discredit I believe it my duty to inform the public. In due time things I know about Fulton will be made public in Oregon. Republicans are in the majority in Oregon, and ought to get the senatorship, but won't unless they get together. Hall has been urging that he is anxious for a trial. Well, Hall does not really want a trial. He said that for political effect. I suppose Fulton is responsible for that, as part of his political game."

JOINT INSTALLATION.

The Masonic and Eastern Star orders of this city installed officers last night at their hall. A large number of members of each lodge and a few friends were in attendance. A very pleasing program had been arranged by the committee in charge of the ceremonies and all present enjoyed the evening to the utmost.

Wm. Miller first gave an address of welcome which was well received. Mrs. Tom Allen, the retiring Worthy Matron acted as installing officer for the Eastern

Star. She did the work well and received the congratulations of her many admirers at the close of the ceremony.

The following officers were installed: W. M., Esther Schwarz; W. P., J. C. Welcome Jr.; A. M., Ella Mothershead; Secretary, Vella Welcome; Treasurer, Mattie Miller; Conductress, Eva Byrd; Associate conductress, Madge Miller; Ada, Mrs. Cleven; Ruth, Eunice Thompson; Esther, Genet Gowan; Martha, Agnes Sayer; Electa, Mrs. Dalton; Warder, Nora Kesterson; Chaplain, Frankie Welcome; Sentinel, A. C. Welcome.

After this ceremony had been completed Miss Madge Miller recited in her usual happy manner and retiring W. M., L. S. Geer, announced that the officers of the Masonic order were ready for installation.

Past Master, Dr. W. L. Marsden then installed the following officers: W. M., Isaac Schwarz; S. W., Sam Mothershead; J. W., J. E. Loggan; Treas., J. C. Welcome; Secy., A. C. Welcome; S. D., Dr. Brown; S. S., Wm. Miller; J. S., Julian Byrd; Tyler, Tom Allen.

A banquet followed the ceremonies and the evening passed most informally from that time on. Mrs. Wm. Farre and Julian Byrd sang a duet and the male quartet rendered several selections during the evening. It was a time of good fellowship throughout and one long to be remembered by those present.

Each order is in a prosperous condition and both are growing. The members are enthusiastic over the proposition of a new hall and it is possible that before another year has passed they will be quartered in a handsome building of their own.

NEW RULE IN EQUITY PRACTICE

In his opinion deciding the case of Sutherland vs. Bloomer, in the supreme court yesterday, Judge King laid down a rule of equity practice which will be of general interest to the attorneys of the state, says a Salem dispatch of recent date. He held that exceptions in trials of equity suits are unnecessary, and that a bill of exceptions in such cases must be treated as surplusage, and that a failure by the court to make findings of fact and conclusions of law in suits of equity, where all the records and testimony are before the appellate court, is not reversible error. It is further held that parol testimony is not admissible to prove the consideration named in the instrument is of a contractual nature.

INDIANS GET TRUST PATENTS.

The local land office has received 115 trust patents for Plute Indians who have land in the allotments made in this valley several years ago. These trust patents are issued at regular periods but even though they are delivered to the Indians they have not complete control of the lands, but they are still held in trust by the department. After 25 years have elapsed it is possible that the Plutes may have control of their respective tracts, but this is not known positively.

OVER IN HARNEY.

Supt. C. J. McIntosh has returned from a trip into the Harney country where he went to engage in teachers' institute work. He reports a most successful institute, all but three of the teachers employed in the schools having been in attendance. Supt. Churchill, of the Baker City schools, conducted the institute and was the principal instructor. Mr. Churchill is one of the ablest educators in the state, as is attested by both his talent and success in the Baker City schools. He declares that the interest and the intelligent attention given by the Harney county teachers to have been as good as he had ever seen. His evening lecture, "The American's Heritage," was declared by Wm. Miller, ex-district attorney, to have been the most scholarly and masterful in matter and delivery it had ever been his pleasure to hear. The newly appointed county superintendent, L. M. Hamilton, had made very excellent arrangements and all things worked smoothly and effectively. The teachers unanimously and enthusiastically invited both instructors to return on the occasion of the annual institute.—Grant County News.

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NEW LAW GIVES BIG HOMESTEADS.

Representative Mondell Has a Bill For Three Hundred and Twenty Acres.

The following new homestead law by which an entryman may acquire 320 acres, has just been introduced in congress by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, and is meeting with considerable favor from western members. The act is as follows:

Section 1. That any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States shall be entitled to enter, under the provisions of this act, 320 acres or less, of surveyed, unappropriated public land, to be located in a reasonably compact body, and not to exceed one and one-half miles in extreme length, in conformity with the legal subdivision of the public lands; but no person who is the proprietor of more than 100 acres in any state or territory shall acquire any rights under this act.

Section 2. That any person applying to enter land under the provisions of this act shall make and subscribe before the proper officer an affidavit as required by section 2290 of the revised statutes, and in addition thereto shall make affidavit that the land sought to be entered does not contain a merchantable growth of timber; that not to exceed 80 acres of the same is irrigable from any known source of water supply; that in the opinion of the entryman at least 100 acres of the tract is susceptible of cultivation and the growing of crops, and upon the filing of such affidavits and upon payment of the sums now required to be paid under the homestead law for each 80 acres contained in the tract applied for, he or she shall be permitted to make entry.

Section 3.—That any person who has heretofore perfected an entry under the homestead law of 160 acres, or less, shall have the right to make entry under this act of an area which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed 320 acres. That any homestead entryman now occupying lands heretofore entered by him shall have the right to enter unappropriated public lands, subject to the provisions of this act lying contiguous to his former entry, which, together with the original entry, shall be deemed as residence upon the additional entry.

Section 4. That at the time of making final proof the entryman under this act shall, in addition to the proofs and affidavits required under the homestead law, prove by two credible witnesses that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in his entry has been continuously cultivated and that improvements have been made upon the land to the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre for each acre contained in the entry.

MOUNT HOOD ROAD COMING.

Confirmation of the story printed some time ago that the Mount

Hood Railroad & Power Company will build a standard-gauge railroad across the state that will connect with the Moffat road from Denver, giving Portland another transcontinental line, is found in the purchase of the townsite of Laidlaw, in the Deschutes valley, by the Mount Hood people. It has been known for some time that options on Crook County property had been secured by the Mount Hood interests, but this transaction is the first of any considerable size in that part of the state to be made public, says the Oregonian. General Manager C. W. Miller is not yet ready to announce the purchase of the Laidlaw townsite, although he admits his company has run surveys through that district. However, as deeds are now being made at Prineville transferring the townsite to the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Company, denials by the officials of the company are not taken seriously. Ideal sites are found both above and below Laidlaw to furnish splendid water power for generation of electricity to operate the road. As projected, this new line across the state is an electric road throughout.

The operations of the Mount Hood people have been masked with the greatest secrecy from the start. Officials have not been ready to announce the extent of their plans for obvious reasons, but they have not denied that they planned something more than an electric line to the base of Mount Hood. Every development in connection with the new road shows that the Western link in a transcontinental scheme is being built at this end of the line.

MILLIONS IN CORN-STALKS.

A valuable use of what is now almost a waste product has been suggested by Professor H. W. Wiley, of the Department of Agriculture. He believes that the stalks of sweet corn might be made to yield sugar of the best quality. They contain much more sugar than those of the common field corn, and the sugar content is at its maximum at the time when the ears are pulled. Sugar, of course, is readily convertible into alcohol, and inasmuch as each 100 pounds of stalks will yield six and one half pounds of absolute alcohol, it is easily seen what a good thing the ignorant agriculturist has been allowing to go to waste. Say that one acre will yield from ten to twelve tons of grain stocks, or about 20,000 pounds, and you have a quantity of raw material which will produce 1,300 pounds of absolute alcohol, or 216 gallons. Alcohol at the present time is worth forty cents a gallon. Ground in a wet condition and dried, corn-stocks may be kept indefinitely, and are ready at any time for conversion into alcohol. Professor Wiley says that the alcohol derived from the corn-stocks that now go to waste in this country would not only

drive all the machinery of our factories, but would furnish the requisite power for all our railroads and steamboats, run all of the automobiles, heat and illuminate all of our houses, and light the streets of every city in the Union.—Farm Journal.

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